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FOUND GUILTY

Patrick J. Sheehan Convicted of Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses.

HE SWINDLED MISS MATE MILLER

By Selling Her an Interest in the Green Tree,

FOR WHICH SHE PAID \$600.

The Jury Determined the Case Immediately After Hearing the Testimony.

The action of the Queen vs. Patrick J. Sheehan, accused of obtaining money by false pretenses, occupied the attention of Justice Dugas and a jury in the territorial court this morning. A verdict of guilty was returned within a few minutes after the testimony had been submitted.

The facts of the case appear to be that on February 26th, 1900, the prisoner represented himself to be the owner of a three-fourths interest in the Green Tree saloon and lodging apartments; but nevertheless he secured from Miss Mate Miller the sum of \$600 in consideration of which he transferred to her a one-fourth interest in said business.

At the time of this transfer, the accused was negotiating with W. V. Sommerville, the true owner, for the purchase of a half interest. The defendant exhibited to Sommerville some promissory notes, which were executed by Thomas J. Hendricks, whom the prisoner asserted to be the proprietor of the Oregon store. Mr. Sommerville investigated the genuineness of the notes;

and ascertained that the real name of the Oregon store merchant was Isaac Campbell Hendricks. Accordingly, the offer of purchase which the defendant proposed, was not accepted by Mr. Sommerville; and the prisoner could not legally convey any interest to Miss Miller, nor did he refund to her the money, which she had paid to him.

The accused will be sentenced some time next week.

The case of the Queen vs. Stepovitch, accused of stealing hay, has been postponed.

Fun at the Orpheum.

The pleasure-loving people of Dawson are being royally entertained this week at the Orpheum, where a most enjoyable show is holding the boards. The program opens with a three-act comedy entitled "Married Life," which is presented by a strong cast, the leading roles being assumed by Geo. L. Hillyer and Blossom. The play is well written, and is one of the best ever yet presented on a Dawson stage.

The olio comprises all the favorites, including Beatrice Lorne, Cecil Marion, Sadie Taylor, Nellie Forsythe, Gussie Lamore, Eddie Dolan and others.

The program concludes with Dolan's great comedy, "The Jay Circus," which includes everything in the circus line from elephants down to toy balloons, and red lemonade. The play is certainly the most amusing yet presented in the city.

Jam at Five Fingers.

It is reported this afternoon that there is another big ice jam at Five Fingers, and that the steamer Flora which started down with the mail has been striving for several hours to start it, but without success. It could not be learned if a wire had been received justifying the report.

He Also Was There.

Editor Daily Nugget: When last night I read in your paper a letter from a fellow provincial citizen who signs himself "Ontarioite" in which he deplored the manner in which the mass meeting was conducted Saturday night, I was very indignant.

From my way of looking at it, the meeting was the "purtiest" I ever saw. It was all that it should have been, and what more could any man expect. I have no interests this side of Ottawa. I came here on the last boat in the fall, and will leave for home on the first boat to go up the river. If I have any interests at all, they are on the side of the government for the reason that my wife's brother, who supports me and my family, has a good job in the office of the minister of the interior at Ottawa, and I, for one, have no kick to register.

This is why the meeting Saturday night was to my liking. It was one of those inoffensive affairs which could play week stands to good houses and told its tent and move on without any one knowing the object which it had hoped to attain. "Purtiest" it was a lu-lu. ONTARIOITE, NO. 2.

We fit glasses. Pioneer drug store.

JAMES ROGERS

Shot and Mortally Wounded By Nelson A. Soggs, on Gold Run.

RESULT OF PARTNERSHIP QUARREL

The Two Men Had Had Several Disputes

CONCERNING THE PROPERTY.

The Wounded Man Shot Three Times and Will Probably Die—Both Well Known.

Yesterday afternoon at 4:30 a shooting affray occurred on No. 34 Gold Run creek, as a result of which James Rogers is lying at the point of death in his cabin on the claim, and Nelson A. Soggs, who did the shooting, is in the hands of the police.

The first report of the affair reached Dawson early this morning when Dr. Cassels was summoned by telephone to come immediately to Gold Run to attend a man who had been shot. Dr. Cassels left at 7 this morning and is well on his way to the scene of the shooting by this time.

The circumstances leading up to yesterday's tragedy are in substance as follows:

Rogers and Soggs are joint owners in 34 Gold Run, which is known as one of the rich claims on that creek. For some time past it has been known to mutual friends of the two men that bad blood existed between them.

Several disputes have occurred at various times concerning the property in which both are interested, but whether any threats passed between the two men cannot at this time be said. It appears that no one expected that any serious results would arise from their disagreements, as they were considered to be merely ordinary partnership troubles.

Yesterday afternoon, shortly before the time mentioned above, the two men met on the dump on the claim and began a renewal of the quarrel which for some time has existed between them.

