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STRIKE NOW VERY SERIOUS

Coasting Vessels Tied Up at 'Frisco Where Strike is Daily Spreading Situation in Pennsylvania Unchanged and Determination of Men is Unshaken.

San Francisco, Aug. 5, via Skagway, Aug. 9.—The officials of the Pacific Mail steamers have declared their crew non-union and are unloading their cargoes without delay. Efforts are being made to discharge other vessels today but with little success. Several coasting vessels are now tied up here, having been deserted by their crews as soon as they reached port. Tomorrow the painters' union will strike and it is thought will be followed by many other unions as the striking spirit is rapidly spreading.

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FRONEMAN KILLED

After Exciting Chase Boer Commander Is Put Out of Business Near Winburg

CONVOY OF 70 WAGONS CAPTURED

Vancouver Assay Office to Deal Directly With Miners

ADVANTAGE OVER SEATTLE

Detective Seeley Coming - May Carry Important Papers - Chief Stewart and Bride En Route.

Bloemfontein, Aug. 5, via Skagway, Aug. 9.—Boer Commandant Froneman was killed near Winburg after a very exciting chase. Important papers were found in his pocket. The British have also captured a Boer convoy of 70 wagons near Basotho.

Beats Seattle.
Vancouver, Aug. 5, via Skagway, Aug. 9.—The government has decided to have the assay office here purchase

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DOWAGER EMPRESS IS DEAD

Passes Away at Cronberg Castle at 6.15 on Evening of the 5th - Emperor William and Others of Her Children Present - King Edward Hastens to Holland.

Cronberg, Aug. 5, via Skagway, Aug. 9.—The Dowager Empress Frederick died at 6:15 o'clock this evening. Relatives of the dying empress arrived at intervals throughout the entire day, Emperor William and other children being in the sick room throughout the day and when the end came. A detachment of infantry patrolled around the castle all of the day.

Cowes, Aug. 5.—King Edward has been notified of the death of his sister, the Dowager Empress Frederick of Germany, and will start at once for Flushing, Holland, on his royal yacht. The usual gaieties at Cowes have ceased, there being no dancing by the king's order.

COLLAR AND ELBOW MATCH.

The greatest sporting event in Dawson history is to occur on Friday night the 16th of the month. On that date Ole Marsh and Col. J. H. McLaughlin will meet at the Standard theater in a wrestling bout, best two out of three falls, mixed holds, the winner of the contest to take all the gate receipts. McLaughlin needs no introduction or in fact neither does Ole Marsh "the terrible Swede," to the Dawson sporting public as both men have earned a national reputation. Col. McLaughlin is known all over the world as the world's champion collar and elbow wrestler, he holding that title since 1870 in which year he won that distinction at Detroit, Michigan, at a national tournament where the champions of many countries went down before the herculean veteran. A world's champion belt was awarded to him on that occasion which he has held ever since meeting all comers, save in '84 when

the belt was won on a foul by Dufur who lost it again to McLaughlin one month later. Ole Marsh is a much younger man than McLaughlin but his youth is offset by weight the colonel weighing trained; 230 pounds, Marsh but 190 pounds. The latter athlete is a handsome Apollo-like gladiator and has vanquished the best men in the country one after the other, his light complexion and fearful power gaining him the sobriquet of "The Terrible Swede." He is remarkably swift in action and is imbued with a bull dog tenacity which has won him many a hard fought battle against apparently overwhelming odds. The outcome of the meeting will be looked forward to with the greatest interest as both men are in tip-top condition and eager for the fight. Following is the agreement signed by the men at the Nugget office where the match was made, also the rules which govern the contest:

AGREEMENT.

DAWSON, Y. T., July 26.
We, the undersigned, hereby agree to wrestle at some place in Dawson (to be decided upon later), on or before August 16, 1901, under the following rules:
The match to be collar and elbow style.
First fall to be in jackets.
Second fall to be in harness.
Should each man win a fall, the one who wins the fall in the shorter time can name the style for the last or third fall.
Referee to be governed by N. Y. Clipper rules.
Winner of the contest to take all the receipts of the house.
Signed: "OLE" MARSH,
J. H. McLAUGHLIN.
Witness: E. J. FITZPATRICK.

RULES TO GOVERN THE MATCH.

