

### STEPS TO INCORPORATE THE TOWN

#### A Fire Meeting Takes An Unexpected and Practical Turn.

#### A Committee Appointed to Take Preliminary Steps and Wait Upon Ogilvie - Money Raised for the Fire Department.

There was an important meeting of Dawson's property owners at Pioneer hall, on Wednesday afternoon to consider the very important matter of providing fire protection for our city. Fire apparatus to the value of \$18,000 has been lying on our wharves for weeks and no fire department to assume control of it and put it in shape to be used. The meeting was called by Messrs. Chute, Chisholm and Cooper who made a personal canvass of the owners of property. At the meeting were a number of prominent citizens, this being the first meeting to secure attention. Mr. Chute was made chairman and Mr. Rutledge secretary.

Mr. Chute stated the objects of the meeting: Dawson was without fire protection in spite of the valuable apparatus on hand. Money was needed to build headquarters and pay for the apparatus. Yet it seemed impossible to sufficiently interest the people.

Captain Hansen, manager of the A. C. Co., suggested that perhaps Captain Starnes, chief of police, could suggest some way in which the property holders could be forced to take some interest in what was clearly for their own good.

Captain Starnes didn't think he had any powers in that direction. The new commissioner of the Yukon and his council would be here probably by next Saturday, with power to incorporate the town, and then a tax could be imposed and a fire department put on a substantial foundation. He had offered at one time to allow the town detachment of police to keep the fire apparatus in charge, but Major Walsh had disapproved of it, since if the apparatus failed at any time the police would be blamed.

There was a fund created by the collection of licenses, which, upon the arrival of Mr. Ogilvie, might be made available for fire protection purposes. He thought that, within another 10 days, the whole matter would be settled. The captain made some interesting remarks on the social and useful side of a volunteer fire department. He concluded with the offer of giving the powers of constable to any fire inspector who might be appointed by the proper board of fire protection; the fire inspector's duties being the supervision of fires and abatement of fire-trap nuisances.

At the suggestion of Captain Hansen, Mr. Rutledge made a rough statement of the financial status of the fire department at present. The total cost of the apparatus laid down on the wharf was a little less than \$18,000. Subscriptions to the amount of \$10,000 had been secured. To this amount must be added \$1,000 each from the A. C. Co., the N. A. T. & T. Co., the A. E. Co., the Empire Line, and the two banks, raising the amount to a total of about \$16,000. Two thousand more was required for the apparatus, and about \$5,000 for an engine house.

President Willis, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, thought the first and best thing to do was to go to Mr. Ogilvie and council immediately upon their arrival, and secure incorporation, with all speed possible; then these matters could be done properly. He thought time could be saved if petitions were circulated at once and the preliminaries to incorporation attended to before the arrival of the new officials.

Some discussion took place on the location of the engine house. Mr. Rutledge thought the river end of Fourth street was most central. Captain Starnes believed that Third street would be nearer the probable source of fire. Captain Hansen thought there would be more room on Third street.

The following gentlemen were voted a committee to secure all necessary information, take whatever preliminary steps were necessary and to wait upon the new officials immediately upon their arrival, with a view to rapid incorporation and the securing of a fire department at once. Messrs. Willis, Chute, Davis, and Rutledge.

A vote of thanks was given to Messrs. Davis, Chute and Rutledge for the interest they had shown in the public welfare in carrying along the fire department movement to its present stage of development.

On motion the meeting adjourned until 8 o'clock on Wednesday night next.

#### Shot in the Abdomen.

James Cowie is the affable steward of the Ora who as usual went bus with her on her last trip. He was a quiet and pleasant old gentleman of near about 60 years of age. When the Ora tied up at the foot of White Horse rapids to discharge her cargo of passengers for transfer to the Nora above the rapids and canyon, he was visited by Burnett, the purser of the Flora, a young man who was making his second trip on the boat, his first trip being as cook's helper. Burnett had some difference with Cowie and had come down to the boat to settle it. The two men engaged in an altercation on the bank and Burnett called the old man a thief. Cowie proceeded to chastise his defamer and those who saw it say he whipped him badly. Cowie then proceeded to the boat. Burnett waited a few seconds and then followed onto the boat marking 'X' have not done with him yet. As soon as he caught sight of his late antagonist he fired at him point blank with a 44 caliber log revolver. Cowie turned suddenly sideways as the bullet entered his abdomen a

little to the left of the centre. The missile remained in the body but had not been located at the last reports. The wounded man closed with his assailant and held him and his revolver until bystanders secured him. The wound was neither fatal nor dangerous. The wounded man was placed over to the police and the wounded man was placed on an improvised stretcher. The police post is at the head of Miles canyon but Cowie was carried there tenderly by passengers who had become acquainted with him on his up trip. The people were very angry at the attempted homicide but felt assured that in turning him over to the N. W. M. P. he would receive his deserts whatever they might prove to be.

