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SERIOUS CHARGE

Against Wm. Struthers, Clerk in Office of Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell.

PREFERRED BY SERGEANT WILSON

Accepting Bribe While in Employ of Government Is Charged.

HELD ON BOND OF \$6,000.

Wm. Brown and R. D. Sutherland Arrested as the Evils That Tempted Adam.

William Struthers, a young man employed in Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell's office in the capacity of recorder of bench claims and receiver of affidavits, was arrested yesterday evening on a charge sworn to by Sergeant J. J. Wilson, of the N. W. M. P., of having accepted a bribe while in the employ of the government in a manner which defrauds the said government of its dues.

At about the same time Struthers was taken into custody by the arresting officer, Wm. Brown and R. D. Sutherland were also arrested, the former on the charge of having given compensation to an employe of the government to obtain a grant to a mining claim contrary to the statutes of the Dominion of Canada, the latter on the charge of complicity in giving compensation to such government employe.

All three of the men were taken to the guard house, but at a late hour Struthers was released on bond until 10 o'clock this morning, the bond being endorsed by himself to the amount of \$8000 and by H. Feeney and W. V. Somerville to the amount of \$3000 each.

Brown and Sutherland passed the night in jail. When the police court opened at 10 o'clock this morning Struthers was on hand with an attorney. Sergeant Wilson the prosecuting witness, stated that he wished the case enlarged until tomorrow morning in order that further evidence may be gathered. Struthers' attorney at first demurred to the date being fixed on tomorrow and asked that it be made for next Tuesday; he also asked that the bond be materially reduced. Sergeant Wilson objected to the bond being reduced and informed the court that during the day another and more serious charge would be preferred against Struthers. It was finally agreed to fix the date of enlargement at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Magistrate Primrose stated that as it was only a preliminary hearing he deemed it proper to make the bond sufficiently heavy to insure the appearance of the accused, therefore no reduction in the amount previously fixed was made. As the bondsmen who had stood for the prisoner over night were not in court this morning, he was taken to jail; but later today the bondsmen appeared and qualified, when the prisoner was allowed to go until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

William Brown and R. D. Sutherland were arraigned on the respective charges above stated; but at the request of the prosecuting witness, Sergeant Wilson, both cases were continued until tomorrow at 11 o'clock. Both men were escorted to the jail where they are now confined. Two additional charges, one of forgery and one of perjury, have been made against Brown, while it is not known that Sutherland will be charged with other than complicity in bribing an employe of the government.

Sergeant Wilson is reticent in talking of the matter, but assumes an air of confidence that is suggestive that he knows what he is doing.

The Nugget refrains today from giving what are purported to be the facts in the case, all of which will be brought out in the preliminary hearing tomorrow forenoon, further than to state that the money alleged to have been accepted as a bribe was paid to Struthers that the records might be made to show that regular representation work had been performed on a certain claim on Lovett gulch, which records, it is alleged would show the claim to be represented up to October 23, 1901.

William Struthers came here last year from Stratford, a small town near Toronto, and has since filled the responsible position above mentioned in the office of the gold commissioner.

William Brown has for some time been in the employ of Dr. McFarlane as sort of general factotum.

R. D. Sutherland has been here some time and has been a broker in a small way.

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POSITION IS NOT INDORSED.

Members of the Yukon Council Do Not Attempt to Excuse the Conduct of Bell.

Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell still persists in the enforcement of the order, which he issued some time ago to the effect that representatives of the press be refused all information respecting the transaction of official business in his particular department. Strict secrecy is maintained in regard to placer and quartz grants, water applications and grants, and transfers of mining interests. Indeed, this most important office in the territory is conducted as mysteriously as it was in the halcyon days of the Fawcett administration.

The present incumbent is aware that the records of his department are public, and he endeavors to avoid criticism by asserting that every detail respecting his public trust is entered in certain books, called registers, which are open to the inspection of anyone.

It is practically impossible to ascertain any information from an examination of these registers; for the books are so voluminous and the contents so arranged that even an employe of the office cannot make an intelligent search unless his efforts are directed by references to index books, which are closed to the inspection of the public. There are about 25 registers, each of which is comprised of about 800 pages. Separate books are used for the different creeks; for instance all entries in reference to claims on Sulphur are made in a certain register which is devoted exclusively to the record of this particular creek. In some instances one creek requires several books; this is true of Dominion, the records of which are entered in five different books, each of which contains at least 800 pages.

As a general rule, a single page is given to each claim, and every transaction is recorded on the particular page which has been allotted to the respective claim. Transfers which affect different claims are recorded on different pages; and if the properties are located on separate creeks the assignments are entered in separate registers. If the owner of No. 12 below on Gold Run should dispose of a fourth interest of his grant, the transfer would be recorded in the Gold Run register on the special page which has been assigned to creek claim No. 12. If at the same time, the same man should sell an interest in property on Hunker, the latter sale would be entered in the Hunker register. Thus, it can be readily seen, that in order to obtain a list of the transfers for any particular day, it would be necessary to examine every page in all the registers—an amount of labor which would require a month to perform.

