

REIGN OF TERROR AT DAWSON CITY

Jim Gray a Saloonkeeper Robbed of \$20,000.

HIS BARTENDER ARRESTED

Another Man Relieved of Eight Thousand Dollars.

RICH STRIKES AT HUNKER CREEK

The Men Come Out of the Gold Fields With \$75,000 in Dust—Claims Owners Reduce Wages from \$15 to \$10 a Day and a Strike is Threatened—Latest News from the Alaska Gold Fields.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 24.—The steamer *Tees* from Skaguay brought down five Klondikers, Richard Shaw of Victoria, who left Dawson November 10, and three other Victorians and T. Handy of Seattle who started on the tramp October 27. The party leaving on the latter date ran out of provisions at Fort Selkirk, and had to beg their way along, getting food at different camps or when it was not to be had, living on anything they could shoot.

Shaw came out by a dog train leaving Dawson after the ice formed. He passed fifty men along the river, bound outward. They were all coming along with just enough food to last them. At Stewart river, forty-three outfits, bound for Dawson, were frozen in.

Two or three rafts of beef on bark just above Dawson were carried down the river, right past the town by floating ice on the night of November 10.

Jim Gray's saloon at Dawson was robbed of \$20,000. Ed Lord, the bartender, and two other men were arrested. At Fort Selkirk a man named Keeble was robbed of \$8,000. Ed Jackson was arrested on suspicion.

Report has reached Dawson that a rich strike was made forty-three miles below on Hunker creek. The dirt went \$2 to the pan and there is five feet of gravel. Dominion creek is also turning out well. Americans complain bitterly of having to pay duty on outfits at Tagish Lake.

J. W. McKay, who left Dawson November 23, reached Skaguay before the steamer *Tees* left. It is stated he brought out \$75,000 in dust. Shaw says none of the men on the trails will get down until the ice goes out in the spring just before he left, claim owners reduced wages from \$15 to \$10 a day and the men were threatening to strike.

Speaking of the food situation at Dawson Shaw stated that food was scarce, but the men now there have enough to last them through the winter. There are a number of men along the trails not very well provided. All recent mails at the Salmon are awaiting means of transportation to Dawson.

THEY CARRY WHEELS GRATIS.

All Recognize the Necessity of Treating Them as Baggage. Bicycles are now carried as baggage without extra charge on American railroad lines aggregating over 100,000 miles in length, an increase of about 30,000 miles since last February. Coast line and river steamers and ferries, having a combined length of route of 130,000 miles are also carrying bicycles the same as other forms of baggage and without extra charge. The principal coast line steamers on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts are included in the list, and all the big transpacific lines to China, Japan and Australia are in line with the same policy. In France all railroads carry bicycles as ordinary baggage, and the increase of receipts within the last year, due to wheelmen's patronage, has been very substantial. The same effect is noted in this country, as shown in the case of the Long Island railroad company, which last year carried about 30,000 cyclist passengers and this year about 150,000, each paying a full first-class fare.—Hartford Courant.

BIG FIRE AT DETROIT.

Wholesale House Burned Out and a Newspaper Plant Damaged. DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 28.—The Arcade building burned this morning, destroying the paper stock of Charles L. Roehm & Son, wholesale stationers and a stock of perfume materials of the Elbaum Manufacturing company. The five-story structure to the west of the Arcade building occupied by the Detroit Free Press Printing company, with its contents was badly damaged. The total loss is \$125,000.

DENIES THE REPORT.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—The National Zeitung denies that tariff negotiations with the United States are broken off.

WEATHER.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—For Wisconsin—Fair, rising temperature tonight and Wednesday; brisk to high southerly winds.

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MR. COOPER IN TOWN

And the Postoffice Fight is Renewed—What the Congressman Has to Say.

Congressman H. A. Cooper arrived in the city last night and registered at Hotel Racine. He came from Chicago and the various candidates for the Racine postoffice were somewhat surprised, the majority not expecting that he would again come to the city before announcing the name of the gentleman who is to be our next postmaster.

When Mr. Cooper was seen by a reporter for the Journal this morning he said that he had just got back and found the fight over the postoffice matter quite animated. On account of the death of his beloved mother and the funeral he had not been able to pay any attention to the postoffice matter for two weeks past. He had been informed that a large mass of matter pertaining to the postoffice had been forwarded to Washington, but he had not received it. Since his arrival in the city he had received two letters informing him that many letters had been sent to Washington bearing on the subject. He had sent for this matter and hopes to have it here, as it is necessary that they be considered.