One word brought on another until Soggs suddenly drew a revolver from his pocket, aimed it at his partner and fired.

Rogers was standing facing Soggs at the time and the first bullet struck its victim just below the collarbone, penetrating through the shoulder and coming out behind. After the firing of the first shot Rogers uttered a shout and turning ran in the opposite direction from Soggs. The latter, however, was not thus to be turned from his purpose and immediately fired a second shot which took effect behind Rogers' left shoulder, coming out just over the heart. Rogers continued to run and again the trigger was pulled, and what will probably prove the fatal wound was inflicted. The third bullet penetrated the left side near the small of the back, and has not, so far as present information extends, been located.

A fourth shot was fired which did not take effect. Rogers continued running until he reached his cabin, when he went in and sat down on the bed. Soggs went to the police immediately and surrendered.

There were several witnesses to the shooting and they immediately did all that could be done to relieve the wounded man.

There are two doctors in Gold Run and they were called in, but as neither had instruments with him no effort was made to locate the third bullet.

A messenger was dispatched to the mouth of Caribou creek and Dr. Bell, who is located there, went immediately down. Dr. Cassels was then summoned by telephone and as stated above left

for the scene of the tragedy at an early hour this morning.

Both parties to the affair are well known in Dawson. A year and a half ago Rogers was prominent in business circles in Dawson, having had interests in several saloons as well as being one of the proprietors of the old Monte Carlo, which establishment he conducted in association with Messrs. Parker & McConnell.

Soggs was for a long time in the jewelry business in Dawson. He acquired valuable mining properties, however, and for a considerable length of time has been devoting himself to the development of his properties. He came into prominence locally during the trial of the famous Butler fraction on Gold Hill, in which case a decision is still pending.

The theory is advanced by parties acquainted with Soggs that he is insane.

Just before going to press information came to the Nugget office by telephone that the police are on the way to Dawson, bringing Soggs with them. At latest accounts Rogers is still alive but not expected to survive long.

BENEFIT ENTERTAINMENT.

For Relief of Ottawa Sufferers Will Be a Great Success.

The entertainment to be given at the Palace Grand theater on Sunday evening for the benefit of the sufferers in the Ottawa fire promises to be one of the events of the season.

A program has been arranged which includes the best professional talent in the city. Among those who will participate are the following: O'Brien, Jennings & O'Brien, Beatrice Lorne, Blossom & Bordman, Miss Tracie and Mr. Zimmerman. The Yukon field force band together with the leading musicians of the town will furnish music for the occasion.

The field force has also volunteered to give a physical drill exhibition which will prove a much appreciated attraction. There will be other strong attractions which will prove sufficiently strong to guarantee a crowded house. This afternoon the tickets were placed on sale at Reid & Co.'s drug store and immediately thereafter calls for them were made.

The boxes and reserved seats are selling rapidly and the outlook is that the entertainment will net a handsome sum to the cause.

The Palace Grand has been engaged for the occasion and undoubtedly will be packed to the doors with an audience enlisted in the work of extending aid to those who have suffered so severely from the fire in Ottawa.

Off on the Creeks.

Frank W. Clayton, secretary of the Board of Trade, having left a competent occupant at his desk, is up the creeks this week on a vacation; also on an inspection and business trip. Through his agency several important mining transactions have recently been consummated. Mr. Clayton is not expected to return to the city before Saturday.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

Superintendent Primrose occupied the chair this morning, but tried no cases. About 30 gamblers who were present were instructed to come back at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

The case of Doering vs. Menjic & Wilson regarding a quantity of hay, is on trial this afternoon.

Yesterday afternoon the case against Emeline Rickson who was charged with stealing two combs, was heard by Magistrate Starnes. The evidence against Emeline was such as caused the combs to come to her at somewhat above market quotations, as she was fined \$20 and costs.

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SERVICE IN SOUTH AFRICA

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Major Hemming, in command of the Yukon field force, has received information from Ottawa to the effect that the entire force of soldiers stationed in the territory will be withdrawn immediately after the commencement of navigation. The federal department has provided that privates who wish to leave the service may secure their discharges here without cost or expense.

The Yukon field force has been stationed at Dawson since the summer of 1898, and its departure at this time was not anticipated.

Major Hemming, when questioned in reference to the matter, said:

"It is quite true that the soldiers will be withdrawn from Dawson. I have received a telegram, dated May 1st, from headquarters, which fixes the time of departure immediately after the commencement of navigation; and Mr. Davis, of the C. D. Co., has informed me that steamboat accommodations may be secured early in June."

"Do you expect that the local contingent will be detailed for service in South Africa?" was a question addressed to the major.

"I cannot reply definitely," said the commander, "but I earnestly hope that we will have an opportunity to experience active duty in the Boer war. However, I shall not be aware of the department's intention until the arrival of the next mail."