The index, which is on the front page of each register, refers only to claims, and not to the particular sort of record which is entered, nor to the individuals who are interested in the transaction. For instance, a portion of the index to the Sulphur register is as follows:

Sulphur creek claims, below discovery, pages 1 to 101.
Sulphur creek claims, above discovery, pages 101 to 158.
Tributary entering Sulphur at No. 2 below, left limit, pages 159 to 162.

Tributary entering Sulphur at 46 below, pages 163 to 168.

Tributary entering Sulphur at 59 below, pages 169 to 174.

In this manner, all the creek, hillside and bench claims of Sulphur and its tributaries are indexed.

In addition to these registers, in which are entered everything, there are other record books which are used for special purposes, and which refer to the general registers. Transfers of title, besides being entered in the registers, are recorded in a book which is designated as the transfer book; likewise with grants, representation and so forth. The public is not permitted to examine these special books, which are the only ones that are used by officials and government employes when they desire information respecting the transaction of business in the gold commissioner's office. Assistant Commissioner Bell refers the public and the press to voluminous books of record, which were never intended for casual inspection, and from which it is impossible to ascertain by ordinary examination any fact in connection with routine business.

Mr. Bell has not been successful in his effort to delude the people into the belief that his reprehensible actions are excusable; even his official associates do not endeavor to palliate his conduct. A representative of the Nugget interviewed the members of the Yukon council; and not one of the gentlemen attempted to support the assistant gold commissioner in his secret treatment of the records of the most important office in this territory.

Gov. Ogilvie, when questioned concerning the matter said: "I do not care to pass any opinion concerning Mr. Bell nor his management of the gold commissioner's office. I am unacquainted with all the particular facts; but I understand that the registers are open to the public."

Justice Dugas replied: "I have nothing to say. My own business occupies all my time, and I do not feel disposed to pay attention to the duties of other officials."

Gold Commissioner Senkler answered: "I decline to be quoted. Mr. Bell has absolute charge of his particular department, and I have no right to criticize the management of his own official affairs."

Mr. Clement said: "I am not going to discuss the action of the assistant gold commissioner. Concerning his conduct, I shall not express an opinion favorable, or otherwise."

Mr. Girouard replied: "The affair is none of my business, and I have nothing to say."

"Are the records, which refer to the titles of land in your office open to the inspection of the public?" was asked of Mr. Girouard.

"Why, certainly," was his laconic reply.

Officers Elected.

The lady board of managers of the living whist club held a meeting last night when the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Alex McDonald; vice-president, Mrs. Lancaster; secretary, Mrs. Davis; treasurer, Mrs. Morrison; advisory board, Mesdames Sale, Turner, Wheeler, Agnew, McNeil, Boyker, West, Marsden, Misses Hughes and Croft.

The great tournament takes place on the evenings of the 22d, 23d and 24th of this month. The person taking the greatest number of tricks on the three evenings will be presented by Prof. Whitley with a prize which consists of a heart-shaped nugget bearing the words "living whist" and beautifully set with a diamond, garnet and ruby; also with pick and shovel. The beautiful prize is valued at \$150, and can be worn either as a charm or breastpin.

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SOGGS BEFORE CAPTAIN STARNES

Who Journeyed to Cariboo to Hold Preliminary Hearing.

WHICH IS NOT COMPLETED.

Adjourned to Procure Evidence Which Exists on Gold Run—Lang's Story.

The preliminary hearing of Nelson A. Soggs, charged with the shooting of James Rogers on claim 34, Gold Run, on the evening of the 8th instant, was begun at 9:30 o'clock this morning at the mouth of Caribou creek at which place Magistrate Capt. Starnes, who left Dawson yesterday morning, met the prisoner who was brought there from Gold Run by the police.

The first witness called was Henry H. Lang, who was one of several who were present and who saw the shooting, and who was standing on the dump watching the work of cleaning up when Soggs came from his cabin and on to the dump. Witness said that Soggs had stood by the sluice box perhaps three minutes when Rogers came and asked him what he was doing there? Witness did not hear Soggs' reply. Rogers then said "Get to hell out of here," but Soggs did not leave. Rogers said, "You had better go and get a bath," and stepped towards Soggs, and they stood about four feet apart and moved from side to side; Rogers' tone of voice no being threatening.

Soggs crossed the sluice box from Rogers, and he saw Rogers' hand touch Soggs' coat. He heard Soggs say "Rogers, keep away from me," several times. Then Rogers put his foot on the sluice box as if to cross it and Soggs drew a revolver from his right hip pocket and fired at Rogers, but missed. The bullet struck the dirt a foot from the feet of witness who, with a two others, was standing 10 feet away and above and in line with Soggs and Rogers, the latter two being face to face and four feet apart at the time the first shot was fired. Rogers dodged and making a quick move, partly fell down when Soggs pulled his gun. Rogers then turned away, his left side and back being towards Soggs who fired three more shots in rapid succession, holding the revolver in both hands. Rogers continued all the time to walk towards his cabin.

After the shooting Lang said that Burge and Wade went towards Soggs to take the revolver from him, but Soggs pointed it in their direction and said he was going to go to the police station

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THURSDAY, MAY 10, 1900.

AN UNENVIABLE POSITION.