As to whether he would make the recommendation before he departed for Washington, which would be the latter part of the week, would depend upon how much investigation the mass of matter sent to Washington would require. Mr. Cooper gave no intimation who was likely to be appointed. He is fully aware and posted upon all of the opposition that has cropped out against each of the candidates and from what source it emanates.

OREGON CATTLEMAN KILLED

Convicted Murder of Peter French, an Extensive Ranch Owner. BAKER CITY, Ore., Dec. 28.—A telephone message from Canyon City brings the news of the killing of Peter French, a prominent cattle and land owner of Harney county by a man named Oliver. It is reported the deed was done in cold blooded murder, the victim being shot in the back of the head, the bullet coming out between the eyes. Land dispute is said to be the cause of the trouble. French was probably the largest cattle owner in Oregon, his herd running into the thousands. He was also owner of thousands in southwestern Oregon and employed several hundred men on his numerous ranches.

MURDER SUSPECT HELD.

Another New York Barber in the Meshes of the Law. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Charles Zanoff, a barber suspected of murdering Jennie Sumner, his fourth wife, and who obtained insurance on the lives of a number of persons was again arraigned in the police court today. As Prof. Witthaus had not completed his chemical analysis of Jennie Sumner's body the case went over to January 8th. The district attorney states that Prof. Witthaus told him he found four clots of poison in the body, but was unable as yet to ascertain whether it was injected with embalming fluid or administered before death.

EDGE TOOL MAKERS COMBINE

Have Arranged for the Erection of a Manufacturing Plant Near Pittsburg. PITTSBURG, Dec. 28.—Ninety per cent of the edge tool manufacturers in the United States have consolidated and arranged for the erection of a new plant near Charleroi, forty miles south of here on the Monongahela river. The concern will be known as the American Ax and Tool Co. Capital, \$2,000,000. It will employ over two thousand skilled workmen. The consolidated plant will be in operation within six months.

KILLED IN A RUNAWAY.

Prominent Wisconsin Live Stock Shipper Receives Fatal Injuries. APPLETON, Wis., Dec. 28.—Ewald Kuehne, one of the best known wholesale meat dealers in this part of the state was killed in a runaway accident while arriving home from the city. Kuehne was thrown against a fence and his forehead was broken in. He was a member of the firm of Kuehne Bros., the largest live stock shippers in this part of the country.

MRS. BOOTH NO BETTER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The condition of Mrs. Bellington Booth is unchanged.

WISCONSIN TEACHERS

Forty-Fifth Annual Convention of State Teachers Association.

1,000 DELEGATES ARE PRESENT

Sessions Today Devoted to the Reading and Discussion of Papers—Superintendents and Principals Meet and Elect Officers.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 28.—The forty-fifth annual convention of the Wisconsin teachers' association opened in this city this afternoon and a thousand delegates are in attendance. W. L. Tomlins of Chicago opened the meeting with a paper on "Music, Its Nature and Influence."

Professor Albert Salisbury of White-water presented a paper on the rural school problem which was discussed by J. H. Nattraas of Shullsburg and Edwin R. Smith of Manitowish.

Papers were read by Prof. S. Y. Gillan of Milwaukee and John S. Rowder of Prairie du Chien and E. W. Walker of West Superior led in the discussion. The afternoon program came to an end with the reading of a paper by Mrs. Henry F. Whitcomb of Milwaukee on "The work of the Audubon Society."

At a meeting in this city of the superintendents and principals of state schools the following officers were elected: President L. A. Williams, Fond du Lac; vice-presidents, Arthur Burch of Milwaukee and A. B. West of Lake Mills; treasurer, E. G. Kreege of Green Bay; secretary, J. A. Derso of Black River Falls.

GAGE WILL NOT RESIGN.

The President is in Accord With the Secretary's Financial Views. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Assistant Secretary Vanderlip being asked today regarding a report that Secretary Gage had tendered his resignation and that the president has refused to accept it said: "There is nothing in it." The report in question gave Vanderlip as authority for the assertion that Gage himself left for New York this morning.

Vanderlip, when questioned further, said as far as he is quoted as authority for the assertion there is nothing in it, for he never so stated to any person. As to whether or not Gage has offered his resignation and McKinley refused to accept it, Vanderlip could say nothing for he did not know whether it was so or not. It is believed in some usually well-informed circles that the report is substantially correct but there was no former tender of resignation. It is regarded as probable that some conversation with the president, Secretary Gage, in an informal way, stated he would resign if his financial views were embarrassing the administration and that the president in reply stated very positively that he did not want the secretary to resign. It is learned further that at the time of this conversation the president informed Gage that their views were in accord and he must not think of resigning. It is regarded as certain that Gage will continue in office.