1. The men shall wear knit shirt and short coat or jacket, not extending below the hips, with strong collar and elbow for grasp of the opponent, and thin rubber sandals on the feet.
2. Each man shall take hold of the collar of his opponent with his right hand, while with his left he must take hold of his elbow.
3. Both men shall stand up breast to breast, with limbs arms and show fair and equal play.
4. Either man who shall break his hold with one or both hands, to save himself from a fall, shall forfeit said fall.
5. Kicking the limbs strictly prohibited, and the offense forfeits the contest.
6. The falls must be square back falls, or two hips and one shoulder, or two shoulders and one hip to strike the ground or floor, to constitute a fall.
7. Striking upon the face, side or knees, is no fall, and nothing shall be allowed for forcing a man from such position to his back.
8. Going down on one or both knees is fair, as long as both men keep their holds.
9. No baiting shall be allowed under any circumstances.
10. Not less than ten nor more than twenty minutes' rest allowed between each wrestling bout.
11. The match will be first fall, best two and three, or three in five, according to stipulation.
12. The ring to be twenty-four feet square, and nobody to be allowed inside except the referee and two umpires, who shall be chosen on the day of the contest. Referee's decision to be final.

Notwithstanding the insistence of envious and disappointed calamity howlers

The Lost Has Been Found

After braving the awful perils of the deep, "unprecedented storms," etc., the impossible is accomplished. Volumes might be written of the awful hardships encountered on the journey but space forbids.

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ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

The Dawson arrived this morning at 7 o'clock with ten passengers. The Prospector will be in this afternoon having passed Stewart shortly after noon.

The Ora is due this afternoon with a raft of logs from Selkirk. The Flora will be in tonight from Whitehorse with two scows. After a rest of several weeks' duration, the Eldorado has again gone into commission on the Whitehorse run. She leaves this evening on cut rates, tickets being sold at \$30, \$40 and \$50.

Birthday Party.

The party given yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Daniel Rose in honor of her daughter Audrey's third birthday was a very happy event. Joy was unconfined among the 30 guests of the little girl and the whole neighborhood was filled with the resonant notes of merry laughter which indicated the pleasure all present were getting out of the occasion. The house was very prettily decorated with flags and bunting and during the afternoon a very excellent luncheon was served.

Miss Audrey was the recipient of many handsome presents and all joined in wishing her many happy returns of the day.

Jury Disagrees.

