

BURIAL OF HORTONS

Skagway People Performed the Last Sad Rites.

MRS. HORTON'S THROAT WAS CUT

The Indians Say the Shot Did Not Kill Her, and That She Pleaded for Her Life.

SKAGWAY, March 29.—The remains of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Horton, formerly of Eugene, Or., who were murdered 35 miles from Skagway last October, and found a few days ago, were buried at public auction yesterday afternoon.

A public funeral was held. It was one of the most largely attended of any ever held here. Services under the direction of the Episcopal church, of which Mrs. Horton was a member, were conducted by the local rector. Local lodges of the Woodmen of the World, Knights of Pythias and the Odd Fellows, of which orders Mr. Horton was a member, turned out in full choir of 10 sang the chants and hymns. The murdered couple were comparative strangers in the city, yet they had the active interest of the community. The bodies in such condition that immediate burial was necessary.

Seven Indians are in jail, charged with being implicated in the murder of the Hortons. Jim Hanson, a Quilch, who, after being converted to Christianity, confessed to the murder, says he shot Horton. Kitchoon, another Indian of the party, is accused of having shot Mrs. Horton. The shot which killed Horton is thought to have been fired by Kitchoon. The shot that struck Mrs. Horton hit her in the breast and came out at the back. Her throat was afterward cut by some one of the Indians. The bodies of the Hortons were buried at public auction at the residence of Mrs. Hanson, among the natives that Mrs. Horton pitifully begged for her life, saying she was a Christian woman, and would be a slave to the Indians if she were not freed.

The prevailing sentiment here is that the Indians are entitled to a fair trial, and there is every promise that they will get it. Some have talked of lynching the Indians, but the community is against it.

FROM THE NOME COUNTRY.

R. R. McRae and F. H. Nagel have left January 6 with reports and plans and specifications for a railroad to be built to connect Fort Yukon with the Yukon river, 25 miles apart, and eventually to run by tunnel under Behring Sea to Siberia. J. S. Kimball & Co., heavy California shipowners and operators, are the promoters of the project. The project is to be the only safe and protected harbor within 100 miles of Nome. Townsites have been laid out at Port Clarence and at Port Safety. C. A. Garside has been employed to survey the route, and to make maps and draw up the contour maps and the specifications. J. B. Zimdars, formerly of Skagway, is writing from Nome, says:

"This railroad may be another scheme to lay under the Yukon, and to divert the boom already on at Port Safety. It is claimed the entrance to the lagoon is 200 feet deep, and is forming a good, safe harbor for small vessels. All claims staked in 1899 were restaked January 1, and some claims are as full of stakes as were those of Atlin last Spring."

An important feature for those contemplating residing at Nome is that the weather there this winter, according to letters and reports that have arrived here, has been comparatively fine. The lowest report given for the thermometer is 42 below, and some give the minimum as higher than that. This is up to January 6. The average for the winter has ranged from zero to 10 below. There was little wind, and little snow fall.

TO MARK THE BOUNDARY.

Advices have been received here through official sources that two United States Commissioners and a Canadian Commissioner have just returned to their respective countries, and demarcate the famous modus-vivendi boundary between Alaska and Canada. This commission will select and specifically designate the precise line of this temporary boundary, from extreme to extreme; otherwise, from its southernmost beginning, on Portland Canal, to its northernmost limit, in the neighborhood of Mount St. Elias. The boundary has been received here as to just what number of men will be attached to the commission or as to details of plans of work.

A NEW RICH CREEK.

A. S. Shannon and J. S. McCourt, direct from Jack Wade Creek, February 23, bring advice that prospecting in the camp this winter has proved the diggings very rich. Claims along eight miles of the creek at various places have been prospected, and paid found in every claim but two or three.

On No. 4 below discovery \$150 was taken out to the pan. From prospecting holes on No. 12 below lower discovery \$200 was gathered by simply picking over the earth known up. No. 7 at lower shows a pay streak 80 feet wide. Jack Wade is deeper and harder to work than the Klondike, but McCourt and Shannon say it has a great future, and that there are any number of promising creeks in that vicinity and on the American side that have scarcely been touched. Jack Wade is barely prospected in spots as yet.