A little less than four weeks ago a mandate was issued by Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell, by virtue of which the local newspapers have since been prevented from publishing the records of transfers and other information of a public nature transacted at the gold commissioner's office. Mr. Bell alleged as a reason for his extraordinary action that he is conducting his office "for the benefit of the public and against the newspapers." The assistant commissioner appears to have conceived the idea that, in making public the transactions of his office, the newspapers have in the past worked in direct contrariety to the public weal. We credit Mr. Bell with entire originality in this matter, for we do not believe that any other official in any country ever based such an action upon such grounds.

Yesterday afternoon, as will be found recorded elsewhere in this issue of the Nugget, several arrests were made by the police, based upon allegations of fraudulent transactions on the part of attaches of Mr. Bell's office. It is not our purpose to discuss the merits of these allegations, which undoubtedly will be determined by due process of law.

It is, however, pertinent to inquire if the position taken by Assistant Commissioner Bell has not invited just such violations of law on the part of his subordinates as are set forth in the charges published elsewhere in this paper.

Apparently, Mr. Bell is not cognizant of what is being done in his own office, for we are informed that the charges were investigated and made by the police department, independent of any suggestion or assistance from the assistant commissioner.

Such being the case, we submit to the public that Mr. Bell has taken a position which is not only inimical, but absolutely dangerous, to the public interests, which the assistant commissioner claimed to be protecting when he assumed his stand against the newspapers.

Unfortunately for Mr. Bell, he has placed himself in an extremely unpleasant position. If illegal practices are discovered in his office within so short a time after the issuance of his recent order, the public will naturally connect the two circumstances in a manner which can in no degree reflect credit upon the motive which prompted his action.

Mr. Bell is an appointee of the Ottawa authorities. He is, therefore, not responsible to the people of this territory. He is, however, like every other individual, amenable to the bar of public opinion, and before that tribunal his position today is anything but an enviable one.

SOLDIERS WITHDRAWN.
Orders have been received from Ottawa, as detailed in yesterday's issue of the Nugget, recalling the remainder of the Yukon Field Force, who have been stationed in the Yukon Territory since the summer of '98.

Apparently, the government at Ottawa has come at length to realize that the Yukon Territory is inhabited by people who are naturally law-abiding and who need not be kept in subjection through fear of an armed force. Such representations were made long ago to the government, but it appears that much time has been required to penetrate the labyrinth of red tape which stands between an expression of public opinion and governmental response thereto.

The entire plan which resulted in landing the Field Force in Dawson was attended by a series of costly blunders, for which the Ottawa authorities were directly responsible, and for which the Yukon Territory has been compelled to pay.

In the first place, the Field Force was brought in by the notorious Teslin route, which undertaking cost the government an immense unnecessary expenditure. Again, by some incomprehensible blunder, Colonel Evans was ordered to make his headquarters at Fort Selkirk, and thousands of dollars had to be spent in the erection of barracks, which were built only to be abandoned, when the government was finally made to understand how useless the soldiers would be, located at so great a distance from the center of population.

Now, it appears that it has, at length, been forced home to the authorities that the whole thing was a mistake, and, in consequence, the remaining portion of the force has finally been recalled.

In so far as the personnel of the military is concerned, Dawson will bid the force good-bye with much regret. The officers have contributed very largely toward enlivening the social life of the town, and Sergeant McKinnon and his excellent band are entitled to the gratitude of every one. They have been extremely courteous and accommodating in assisting on all public occasions when their services were requested, and they will be greatly missed.

While, therefore, we approve the recall of the force as being in a measure a reparation of what must always be considered a stupendous mistake, we believe there will be no dissenting voices in extending to officers and men as well an expression of good will, and best wishes for success in whatsoever capacity they may be called upon to serve.

Yukon Theosophists.
The Yukon Theosophical club held its regular weekly meeting last evening. In the absence of the usual leaders and speakers no essay or paper was read, but those present enjoyed an extremely pleasant evening in the free interchange of thought on the merits of theosophical study for its own inherent goodness. All concerned in the belief, based on their individual experience, that every sincere seeker will find the light in direct proportion to the diligence of search, honesty of purpose, and unselfish application of its practical tenets; while blank disappointment and defeated expectations await those who misuse its truths, or abuse its beneficence. Everyone present felt fully repaid for the time and thought given the study during the winter, for the larger spirit of unselfishness they were experiencing, and for the higher aspirations of that universal brotherhood which they were determined to promote, whether here in Dawson, or whither the open Yukon and their destiny might land them.

Yesler Way Double Tracked.
Old residents of Seattle will be interested in reading the following bit of information taken from a recent Seattle paper:
A wish the residents on Yesler way

have entertained for years was gratified yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock, when the Seattle City Railway Company began the operation of its double track line on Yesler way. The completion of the double track marks an epoch in the history of street railways in Seattle. The Yesler line is the oldest in operation in the city, and the question of whether or not the original provision in the franchise requiring a double track on both Jackson street and Yesler way has been the theme of many an eloquent debate in the city council.

Last spring, however, the company went before the city council and agreed, in consideration of its franchise being extended to double track both streets, running a cable line on Jackson street. The council extended the franchise, and since that time the company has been hard at work complying with its part of the agreement. The Yesler way division has been completed first, and the work of building an electric line on Jackson street will now be begun. Part of the track for this line has already been laid.

