















## WAS ANDERSON ABUSED?

Poormaster Barney Denies Assaulting the Palsied Pauper but Eyewitnesses Contradict Him Flatly.

ALLEGED INHUMANITY WILL BE THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED.

Captain Blanchard Determined to Learn the Whole Truth—Building and Realty Notes—General City News.

Charges of Shameful Cruelty Made. Poormaster Barney's treatment of Charles Anderson, a palsied pauper from Republic now at the county house, will be investigated thoroughly by Capt. C. D. Blanchard, the superintendent of the poor. It is alleged that Anderson was, on Friday last, treated by Mr. Barney in a most cruel and inhuman manner. Mr. Barney denies the charge and Captain Blanchard, having been informed of the circumstances by a MINING JOURNAL reporter, has expressed a determination to hold a searching investigation.

The circumstances of the case are as follows: Friday afternoon Assistant Superintendent Sutherland found a young man suffering from palsy and wandering about the tracks near the scales. He seemed very weak and apparently of unsound mind, so Mr. Sutherland, fearing he might be run down by a passing train, took him down to the yard-master's office at Fourth street and notified Marshal Maloney. The latter telephoned Mr. Barney to come after his man. What occurred on Barney's arrival is best related in the words of Mr. J. D. Boxer, assistant train dispatcher:

"The man was sitting near the yard-master's office, across Fourth street from me," said Mr. Boxer to a MINING JOURNAL reporter, "when Barney arrived. The windows were shut and I could not hear what was said, but I could see plainly. The first thing I saw was Barney approach the man from behind and give him a violent kick. The man got on his feet in a stooping position and then Barney kicked him again and again, finally kicking him down the bank so that he fell face down on the ground. Then Barney pulled him up. He started the wrong way and Barney either kicked or knocked him down again, then pulled him up and started off up the street. It was as brutal and outrageous an assault upon a man helpless and crippled with disease as I ever heard of. I was so stirred up by the brutality of the thing that I was extremely near going out and thrashing Barney, even if I had to pay a fine for it. Only the character of my work, which keeps me busy every minute over the instrument, prevented me from interfering in a most decided manner. One of our office boys, George Gowling, says that Barney kicked the man again when up near the cathedral. Barney's distorted face showed that he was extremely angry with the man and the blows were evidently good, hard ones."

Mr. Barney was seen at the county house by a MINING JOURNAL reporter yesterday afternoon and informed of the charges made against him.

"I never struck the man so as to hurt him or leave a mark on him" he said. "His name is Charles Anderson and he came from Republic. He has frequently been very troublesome, is of an ugly disposition and always trying to run away. Thursday he got hold of a club in the yard and made threats. It was all I could do to get the stick away from him, he was so violent. I locked him up and kept him locked up the rest of the day. Friday I told him not to go out of the yard but he ran away again. When I found him there near the yard master's office I only pushed him with my foot and shoved him to make him move along. The fellow is cunning and when anyone is watching him will pretend to be much weaker than he is. He can run, though, when he wants to, as fast as I can. I will admit that I was somewhat out of temper but I never struck or kicked him so as to hurt him. When I shoved him he let himself drop like a rag, thinking, I suppose, to excite sympathy and perhaps avoid being taken back. He is dead set on going back to Republic. I understand when there he runs away and the boys get him drunk in order to see him perform. I was out of temper but I never hurt a man under my charge yet and I did not hurt Anderson. There he is, you can talk to him yourself."

Anderson is a slim dark-haired fellow. He says he is a Swede and 33 years old. When asked by Mr. Barney in the reporter's presence whether he had been hurt he readily answered "No." The man is evidently only about half-witted. His disease keeps his hands constantly twitching. In a few minutes he broke out that he wanted to go back home. "My mother, she has lots of money and can take care of me," he said.

Captain Blanchard was greatly surprised when informed of the affair yesterday by a MINING JOURNAL reporter. "I had always thought Barney a very kindly sort of a man," he said. "If it is true that he abused this Anderson I shall attend to the case very sharply. Nothing in the way of abuse or mal-

treatment of public charges will be tolerated for an instant. Barney's predecessor once struck a man and he was pulled up very sharply. I shall investigate the matter to the bottom. I have told Barney that no blows would be allowed. Inmates are often very troublesome but we have a place provided for their confinement until they become more tractable. This Anderson has been a very troublesome fellow, I know. If he were not wrong in the upper story we would have made no effort to prevent his running away. I shall investigate the matter fully and act accordingly."