ALD. ROWLANDS TO RESIGN.

May Tender His Resignation at the Next Meeting of the Council. It is currently reported this afternoon that Alderman John T. Rowlands of the Sixth ward will tender his resignation at the next meeting of the council. The reason that Mr. Rowlands contemplates resigning is the fact that he intends to leave the city and reside in the north. In case he resigns it will leave two vacancies in the council the first one being occasioned by the death of Ald. Kehl of the Third ward. It will probably not be necessary to call a special election to fill either vacancy.

DANGEROUS MAN JAILED.

Unearthing of a Society Whose Aim is to Extort Money from Millionaires. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—J. W. Harris, a negro, was arraigned on charge of sending threatening letters to William K. Vanderbilt, John Winonaker and other prominent men. The letters demanded money under threat of personal violence the alleged writer being a member of a society to extort relief from millionaires at any price. As no one appeared to prosecute Harris, he was committed to the workhouse as a vagrant.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION IS BEST

Decision of Comptroller Eckels in the Philadelphia Bank Failure. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Comptroller Eckels thinks a voluntary liquidation is the best for the Chestnut Street National bank of Philadelphia and is prepared to see that the plan is carried out without delay, in case the creditors are willing matters should take that course.

Notice.

Parties having accounts against Racine county asylum are hereby requested to send duplicate bills of same to L. C. Klein on or before the 29th day of December without fail. By order of the board of trustees. Louis C. Klein, Pres.

ATTACKED BY A DOG.

Peter E. Hanson Bitten on the Face by a Ferocious Mastiff Dog.

Paul Ostergaard of the Central hotel, owns a large mastiff dog, and the animal attacked and bit Mr. Peter E. Hanson, No. 811 Center street, on the face. It appears that a horse kept in a barn in the rear of Mr. Hanson's home was taken sick and Mr. Hanson started after Dr. Williams, but did not find him at home. Knowing that the doctor occasionally stopped in at the Central hotel to read the papers Mr. Hanson called to ascertain if he was there. He had no more than opened the door than the dog leaped upon him and buried its fangs in his chin and upper lip and other places. It is needless to say that Mr. Hanson was considerably frightened and got out of the place. The wounds were cauterized, but Mr. Hanson has a pretty face. He will demand that the ferocious animal be killed at once and if the demand is not complied with there may be a heavy suit for damages.

A THIEF LOCATED.

Phillip Graves, Who Stole a Trunk. Located in Galesville Jail—Willing to Come Back.

On the 10th day of last August the residence of Mr. Miller, residing in the southern part of the city, was entered and a trunk filled with clothing was stolen. Phillip Graves, a colored man, who had been in the clutches of the police on many occasions, was suspected of the crime and a warrant was issued for his arrest. The man disappeared and could not be found, although every effort was made to locate him. Last Sunday night Under Sheriff Edward Rein took a south bound train and it was known that he had got track of the much wanted black man. At Chicago he learned that Graves had been at Galesburg, Ill., and the officer took a train to that city. He found that Graves was serving a fifty days' sentence in the county jail, on charge of having robbed his employer, a hardware merchant, the property taken being skates and hardware. When the officer called at the jail Graves pretended that he had never seen Rein in his life. Mr. Rein informed Graves that he knew who he was and also told him that he knew all about his stealing the trunk full of clothing. Graves then admitted his identity and signified his willingness to come back to Racine and plead guilty to the charge. His time at Galesburg will expire about February 1 and he will then be brought here and punished on the charge of grand larceny or burglary.

A PAWN-SHOP CASE.

Failed to Keep Record of Goods Pawned and Sold. An interesting case will come up in Justice Ingall's court tomorrow on a charge of venue from Justice Morey's court. It will be that of Joseph Winkler vs. H. L. Goldberg. Sometime ago Mr. Winkler pawned a watch to Goldberg who conducts a pawn shop on College avenue for \$4 and was to redeem the same in thirty days for \$5. Winkler failed to call in the thirty days, but did call a short time after and was informed that the watch had been sold. The law requires that every pawn broker shall keep a set of books, with the name of every pawned article, to whom sold and the date. This Goldberg failed to do and would or could not tell to whom the watch was sold. When the attorney of Winkler went to Goldberg's store and demanded to see his books he admitted he did not keep books. The penalty for this neglect is \$10 and besides a violation of the revised statutes. Winkler has sued for the recovery of the watch or its value. The chances are that the pawn broker will be prosecuted on two charges of violating the law.