Private Excursions.
While the steamboats will all be well patronized on the lower river this season, arrangements are being made by hundreds of men in Dawson for making the trip in small boats, of which there is a large number for sale at very moderate prices. For the first mile up the Klondike river there are probably 1000 small boats suitable to the accommodation of three or four passengers and their baggage, and many of these are now being re-calked and otherwise fitted for the journey on the river as far as Kaltag, which point can be reached long before steamers can get out from the mouth of the river; and many are of the opinion that by leaving Dawson in small boats and floating down the river to Kaltag they can walk across the cutoff and reach Nome several days ahead of those who travel by the steamers. A large fleet of small boats with from two to six or eight passengers each will get off down the river the first of next week.

As to Closing Gambling.
The bi-monthly gambling scare is now on, as it has been hinted that an order may be issued that all games must close down. This report is started so often that very little credence is placed in it this time. It has not been in the past, nor is it probable that it is now the policy of the government to kill any golden egg producing poultry; and the gambling fraternity pay into the crown till from \$4000 to \$5000 in cash each month and pay it every month in the year. Another thing: It is very improbable that any local official will delegate to himself the power to make and issue such an important decree without being instructed so to do from the head of the government at Ottawa.

Feminine Intuition.
Hattie—I'm sure George loves me and wants me to be his wife.
Ella—Has he told you so?
Hattie—No; but he has taken such a strong dislike to mamma. — Chicago Tribune.

Married by Telegraph.
Winchester, Ky., April 23. — Miss Lizzie Hummons of this city, and Trooper Sam Wheeler at Fort Wingate, N. M., were married yesterday by telegraph.

A year ago both lived in Winchester. Wheeler enlisted in the United States regular army. He was transferred from Kentucky to New Mexico, was made a trooper in the Ninth cavalry, and was stationed at Fort Wingate. He corresponded with the girl and she promised to go to him and be married. He sent her sufficient money for her railway fare, but Joseph Hummons, the father, refused to let her go. Wheeler tried to secure a parole and failed.

The young soldier confided in Chaplain Forster of the fort. Then the scheme of subjecting electricity to love was thought of. The plan was telegraphed to the sweetheart, and Mr. Hummons, the girl's father, approved it. A through circuit was established over the telegraph company's wires between Fort Wingate and Winchester, 1700 miles apart.

Rev. S. P. Young, of Winchester, officiated for the bride at this end of the wire, and Chaplain Forster acted in a like capacity for the groom. The only witness was the bride's father, who gave her away over the wire. The ceremony cost the young couple for telegraph tolls \$26.50.

After the ceremony the bride departed for New Mexico.

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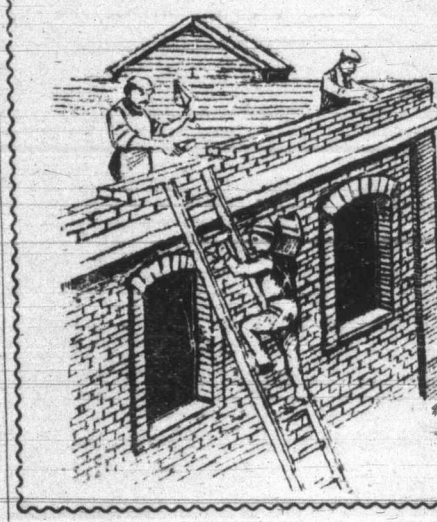
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RISE AND FALL OF ONE MAN

How Mr. Brown Got Into and Out of Politics.

He Was Called a Broken-Down Pettifogger and His Wife Put Her Foot Down.

"My dear," said Mrs. Thomas Brown, "this is the twentieth anniversary of our wedding day. I believe you had forgotten it."

"Well, I haven't," replied the Hon. Thomas Brown, with a fine show of indignation. "I'm not likely to forget the day when I got you. I remember every detail with perfect clearness."

"What kind of dresses did the bridesmaids wear?"

"And," continued Mr. Brown, artfully evading the question. "I'm sure that we have plenty of cause to be thankful and happy. Certainly no man ever had a better wife."

"Thank you, my dear, and come home early tonight, so that we may have a little celebration."

After this pleasing episode the Hon. Thomas Brown started down town to his office. On his way to the train he made up his mind that he would send home a basket of fruit and some roses and later in the day he would stop at the jeweler's to look at the bracelet his wife had admired.

It was strange, he reflected, how little happiness some people get out of life. Here was he, still on the sunny side of 40, with a sufficient income, a devoted wife, two beautiful children and not a worry in the world. His place in his profession was assured. His neighbors respected him. He could see no cloud on the horizon of his hopes. He was as near complete contentment as men get.

In the reception room of his office half a dozen men were waiting. He recognized one as a well known politician and greeted him with a somewhat chilly nod as he closed the door of his private room. A clerk, however, followed him and ushered in the delegation.

"We've come," said the spokesman, "to ask you to be our candidate for the state senate."

The Hon. Thomas Brown thanked them and said he had neither the time nor money to spare.

"But it will take hardly any time and less money," was the answer. "You can be elected without a bit of trouble. You know the situation. Now think it over and let us know tomorrow."

