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MARTIN NO MORE

The Provincial Parliament of
British Columbia Has
Dissolved.

A GENERAL ELECTION IS CALLED

For Wednesday, the 9th Day of
May.

HOUSE MEETS ON JULY 5TH.

The Voters of British Columbia Will
Probably Condemn Martin
and His Policy.

(From Thursday's Daily.)
Victoria, B. C., April 14, via Skagway, April 19.—The difficulties with reference to political affairs in British Columbia, have culminated in the dissolution of the provincial parliament. Some few days ago, Premier Laurier advised Lieut.-Gov. McInnes that he must convene the legislature and select therefrom a government, or dissolve parliament at once. The lieutenant governor has accepted the alternative suggestion Parliament has been dissolved. A general election has been called for May 9th, and the members of the new house will assemble on July 5th.

The present status of affairs has been occasioned by Joe Martin. Early in March he was called to form a new government by Lieut.-Gov. McInnes. Upon the presentation of Martin's name to the house, a vote of want of confidence was unanimously passed. When the lieutenant governor attempted to speak, the members vacated their seats, and his address was delivered in front of empty benches. Then the legislators were released from further attendance in the house. Martin has made repeated attempts to form a government; but his efforts have been unsuccessful.

The recent action of the lieutenant governor in dissolving parliament is approved by the opposition. All questions are now referred to the people, whose votes will probably be unfavorable to Martin and his policy.

Major Drummond Returns.

Ottawa, April 14, via Skagway, April 19.—Major Drummond, who was detailed for service in the South African war, is now on his way home. He has already sailed from Cape Town; and he is expected to arrive in Canada within the next ten days.

For Officers' Widows

Washington, D. C. March 29.—The house committee on Pensions recommended an increase to \$40 per month in the pension of the widow of Col. Egbert, killed in the Philippines; \$40 to the widow of Col. Haskell, who died from wounds received in Cuba; \$35 to the widow of Col. J. J. Van Horn, who died during the Spanish war; \$30 to the widow of Capt. C. W. R. well, killed in Cuba; \$35 to the widow of Commander Horace Elmer, of the navy, and \$30 to the widow of Commodore O. C. Badger, of the navy.

Premature Blast.

Spokane, March 29.—One man was killed, another fatally injured and four others were seriously injured this morning on the Great Northern new right of way now being graded here by being crushed under tons of rock. A premature blast exploded on the hillside, hurling many tons of stone down on the laborers working 20 feet below. Five victims have been rescued. This is believed to be all, though there are rumors that more are penned in. The victims are: S. N. Abrancicino, died at the hospital; Guiseppe Aldini, dying at the hospital; Fred Graeco, right

leg fractured and body bruised, will recover; Ole Olson, head and body bruised, will recover; Andrew Hiberg, who was putting in the blast, one eye destroyed, both hands fractured and otherwise badly bruised, will recover.

Is Probably Dead.

Spokane, March 29.—Superior Judge Prather and County Attorney Moore have completed one of the most remarkable quasi-judicial proceedings in the history of this country. Webster, condemned for the murder of Mrs. Asplund three years ago, was to be executed here Friday. His attorneys claimed the discovery of new evidence and Governor Rogers referred to the foregoing officials the duty of hearing it. The inquiry took on many of the features of a regular trial. It was completed yesterday afternoon and the officials telegraphed Governor Rogers that nothing new had been developed that would raise a reasonable doubt as to the identity of the man who fired the fatal shot. Webster's attorneys declared that they considered the hearing a judicial proceeding and would appeal to the Supreme court, but Judge Prather said no appeal could lie. There is scarcely a doubt that Webster will be hanged Friday.