He Recognized It.

When the long line of ice was passing down the river this afternoon a recent arrival who was standing on one of the docks recognized a corned beef can and two quids of tobacco which he had left on the ice at a point just this side of the mouth of the Hootalingna where he stopped one day to eat lunch. As further evidence that it was the same ice he pointed out a small bump on its surface on which he had rested his head while enjoying an after-dinner nap.

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MAKE A TEST.

If, as suggested at the mass meeting on Saturday night, there exist good grounds for contesting the legality of the royalty regulation, it appears to us that a test case should be brought at an early date. The amount of royalty which is to be collected this season will, in all probability, aggregate a far greater sum than in any previous year. At the same time, the cost of operating has been very largely increased, which means that the actual profit to the claim owners this year will probably be smaller than ever.

In a number of cases we have been assured that the royalty will represent the entire margin over and above expenses. This has been brought about as a result of two conditions. First, from the fact that much ground of moderate richness only has been worked during the past winter, and, second, from the introduction of immense quantities of machinery, at a tremendous aggregate cost. Many properties are still heavily encumbered by reason of the outlay involved in securing machinery and other expenses, with the result that, generally speaking, the royalty is this year a greater burden to the mine owner than ever.

If there is a fighting chance to win a test case against the royalty, the same should be brought immediately, without the loss of time.

AT MAFEKING.

According to the last reports from the seat of war, as published in yesterday's issue of the Nugget, the little town of Mafeking, which has been under siege almost since the beginning of the war, is in a very serious condition. The garrison has been reduced to very sore straits, and, unless relief is brought to them at an early date, the results of the siege are quite likely to prove very disastrous. Bloemfontein, at which place Lord Roberts' present headquarters are located, is situated some 250 miles from Mafeking, and Kimberly is nearly 200 miles from the same point. The column which was sent ahead long ago, for the relief of Mafeking, has not been heard from for some time, but, according to last advice, had been forced to retire. Lord Roberts is being urged to extreme measures to effect the relief of the little garrison, which has been defending itself so long and bravely, and probably will take action in the very near future, if he has not already done so, to effect their immediate relief.

If the Transvaal Boers were an enlightened, intelligent community; if they had many among their leaders as able and acute as the late General Joubert, they would not persist in shutting their eyes to the fact that the

sympathy of foreign nations, and even of their own kinsmen, is slipping away from them. In the continental press there are now few signs of enthusiastic faith in a cause recognized to be a losing one. In the circumstances the advent of Mr. Davitt, who has been welcomed to Pretoria by State Secretary Reitz, and who, after visiting Kroonstad, proceeded for some inscrutable reason to make a long stay at Johannesburg, will not, we imagine, exercise a decisive influence over the fortune of the war. If President Kruger desires to use dynamite, is he not sufficiently well acquainted with the subject not to need advice from Mr. Davitt or anybody else? In spite of his vaunted language, however, we have a shrewd notion that he is conscious of having come near the end of his tether.—London Times.

Last year the ice broke in front of Dawson on the 17th of May, and the first boat from Lake LeBarge reached here on the 23d, or six days after the break-up. According to this precedent, there should be a boat in Dawson this year not later than the 14th inst. However, precedents are bad things to go by in this country, as was clearly demonstrated yesterday. All the sour doughs in the country, figuring upon precedents, had confidently placed the break-up around the 15th of the month. The cheechakos, on the contrary, knowing nothing about Yukon precedents, figured the moving of the ice for an earlier date, and events have proven that they were wise in their day and generation. In view of these circumstances, it would be dangerous to suggest the date when a boat will get in. It would not, however, be surprising to see one arrive at any time after the next 24 hours.

The public is urged to attend the entertainment to be given next Sunday night at the Palace Grand for the benefit of the sufferers from the recent Ottawa fire. As noted in yesterday's issue of the Nugget, Mayor Payment, of Ottawa, has wired the facts in the case to Gov. Ogilvie, with a request that Dawson and the Yukon Territory contribute as generously as possible to the fund now being raised throughout Canada and the states to relieve the destitute. The committee in charge of the entertainment is arranging a program which will be well worth listening to.

Decoy Dogs in Foxes' Skins.

There are still left in England about 30 "decoy dogs," whose intelligence is their queer trade is something remarkable. It is the decoy dog's life work to catch ducks. He is usually a red dog and is besides sometimes "dressed up like a fox," with a fox's skin on his back and a fox's brush tied to him. Thus fantastically arrayed, or in his native colors, if he is foxlike enough, the decoy dog jumps about at the mouth of a stream leading to a pond favored by the ducks.

So far as known, only one decoy dog in England now actually wears a fox's skin when on business, and he is a marvel worth studying. Drawn by curiosity as to the antics of their ancient enemy, the ducks flock nearer and nearer, until the hidden hunter is actually able to catch them in a net.