As a result of the succeeding excitement, which Mr. Brown could not conceal, at least from himself, he forgot the roses and the diamonds. "Senator Thomas Brown" did have an ear-filling sound, as he repeated it under his breath. At 5 o'clock he started to go home. Four professional friends met him at the door. They called him "Senator" and escorted him out to drink his health. It was 7 o'clock before he got out to the South Side.

His wife met him at the door. Her usual placidity was somewhat shaken.

"Why, Tom, what's the matter?" she said. "I asked you to get home early, and here it is after 7 o'clock and dinner half spoiled."

"I've been asked to run for the senate, my dear," said the Hon. Thomas Brown impressively.

"And what did you say?"

"Told them I'd give them an answer after I had consulted my wife," said Mr. Brown, who had already begun to use the wiles of a politician.

"I hate to think of your going into politics, Tom, and"

"But the senate is't exactly politics. I am assured that I can be elected with out an effort on my part. If it was going to make any change in our home life, I wouldn't think of it. And, besides, it's my duty, you know. It's my duty to the state. That will probably decide me."

"I thought you were going to consult your wife?"

"That's what I'm doing now. If you"

"Let's go in and see if any of the dinner is fit to eat. We can talk it over afterward."

The soup was served, when there came a ring at the bell. The maid announced a party of gentlemen to see Mr. Brown.

"Tell them Mr. Brown is at dinner," said his wife, "and ask them to sit down."

"Don't you think I had better go out for a second and see who it is?" interrupted the prospective senator. "It might be somebody from the office on important business, you know." So quickly had the virus of political ambition begun to do its deadly work.

An hour later the Hon. Thomas Brown found the dining room deserted. His indignant wife was up stairs in her sitting room.

"Well, if this is the way you are going to the senate, you will never go with my consent," she broke out. "I heard you telling those men you were always glad and proud to welcome them to your humble home, and then I looked out the window and saw that old Pitzmacher, the saloonkeeper, was at the head of them. If that's politics, I'd rather have the mumps."

"But, you see, Pitzmacher is the member of the city central committee from this ward, and the others are the officers of the ward club. They came over to congratulate me on my candidacy for the senate. I couldn't do less than thank them, could I? They've arranged a mass meeting for this evening to indorse me, and I suppose I'll have to go over and make them a little speech."

"I thought you wouldn't have to turn over your hard?"

"Well, you know a candidate is bound to get the indorsement of his home ward. Once I get that fixed up, you'll see there'll be no more trouble."

An hour later Pitzmacher drove up in an old hack, and the Hon. Thomas Brown descended to welcome him. His wife gave him fair warning.

"If you go riding around in the streets with that man, Tom Brown," she called after him down the stairs, "I'll never be seen on the street with you again. What do you suppose the neighbors will say?"

In the gray hours of the early morning the hack again drew up before the house, and Mr. Brown entered his once quiet and happy dwelling. As the door closed a crowd of men and boys, who had followed the hack from the meeting-place, cheered loudly.

It was 9 o'clock before Mr. Brown appeared for breakfast. His wife received him with a pitying smile, in which tears and anger were equally mingled. She laid before him a copy of the Morning Echo and pointed in silence to the headlines over an article on the first page. "Tom Brown Out for Senator," it read. "Ridiculous Ambition of a Broken Down Pettifogger." "Hints of Sensational Exposures to Be Made"

"There," said Mrs. Brown. "Nothing to make any change in our home life, eh? Elected without an effort on your part? Duty to the state? What do you say to that?"

Mr. Brown lost what little appetite he had. He read the article through with anxious care. Then he swore. The children looked up in surprise.

"The doorbell began ringing before 7 o'clock this morning," went on Mrs. Brown. "There was a procession of all sorts of men neither you nor I had ever heard of. They all wanted to see Senator Brown. I want you to sue that newspaper for libel."

"My dear," said the Hon. Thomas Brown, with a weak and pleading smile, "you mustn't let that bother you so. Public men, you know are subject to the attacks of the partisan press. Before I forget it, there is one little thing I wanted to speak to you about. You buy your groceries of Hilton do you not? Well, now, just as a favor to me, would you object to changing. You see, Hicks, on the opposite corner, I find, the president of the Brown club. Don't you think it would be a little pleasanter all around if we patronized him?"

"Mr. Brown," persisted his wife, "will you sue that paper for libel?"

"Why, certainly not," was the answer, "but that publication makes it absolutely necessary for me to stay in the fight. If I backed out now, the newspapers would all say that I withdrew under fire. Then I should be a coward. Of course I wish, for your sake, since you feel so bad about it, that I had never begun."

"Well, they can't say your son is a coward, anyway."

"Why, what's the matter?"

"He started for school at 8 o'clock this morning, just as he has done for the last two years. He wore a pretty little white waist and red stockings, and I thought he never looked so sweet. Half an hour later he came back. I wish you could have seen the child. He had fought with three big boys, because they said his father was a broken down pettifogger. I've got him in the bedroom now, with witch hazel on his eye."

"Don't you think, Nellie," said Mr. Brown as he got up from the table, "that you could strain a point and buy your groceries from Hicks?"