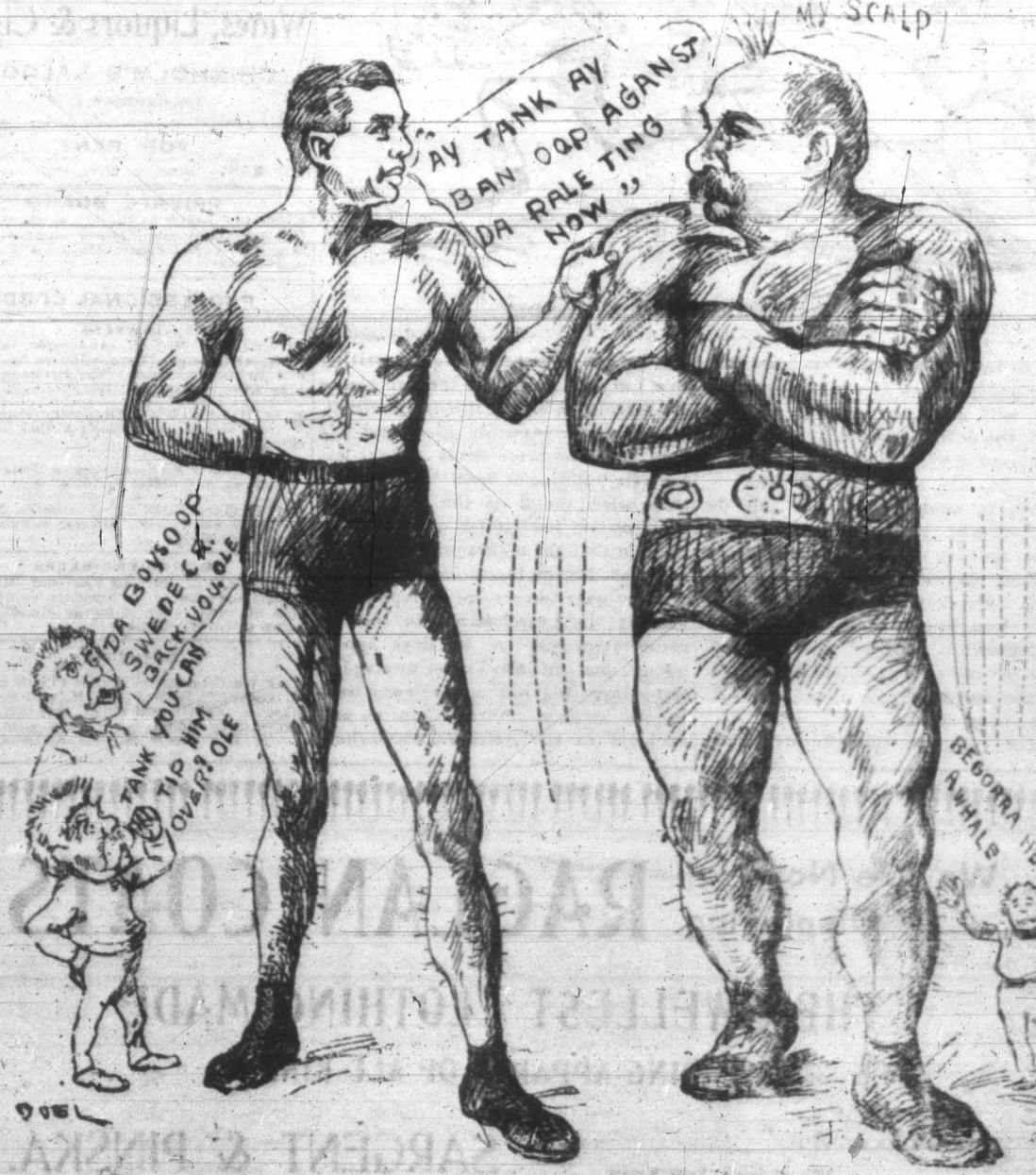
For the third time a jury has failed to agree on a verdict in the case of Purden vs. the A. B. Co., wherein the plaintiff sues to recover an architect's commission alleged to be due for having drawn the plans and specifications from which the A. B. building on First avenue was constructed. The case was heard before Mr. Justice Dugas Tuesday and after spending some hours in their deliberations the jury came to the conclusion they could not agree as to a verdict, standing three and three.

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HE TOOK A TUMBLE

Workman Falls 34 Feet From Administration Building.

Homer Wood a tinsmith, while at work on the new administration building yesterday met with a miraculous escape from an accident which those who saw it considered could only result in his immediate death. It was while at work on the roof of the building and laying the sheets of galvanized iron with which the roof is being covered, that he started to walk from one side to the other to get some more material. He stepped on a ladder, similar to those used on the top of a building, being merely a board with cross pieces nailed on it. The ladder was not nailed to the roof, and as soon as he put his foot on it it began to wobble and slide towards the edge of the building. The motion of the ladder caused him to lose his balance and before his frightened companion could come to his assistance he had plunged over the edge of the building head first, landing 34 feet below on a pile of lumber and sawdust. His frightened fellow workmen when they picked him up in an unconscious condition thought surely that he was killed or at least mortally wounded with every bone in his body broken, but after a generous application of cold water had been put onto his head he came to his senses, got up, and looking around asked what had struck him. When told of what had occurred he began an examination of himself and it was found that with the exception of a few bruises on the face he had received no injuries whatever. His right eye was closed for a time by a big bump over it where he was struck by a board. His cheek bone had been bruised and there were a few scratches on his nose and chin but that was the extent of his injuries. The only explanation that can be offered for the slightness of his injuries is that he had struck the ground in a slanting position and had fallen on his arms which he threw in front of him. The pile of boards and sawdust under him breaking the force of his fall and saving his life. He was considerably shaken up and will take a rest for a few days to recuperate his nerves, but he has no intention of giving up his trade and starting on an exhibition tour of high diving. In the future, however, he thinks he will be a little more particular as to the ladders he steps on while at work on the roof of a high building.

BALFOUR'S ELOQUENCE

Restores Roberts' Pre-Eminence as Greatest Living Soldier.