There are many kinds of wild birds which seem unable to keep away from a fox when they see one, and these will sometimes "mob" a red dog by mistake.

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STROLLER'S COLUMN

Ireland is not a large country, but her sons are found from the river unto the ends of the earth. Compared with the East, "Nu-yarck," for example, there are very few Irish in the west, but where there is a party of half a dozen assembled it invariably seems that the majority of them can trace their ancestry or one branch of it, directly to the emerald isle. Here in Dawson the Irish are as numerous, or more so, than any other race. A number of Irishmen attended the mass meeting Saturday night and, like everybody else, they were disgusted; but unlike the majority of those who were present, they, especially those of them interested in the matter of governmental affairs, have since done considerable talking about the manner in which the meeting was conducted, and many of the expressions wanted to the ears of the Stroller would wreath in smiles the face of a grave image.

One son of Erin was heard to declare: "Sure, if Oi had been cbeerman o' that matrn, Oi'd kept ardhur or brooke the face av ivery mon that failed to obey me; ye's can-bet that wid me in ther cheer ordher would hev reigned."

Another man who glories in wearing a shamrock on the 17th of March, expressed the belief that if the meeting had adjourned an hour before it met it would have been better for "us poor devils of moiners."

A third was heard to say: "Faith an the mon who was so dhruunk he coodn't spake at all at all made the best spache aye the matrn."

Some people appear to be particularly sensitive on certain points that by others would not be considered worth a moment's consideration. For instance: At the meeting Saturday night one ultra-sensitive individual mistook the calling of his own name and imagined someone had suggested that he should be on the woodpile, when the name had been heard only in the imagination of him who should read on the bottom of his plate at least three times each day the "Honi soit" motto of his country. In fact, only timely explanations Saturday night are what prevented the long, pent-up spirit of the warrior from leaking in a dozen places; in which event the electric lights would have probably been extinguished by flowing gore.

But to return to the woodpile which, in itself, is one of the most guleless institutions in the city, possessing no terrors and absolutely no meaning to the man who walketh in the straight and narrow path of righteousness and honesty. But every man knows the secrets of his own life, and to this was probably due the fact that in a distorted imagination the name "woodpile" is ever present, hence the sensitiveness exhibited at Saturday night's meeting.

One day recently a dog entered a Dawson meat shop and hastily picked up with its teeth a fine porterhouse roast with which it fled into the street. The knight of the cleaver hastily followed, and with the aid of a few persons which were standing around on the street talking about the ice or the late mass meeting, managed to intimidate the dog to such an extent as to cause him to withdraw his long teeth from the succulent roast and drop the same precipitously in the mud, where it was found and recovered by the owner and carried back in triumph to the shop. Those who eat that particular piece of meat will probably never know its history; but if they develop symptoms of hydrophobia the Stroller for one will entertain strong ideas as to how it was contracted. Dog saliva is all right in a dog's mouth, but it is doubtful if it will ever be popular as a diet.

The old timer's face wore a look of deep disgust yesterday. In the evening when it became noised abroad that the whole river had broken up and was moving out, chechakos ran with all speed to its banks; but the old timer somewhat slowly sauntered down, cast his one eye at the moving mass for a minute, then uttered a few disgusted mutterings, walked back up town and resumed his favorite stool in a barroom where half an hour later he remarked to the Stroller:

"There haunt been a goin' out of the ice fer seven years that has been worth lookin' at. Time was when seem' the ice go out was a sight. Many's the time I've seed pieces a mile long come down and strike the bluff below town and rear up and fall on top of the bluff and break square in two, the top piece fallin' over and down tother side of the bluff. I am goin' to give it one more show, an' if she don't get the old time move on her in 'nuther year, I'm goin' to git. Wheneven the river gits to actin' like chechakos it aint no place fer me."

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THE RIVER'S WINTER MANTLE

Has Been Dissipated by Approaching Summer.

Yesterday Evening Witnessed the Final Breakup—Bets Due and Payable Last Night.

If there were any lingering doubts yesterday afternoon as to the final breaking up of the ice on the Yukon river they were dispelled at about 15 minutes before 6 in the evening when the jam in front of the barracks, unable to longer resist the pressure, bearing down upon it from above, slowly gave way and the whole mass started in procession down the river past the city; nor did it become any less in quantity for many hours after the blockade had passed down, for from the upper river it continued to come, covering its entire surface. Many blocks of pure, almost spotlessly clear ice covered with a frosting that looked like fresh snow, and as large as New England farms, silently moved down the river, while probably following immediately would come a block as big as a house of dark, dirty ice that had more the appearance of a rock than of frozen water.

About 9 o'clock the river was for a time comparatively free from flowing ice, but after a time another large consignment came down, and from those whose business keeps them up during the hours of night it is learned that all the time there was more or less ice passing.