"I've fixed things so that won't be necessary, I think. I saw enough last night to convince me that you could never stand the strain of a campaign like this. When you came in this morning, I was sure that I was right, and even if you could the rest of us couldn't. So when the callers began to ring the bell at half past six I told them

all that Mr. Brown's physician had forbidden him to accept a nomination."

"You did?"

"Yes, and then, a little later, the reporters from the afternoon papers called to interview you. I told them all that you had refused to be a candidate, that the state of your health was precarious, and that you were out of politics for good. So you see, after all, it won't be necessary for me to buy my butter from Hicks."—Cincinnati Tribune.

Anxiety Moderating.

For the past six months such expressions as "if I don't go up the river on the first boat it will be because I'm sick," have been heard every day in this city. Now that three or four of these "first" boats are getting up steam preparatory to sailing, many of these ultra-anxious people are not nearly in so much hurry to get away as they were while yet the bosom of the Yukon was a solid mass of ice. These very people are now heard to say "I find it will not be possible for me to get away before the latter end of the month, and it is extremely doubtful if some of them make up their minds to go before the latter end of the summer if at all this year. However, the first boats to sail, and two or three are arranging to get off Saturday, the 12th, will not go empty by any means; but the majority of those who will leave among the first are men who came in over the ice with merchandise and who, in many instances expected to get out on the ice, but where detained in disposing of the goods and later forced to remain by the early decay of the trail, and who have business demanding their presence on the outside. The bulk of travel up the river will not begin before the completion of the clean-up, which will not be before sometime in June.

Volunteer Militia Company.

By the kind permission of Major Hemming, the volunteer company of militia recently organized, will begin its semi-weekly classes for drill on Monday evening next, 14th inst., at 7:30 o'clock sharp, in the barracks square of the Yukon garrison, and will continue on each Monday and Friday evenings at the same hour. Sergeant Instructor Davis has kindly consented to instruct the company. All British subjects are eligible to join, and drill will not be compulsory, as the company is not under military rules and regulations. Additional names will be received by Mr. H. D. Hulme, of Tabor & Hulme, at his office in the Orpheum building, and a full attendance on Monday next is expected.

Following is a list of names of those who have already signed the roll, and length of former service:

- D. D. Buchanan, 3 years; C. S. W. Barwell, J. N. E. Brown, S. A. Burpe, 3 years; R. L. Cowan, 12 years; W. M. Chandler, 7 years; Fred S. Crisp, George Craig, A. C. Clark, O. S. Finnie, 2 years; J. W. Good, 1 year; F. L. Gwillum, J. H. D. Hulme, 15 years; Chas. W. Hooper, 18 months; Thomas P. Hintz, H. H. Hurdman, 3 years; Andrew Hart, 3 years; E. B. Hegler, A. Keith, F. G. C. Kelly, J. T. C. Laing, J. T. Lithgow, 3 years; M. W. Lewer, 1 year; A. E. Marks, J. H. Macarthur, 2 years; D. A. Matheson, E. R. Murray, 6 years; P. Margetts, A. G. Macdonald, 7 years; Wm. M. McKay, 13 years; Hugh C. McDiarmid, 2 years; David A. McClellan, J. W. Nay, Ed. H. Port, 11 years; W. F. Povah, 3 years; R. A. Rumsey, 3 years; H. E. A. Robertson, Wm. C. Sime, Robt. B. Switzer, 4 1/2 years; E. E. Tiffin, Wm. Thornburn, 2 1/2 years; J. Turner, J. Tyrrel, Peter Vachow, H. E. Verge, 6 years; Alfred Watson, William White, 6 months; H. J. Woodside, 10 years; J. H. Walker, J. Wood, 2 years; W. C. Young, 6 years.

Facts Backed by Figures.

The average gas jet consumes five feet of gas per hour. The distance from the farthest point of polar discovery to the pole itself is 460 miles. The average height of the human race is, for men, five feet six inches; for women, five feet two inches. No fewer than 2401 patents have been taken out on processes for making sugar and salt. Under Spanish rule a chief source of income to church and state in the Philippines was a lottery, which yielded \$200,000 per month.

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YUKON COUNCIL MEETING.

Will Consider Important Matters This Evening.

Hereafter the Sessions of the Council Will Probably Be Open to the Press and Public.

The Yukon council will convene in regular session this evening, and several important matters will be discussed by the members.

Commissioner Ogilvie has notified his official associates that he will submit for consideration the four following questions:

The advisability of passing a law prohibiting lawyers from accepting interests in claims which are in litigation as payment for legal services.

The passage of an ordinance providing for the quick and inexpensive collection of small debts.

The appropriation of a portion of the local government funds for the relief of sufferers of the Ottawa fire.

The enactment of a regulation permitting representatives of the press to be present at meetings of the council.

It is quite likely that hereafter the sessions of the council will be public, insofar as the transaction of legislative business is concerned. It is reported that Commissioner Ogilvie, Justice Dugas, and Mr. Grouard favor open meetings as prevail in the Dominion house of commons.

Sports Committees Meet.

An enthusiastic meeting of the above was held in the McDonald hotel last evening, Dr. Duncan in the chair.

