

SPENT A NIGHT IN THE JAIL.

Dr. Leiser Recounts His Experiences With the Medical Prosecution.

Other Writers Express Themselves on the Same Subject - Mr. Woodworth and Dr. Bourke Take Exceptions to Articles in the Nugget.

EDITOR NUGGET: I beg leave to state through your valuable columns the facts regarding my recent incarceration in the Dawson jail. In the first place it will be remembered that I was recently fined \$1 and costs for practicing medicine in your city of Dawson without being registered, I being a regular practicing physician in the United States, and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania.

I announced publicly that I had quit practicing and that I was going out of the country. I have faithfully kept my word. I took down my physician's sign which projected out into the street, leaving alongside my door a modest door-plate of "shingle" with my name and a prefix of Dr. I covered the letter "D" with two thicknesses of muslin or gauze. I left the "shingle" as a door-plate, for everyone knows how hard it is in this town to find a man unless his name is on his tent or house. I was arrested on the ground that I was "using a name, title, addition or description calculated to lead people to believe I was a physician."

I want to say that I have a degree and have a right to lead people all over the world to believe that I am a physician. On the 11th I was fined \$50 and costs or 30 days in jail. I was told I had 10 days in which to appeal to the superior court. On the 15th I went to see the court but could not find him in. On the 16th, in the morning, I went again, with the same results. In the afternoon I was arrested and thrown in to jail.

I was put into what was really the corridor of the jail with the common prisoners and jailbirds. The side of the jail into which I was put is about 10x20 feet, containing three cells, all occupied. This leaves a corridor 20 feet long and four feet wide; also two alcoves about four by six feet. In the front hallway lay seven people, the space being so confined that they could not lie in any manner excepting angle ways from corner to corner. The end alcove was occupied by two men on the floor. The middle alcove had a table 2x6 feet and a bench 5 feet long and 10 inches wide. No other seats or benches were in the place. There was one man lying on the floor under the table and bench, and another occupied the table. I lay down on that five foot bench. The fourth man in that alcove sat on the edge of the table until about three o'clock in the morning when I changed off with him, he taking the bench and I the outer edge of the table.

Before going to jail I asked permission to take blankets with me and was refused, on the ground that they furnished blankets where I was going. At the jail I asked for blankets and they refused to give them to me. The breakfast consisted of pork and beans, bread and coffee. In justice to the gentlemen in charge let me say that the food was quite good with the exception of the coffee, which had no semblance to that beverage.

Defends the Medical Prosecution.

EDITOR KLONDIKE NUGGET: Dear Sir - I have read your article of last issue "Persecution Results in Death." I was sole manager of the prosecution of unlicensed physicians in this town. The licensed physicians placed the matter entirely in my hands. I am solely and entirely to blame for any barbarity, ferocity, or persecution in the prosecution. Never were prosecutions conducted so leniently and courteously by both myself and the presiding magistrates. For corroboration of this I refer to Drs. Merryman, Day, Chambers and Green, the persons prosecuted. Captain Starnes in the first cases forgave the accused, their costs and himself, his clerks and constables presented their services to the accused. I personally offered to become responsible for Dr. Green's fine. I offered to provide counsel for Mrs. Day when she professed she had no money. I settled the case for her and paid the costs.

If Mrs. Conder died from the effect of these prosecutions either myself, Captain Starnes, or Captain Harper or no one killed her. I did not. Mrs. Day spoke to me of the case. I asked her to keep on attending Mrs. Conder and if she ceased, to inform me and I would get another physician. Captain Harper, your article says, acted on the same line. Captain Starnes can be proved to have given the same directions. I think no one killed the lady. Mrs. Day deserted her when requested by Captains Starnes and Harper, and myself, to continue. I would hate to charge her with being the cause. Dr. Thompson will speak for himself.

Your article is misinformed and false. It consists of six paragraphs of raving and innuendoes and three paragraphs of alleged facts which are untrue. You ought not to deal with public questions so carelessly.

C. M. WOODWORTH. Dated August 13, 1898.

[Whenever the Nugget thinks necessary it can publish advertisements proving the truth of the story which Mr. Woodworth declares is false. Etc.]

Flare Medical Defense.

DAWSON CITY, Aug. 18, 1898.

EDITOR NUGGET: Dear Sir - In your issue of the 17th inst. under the heading "Persecutions Result in Death," you allude in my letter (which you suppressed) as a card, etc.

[The Nugget did not publish Dr. Bourke's note for the reason that a duplicate of the same had already appeared in a contemporary. This

paper will not reprint communications from other papers.]

With the facts before you you most flagrant misrepresent them saying it is to the credit of the licensed physicians they did not support me, as you knew they had unanimously approved my action, had ordered the prosecutions and paid for them, my complaint being that they shirked publicity in the matter individually. I now see they feared such truthful statements as you make.

[Dr. Bourke stated in the Nugget office that the other Canadian physicians had treated him most shabbily in the matter. His only objection to our article was the fact that we did not say that the other physicians failed to "publicly" support him. To quote the doctor, he said, "Had you placed the word 'publicly' before the word support I should have had no objection." This paper reiterates its statement that if the other physicians failed to support Dr. Bourke publicly, privately or in any other way, they deserve credit for so doing.]