Six Months En Route

Joseph Drew, former deputy U. S. marshal at Haines, where the Indian outbreak is now feared, and for a long time jailer at Skagway, has just reached Dawson, having left Bennett for this place early last October. Like a score of others, the scows he was with became ice bound, one above Selkirk and another near Selwyn. As one of the scows was laden with all kinds of provisions, the owner and Drew opened a roadhouse and made more money out of the cargo than they could possibly have realized had they succeeded in getting it to Dawson. Drew acted in the capacity of landlord, and stayed with the business until a week ago when, travel falling off, he closed out and came on to Dawson. He has already secured work on one of Humboldt Gates' Snipshur creek claims.

Peculiar Weather.

The man who has all his money wagered that the ice will move in the river at an early date felt discouraged today at the actions of the weather, which was not of the summer variety by long odds, sunshine, snow and hail vying with each other as to which would hold the boards on the sidewalks. However, the going out of the ice does not depend so much upon the temperature here as that of the upper country. If there is a rush of water from the upper lakes and rivers, the ice will move regardless of the temperature at this point. The sympathies of the people are with the man whose money says the river will open early.

St Paul's Episcopal Church.

The regular Easter congregational meeting of the St. Paul's Episcopal church of this city was held Monday night at which officers for the ensuing year were chosen:

Geo. Layfield was appointed rector's warden, white for the people, C. W. Fuller was chosen.

Sidesmen—Messrs. C. Reed, G. William, Jephson, Murray and Cawley. Auditors—Dr. J. N. E. Brown and O. S. Finnie.

Secretary and treasurer—W. M. Chandler.

Expressions of congratulations were offered on the success of the church during the past year and on the present auspicious prospects for a continuation of the good work.

Unanimous and hearty votes of thanks were tendered the ladies of the parish for their efficient work during the past year, and to the Y. F. F. for the valuable aid extended during the same time.

Territorial Court.

The case of James McKenzie and John Miles, as plaintiffs, vs. Mrs. M. J. Davidson and J. H. Davidson, defendants, is still on trial in the territorial court. Since a week ago yesterday this action has occupied the attention of Justice Dugas. As stated in a previous issue of the Nugget, the plaintiffs are suing the defendants for an half interest in the hillside claim, left limit, opposite the lower half of No. 3 Magnet gulch. The ground is very valuable, and the case is being closely contested. Today will conclude the testimony of all parties; on next Tuesday the attorneys will make their arguments, and then the matter will be submitted to the consideration of Justice Dugas.

A Surprise.

The management of the Palace Grand theater announce something entirely new and novel for next week's performance. They are not telling any one what the surprise party is to be, but are just sawing wood and getting ready to take care of the crowd. The performance this week is remarkably good, but the tip has gone out that next week will be a stunner.

COFFEY STABBED

By John Merchant at the Aurora Club Rooms This Morning.

A LARGE POCKET KNIFE WAS USED

The Altercation Arose Over a Bet at Cards.

WOUNDS ARE NOT FATAL.

Both Participants in the Quarrel Are Now Confined in the Barracks.

An affray which might have terminated fatally occurred in the clubroom of the Aurora saloon at 10:30 o'clock this morning. Fortunately, the timely interference of employees of the house prevented the commission of a most serious crime.

The principals in the affair were Charles Coffey and John Merchant. Coffey is well known as gold weigher on the night shift in the Back saloon. Merchant is a medium-sized man of sandy complexion, who does not seem to follow any regular occupation.

It appears that Coffey and Fritz Ranke entered the Aurora and proceeded to one of the faro tables. Both persons were slightly intoxicated. Coffey started to gamble and an altercation arose between him and Merchant, one of the players at the game, over the ownership of a certain bet. No trouble occurred; for Merchant immediately left the faro table and walked to the rear end of the club room. A few minutes afterwards he was followed by Coffey. The latter addressed harsh and abusive names to Merchant, who retorted by calling Coffey a liar. Then Coffey struck Merchant in the face. Both men clinched and struggled together for a few moments. In the scuffle Coffey had the better of the situation; but he seemed to weaken just as John Campbell, a gold weigher in the Aurora, interfered and separated the combatants. Blood appeared to be flowing from the left side of Coffey's body, for his clothing was discolored. He was assisted to the office of Dr. Good on the second floor of the building, where medical treatment was rendered, the injured man. Merchant, in the meantime, had run out of the saloon; he was followed by M. J. McNamara, the porter in the Aurora. The latter overtook the fugitive in the alley to the rear of the saloon building. Constable Stult soon arrived on the scene, and Merchant was placed under arrest.