London, Aug. 1.—During the debate in the house of commons yesterday upon the proposition to grant Lord Roberts one hundred thousand pounds, Mr. Balfour in moving the grant told in simple language, how critical was the situation after the defeat at Colenso, and how magnificent and explained the boldness and originality of the strategy by which Lord Roberts retook Kimberley and Ladysmith and entered Bloemfontein after a perilous and exhausting march across a barren country. He paid also an eloquent tribute to the intuition, genius and cheerful courage which enabled Lord Roberts to press on to Pretoria with half his force and three and a half days' supplies, when his hesitation would have involved a protracted siege. No other Englishman has been so quickly candid in admitting the deplorable and ruinous consequences from which the Boer empire was delivered by the genius and courage of Gen. Roberts. The speech made so profound an impression on the commons that the objections raised by Mr. Dillon and a few of the radical members were heard with impatience and irritation. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman was particularly enough, to second Mr. Balfour's proposal with genuine Scotch sincerity. Lord Roberts' popularity has been waning under the unceasing pressure of pessimists which has accompanied the protracted guerrilla operations and the world criticism that he abandoned the field without bringing the war to an end. Mr. Balfour's eloquence will restore his pre-eminence as the greatest living soldier.

First Time in Dawson.

Mike King the lumber king of Bennett and Caribou Crossing, who is so well known to nearly everybody who has come in from the coast, is in town and it will be a surprise to many to know that this is his first visit to Dawson. "I have never had time before," he said this morning. The scow building business, he says, is not brisk just now, but he is still constructing them and has a number of orders on hand. When he left Whitehorse four days ago he had heard of no increase of freight rates discriminating against the shipper by scow from that point.

SHE HAS HER FREEDOM

Jewish Woman Does Not Like Old Biblical Doctrine.

New York, Aug. 1.—An extraordinarily rare ceremony, based by the Jews directly upon the teachings of the Old Testament, has just been performed in this city when a young woman who had traveled 10,000 miles was released from the obligation of marrying her deceased husband's brother, says the Times. The obligation of a woman marrying the brother of her deceased husband, according to ancient Hebrew law, arose when her husband died before children were born to the pair. The young woman in the case is Mrs. Geoida Lacs, a young Roumanian Jewess from Bucharest. A little over three years ago she married Emanuel Lacs when she was but 15 years old. Within three months the husband died. All this happened in Bucharest. The brother-in-law, whom, according to the faith, the young woman must marry, is Samuel Lacs, of East Forty-ninth street, this city. Lacs was already married and therefore, of course could not have married the widow of his brother, even if he had wanted to. The young woman opened negotiations with her New York relative soon after the death of her husband, but her brother-in-law found it impossible to travel abroad to have the ceremony of dispensing with the obligation performed. Without this dispensation, according to the law, the widow could not marry again.

Under the circumstances the widow decided to come to America to get the desired release and it was this ceremony which was performed in a little front room on the second floor of a tenement house on Norfolk street.

A portion of the Talmud was read by the rabbi, who at the end of the reading, produced a sandal of peculiar and ancient pattern. It was made of two pieces of leather and was fastened with latches and two long thongs. Stopping he fastened this to the foot of Lacs. The widow was then directed to kneel in front of the man and use only her right hand to untie the shoe. After this done she arose held the shoe high above her head and cast it on the floor in front of her brother-in-law. The principals were then declared free to go their own way.

FIFTEEN YEARS EACH

Was Sentence Passed on Three Nome Highwaymen.

Readers of the Nugget will remember an account published in this paper a month or six weeks ago of a highway robbery which took place in Nome last winter, the perpetrators of the deed being Tommy Dolan, "Kid" Hawkins and George Allen, the latter a son of ex-United States Senator Allen, of Washington. By the P.-I. of July 28 is seen the arrival in Seattle of the United States transport Seward with 12 passengers for the penitentiary on McNeil's island, the criminals having been convicted at Nome for various offenses. In the list given are the names of three persons sent up for 15 years each for highway robbery, Thomas Dolan, George Hawkins and Thomas Miller. The latter is undoubtedly George Allen, the fictitious name being given to shield the father from any further disgrace at the hands of his degenerate son. Dolan is well known in this city and has many friends who will be surprised to learn of his downfall.

New Ball Team.

The visit of the U. S. soldiers during the past week has had the effect of awakening in the N. W. M. P. a slumbering spirit of baseball enthusiasm which has resulted in the formation of a nine among the members of the force. Corporal Cobb the well known musical star of the force has taken unto himself the task of organizing the team and has been elected captain.