Today considerable ice has passed, but by tomorrow there will be nothing to prevent light draught steamers from starting up the river. The river is still very low, notwithstanding the assertion of an unreliable publication to the effect that it raised four feet yesterday. The river is not over 18 inches higher than at low water mark of any time this spring. The river did not raise eight inches in the 24 hours preceding yesterday evening. Steamboat men do not anticipate any material rise in the river before from the 20th of May to the 10th of June, and it will possibly be sometime later before average high water mark is reached.

A number of bets were paid last night with the result that many new hats were worn today on heads which were somewhat enlarged from the effects of celebrating on the strength of having passed better judgment on guessing closer than did the other fellow.

It there are no obstructions in the river between here and Selkirk it is very probable that the Florence S. which was to leave Hootalinqua Monday, will reach here tomorrow or Friday. In all probability the first steamer down will pick up the mail which was last heard of at Selwyn last Sunday, and which had then been since the previous Wednesday in reaching that place from Selkirk. In case the mail should reach here by Saturday, it will have been just two weeks since the arrival of the previous consignment.

The Wounded in War.

If in recent years the conditions of the soldier's life on active service have vastly improved, there has been an even greater improvement in his treatment when he is wounded. In the early eighteenth century practically no attention was paid to the wounded. In 1741 for example, in the expedition against Carthage there were hospital ships, but there were neither nurses nor attendants. The miserable sufferers were literally left to rot; nothing was heard but "groans and lamentations and the language of despair" in the charnel houses where the dead and dying lay packed as close as they could lie.

Wellington, with his sterling common sense, saw that, taking the meanest view, it was bad economy to allow British soldiers to die miserably of neglect. He established in the Peninsula regimental hospitals, and though, without question, the sufferings of the wounded were still terrible and the care far from that which is shown in our day, the improvement was very marked. Men at least received some medical attention, and to be struck down was not to die wretchedly.

In the Crimea a step backward was taken. Our whole organization collapsed. The awful hospital at Scutari Hill Florence Nightingale appeared on the scene was more deadly to our army than any Russian rain of bullets. To be sent there was almost equivalent to sentence of death. There was no proper ambulance corps; no such things as hospital ships; there were actually no trained nurses in the miserable establishments at Scutari and Constantinople. Between November, 1854, and

February, 1855, 8898 British soldiers died in these terrible infernos, and it may safely be asserted that 95 per cent of these lives would be saved by the medical system of our day, while perhaps 60 per cent could have been saved by a proper use of the knowledge possessed in 1854.

Today how great is the change! Not only does the modern small bore inflict a far less serious wound than the old musket or Minie rifle, but the advance in surgery is such and the care shown to the sufferers is so great that the chances of recovery are all in favor of the wounded. In the old days men died from blood-poisoning, gangrene, erysipelas, shock, hemorrhage, or the severity of their wounds. The risk of blood-poisoning and gangrene has been almost entirely removed by the use of the precautions which modern surgery compels. Shock and hemorrhage must kill as of old, but the shock caused by a bullet of the calibre of a lead pencil, drilling a clean hole, is vastly less than that inflicted by the huge bullet of the old musket, sixteen or twenty-four to the pound, and is less than half as severe as that caused by the Martini bullet.

The Snider, again, made a wound which was from four to five times as bad as that of the modern small bore. Certainly men could not against any of the old rifles have been shot through the head and through the abdomen and yet be on the road to recovery, as are several men so wounded in the present struggle.

A greater boon and saving of life than even the diminution in the size of the bullet is the use of antiseptic or aseptic surgery with which operations can now be performed with absolute impunity which would have been fatal in the past. In the American civil war and Franco German war—as late, that is to say, as 1870—wounds on the knee were almost invariably fatal. They are now treated with complete success in most cases. At that date operations on the abdomen could not be undertaken, whereas now they are performed every day. Lord Lister may be said to have saved more lives by his great discovery of antiseptics than any man living.

In the present war the treatment of the wounded will be ideal. Skilled surgeons at the head of their profession have volunteered to give their aid in South Africa, while the army medical staff is excellently organized. Great hospitals and comfortable hospital ships are provided and equipped with every requisite and every dainty for brave, suffering Thomas Atkins. The stream of presents that will presently descend upon him will prove to him that he is not, as in the past, sent far away to fight, overlooked and forgotten, but that warm hearts at home are ever thinking of him, and that prayers "to Him who made this world of strife, and gave His children Pain for friend," are going up for his sake.—London Daily Mail.

A Fiction About Panthers.

