

### TO REMOVE NOLAN

SCHEME TO OUST PRESIDING JUDGE OF COURSING EVENTS.

CLUB MEN ARE INDIGNANT

Denounce Proposition to Hire an Inexperienced Man, and Will Fight the Movement at a Meeting Tomorrow Afternoon.

Coursing promises to be one of the popular sporting fads in Butte this summer, but there is a disagreement among the members of the coursing club over the question of who is to preside as judge.

During the last two or three years W. S. Nolan has filled the position, and, as he possesses a thorough knowledge of the business, he has given first-class satisfaction. There is a disposition on the part of one or two members, however, to side-track him this year and employ a man whose experience in that line is at present an unknown quantity.

As a result of the arbitrary action on the part of one or two, a meeting of the members of the club is to be held tomorrow afternoon to discuss the situation and take such action as in the opinion of the gentlemen will be satisfactory to not only the owners of racing dogs, but the public.

#### Officers Favor Nolan.

With the exception of the one or two mentioned, all members are bitterly opposed to the proposed change of judges and will no doubt air their views properly at the meeting. In speaking of the matter today, A. W. Spence, vice president of the club, said:

"We have been given to understand that a new man is to be the presiding judge at the park this summer; a man that has never had any experience whatever in that line. Such a change would not be beneficial to either the owners of dogs or the public and I for one am going to enter a protest against it. A. W. Jones, president of the club, is of the same opinion as I am and when I speak for myself I also voice the sentiment harbored by him. In fact, I voice the sentiment of 95 per cent of the members.

#### Log Owners' Opinion.

Joseph Hoskins of Walkerville, who owns the best kennel in Silver Bow county, and F. L. Nichols, who owns the largest kennel in the city, are two other members of the club who are strongly opposed to giving the position to an inexperienced man. Mr. Nolan is from San Francisco and is thoroughly qualified to fill the position. While in San Francisco he conducted a coursing park of his own, and, in addition to the knowledge he acquired as a manager, he was trained in the duties of judge by one of the best judges of dog racing California has ever had. The park will be opened a week from tomorrow and we have not even been told who the proposed new judge is to be—we have been informed that he is to be 'broken in' with the beginning of the season."

#### Nolan Non-Committal.

William Rowe, another member of the club, is opposed to the employment of an inexperienced man. He and Thomas Nichols own a kennel of good dogs and they want a man who understands his business. Mr. Rowe expressed himself emphatically on the proposition, saying, among other things, that the placing of an inexperienced man in the position would be decidedly unfair to dog owners and the public.

Mr. Nolan was asked if he had anything to say about the proposed employment of an inexperienced man. He said:

"I am interested in coursing and would like to see a man employed who knows something about coursing. I want to see dog owners and the public get a square deal; any good man will suit me. That is all I care to say about the matter."

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### WIFE'S RELATIONS

ATTORNEY YANCEY SAYS THEY CAUSE COCHRANE TROUBLE.

DEFENDS SUIT FOR ALIMONY

Claims Mother-in-law, Wife's Rich Uncle and Latter's Youth Is at Base of Disturbance in Marital Relations.

"Too much mother-in-law, too much rich uncle and too much foolish young wife. That's what's the trouble here," said Attorney Dan Yancey in Judge Harney's court this morning while he was arguing against the motion for alimony in the divorce case of Matilda Cochran against Frank Cochran, and trying to save his youthful client, the defendant, from footing the bills in the case.

This proceeding was a funny stunt for a courtroom. Mrs. Cochran is a young woman and Cochran is only 23 himself. They were married two years ago and have a child 6 months old. Mrs. Cochran wants to be free and Cochran wants to hold onto her.

She has gone to live with her parents, who keep a lodging house, and her suit was brought by Attorney John M. Dixon. The complaint did not ask for anything but the decree, but lately Mrs. Cochran came in and asked for alimony pendente lite and a counsel fee to start work with.

#### Yancey's Explanations.

Attorney Yancey defended for Cochran, and in an affidavit alleged that Mrs. Cochran, her mother and her uncle tried to bluff Cochran out of making a defense in the suit by threatening to make it very expensive for him. The affidavit said they told him that if he would consent to a default the case would cost him nothing. Mr. Yancey said in his address to the court:

"He is only a boy, Cochran. I wish you could see him. He is working down here at the Butte & Boston smelter, and he has to have at least \$35 a month for his expenses.

"Public policy, your honor, is in favor of preserving the marriage tie and discouraging divorces. This is a case of a much mother-in-law. If my client has a fair defense to this action he ought to be allowed to make it.

"He ought not to be sent to jail because he cannot pay alimony, and compelled to give up the case because of the hardships imposed upon him by the law."

Mr. Yancey called attention to the charge made in the affidavit that Mrs. Cochran's lawyer and her relatives had threatened to impose expenses upon Cochran, if he made a defense, and offered to let him go without a claim for alimony or cost money if he did not.

"He won't like the fare in the Hotel Pury and he'll quit and let her get the divorce," said Mr. Yancey. "But this man loves his wife and thinks something of his child. He doesn't want a lot of alimony piled up against him here and he doesn't want to go to jail."

#### From the Other Side.

At the conclusion of the address by Mr. Yancey, Mr. Dixon briefly contended that Cochran had turned his wife out of doors, called her vile names and threatened her life, and that while she would not starve, the law imposed it as a duty on Cochran to pay alimony and counsel fees, she being without means.

The court made an order granting her \$10 a month from the first of this month, making the first payment fall upon May 21. He also granted her \$50 retainer for her lawyer, \$25 to be paid on May 21 and \$25 on June 21.

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David James O'Keefe, Distinguished Referee, Alighted On His Feet After Breaking Through Ceiling.

It is said that a man once fell off a nine-story building in Philadelphia, and it never hurt him. Another man in Boston fell from a balcony. He wore rubber boots, and it is said that he bounced himself to death before he could be rescued.

However true these stories may be, it



JIMMIE O'KEEFE.

remains for James David O'Keefe, one of the electricians and linemen connected with the Butte fire department, to make one of the most peculiar descents on record without being injured. For several days David James O'Keefe

(better known as Jimmie O'Malley O'Kay) has been stringing wires about the city hall preparatory to the removal of the police patrol station from the fire house on Quartz street to the city hall.

While at work in the garret above the council chamber yesterday afternoon O'Keefe missed his footing, and down he came through plaster and lath.

O'Keefe bored a round hole in the ceiling with his body. He landed on the floor in one of the ante-rooms in the rear of the council chamber squarely on his feet.

With the exception of a few scratches and bruises on his body he was uninjured, and is at work as usual today.

"I probably would not have fallen," said O'Keefe, "had it not been that the candle I had in my hand was suddenly extinguished by the draught from one of the apertures in the rear of the building."

Chief of Police Sanger happened to be standing in the room almost directly beneath the spot in the ceiling which O'Keefe so unceremoniously broke through. Chief Sanger says he was covered with plaster and falling debris and funny thuds.

O'Keefe is a well-known referee and is known in sporting circles.

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