McCourt says that just about the time he and Shannon left Jack Wade the Canadian collector annulled the privilege of allowing American prospectors to take supplies not exceeding \$100 in value into the country free. In regard to duties, he says:

"Americans cannot have goods consigned to them from the coast by way of the headwaters of the Yukon. They can take them in person, but they put up a bond to cover duties, while passing through the British strip, but there is no bonded carrier to serve as a convenience to people already in there. Therefore goods are bought at lower prices, oftentimes American goods, and duties are upon taking them into Jack Wade or Forty-Mile. Not only that, but duties are paid on the Dawson valuation, meaning on the cost of the goods, and not on the profit added by the big trading companies. Miners not only pay for this privilege of developing the country, when they should be rewarded, but they have no mail service. The 120 miners now on Jack Wade have to go to Port Cudahy to get their mail. It is a case of Americans having their mail carried by Canadians and the Canadian postoffice. The Americans have neither office nor carriers in the district."

FIVE NEW SALMON-CANNERIES.

At least five salmon-canneries are to be built in Southeastern Alaskan waters this season. The machinery for some of them are already arriving. Sitka, Copper Mountain, Ketchikan, Icy Bay and Tetu are among the places at which canneries are to be put in. The Fidalgo Island Company, of Anacortes, is putting up the Ketchikan cannery, and the Western Fish-

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In the United States court yesterday Judge Bellinger dismissed the suit commenced some time ago by Granville Reed, pilot, against the steamship St. Irene, to recover \$1045 alleged to be due him as pilot for the voyage from San Francisco to Portland as he was the first pilot to offer his services to Captain Attree, of the St. Irene, but his offer was refused, and afterward another pilot was engaged. Reed claims that the suit was dismissed in violation of the provisions of the act of March 3, 1899, which provides that a pilot engaged by a shipowner shall be entitled to half-pilotage. Reed claims that the suit was dismissed in violation of the provisions of the act of March 3, 1899, which provides that a pilot engaged by a shipowner shall be entitled to half-pilotage.

SHOT AT A SAILOR.

Able Seaman on the Thornliebank. Gerald Fitzgerald, a crew member on the British ship Thornliebank, has made a complaint before the British Consul, charging the mate of the ship with removing some of his teeth, and boring a hole in his stomach, and with other offenses. Fitzgerald claims that the mate of the ship, who was named John, shot at him with a revolver. The facts in the case, divested of the salacious verbiage of the able seaman, are as follows: The Thornliebank was lying at Santa Rosalia, last Christmas, the crew asked permission to go ashore and enjoy such pleasures as could be found at the Mexican port. The crew of the Thornliebank, however, several of the crew embarked in a punt and started ashore. The mate commanded them to return, but they replied by inviting him to come ashore with them. The mate, who was named John, shot at him with a revolver. The facts in the case, divested of the salacious verbiage of the able seaman, are as follows: The Thornliebank was lying at Santa Rosalia, last Christmas, the crew asked permission to go ashore and enjoy such pleasures as could be found at the Mexican port. The crew of the Thornliebank, however, several of the crew embarked in a punt and started ashore. The mate commanded them to return, but they replied by inviting him to come ashore with them. The mate, who was named John, shot at him with a revolver.

JOKE BY EMINENT HANDS

Clever Takeoffs on Celebrated Americans. Chicago Times-Herald. Here are some comedies that were submitted to Editor Sheldon for publication in his "Christian Daily" and declined by him with thanks: "I took a trip on a lake steamer. The vessel was crowded with passengers, so that I was unable to have a stateroom to myself. I didn't like the situation, but made the best of it, and went to the cabin. I heard a man coughing and didn't hear the man who had the lower berth come in. When I awoke in the morning my roommate was up and dressing. I watched him for a while, and presently I saw him take my toothbrush from a shelf above the wash bowl and start to scrub his teeth. 'Here,' I said, 'you are using my toothbrush.' 'Oh, he replied, 'I beg your pardon. I thought it belonged to the boat.' C. M. DEPEW. "Pa. said a little boy, who had been on Sunday school, 'our teacher told us today that Solomon was the wisest man that ever lived. Is that true?' 'Yes, that's true,' answered. 'It may be and it may not. I could tell you better if there were some way of finding out whether the mothers of any of his 600 wives were living or not when the weddings took place.' BRIGHAM H. ROBERTS. "Several years ago, said an acquaintance of mine the other day, I saw a large tract of land lying just outside of Chicago that I thought would make a fine town site. If I could buy the land and allot it to the public, I could make a fortune. So I looked around, learned that the land was owned by a Chicago girl, and I opened negotiations with her lawyer for the purchase of the land. 'And did you get it?' asked. 'No, the Chicago girl put her foot down on it.' W. E. MASON. "Not long ago, when the streets and sidewalks