One of the time honored attributes of the panther is his scream. One could not take \$4,000,000 and therewith disabuse the American public of its fond belief in the womanlike wail of the panther. Yet many scientists today affirm that the panther is a mute animal, and does not scream at all. This latter I believe to be accurate, for my friend "Old Bill" Hamilton, one of the few reliable and genuine old timers of the Rocky mountains, tells me the note of the panther is a sort of hoarse, roaring noise, and compares it rather to the roaring howl of the gray wolf than the voice of any other wild animal. He laughs at the "womanlike wail" notion. Once when in camp in the Jicarilla mountains of New Mexico I heard at night the cry of what I supposed to be a mountain lion or panther. It was answered from beyond our camp, and the first animal passed within a few hundred yards. It might have been a wildcat, but the teamster who was with me said he thought it was a mountain lion.—Chicago Record.

A Lazy Man's Scheme.

"There's a man who's got 20 clever fellows working for him. They give him their best brain power, and yet none of them has ever secured a dollar for it."

It was 2 o'clock in a down town restaurant, and the speaker nodded toward a small, dark man who sat at a table a few feet away. The little man is a writer of short stories of a thrilling and dramatic character. He is as prolific a writer as Old Sleuth and makes a big income yearly by his pen. He lives at a hotel down town, and while he has no regular connection with newspapers his hours are those of a reporter on a morning journal. Twelve o'clock at night finds him in some of the newspaper offices or at the rooms of the Press club in friendly chat with a bunch of "all nighters."

He writes his melodramatic stories up to a crisis, lays down his pen and

walks over to a city room where a dozen reporters are throwing the last of a day's writing into the copy basket. Everybody soon begins to spin yarns.

"Curious thing came under my notice a few days ago," begins the writer of melodramatic tales. He sketches the plot of his unfinished story up to the difficult point which has stopped him. "Now, what do you suppose happened next?" he philosophizes, flickering the ashes from the end of his cigar.

"I'll bet so and so," shouts one of the boys.

"Pshaw! That's not likely" interposes a second. "People under such circumstances would have"—and he finishes the story.

In 15 minutes the romancer has half a dozen plausible sequels suggested to him. He makes mental note of them, strode out and over to his hotel with the rest of his materials ready made without effort on his part.

"Is that man a vampire or a genius?" "Neither one; a clever, lazy man."—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Better Harbor Defense.

The government has been fighting shy of the Holland submarine boat, just as it fought shy of accepting Ericsson's Monitor, which actually destroyed the Confederate ironclad ram Merrimac and revolutionized naval warfare before it was paid for. One or two naval boards have made official trials of the Holland boat, and although the craft fulfilled every requirement demanded of her and the inventor was personally complimented on the success of the tests, still the government was not advised to buy. There are bills, however, before congress providing for the construction of a number of vessels of this type for harbor defense. In response to a request from the senate and house naval committees, Admiral Dewey has expressed the belief that a determined enemy with submarine boats of the Holland type could have made the occupation of Manila bay by his squadron impossible. With such an endorsement, it is quite likely congress will furnish the government with the necessary authority and funds to equip some of the principal harbors of the country with one or more of these boats.—San Francisco Chronicle.

A Hero of the Plague.

Prof. Camara Postana, the head of the Bacteriological Institute of Lisbon, has met his death through the disease which he was so nobly and actively combating. While dissecting a plague patient (writes a Lisbon correspondent) some of the poisonous matter entered his finger nails, and his fate was sealed. Only 36 years of age, this man has for the last four months expended all his energy and every hour of his time in the minute study of the disease, not shrinking from any labor which might aid him to facilitate the labors of his friends and colleagues. Two days after his return from the plague-stricken city of Oporto, the first symptoms of the disease appeared. He immediately ordered his own removal to the isolated ward of the hospital prepared for the reception of such cases, and himself gave the necessary instructions to prevent it from spreading. From that time to the day of his death the history of his illness is one uninterrupted record of self-sacrifice. Every symptom which manifested itself was analyzed and commented upon by the patient, and when at last there appeared those signs which his experienced eye denounced as fatal, he calmly said to those about him, "You can do nothing further for me now; the death agony will soon begin." Then, turning to the doctors, he gave all directions as to precautions to be taken, and requested that certain analysis should be made after death, the results to be sent to the Pasteur institute in Paris, where he had himself studied. An hour or two before death the doctor in charge of the plague patients at Oporto, with whom he had worked day and night, was announced. "Let him come to me," he said, and then entered into a complete diagnosis of his case, and gave minute instructions for his funeral, so as to ensure complete immunity from infection for others. He died, giving a lecture in broken words and sentences upon his own case, and the lessons to be deducted from it.—Japan Herald.

Incoming Mail.

All the mail matter for Dawson which left Bennett up to May 4th is now bound this way on the steamer Flora, which left lower Lebarge yesterday morning. It is expected that it will reach Dawson by Saturday.

The mail which reached Selwyn Sunday, five days from Selkirk, is still on the way and it was thought it would be at Stewart today, but up to noon no reports of its arrival at that point had been received here.