A number of the police boys are old baseball players among whom might be mentioned Count Siablad who will hold down first base; Sergeant Tweedy who will assume the catcher's position behind the bat and Harrington who will deliver the balls from the pitcher's box. Kramer is also promised to assist and several "dark horses" are expected to appear on the scene as the practice games progress. The boys when they get the team thoroughly organized will make an effort to go to Eagle City and engage the soldiers' team in a series of games in which event they are quite sure of returning covered with laurels.

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FELLOW TOWNIES

Twenty-Four Bellevueites Line Up Before Goetzman.

Twenty-four citizens of the little town of Belleville, Ontario, who have migrated to this country met at Goetzman's photographic parlors Wednesday afternoon and had a group picture taken. Some of the most prominent citizens of Dawson are included in the group, among them being H. T. Wills, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce; Dr. Wills the Gold Run magnate, Attorney Hulme, Attorney Henry Blecker, Messrs. De Jex and Marks of the Canadian Bank, Mr. Warrington, clerk in the commissioner's office, Gus Henwell and others. Included in the group is the distinguished visitor Sir McKenzie Bowell who is also a resident of Belleville.

The city of Belleville is a small place of 800 inhabitants and it is considered a remarkable coincidence that so many should be found assembled here at the same time and it was because of this fact that the picture was taken.

Honorably Discharged.

Five members of the local force of the N. W. M. P. having finished their term of enlistment were yesterday morning given their honorable discharge from the service. They were Constables Bacon, De Chaumont, Ferguson, Thompson and Malstrom. There are a number of other men in the service whose term expires the latter part of this month and they also have signified their intention of receiving their discharge.

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There have been several stories in the newspapers as to a short line of railroad that Henry was to build some where in the neighborhood of Cook Inlet, but nothing reliable or definite has been published on the subject. It was believed to be a colliery railroad and that was all there was to it. Now it transpires that the proposed road will be a part of the system that is to run from Valdez to Eagle, and whether Henry will be the contractor or Mr. Onderdonk of the Canadian Pacific, or some other famous or up to the present unknown railroad builder will do the construction work is a matter of secondary importance so far as the news is concerned. That construction work on the railroad to the coal mines will begin shortly is the important point, and that this is to be undertaken for the development of an extension coal and oil tract irrespective of the all-American route from tidewater to the Yukon though no doubt the promoters of this latter project will take into consideration and in all probability build or at least accept as part of their railroad route this short line intended only to develop the coal fields of Kiak.

The news comes direct from E. G. H. Bowker, a gentleman well known in Dawson and all through Alaska, who is now staying at the Hotel McDonald. Mr. Bowker is at the head of a syndicate which has purchased from J. B. Muddy, a Seattle lawyer, Max Heilbruner, formerly secretary of the A. C. Company in the San Francisco office, and others, a tract of coal land near Valdez of no less extent than 85,000 acres. The syndicate formed by Mr. Bowker is composed of A. Stracey, McIvar Campbell, the Hon. Cecil Edwards and Mr. Bowker, and this syndicate is so assured of the support of London capitalists before whom their scheme has been laid that they are themselves undertaking the development of the property.

This consists mainly of a number of coal seams running from four to twenty feet in thickness which assays, to use a new term in coal mining, one and three-quarters Welsh anthracite. This is by far the best quality of coal yet discovered in Alaska. The syndicate has now 40 men at work running a 16-foot tunnel on one of the most promising of the seams, and it is proposed to make this tunnel about a mile long to tap intersecting seams and be the main

artery of the mines. To get the product to the coast a railroad from Kiak, east of Copper river will be run, a distance of 16 miles, whether this will be a mere coal road or a part of the Valdez-Eagle route has not yet been determined. The whole of the coal fields is in American territory, and the company will therefore avoid the duty of 67 cents per ton in supplying ships. In these coal fields there is every indication of a great supply of oil, and a gang of nine expert oil men are now engaged in boring wells. From what Mr. Bowker says the whole enterprise seems one of great promise for the development of that portion of Alaska.

IMPORTANT DECISIONS

Rendered in Mining Cases by the Appellate Court.

At the convening of the court of appeals this morning Mr. Justice Craig handed down judgments in four cases previously heard.

