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DAWSON, Y. T., WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 1899

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THE FIRE ENGINE FAILED.

the Volunteers Stay Out the Investigation.

Steam For 40 Minutes—Twenty-Seven Minutes After the Engine is Set Before There is Any Water—No Action Yet Taken.

On Saturday afternoon a bunch of citizens gathered at the Pioneer hall to watch the progress of the investigation into the acts of the fire department during and since the late fire, but they refused to accept the dismissal of the chief at the hands of the fire commissioners. Messrs. Appel, Hansen, Cooper and Davis, for the fire commissioners, related the history of their organization and produced a letter from themselves to Fletcher, under which they held themselves responsible for any shortcomings in the engineer, stoker, or any other member of the department. They had summarily discharged him after the disastrous failure of the water supply, and the department had refused to recognize the discharge.

The commissioners withdrew after testifying, leaving not a citizen sufficiently interested to represent excepting members of the fire department who stayed until the last.

Fireman George testified to going with the engine to a point where she could be lowered into the ice, to helping drag her back up river to a water hole, to coupling the suction hose, and then timing her to see how long before water would be thrown. He followed up the lines of hose to the scene of the fire and found the hose correctly connected, nozzles in place and in the hands of waiting firemen. It was twenty-seven minutes before the water was started, and then after a few feeble spurts it stopped. He went down to the engine and was in charge of the firing. Found little or no steam and the fire not burning right. Found too much coal in the firebox and some of it on the grate, the fire having been stirred all up together. The fireman had evidently been "rattled," or he would not have had such a fire in the firebox. Just as he got there some men brought some sacks which they said contained good coal. Told them to set it down out of the way as the coal in the bunker was good enough to let the fire burn down before he could do anything with it. Engineer started up and the steam rapidly stopped. Got engineer to reduce variable nozzle, so that when she started again there would be more draft. Fire burned down and commenced to sprinkle coal. Engine started and steam went up to 120 pounds, both "pops" blowing and firebox door open part of the time to keep her cool. Used coal from the corners of the bunker, which he knew was the coal that came from the house with the engine. kept engine hot for an hour and ten minutes, and then left her still throwing two powerful streams of water. Engineer fed the boiler with water irregularly. Sometimes put in cold water faster than the engine needed it, and sometimes shutting off the water supply altogether, when the engine would "pop" and waste both heat and water.

Chief Fletcher told of his connection with the department, and of his making a test of the engine crew and the coal after the fire. The fire commissioners had been present at the trial, and pronounced themselves perfectly satisfied. Had seen that the men had picked coal, but knew nothing of engineering or stoking. Had placed the men to best advantage, and upon the failure of the water supply had come down to the engine and put George in charge of the firing. In keeping the two streams of water at one end of the fire had done so because in his judgment to divide the water was to lose both ends of town. Had not been offered money by anyone, though such talk was carried to him during the fire.

Bush said he had been a fire engineer in Victoria for fourteen years. The coal furnished here was of a very poor quality. It was bought from the A. E. company and picked over so as to get the best of it. Had not heard George speak of reducing the variable nozzle and had made no change. Good coal from the blacksmith shop had been brought to the engine just at the same time as George came there.

Kallogg had been put to help Stoker Single by Bush when the steam wouldn't raise. Heard George speak to Bush about the variable nozzle and more draft. Seemed as though there was more draft afterwards. Single possibly had more coal in the firebox than he should have had.

Single said he was the stoker. In going down to the water hole the engine was taken through water, and as there was only ten inches clear space between the grate and the ground the fire was put nearly out. Heard George ask engineer to reduce nozzle, and it seemed as if there was more draft afterwards. After George left had no trouble himself in maintaining steam.

Other evidence was introduced in the form of an analysis of the coal, after which the case was declared closed, and an adjournment took place after an argument by Leroy Fozier for the department.

Joined the Silent Majority.

Tom Chisholm is a benedict. Big hearted bachelor Tom is no more, and though he begs us not to tell, as conscientious purveyors of news we have to stop the press and open our columns to advise our patrons that on Monday morning the jovial Tom quit the helter-skelter ranks of bachelorhood and joined that great silent throng—the ranks of the married folks. Tom, we are married ourselves and know where we speak when we advise you that you have no objection to bush nor pass on the other side of the street when you see us. You have done the right thing Tom, and none too soon, and we extend you the right hand of fellowship in the Old and Ancient Order of Married People. Tom, the laugh is not on you but on they who have bade you linger in their realms of single

blessedness. It is not good for man to live alone, Tom, and you have but stepped in the niche prepared for you aeons before the first bachelor discovered the folly of his existence. Take our word for it, the awkwardness of the first meeting of strangers after the auspicious event will soon pass away as it did with us all, and you will wonder why you ever feared the trial.