Pleasant Picnic.

While a large crowd of gamblers were congregated in front of the police court this morning awaiting the arrival of the

judge, each man having his \$55 carefully rolled up and stored in his right vest pocket, a couple of convicts, each with a bail and chain, were marched across the square in front of the "knights of the green." On the cap of each convict appeared two "Ps" and for some time the gamblers were at a loss to understand their significance. Finally one more brilliant than his fellows evolved the happy thought that the letters meant "pleasant picnic."

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A DECISION FROM OTTAWA

Rendered in the Case of Kelly Vs. McGregor et Al.

The Department of the Interior Has Reversed Gold Commissioner Senkler.

Monday afternoon, a telegram was received in this city to the effect that the department of the interior at Ottawa had decided in favor of the defendants in the case of Mrs. E. L. Kelly, plaintiff, vs. Frank McGregor and D. A. Boehme, defendants. The action involved the title to the upper half of creek claim No. 2, on Magnet gulch, which property is exceedingly valuable. Originally, the suit was instituted in the gold commissioner's court at Dawson; this tribunal adjudged in favor of the plaintiff. The defendants appealed, and the recent decision of the higher authorities sustains the contention of the defendants and reverses the judgment of Commissioner Senkler.

A grant for all of claim No. 2 on Magnet gulch was issued to defendant, Frank McGregor, on March 16, 1898, upon a sworn application in which he alleged that he had staked the property on March 12th of the same year. Soon after obtaining the grant McGregor transferred a third interest in the ground to defendant, Boehme, and also a third interest to Charles F. Stone, who subsequently disposed of his interest to Messrs. Noah Davey and Fred Schall, in consideration of \$100. Until June, 1899, the property was worked by McGregor, Boehme, Davey and Schall. The output last spring amounted to about \$70,000.

In June of last year, Mrs. E. L. Kelly, the plaintiff, who is cashier in the N. A. T. & T. Co., relocated the upper half of said claim No. 2; she applied for a grant, and protested the right of the defendants to the property for the reason that McGregor had never actually staked the ground.

The principal witness for the plaintiff was Charles F. Stone. He testified that in March, 1898, he had informed McGregor of the Magnet gulch claim; that on March 11th, 1898, McGregor and the witness arranged that the former should stake the property and record it, for the reason that witness had used his right in the Klondike district; that McGregor agreed to convey a third interest in the ground to witness; that on March 12th, 1898, McGregor and witness left Dawson and proceeded as far as No. 25 below on Bonanza, at which place witness was working a lay; that after eating dinner at No. 25 below, McGregor asserted that he was too tired to go further, and he directed that the claim be staked in his name by the witness; that the latter continued the trip, and staked the ground in McGregor's name; that Walter Stanford and James Bridger accompanied witness from No. 25 below on Bonanza to Magnet gulch, and that Stanford was present when McGregor's name was written on the stakes; that after locating the property, Stanford and the witness returned to No. 25 below, where they found McGregor, who remained there till the following day; that on March 13th, McGregor returned to Dawson, and that the claim was recorded on March 16th; that soon afterwards, the witness received his third interest in the property, and that subsequently he sold it to Messrs. Davey and Schall.

Stanford and Bridger corroborated to a considerable extent the testimony of Stone; and Edward Dünckley and Alfred Hicks swore that they were present in the cabin on No. 25 below on Bonanza when McGregor and Stone arrived, and that McGregor remained there till Stone returned from the trip to Magnet gulch. However, there were several contradictions in the evidence of witnesses for the plaintiff; but Commissioner Senkler did not consider such conflict in the testimony as material to the issue.

On behalf of the defense, McGregor swore that on March 12th, 1898, accompanied by Stone, he staked the Magnet gulch property; that neither Bridger nor Stanford were present when the claim was located; that he and Stone returned together; that at No. 19 below on Bonanza, they met a man by the name of McMahon; that in Stone's presence, McGregor said that he had just staked No. 2 on Magnet gulch.

McMahon supported the testimony of McGregor. George A. Voss, formerly a part owner of No. 17 below discovery on Bonanza, at which place Magnet gulch enters on the left limit, gave evidence on commission at Omaha. He testified that on March 12th, 1898, he was work-

ing on the dumps of No. 17; that he saw McGregor with a man whom he did not know, going up Magnet gulch; that on the following day, he saw the stakes on claim No. 2 and that McGregor's name was on them. The witness also identified McGregor's handwriting.

Evidence was produced to the effect that McGregor had not visited Magnet gulch during the period between March, 1898, and the following month of August, and witnesses were produced who swore that McGregor's location notice was posted on the ground during that particular time.

Commissioner Senkler, in determining the case said that the testimony was overwhelmingly in favor of the plaintiff; and that the conclusion was evident that defendant McGregor, had never staked the property.