When searched at the barracks a pocket-knife with a three-inch blade was found upon his person. He declined to make any statement. Two cuts were inflicted on Coffey; one about two inches long across the pit of the abdomen; the other wound was made near the nipple of the left breast, and extended about three inches in length down the side of the body. Neither injury penetrated to any of the vital organs; and though the wounds may be painful no serious results are liable to ensue. Coffey asserts that he cut himself; but his story is incredible. At present he is confined in the barracks. Campbell and McNamara say that the affair commenced and terminated in a very short space of time; neither of them saw Merchant use a knife; and they did not seriously consider the altercation until they observed blood on Coffey's clothing. Some of the witnesses to the affray declare that Merchant, like Coffey, was somewhat under the influence of liquor.

All the facts will be disclosed at tomorrow morning's session of the police magistrate's court.

Alaska Still Hopful.

Notwithstanding the fact that Alaska's delegate who went to Washington and demanded a seat in congress was turned down, rebuked for his presumption and sent back to his constituency, the people of that district are still hopeful. The Republicans have called a district convention to be held in Juneau in May, and a Republican club now flourishes at Skagway. As the latter

place has also a large number of the disciples of Jefferson, Jackson and Tilden, it is probable that a Democratic club will also be organized there. It is not likely, however, that Alaska's political clubs will have much influence in deciding national issues this fall. As Alaskans have no votes they are only playing politics.

The Firemen's Ball.

The firemen's ball to be given tomorrow evening at Golden's Exchange, will be one of the social events of the season. The large room of the new building will be a tastefully decorated; excellent musicians have been engaged; and the perfect arrangements assure the success of the affair. The price of tickets is \$5. They may be secured at the drug store of Reid & Co., or from any member of the fire department.

Samaritan Hospital Meeting.

The annual public meeting of those persons who are interested in the Good Samaritan hospital will occur tomorrow evening. Four directors will be elected, and other business of importance will be transacted. After the conclusion of routine matters, an entertaining musical program will be rendered. Arrangements have been made for vocal and instrumental selections. Refreshments will be served; and an enjoyable time is promised to those who will attend. The ladies who form the reception committee are Mesdames Perry, Thompson, Hethington, Naylor, Heron and Fish.

U. S. Consulate Office.

United States Consul J. C. McCook has moved the consulate offices into the second story of the building which is located on the corners of First and Second avenues and Harper street. The new offices are conveniently arranged and much larger than the quarters which have been vacated.

Off for the Creeks.

Manager H. T. Wills, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, with his brother, Dr. Wills, and Mr. F. R. Billett, left yesterday morning for a tour of the creeks. They will include Dominion and Gold-Ran in the trip and will be gone some time. Mr. Billett is a cheechako and will get his first glimpse of Klondike scenery from the quarter deck of a cayuse.

Washington State News.

The New Whatcom courthouse has been thoroughly fumigated and cleaned and all offices are again open and the smallpox has practically vanished.

At Fairhaven Tuesday afternoon, G. Getter, a 17 year old lad was drawn into a pulley at the Puget Sound Saw Mill & Shingle Company's plant and before he was rescued one leg was broken.

Smallpox is rapidly dying out at Republic. No further spread is feared even at the Indian reservation. There are at present only eight cases and all of these are in a very light form. Three of these eight patients will be released from the isolation hospital today.