AFFAIRS IN THE FAR EAST.

British Fleet Anchored at Port Hamilton—Japanese Cabinet Resigns. LONDON, Dec. 28.—A special from Shanghai says the British fleet is anchored at Port Hamilton. A report is current at Chee Foo that the Japanese fleet has also arrived at Port Hamilton. YOKOHAMA, Dec. 28.—Owing to the failure of Premier Saigo to reconstruct the cabinet, all the members of that body resigned. The newspapers demand the formation of a very strong ministry capable of coping with the situation in the east.

Case Adjudged.

Yesterday afternoon William Erick, conductor of the M., R. & K. electric road, was up before Justice Morey, on charge of assaulting Charles Gordon, a peddler. The case was adjourned until this afternoon at 4 o'clock. It will be remembered that Gordon boarded a car for Kenosha and with his bundles occupied three seats and the conductor demanded an additional fare and caught hold of the peddler to frighten him and he paid the extra amount. The warrant or complaint was signed by Mr. Gordon in Hebrew writing, something never seen before in the history of Racine Justice courts. The writing resembles short hand more than anything else.

For Sale and For Rent cards at this office.

HOT SHOT FIRED AT ALD. HOYLE

At the Special Meeting of the City Council Held Last Evening.

DISCUSS SEVENTH WARD HEATER

Ald. Field Asks Mr. Hoyle to Explain Some Stories That Are Afloat.

ABOUT BEING A SILENT PARTNER

Or a Representative of the sturdier Heating Company—Explains That He Superintended Some Work at the Request of the Company—Claims That Two Men Are Attempting to Down Him and That Ald. Lawton is One of Them.

You cannot always tell how animated or interesting a city council meeting will be. The special session of the city fathers held last night illustrated that fact. It was called for the purpose of taking some action in regard to repairing the heating apparatus at the Washington school which is entirely inadequate to properly warm the interior of the structure during severe winter weather. Mayor Graham was in the chair and the Aldermen who answered to their names at roll call were: Bulluck, Hoyle, Field, Lawton, Tiedeman and Jenz.

MAYOR DID NOT SIGN.

The heater in the school was put in over a year ago and has never been satisfactory, and experts state that it cannot be made to heat the school rooms unless radical changes are made. A long time ago the Board of Public Works advertised for bids to make the necessary changes or repairs. L. C. Sorenson & Co. were the lowest bidders and they were awarded the contract. Mayor Graham refused to sign the contract on the ground that there was no guarantee in the provisions of the document that the heater would do the work required when completed and that he did not propose to allow any person or persons to experiment at the expense of the city, and thus the situation has remained for many weeks.

CONTRACT RESCINDED.

At the meeting last evening Alderman Tiedeman offered the following resolution and moved its adoption: Whereas, L. C. Sorenson & Co. have consented in writing to the rescinding of the contract for repairing the heating plant of the Seventh ward school building, which contract is dated Aug. 20, 1897, therefore

Resolved, That said contract be and the same is hereby rescinded, and all bids for said work heretofore received by the Board of Public Works are hereby rejected. Further

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works be hereby authorized and directed to re-advertise for bids for the repair of said heating plant, each bidder to furnish his own specifications for the necessary repairs, and to guarantee that the plant, when so repaired will properly heat said building, and to the satisfaction of the Board of Public Works and Committee on Education of the Common Council, and to furnish a bond in the sum of \$1,000 to carry out said guarantee. Bids to be received on or before Monday, January 3, 1898, at 10 a. m.

A HEATED CONFAB.

A minor amendment was made to the resolution and it was about to be put upon its passage when Alderman Zirbes arose and wanted an explanation. He desired to know why the Board of Public Works had let the contract and what the action was to be rescinded for and whether it was the duty of the Board to award these contracts or the Council. Alderman Field took the floor and explained that the board had awarded the contract to Sorenson & Co. and that Mayor Graham had refused to sign the contract.

Mayor Graham stated to the council that the reason he had failed to sign the contract was because there was no guarantee that the heater would heat the building; that he did not want to sign a contract where there was no guarantee and did not propose to sign it just to allow an experiment. The mayor also told the members of the council that he had visited the Washington school and examined the heater and when he realized the amount of money that had been expended for such a botch he proposed to be careful.