In the case of Webber vs. McCaul the question at issue was whether or not a person staking on claim on one day in perfect good faith, then learning subsequently in error that upon that date the ground was not open to location and restaking the following day was bound by his second staking. The contest is between parties on a question of fact as to priority of staking, the findings in the gold commissioner's court being against the appellant. Justice Craig says:

"On the question of law raised as to whether a party who stakes properly and subsequently, as a matter of preparation, re stakes forfeiting his former staking and being relegated to his second or subsequent staking I am of the opinion that no such result follows; that he may take advantage of his former staking. In this case the party stakes believing that he was staking on open ground. Hearing in error that the ground was not open for staking he restaked on the following day. It was contended that his subsequent staking was done after the staking of the appellant and that he should be bound by his second staking and lose the benefit of the former staking. I do not think such a result should follow. No man should be prejudiced by taking extra precautions to secure his rights, providing he is complying with the regulations. The subsequent staking can in no sense be considered as an abandonment of his former one. The appeal should be dismissed with costs."

Justice Dugas and Gold Commissioner Senkler concur in the decision. The case of Fred J. Wilson vs. Bernard McElroy, James McElroy and George F. Stewart, affecting the title to hillside claim adjoining the lower

hall, left limit, 81 below lower Dominion, was decided against the appellants. The case is a peculiar one, unlike any ever brought heretofore, and one in which Justice Craig freely admitted it was hard to render a decision satisfactory to himself. The claim in question was one of a number which at the time McElroy staked it was withdrawn from location by an order in council and with the others was ordered to be sold by public auction before such sale was made, but by omission the claim was not sold. On the 29th of January, 1901, and while the claim was still not open for location McElroy staked it and obtained the grant thereof four days later, afterward conveying the claim to his brother James McElroy, who from the evidence, it would seem was an innocent purchaser for value. The claim lapsed to the crown prior to October 9, 1900 for non-representation and became open for relocation on February 26, 1901, at which time plaintiff Wilson staked the ground. The findings of the court are that while neither Wilson or defendant Bernard McElroy had any right to the ground by reason of it having been withdrawn from location by an order in council, yet on account of the title having passed to James McElroy, an innocent purchaser, he should not be disturbed in his possession at the instance of one who has no better nor so good a moral title as the party he is seeking to oust.

All the injury which the plaintiff has sustained is the right to exercise his free miner's right in this particular piece of land and to do that he must attack a lease from the crown. The appeal was dismissed with costs. Justice Dugas and Gold Commissioner Senkler concur in the decision. A decision was rendered in the case of Fleishman et al. vs. Creese et al. The issue in this case was between the owners of a hillside claim staked off Last Chance and running up alongside of a gulch known as Discovery pup, and the owners of a creek claim staked on Discovery pup. This case has been in litigation for many months and its final disposition will be regarded with no little interest. One of the contentions of the defendant was that Discovery pup was not properly speaking, a gulch upon which a creek claim could be located. The court finds

the reverse to be the case, but does not define the side hill boundary of the creek claim as the rimrock upon it has so far not been located. His lordship in his decision admits that the regulation defining such boundary is one not easily worked out in practice and that it is hard in the majority of cases to locate the limits of these respective claims—hillside and creek. As to the question whether the defendants are working on their creek claim properly staked or upon the hillside of the plaintiffs, Justice Craig considers that the evidence abundantly showed that they have not done so and that the ground which they claim as creek ground is properly theirs. The appeal is allowed with costs. Justice Dugas and Gold Commissioner Senkler concur.

The case of Louis Pallaid et al. vs. C. J. Eckman is also one of contention between the creek and hillside claims, the ground in dispute being 28 Hidorado and hillside adjoining. The case was heard by the gold commissioner and carried by appeal to the minister of the interior who only ascertained the starting points of the dividing line, the upper and lower post, but did not determine the actual line nor indicate that the line should be a straight one. In that action the parties contended for a location further up the hill and the minister of the interior fixed the Ogilvie post as the one which should determine the base of the hill. The defendant claims that the creek claim should be bounded by a straight line drawn between the two posts which if done would leave a part of the creek actually in the hillside claim, an absurdity which would not be thought of. The evidence as to what is the true boundary between these two posts is entirely in favor of the contention of the plaintiffs and it is decreed that the line shown on Mr. Jephson's plan is the correct one. The appeal was dismissed with costs. Justice Dugas and Gold Commissioner Senkler concur.

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