From the judgment of the gold commissioner the defendants appealed to the minister of the interior at Ottawa; and this higher authority has reversed Mr. Senkler and restored the ground to the defendants.

The decision in the suit of Kelly vs. McGregor and Boehme disposes of a case entitled Burton vs. McGregor, which involves the lower half of the same claim on a similar state of facts.

Pattullo and Ridley were the attorneys who conducted to a successful conclusion the contention of the defendants, McGregor and Boehme.

Free Library Concert.

The periodical tree concert given last night in the Dawson reading room under the auspices of the board of control proved a musical and literary treat which in point of excellence has not as yet been surpassed in Dawson. Following is the program:

Song, "Lochnagar"..... Mr. H. Craig
Song, "Only a Year Ago"..... Mrs. Thompson
Song, "Bonnie"..... Mr. Cowan
Re Itation, "Admiral's Broom"..... Mr. Fannie
Song, "Valley of Shamoulin"..... Mrs. Davison
Reading, "Rilly's Bear Story"..... Mrs. Moore
Duet, "Madeline"..... Miss Tracy, Mr. Zimmerman
Recitation, "Katy's Answer"..... Mrs. Moore
Recitation, "Bicycle vs. Broncho"..... Capt. Jack Crawford
Song, "Lulu"..... Miss Tracy
Remarks..... Dr. Macdonald
National Anthem..... Commissioner Ogilvie

Mr. Griffith Griffith in his usual efficient manner presided at the organ. The room was full to its utmost capacity with a most appreciative audience. Dr. Macdonald, in the course of a few remarks, expressed regret that the Yukon council has not as yet seen its way clear to assure a continuance of a grant of money to support that institution.

Commissioner Ogilvie replied that no one would regret more than he would himself to have the room close. It was an institution greatly appreciated, but at present he was not in a position to commit himself to promise a grant.

Among those present were: Mesdames Burrell, Heron, French, McDonald, Bozorth, Lola and Levy; the Misses Perry, Miss Robinson, Freeman, Norman, Stewart, Mosher, Ross and the Misses Gandolfo; Dr. Mosher, Dr. A. Thompson, Dr. Foster, Rev. J. J. Wright, Capt. Thacker, Messrs. Hartman, Hulme, Herbert Lockwood, Buchanan, Stevens, Moore, Fuller, Bozorth and Col. MacGregor.

William Tate Dead.

At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, William Tate died at the Good Samaritan hospital of pneumonia, after an illness of five days. The deceased was a native of Lingoe, Clestrom, Orkney Islands, and was aged 30 years. His occupation was that of a carpenter. He came to the Klondike in the spring of 1898, since which time he has been engaged in mining. Last summer, he suffered a severe attack of typhoid fever; and was confined for several weeks in the Good Samaritan hospital. The dead man leaves a personal estate of \$1160, which is comprised of bank accounts, gold dust and currency. He has on deposit in the Bank of British Columbia at Vancouver the sum of \$250, the amount of \$500 in the Bank of Montreal at Vancouver, and \$410 in gold dust and currency among his effects at the hospital. The deceased was unmarried; but leaves an aged mother who resides at Lingoe.

Sports Committee.

The sports committee for the Queen's birthday celebration, held a meeting last night at McDonald hotel. A full program has been arranged which will be published in tomorrow's issue of the Nugget.

Notice.

The down town branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce will be open for business on Thursday, the 10th inst. The down town office is located in Lewin's building next to the Northern Annex.

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Motor Cars in War.

In referring to the traction engines sent out recently to the seat of war, Feilden's Magazine delivers some practical observations respecting the value of motor-cars in warfare. It points out that two motor conveyances are already in use by the Boers, and that experience has shown that none but crack riflemen can hope to hit a rapidly moving motor-van except by chance, or at a short range; that such a vehicle requires very little nourishment, as compared

with horses developing equal power; and that on ordinary roads speeds may be obtained varying from 15 to 30 miles an hour. The Boers are stated by our contemporary to have ordered more vehicles from Germany, and a number of motor-cycles from France. The former have not been delivered, but the latter have, and are probably being used for scouting and dispatch work. The French, German and Austrian governments, according to Feilden's Magazine, have all taken steps with a view to the introduction of motor transport, and in this movement the Germans are particularly active, having produced a troop wagon for rapid service capable of traveling 40 kilometers an hour.

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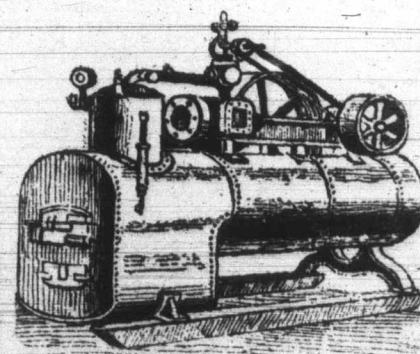
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