The first order of business was the reception of the report of the special committee appointed to prepare a program. This was freely discussed item by item and the following was finally adopted:

Mr. George Noble and Frank Johnson were by resolution added to the committee. The meeting also decided that a gold medal be awarded to the competitor gaining the highest number of points in the various events during the day.

It was also agreed that all events be open to competition, while the entrance fee and prize moneys will be decided as soon as a report of funds available be sent the committee by the finance committee. No decision was arrived at as to what music would be provided for the day. This matter will come up at the next meeting.

Sergeant Wilson of the town station has very kindly offered to keep the street clear during the horse races. The front street is the only course that can be had for the purpose and to avoid any accidents, the public should assist him by staying on the sidewalks.

The following is the program for the day:

Hook and ladder contest, open; tug of war, turf pulling; putting the shot, running broad jump, running high jump, vaulting with pole, 100 yard race, 220 yard race, 120 yard hurdle race, hop skip and jump, boys' race, under 15; quarter mile walking race, one mile walking race, veterans' race, over 50; miners' pack race quarter mile, 50 pounds, sack race, 75 yards, obstacle race, 50 yards; three legged race, 75 yards; quarter mile dash, bicycle; half mile dash, bicycle; quarter mile horse flat race, two out of three heats; half mile horse flat race, dash; half mile mule race, canoe single paddle, canoe double paddle, canoe fur paddles.

At a meeting of the finance committee held at the Yukon Club last evening the following gentlemen were elected to canvass the city in sections for subscriptions to the celebration fund:

Messrs. T. O'Brien and J. M. Wilson, Klondike and Harper street; Messrs. Binet and Lithgow, Harper street to Second street; Messrs. Lewin and Leroy Tozier, Second street to Third street; Capt. Tuacker, Messrs. Jas. McDonald and J. Newton Storry, Third street to north end of city.

Sunday Night's Entertainment.

The entertainment to be given Sunday night at the Palace Grand for the benefit of the Ottawa sufferers promises to be all that it can possibly be made by the committee in charge, which is sparing no efforts in its behalf. The very best talent in the city has been secured and it will be one of the most diversified and enjoyable productions ever witnessed in Dawson. Talent has gladly been volunteered from all quarters and a most excellent program has been prepared.

The committee had another meeting last night when all details previously omitted were arranged and there now remains but little to do but await the event. Nearly all the boxes have been

already engaged and other reserved seats are being rapidly taken, and long before the coming of the date it is probable that every seat in the commodious building will be sold.

The talent which will supply the entertainment has been selected with the greatest of care, and each member whose name will appear on the program is making special efforts to outshine all previous triumphs.

Among the stars who will take part are the following: O'Brien, Jennings & O'Brien, Blossom and Boardman, drill squadron from the Yukon field force, Miss Tracie, Miss Lorne, Mr. Zimmerman and a splendid orchestra of 30 pieces under the leadership of Sergeant McKinnon.

Slicing Well Under Way.

Dr. L. O. Wilcoxon returned yesterday from a hurried business trip to the Forks and incidentally to some claims where he has interests. On Bonanza he reports the work of slicing as being well under way, not only on the creek claims, but also on the hillsides and benches. On this particular creek there is, says Dr. Wilcoxon, plenty of water for all, and this month will see the greater portion of all the dumps on Bonanza cleaned up. The road from the river to the Forks is reported by the doctor to be in fearful condition for travel, no matter whether it is attempted by horse or on foot.

From another source it is learned that sluicing has not yet begun to any great extent on Dominion, owing to two factors: first, that the dumps are not sufficiently thawed to make any great headway, and second that there is not yet water sufficient to force sluiceways but a small part of the day. The remedy that will improve one will improve both conditions. But little sluicing has been done on Gold Run, the same conditions existing there as on Dominion. On the majority of the other creeks, however, the work of washing out is being generally carried on with highly satisfactory results.

STILL ALIVE.

(Continued from page 1.)

and give himself up. Witness followed Soggs who offered to shake hands, and while in the act of shaking, witness snatched the revolver from Soggs' pocket, when the latter, thinking Lang was going to shoot him, ran away and on to the police station, witness following him and turning the revolver over to the officer.

Other witnesses who were present at the time of the shooting gave substantially the same account and it was added that Soggs and Rogers had been heard to speak badly of each other on previous occasions.

As it was important that the scene of the trouble be visited, the hearing was continued for that purpose, the magistrate going on to Gold Run, where he will hear additional evidence.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon a messenger had just arrived at the Dominion telephone station from Rogers' cabin, 16 miles away, with the report that Rogers is still living, is perfectly conscious and that, although he has three wounds, any one of which to many constitutions would prove fatal, he has a fair chance, barring the arising of complications, to pull through and fully recover.

Jam Broken.

The jam at Five Fingers is broken and the ice has gone out at that point. The largest jam which now remains in the river is at Stewart, and that is expected to break shortly. The steamers Flora and Florence S. are en route down the river and will come as rapidly as the prevailing low water and ice jam will permit. Postmaster Hartman, who furnished the Nugget the above information, thinks that the incoming mail has been placed on board one of the boats at Steamboat slough.

Weather Report.

The maximum temperature for the 24 hours preceding 9 o'clock this morning was 59 degrees above zero.