Alderman Lawton arose and addressed the council. He said that he did not have any objection to the resolution or proceedings, but he did not know if the council could take it out of the mayor's hands in this way. He wanted the rooms in the school heated and the defects should be remedied.

Mayor Graham said that he understood from the contents of the resolution that Sorenson & Co. released the city from any liability and he could not see any objection to the resolution and that

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NO EISTEDFOD THIS YEAR.

Chicago People Have Abandoned the Annual Welsh Interstate Event.

There will be no interstate Welsh eisteddfod this year, although it was fully intended there should be one in Chicago next Saturday. The great crowds that were here to the successful eisteddfod a year ago, went away with the belief that this year's event would be held at Chicago, but owing to the lack of interest taken by the Welsh people of that city, the proposed eisteddfod had to be abandoned. The reason given for the abandonment is hard times but if those in charge could have foreseen the recent improvement in business they would no doubt have adhered to their original intention.

Professor Appadoo, a leading Chicago Welshman, regrets exceedingly that no interstate eisteddfod will be held this winter, and he regrets also the cause of it, which is the want of a central interstate organization of the Welsh people in the central west. For this same reason he was unable to say when and where another eisteddfod would be held.

The abandonment was no surprise to the Welsh people of Racine. No preparation was made by Racine singers and choruses, they knowing full well that the Chicago people would not go to the trouble and expense of arranging for the event. In conversation with a prominent Welshman this morning he said that in his belief the eisteddfod would be held at Milwaukee a year hence.

"There is a mass of work remaining the details for a successful eisteddfod," continued the gentleman. "We had a trial at it a year ago, and although we made a little money, it was very poor pay for the responsibility, worry and expense attached to it."

A BIG CAMP FIRE

Will Be Held Jan. 10, Under the Auspices of Governor Harvey Post.

There appears to be a mistaken impression in reference to the big camp fire to be given by the members of Governor Harvey Post, No. 17, G. A. R. The camp fire will be held at the Lakeside Auditorium on the evening of January 24. On the afternoon of the same day a reception will be given to Governor Scofield and other prominent G. A. R. men expected to be here. Both reception and camp fire will be open to the public and everybody will be invited to be present and pay their respects to the chief executive of the state. The recently elected officers of the Governor Harvey Post will not be installed at the camp fire as has been stated, but the installation will take place on the evening of January 10.

REMARKABLE THREAT

Made to Justice Morey's Court by a Young Attorney.

Attorneys are supposed to have plenty of nerve. Racine has one who can take the whole cake and part of a pie thrown in. A case was being tried in Justice Morey's court. When the suit was about half over one of the attorneys turned to Justice Morey and nearly took his breath away when he threatened to withdraw all patronage and business of his firm if the case pending was not decided in his favor. To say that Justice Morey was astonished would be putting it mildly. He called the young attorney down with a dull, sneaking thud and was tempted to order him from the office with instructions to never enter it again. It is doubtful if such a remarkable threat was ever heard in a court of Racine.

KENOSHA BURGLARY.

Overcoat, Suit of Clothes and Jewelry Carried Away.

A telephone message received at the police office this morning states that a burglary was committed in that city at 11 o'clock last night. The residence of Mrs. Fenning, No. 360 Lake street, was entered and the thieves carried away a black overcoat; black suit of clothing, ladies' gold watch, gold chain, gold ring, pair of patent leather shoes and other property. Nothing was seen of the thieves in this city.

Orpheus Club Lost Money.

Last evening the members of the Orpheus club held a business meeting at Old Fellows hall on Wisconsin street, for the purpose of settling up the affairs of the recent concert at the Belle City opera house. It was found that the affair was not a financial success, which is really to be regretted. A club of the ability of the Orpheus should certainly receive better treatment at the hands of the musical loving people of the city. It was decided to give a dancing party and supper next Monday evening. Everybody is invited to be present and enjoy themselves.

Latest Music.

The latest thing in music comes in the melody of a football waltz, composed and published by Prof. Louis Coleman Haley of Madison. The name of the piece is After the Ball and the front sheet has a startling cut representing a chase for a touchdown. It is dedicated to Carl Wehrman. The waltz is bright and catchy and has a remarkably sweet movement. It has all the qualities for making the hit of the season. Whatever popularity the name of its talented composer will fall to make, its own merit will bring. A copy of the music was left at the Journal office today.