At Aberdeen the Lindstrum shipyard has been the scene of two accidents this week. Monday John Pickney received a very severe cut in the knee cap from an adz which he was using. Tuesday Fred Huett had his left leg badly mashed, and the bone crushed in several places, while lowering a large timber in the hole, when it swung against him with great force.

Andrew Peers pleaded guilty to burglary at Ilwaco and held for trial. He entered Parker & Rogers' drug store, taking \$8 and a box of cigars.

At Spokane Neill Salmon was shot through the head by his friend, Alfred G. Moors. Salmon was sitting in a window on the fourth floor of the Armory building, and Moors and a small boy were the only other occupants of the room. Salmon would have fallen to the street had he not been caught by Moors. He expired instantly, the wound having been inflicted by the large ball of a Springfield rifle. The police are investigating the mysterious tragedy and Moors is under arrest. He admits that the gun was in his hands, but claims that the shot was accidental.

Which Will It Be?

Previous to a few short weeks ago when a person was heard to remark: "I am going to follow the ice down the river," it was taken for granted that he was going to Nome and no questions were asked. Now, however, it is different; for when a person speaks of going down the river the question is at once asked: "Nome or Koyukuk?"

In fact, there is much more talk of Koyukuk in Dawson today than of Nome, while a month ago the former had scarcely been heard of by the majority of people. As it can, it is said, be reached by the all-water route during the open season, it is probable that the majority of the travel will be that way instead of on down the river and across to Nome.

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DAWSON DAIRIES

Will Be Numerous Shortly
After the Opening of
Navigation.

TEN CAR LOADS OF LIVE STOCK

Left Skagway Yesterday En Route
to this Place.

MILCH COWS, BEEF, MUTTON

Stock Will Be Driven to the Foot of
Lebarge and Shipped on
Scows.

Skagway, April 19.—Ten cars all loaded with live stock left here in one train yesterday for Bennett en route to Dawson. Of the outfit Lafrance & Hastner have ten milch cows, thirty-two beef steers and eight horses.

The Arctic Meat Co. has 375 head of mutton sheep and 50 beef cattle. The party in charge of this stock says its expedition will cost his company \$30,000. They have 75 tons of feed cached along the route at intervals of 15 miles as far down as the foot of Lake Lebarge, to which place the animals will be driven over the ice and where they will be loaded on scows now being built at floated down to Dawson.

L. H. Heidinger has started for Dawson with 15 milch cows a few calves, the latter being taken to consume the milk on the route and for veal on reaching Dawson. Heidinger's intentions are to operate a dairy en reaching his destination.

From reports received here of the condition of the trail on the upper rivers and lakes it is thought very probable that the stock can be driven even as far as Lebarge.

Burnham Escapes.

Skagway, April 19.—F. R. Burnham, the American who left here early in January to serve the British army in South Africa in the capacity of scout, and who was captured by the Boers shortly after his arrival, has escaped, and after wandering three days without food or water, reached the camp of the 12th Lancers in a weak and exhausted condition.

Down Town Branch Bank.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce has purchased the property on which its down town branch stood previous to the fire of January 10th, which property was not at that time owned by the bank; but which has since been acquired by purchase, the deal having been consummated yesterday.

It is proposed to have the apartments fitted in a manner commensurate with the needs of the great financial institution, and all ready for occupancy and business by the first of May.

The opening of a branch down in the business part of the city will be a great accommodation to the many patrons of the bank.

Water Competition.

The Dawson Water Co., intend to complete the system as soon as it can be done. A few weeks more will be them in operation and ready to compete with others in the business. Iron pipes will be put inside the wooden pipes, which were put in the ground last summer, and taps made to accommodate all wishing it. The members of this company claim that their system is arranged with tanks and reservoirs that they can pump water cheaper and it for less money than anyone else in the field. The water can be put into buildings anywhere it is desired, high as 25 to 30 feet, by gravity pressure, only, from their large tank on the hillside near their pumping station. It would seem that we are to have competition in the water business. Such is the life of trade.