The minimum temperature during the same period of time was 31 degrees above.

Territorial Court.

This morning, Justice Dugas was occupied in hearing testimony in the case of the Queen vs. Frank J. Golden, accused of the misappropriation of personal property. The evidence exonerated the accused or any intent to commit a crime, and he was honorably discharged.

Patrick J. Sheehan, convicted of obtaining money under false pretenses, will be sentenced at 10 o'clock next Tuesday morning.

The trial of the action of the Queen vs. Sarah J. Showers, accused of arson, has been postponed to June 4th.

The Holborn Cafe for delicacies.

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BRIEF MENTION.

George McLeod is visiting the city. O. R. Thorne is visiting friends in Dawson.

Michael Galvin is making a brief visit to the city.

M. V. Nevine is in town on matters of business.

T. W. Moore is registered at the Yukon hotel.

D. H. Gitchell is spending a few days in town.

David Jones is enjoying a short vacation in the city.

A. B. Scharf is among the guests at the Yukon hotel.

A. Tarsdell of Grand Forks, is stopping at the Regina.

Frank N. Johnson, of Hunker, came to the city from the creeks yesterday.

No cases are being tried in the gold commissioner's court today.

Alan Campbell, of Sulphur creek, is shaking hands with his Dawson acquaintances.

J. H. Blackley, who has spent the winter on the creeks, is a recent arrival in the city.

J. H. Leonard arrived from the creeks last night. He will remain in the city for several days.

D. Hurlley is greeting his Dawson friends after an absence of several weeks on the creeks.

John McGreal, a mine owner on Last Chance, is in town on business. He is registered at the Regina.

Mr. A. H. Whitman, a Dominion creek claim owner, is on the creek once more after a trip to the outside.

James Holmes, foreman of what is known as the Anderson concession, while working on a dam yesterday, fell and broke his arm.

Lancaster & Calderhead have purchased 50 feet off the south end of the Yukon dock. This portion of the wharf will be used by the steamers of the B. L. & K. N. Co.

A small sail boat which was built during the past month at the Aurora dock, was launched today, and at noon she was started on a trip to Nome. Her occupants were Owner Charles D. Sentent and three companions.

Jumeau Joe's restaurant is now closed, and Sam Bonfield, who recently purchased the property, is engaged in refitting the building for a saloon and club room. He will make this place one of the most attractive resorts in town, and he is assured of a good business this season.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

The most important matter before Magistrate Primrose this morning was the arraignment of William Struthers of the assistant gold commissioner's office, on the charge of having accepted a bribe, together with the arraignment of Wm. Brown and R. D. Sutherland on the charge of having offered and given a bribe to a government employe, of which more extended mention is made elsewhere in this paper.

Alfred Peyton was up on the charge of having been drunk last night. When asked to plead he said: "I was born in Canada, but am a naturalized American citizen." As it was evident that he had not reached the dark-brown-taste stage he was remanded back to jail until such time as he becomes sufficiently sober to plead, which will probably be this afternoon.

Wm. Joel, accused of having stolen gold dust to the value of \$16.35 from a claim which is or was the property of the London Klondike Co., which claim is now the subject of more or less litigation, and on which Mr. Joel has acted as a representative of some of the owners, was represented by Attorney Aikman, who, when the case was continued until Tuesday morning, insisted that the amount of the bond should be reduced, but the court allowed it to remain at \$1000, which bond was readily furnished by friends of the accused.

An ex-dishwasher at the ex-Faust restaurant had a claim against that establishment for 2 1/2 days' labor, based on a rate of \$20 per week. The defense failed to appear and the judgment was given for \$7.

The case of Mrs. Sucerne against A. Matheson for labor performed as cook at his claim, was continued until tomorrow morning.

The cases of Stephen McCormack vs. L. J. Thompson for labor performed on 15 below upper on Dominion for \$576, and Geo. W. Durkee vs. same for labor on same claim to the amount of \$40, were continued until Tuesday.

Sam and John Bonfield, against whom judgment was given some days ago for \$481 in favor of Chas. Conovan, filed an appeal bond and the case is held over to the territorial court.

At the session of the court held yesterday afternoon Patrick O'Shea was fined \$5 and costs for being in such condition as caused him to walk port and starboard at the same time.

Three of the three score or more women whose dens of iniquity are on Fourth and Fifth avenues were up on the charge of conducting houses of prostitution and were each fined \$50 and costs.

Consoling Thought.

"Well," said the tramp who had lost both feet in consequence of an accident while stealing a ride on a freight train to the doctor who was bandaging the stumps, "my old dad was wrong when he prophesied I would die some day with my boots on."—Chicago Tribune.

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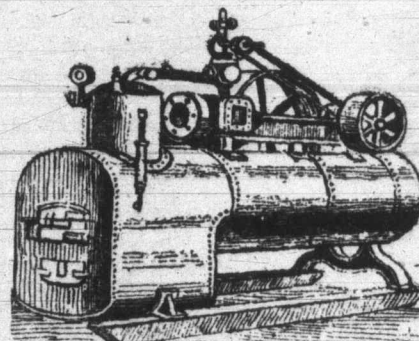
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