

LASH FOR THIEVES IN ALASKA.

Robber Is Whipped on the Back and Driven Out of Camp.

Some weeks ago a Yukon outfit that had been packed from Taiya to Sheep Camp by a party on the way to the interior of the Klondike country was stolen. A "committee" of miners—such being the ominous term by which that sort of gathering is designated in the new country—tracked the thieves to the summit of Chilkat pass, where the lost property was recovered. Later the "committee" captured two men and brought them back to camp for trial. They gave the names of William Wellington and Edward Hanson.

Three of the "committee" favored lynching Wellington and Hanson, but they finally consented to a compromise of 60 lashes for each of the two captives.

This was accordingly undertaken. Wellington had been "formally" sentenced and was under an escort to the bar where he had been confined, when suddenly he slipped from the arms that held him and bounded away and killed himself.

When, through the intervention of a physician in the crowd, the whipping of Hanson was interrupted at the seventeenth of the 60 lashes he was sentenced to receive, he was given his clothes and a square meal, and then, with placards bearing the inscription, "Thief, pass him along," tied to his back and breast, was escorted by a committee of miners down the snow-covered road to Taiya.

COW FIGHTS A PREACHER.

Minister and a Companion Struggle with an Infuriated Animal.

A maddened cow gave Rev. Luther Nickels, of Hopwood, Pa., a fierce struggle for his life a few days ago. The stalwart preacher and John Berry attempted to lead the cow to the slaughterhouse by ropes tied to the cow's horns. It broke loose and chased them into the mountains, finally becoming entangled in brush near the summit.

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Miss Josephine Tickner Becomes Unwillingly a Modern Cinderella.

Miss Josephine Tickner, of 816 Walnut street, Chicago, has lost one of her slippers, and, like Cinderella, feels that she will be comforted only when it is returned. The young woman is not particular whether a prince or a peasant brings back her missing footgear, and offers a reward promising to ask no questions of the lucky finder, and experiencing no romantic denouement.

Miss Tickner, as one of the leading belles in her neighborhood, is fond of parties and dances, and it was while returning from a social function that she lost her slipper, which, while not of glass, is fine and small. Her friends, and especially her masculine friends, have organized to find the slipper to earn the reward of her gratitude and a fitting amount of money.

Miss Tickner lives in a fashionable residence, and it is said her beau are numerous. For several days she had been preparing for a fancy dress ball, and equipped herself with a new gown hat, a pair of shining slippers and other fancy wearing apparel. At the ball she was much courted and danced many dances. She enjoyed waltzes, polkas, quadrilles and the rest. Her new slippers were given much service in a short time.

Miss Tickner was proud of the slippers, which were of a late design and expensive. After she had lost one of them she searched long and carefully for it. She walked to her home after the dance to no avail. As a last resort she inserted the following advertisement in a daily newspaper:

LOST—SATURDAY, SLIPPER, MONROE street, Colorado avenue or Kedzie avenue, Josephine Tickner, 816 Walnut street.

Miss Tickner thinks the slipper came off on the street, but she did not notice her loss until she had nearly reached her home.

TO BE USED BY EXPLORERS.

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WHALES COME CLOSE TO SHORE.

Three Monster Finbacks Pursue Schools of Herring and Cod.

The other afternoon a school of herring was noticed off shore at Portland, Me. That was soon followed by a still larger school of cod. The fish were greatly excited and headed straight ashore on Orr's Island. The cause of the excitement was soon evident, when three monster finback whales, the largest seen off this coast for years, appeared. The whales were after a big dinner. The fish headed for the shore. The whales followed them in and actually devoured the herring within a few rods of the wharves.

In the meantime the news of the strange occurrence spread over the island. Men, women and children rushed to the shore. The fish were forced up by the whales. All the fishermen had to do was to stand on the rocks and pull in the largest cod taken off this coast this year.

They worked until they were tired out, and everyone secured a large catch. The whales remained off the wharves until they were satisfied with their catch of herring, and then, keeping together, moved off to sea. The fishermen made the best day's work not only of this season, but of many years.

TOMB OF OSIRIS DISCOVERED.

M. Amelineau Finds It in Excavating at Luxor, Egypt.

Scientists are excited over the authentication of discovery of the tomb of Osiris, the chief god of the Egyptians and brother (consort) of Isis, at Luxor, a village of upper Egypt, built on the site of Thebes.

The news was first received with incredulity, but all doubts were quieted by a telegram from the director-general of excavations to the president of the Egyptian council of ministers. The discovery was made by M. Amelineau, who, in a letter, also affirms positively that he has discovered that the tomb of the gods Seth and Horus is in the same necropolis at Abydos.

The Mail Gazette says: "There is no doubt that this is a great discovery. Thus we know that the tombs of the last three god kings of the second of the divine dynasties, which dates back 10,000 years, have been found."

WOMEN TAKE TO THE PIPE.

Enormous Increase Reported in the Use of Tobacco by English Ladies.

The Daily Telegraph in an article recording the enormous increase in the number of women smokers says:

"The great middle class is making as unconstrainedly as the aristocracy, and the working woman is fast following. One well-known lady of title is sometimes seen driving in the Ripley road with a briarwood pipe in her mouth.

"Inquiries made among doctors, tobacconists and others show that the bicycle is responsible for much, as with wheel, parties has risen a freedom of manner unknown in the presence of a chaperone."

A Hog's Long Fast.

A hog belonging to Fred Hancer was shut in under a driveway during the heavy snowstorm of a month ago, and when Mr. Hancer missed his porkchop he made a search of his own premises and made inquiries of his neighbors, but was unable to learn anything as to what became of the hog. Twenty-two days after the storm, says the Merrill (Ia.) Record, Mr. Hancer heard the muffled grunting of a hog under the driveway, and, shoveling away the snow, found the missing hog. The hog was very thin, but after light feeding it became as lively as the other hogs, which had been well fed during its long fast.

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