In justice to Mr. Barney it must be said that he has always borne an excellent reputation for kindness and humanity to the unfortunates under his charge. On the other hand the statement of Mr. Boxer is direct and positive. Until Captain Blanchard and other authorities can make a full investigation a suspension of judgment is due to those concerned.

**Building and Realty.**  
The Nester addition has been cleared up and is once more on the market. Owing to the estate of the late Mr. Ross being in course of probate the sale of these lots has been delayed for some time. The tract is a fine one and now that lots in it are once more obtainable it should build up rapidly. In many respects these lots are the most desirable now offering at a moderate price. M. E. Asire has full charge of the property and will be glad to show inquirers over it and answer all questions. Tim Nester's enterprise deserves that his addition should soon become one of the best built and handsomest parts of this beautiful city.

Nic Barth yesterday purchased the Clune property adjoining his residence, corner of Arch and Spruce streets. The consideration is said to have been \$3,000. This gives Mr. Barth one of the finest residence corners in the city, with 100 feet frontage on Arch street. The Clune house has been rented to Mr. Kreidler, who is in Superintendent Philbin's office, but it is the ultimate intention of Mr. Barth to remove the house and broaden his lawn by so much.

John H. Jacobs has the contract for supplying the brownstone for the new Longyear residence. It will be taken from the Marquette quarries. The excavations for the mansion are proceeding rapidly, but it will probably be nearly a year before the building will be ready for occupancy. The structure is a large one and involves a vast amount of work. It will be built in the best manner and thorough work always takes time.

**Pearls Before Swine.**  
George Preston has suspended the sale of meal tickets at his restaurant. And thereby hangs a tale.

Preston, as a means of popularizing his new place, put on sale tickets for twenty-one meals at \$6, or 28¢ cents per meal. He did not expect to make much, if any, direct profit on them. In this expectation he was not disappointed. Most of his customers knew a good thing when they saw it and cheerfully ordered meals amounting to 75 cents or more at schedule rates and paid 28¢ cents for them with great equanimity. Preston stood this all right, but at last his patience wore out.

Lately there came in a man who held a ticket and was evidently hungry. He ordered a porterhouse steak with mushrooms, veal cutlets breaded, poached eggs on toast, cakes, coffee, fried potatoes and sliced cucumbers. The total bill was \$1.65. The customer wrapped himself around his meal with great satisfaction, had his ticket punched once and went his way rejoicing.

Mushrooms cost 26 cents a can wholesale, so that only 2¢ cents was left to cover the rest of the bill. Preston spent the better part of two days trying to figure out his profits on the deal. Then he regretfully concluded that he was casting the pearls of his restaurant before swine, that he could not contend with appetites engendered by Lake Superior air and shut down on the sale of meal tickets. He is still in the business of serving excellent meals at cash rates.

**Ferdinand Schlesinger in Town.**  
Ferdinand Schlesinger, the famous mining man, paid Marquette a brief visit yesterday. He was accompanied by his brother, Superintendent Cady of the Chapin mine, Superintendent Cole of Negaunee and several gentlemen from Chicago and elsewhere. The party arrived at 1:15 o'clock in the private car of General Manager Dutton of the Milwaukee & Northern. The visitors were met at the station by General Manager Fitch and given a carriage ride about the town.

Mr. Schlesinger expressed himself in very complimentary terms as to the fine appearance and beauties of Marquette and remarked that he considered the shipping facilities for ore here much superior to those at Escanaba. The "Schlesinger syndicate," which has made so much stir in the mining world the past year, controls four mines in the Negaunee group, the Queen, Prince of Wales, Buffalo and South Buffalo. It also controls on the Menominee range the great Chapin mine, the Dunn, the Youngstown and some others. After viewing hurriedly the chief points of interest about the city Mr. Schlesinger and party returned to their car and departed for Milwaukee at 2:30 o'clock.

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