Mr. Thomas Chisholm and Fannie Milford were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by the Rev. Bowen at the Episcopal church on Monday morning, in the presence of Thos. Sparks for the groom, and Mrs. Evans for the bride. Owing to the condition of the river preventing traveling, the honeymoon trip will be postponed until later.

The lady was a trained nurse at the hospital last summer, being a graduate of the famous Bellevue hospital in New York state. During Mr. Chisholm's serious struggle for life against typhoid fever, the lady was dispatched to his bedside by the Rev. Father Judge, and there and then commenced that acquaintance which has since ended so happily.

Dawson Curiosities.

In our youthful days in cities with water works and water faucets, we were all much interested in pictures of oriental water carriers. But in Dawson is more novelty in this direction than in the whole of Palestine, Arabia and Persia combined. One would know that sum-

river and vice versa as the demands of the trade require. But a few days and people will be able to take a boat and a bucket and get their water themselves.

Dead in their Shafts.

L. Avrie was overcome by gas on his pup claim opposite No. 77 on Gold Run last week. Avrie was working alone and a neighbor came up to see him about some business matter. Shouts failed to reveal the whereabouts of the miner. Then the neighbor observed that the rope was down the shaft. Calling another neighbor to take charge of the windlass, the first neighbor descended the shaft and found Avrie sitting in one corner of the excavation with his pick in his hand and apparently fast asleep, but in reality dead. The police were notified and the body afterwards buried on the hillside.

Information from up the Klondike is to the effect that a German miner named Hecht was suffocated in his shaft near the Cliff house. He is reported to have said some time ago that he expected to be killed there some day.

Navigation on the Upper River.

The difficulties of navigation on the upper Yukon, about which so little was known last season, have evidently been very much exaggerated and it is clearly established that from St. Michael to White Horse the Yukon is more

THE POLICE JOINED THE GAME.

Recreant Water Fronters Are Summarily Evicted.

Things Are Different When the Boys of the N. W. P. Are Told to Act—No "Monkey Work" Was Tolerated.

The climax of the water front controversy occurred on Tuesday afternoon, when several of the tenants who had shown flagrant neglect of the government warnings, were summarily evicted by Sheriff Harper, acting on a requisition from Commissioner Oglivie. The officer, accompanied by Corporal Wilson and a detachment of constables, made his first appearance at the office of Dr. Bourke, to whom he read the order of eviction. The doctor—as might have been expected—exhibited a disinclination to obey, whereupon the sheriff escorted him to the street and placed a constable in charge of the building. That done, the sheriff told the doctor that there was no disposition on the part of the government to be cruel, and told him he would be permitted to remove his chattels, if he did it with dispatch.

The sheriff and his posse then proceeded to the establishment of Hamilton & Bodeman which was found locked. Mr. Hamilton declined to open the door and forbid forcible entry, whereupon Sheriff Harper put his large frame against the door and before anybody could say "Jack Robinson" he was inside. The Juneyau Hardware Co. and the Wymouth restaurant were next visited by the officers and taken possession of. Dinner was being served at the last named, but it was terminated very abruptly and there was an immediate busting among the employes to get the things out while they could. The building was the property of Mr. Golden and was left in the care of Constable Smith.

The action of the sheriff attracted a vast throng of people, who looked upon the evictions with the liveliest interest.

POLICE COURT NOTES.

W. W. McLean and Alex. McLean obtained an order for \$30 and \$70, respectively, against Frank Golden.

H. W. Rice obtained a judgment against J. Murray for \$100 and costs on a claim for wages of \$225. August 1 or jail.

James Sinclair obtained a judgment of \$100 and costs for wages on his claim of \$215 against J. Murray. To be paid August 1 or jail.

Molly Thompson revived Fred Freese's recent managerial failure by suing for \$100 August 1. Settled immediately by compromise.

Alfred Hespeler was committed to jail for fully appropriating 200 pounds of vegetable. Judgment was reserved in the case against him of continuing \$5 in arrears from Hamilton and Bodeman by false pretense. In the case of selling a sealed case of turpentine to the same parties, which afterwards proved to be benzene, the charge of fraud was dismissed.

W. J. Paul is a machinist, and a prize fighter. Robert Pritchard hired him for his plumbing ability, not his thumping prowess. Paul put a bill for \$2.50 per hour for his work and extras for wear and tear on his tools, and offered to use his knowledge of fistfights in the collection. Pritchard objected to the extra and the fist-cuffs and so did his honor. Judgment for immediate payment of \$24 and costs by the seventeenth instant or fourteen days.