Relative to Mrs. Day she begged to have the prosecution withdrawn, and on the public statement in court that she would not practice, would remove her sign as doctor and would substitute one - Dorothy Day, nurse - the prosecution withdrew the case.

[The above does not concern the real merits of the article in question. The withdrawal or continuance of the case against Mrs. Day was a mere incident to the story.]

The questions arise how was the fever produced in the case of Mrs. Conder. Had Mrs. Day been nursing cases of infectious disease before and at the time she attended this case. It also seems strange that she should have described the patient in a most critical condition "dying," she says faithfully, to tell the authorities that she was not responsible.

[Mrs. Day states distinctly that she had no fever patients at the time mentioned. The Nugget makes this statement on the lady's authority.]

Then as to the utterly sham pretence in your notice that the legalization of unqualified and possibly unfit persons to act as doctors was necessary for the treatment of the destitute. I may state there are at present one qualified physician to each 800 inhabitants of Dawson. They attend the destitute gratuitously. I myself have attended six such cases today, many of the other doctors do more. The Americans in this matter of license are receiving exactly the same treatment they give others; let them, if capable, pass the examination to be held here the second week in September and if successful they would be welcomed by the qualified men.

Yours faithfully, ISIDORE McW. BOURKE, M. D.

[In regard to the number of physicians required to attend the sick in Dawson, we merely say that it is a matter of opinion. The opinion of Dr. Bourke as a man of learning and wide experience is entitled to respectful consideration. For the gratuitous work the doctor and others of his profession perform all credit and praise should be given. - In so far, however, as the main facts in connection with Mrs. Conder's death are concerned, as recorded in our last issue, we have seen no reason thus far to change our minds. We are willing to be convinced to the contrary, but thus far are compelled to say we have not been.]

PERSONALS.

Judge McGuire left for the Louise for the outside.

Col. Reichenbach, of Seattle, came in on the Columbian.

James Wall, who has been down with dysentery, is to be around again.

Constable McTull came in on the Columbian and started down the river again on the T. C. Power.

Mr. P. A. Hebb, is in from Dominion. Information gleaned from him will appear next week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Card, accompanied by F. C. Williams arrived in town Saturday from Sulphur.

Mr. Richard Giles, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Jacobs, has arrived in Dawson from Big Salmon.

Dr. E. O. Smith, mining expert of Portland, Ore., with his son are in the city, having prospected en route from Copper River.

Capt. Norwood spent a few days in town the past week renewing acquaintance with old friends and as usual making many new ones.

J. M. Kepner, of Chehalis, Wash., accompanied by his friend Kresky, of Skookum bench fame, left on the T. C. Power for the outside.

The popular physician Dr. Richardson has been wearing a pair of crutches and a moose skin for some days all on account of a rusty nail, but is improving steadily.

Crown Prosecuting Attorney Wade left for the outside on the Willie Irving, and when there he returned for repairs transferred his baggage to the T. C. Power which left for St. Michaels Thursday evening.

Dr. Wilfred Good is a recent arrival in our midst. The gentleman is of long experience and more especially skilled in the delicate troubles of the eye and ear as per his card in this issue.

J. E. West, of Seattle, has just arrived. He has spent the summer prospecting up the Stewart's Clear creek and up Clear creek almost to its headwaters. He found nothing to justify him in remaining there and so is now a Dawsonite for the time being.

Mr. Harry Davis, a partner of Mr. M. C. Eschwege, is leaving this week for Europe in the interests of the two gentlemen. After a visit to London, Paris and New York the gentleman thinks he will be in line for a trip to Dawson next spring over the ice.

Capt. L. R. Weatherwax, a new arrival at Dawson, is the same gentleman who attained much fame a few years ago by being one of the first to lead a filibustering expedition from the United States to Cuba. Now that Santiago de Cuba has fallen into the hands of Americans Mr. Weatherwax is quite proud to give that as his permanent address.

F. W. Hart, late a prominent merchant of Dyea, and a member of the firm of Hart & Cates of Dawson arrived in the ship Little Emma Mott this week and will be found at the firm's place of business opposite the Bank of North America. Mr. Hart is a hustler and will be a valuable addition to Dawson's commercial enterprise.

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The elected organizer, Mr. Frank Dunleavy, went up the gulch on Thursday, and we expect good reports from there pretty soon. He will make a personal canvass of Hunker, Eldorado and Bonanza, after which he will call a meeting of all the members and turn everything over into their hands. They will elect their own officers and committee, will prepare and report rules, regulations and by-laws, and then the Miners' Association will become a fact and a matter of history. Everyone should enthusiastically put their shoulder to the wheel and start the thing off with a clatter.

The New Jail.

The new jail or "guard house" as the police call it, is being built on modern lines, as far as the plans are concerned, though, of course, the material of the cells is native lumber. There are 20 cells in size 7 feet and 10 feet high. The building is of logs sawed on three sides. It is large and airy and will be provided with three stoves to furnish heat for the comfort of the numerous boarders which it is designed to accommodate this winter.

Telephone Extension.

The Yukon Telephone and Telegraph company have made very creditable extensions to their lines and are now in communication with various points up the gulches. They have established their central office in the room 25 of the Fairview hotel and have wired in to the offices of 20 subscribers. Their most important connections are at the upper ferry, Grand Forks, No. 6 Eldorado, No. 30 Eldorado, and No. 66 Bonanza.

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