CREEK NOTES.

Nuggets of odd shapes are being found from time to time, but a most peculiar one was plected in Thursday, on a shore Bonanza. It is an exact counterpart of a garter snake, the head being studded with quartz for eyes and ears, the nugget is coiled and one would suppose it to be manufactured. It weighed exactly 41.

The first wedding to be solemnized at Grand Forks took place on Wednesday evening at 8:30 when a large number of the residents gathered in the Presbyterian church to witness the marriage of Mr. Geo. A. Esterbrook and Mrs. S. J. Taylor. The happy couple have taken up their residence at Grand Forks.

Louis Couture, proprietor of the Northwest road-house on Banker, purchased on Monday half interest in Hillside claim No. 18, opposite the concession, from Oliver Ross for \$5,000, the dump not included.

How It Happened.

May 11, 1899.

EDITOR NUGGET:

Dear Sir: I am writing this to be published in your paper for justice sake. This is about our great American consul, Col. McCook, who has done injustice to the victims of the steamers Philip B. Low and Gov. Pingree. When I arrived here September 27 last, I heard that while on our trip up the river our wages were cut and written contracts broken. I, for one, went to the American consul and complained. He said he would look into the matter, and for me to call next day, which I did, and the advice I received from him was that I should accept the amount the company offered to give, and then for me to come back to the office and put my affidavit in for the rest of the amount held back by the company, as Col. McCook said that the boats would not leave this harbor unless all debts would be paid. If not, no clearance papers would be given. But, alas, after we accepted our money from the company the great American consul, Col. McCook, would not accept my affidavit, as he then said we lost our rights by accepting our money.

Yours very truly,
W. D. KAMFF.

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mer was here by this feature alone—the frozen river telling little or nothing itself. Four-wheeled dog carts carrying 100-lb. calcium carbide cans; three wheeled n. carts carrying coal oil cans; barrels of every size; description and former condition of servitude, mounted upon everything that will roll, from wooden disks to buggy wheels; barrels on their sides and on their ends; on sleds mounted on rollers drawn by dogs; tank carts holding several hundred gallons drawn by horses; boiled water, evaporated water, distilled water, hygea water, well water, Yukon water, Klondike water; water from this particular well and that particular spring; water that tastes like a well or spring; water good and water bad; water white and water brown; water that tastes like weak tea and water that tastes like L. H. water from melted ice and water that should never have been melted; water from the hill and water from the flat; suspended from yokes upon men's shoulders and carried in de-handled buckets in front of one like a heavy baby; in teapots, kettles, pails and tubs; coming from every conceivable direction; water from the north and from the south; water from the west and from the east; water that is conducive to life and water that contains typhoid water and malaria water and water that would kill and cold water from boiling tanks and water from tanks of thawing ice; water in bottles and tins; in wood and iron; "mashed" and carried, dragged and "toted"; some on the and some travelling at a snail's pace for fun and some travelling that ought to be spilled and some that would spill; all kinds of people and all kinds of water in all kinds of receptacles and hauled upon all kinds of vehicles.

It is possible that competition will eliminate many of the curiosities of the present water traffic, but just now it is even stranger than we describe. Many of the vendors are not above taking advantage of the credulity of the masses, and some of the "spring" water sold is from the

eastly navigated by vessels of large and small dimensions than many of the rivers in the United States and Canada, same as the Ohio, Mississippi, Missouri and Columbia.

Neither the Rink nor the Five Finger rapids offer any difficulties to compare with the general feature of the above rivers. The Thirty-mile river has in itself no difficulties whatever excepting the swiftness of the current where not the size nor the draught of the steamer will figure but the power of her engines, and on this account, like in so many other particulars, it will be one of "the survival of the fittest."

A captain of one of the steamers stated to the Nugget representative that if the country warrants the traffic there would be steamers twice the size of the Canadian or the Yukon Flyers panning between White Horse and Dawson.

The Benefit.

Sunday night saw a benefit at the Monte Carlo, at which M. L. De Forest put on "A Father's Curse." De Forest made the best of the talent at hand, and while doing most of the prompting himself was able to find time to give a clever exhibition of acting, that gives much promise for future occasions of the same kind. Caprice fell into her part of the legitimate work, though it might be suggested that peeling potatoes with clusters of diamond rings upon one's fingers is just a trifle out. Some special talent was introduced, notably the New-York children in some of their prettiest costumes and specialties. Evaline was a revelation as a leading lady.

Opening of Lombard Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Robinson will give the formal opening of the Lombard hotel and store in the new quarters, on two upper floors, in the new quarters, on May 21. Good music given on Dominion, May 21. Good music will be in attendance and a cordial invitation is extended to all their friends.