#### A Pleasant Trip on the Ora.

The following is an extract from a letter just received at the Nugget office from Mr. E. C. Allen, the business manager, who left for the outside on the Ora's last trip:

WHITE HORSE, Aug. 27. Will be in Bennett by midnight and with luck will be in Skaguay by Sunday night, the 28th, in 10 days and 12 hours from Dawson. By reason of the long nights and fogs we have been compelled to lay up a good many hours hence the length of the trip required to make the trip. Capt. A. A. Ritchie, of the Ora is a most cautious navigator and under his able pilotage we have had a splendid trip. Absolutely nothing except mud and a few pieces of ice were seen. While the boat has been heavily loaded, everything possible has been done by the officers and crew to provide for the accommodation and comfort of the passengers. Too much cannot be said in favor of the Ora's crew for they are a most obliging set of fellows. By way of diversion we have given vocal concerts to the edification of ourselves and have alternately received applause and out calls from the crowded galleries. At Hootalinqua we met Capt. Jack Crawford who is supposedly putting through some mining projects and on Cassiar had a number of prospectors on board. When asked as to the state of the head was the reply. We made thirty miles without incident in ten hours.

I think from such information as I can glean here that the rush to Takpa (I don't know how this is spelled) is practically over. Saw one small nugget which purports to have come from the diggings, looks like Bonanza gold. Will try and get further information when I pass the White Horse. I have enjoyed the journey thus far and only hope nothing will interfere with my prompt return with the machinery and paper stock.

E. C. ALLEN.

#### Another Fine A. C. Co. Boat.

The magnificent steamer Hannah, of the A. C. Co. arrived in Dawson on Wednesday last. The Hannah is a sister boat to the Susie and both may be said to be numbered among the finest. This is the first trip both for the boat and her master, J. G. Moore, who by the way is one of the most genial of the many steamboat men now on the Yukon. Capt. Moore is an old Mississippi river man, having for 22 years been master of the steamer Lady Grace, plying between Clinton, Iowa, and St. Paul, Minn. The other officers of the Hannah are Messrs. Connor, Hood, Kayner, Milligan, Blatchford and Iveson, holding respectively the positions of first mate, second mate, chief engineer, purser, and steward.

Capt. Moore is to be congratulated on making the trip from St. Michaels to Dawson without touching a single bar. Probably 15 boats were passed on their way up the river all of which will reach Dawson sooner or later.

The A. C. Co.'s river fleet now consists of the steamers Hannah, Susie, Sarah, Louise, Leah, Alice, Belle, Margaret, Yukon, Martin, Sadie, Victoria and W. H. Shepard. The Hannah will return down the river and will winter at Andreofsky.

#### On the Trail.

The ludicrous signs on the trail were numerous. Partners who had known each other for years and had never passed an ill word would, after a few months of hardship and hard labor, become most bitterly hostile and inimical. The ill feeling would be carried so far that the worldly possessions of the pair could seldom be divided satisfactorily without the aid of the police. Sergeant Major Tucker is a good one on a couple of Germans who proceeded to cut everything in two. After the boat was sawed in two one fellow found that his half was six inches shorter than the other. Seizing a half saw he started in to cut off that six inches when the police were called in. The sergeant divided everything evenly, and left with admonitions not to resume their wrangling. He was hardly out of hearing when they were at it again hammer and tongs. He returned and found that a 2-cent fryerpan had been discovered which they could not agree to divide on any terms at all short of bloodshed. The sergeant threw the fryerpan into the river, and lol both were satisfied at once. Such an easy solution of the difficulty hadn't occurred to them.

#### A Bath in the Klondike.

The crowd of men who cross the Klondike river daily are not all provided with the necessary cash to cross the bridge so a number of boats are doing service as ferry boats above the bridge and many of them are unseaworthy.

Last Wednesday while four men were crossing by a bateau, one of them who was putting his balance and in less time than it takes to tell, the pair were foundering in the cold water. One of them immediately struck out for shore which he made safely; the others were carried down the stream and one who was clad in a long macintosh coat was nearly drowned. His companion held him up, clinging to the boat with the one hand until a canoe rescued them. The fourth man waded ashore just above the bridge.

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### A LODGE BUILDING TO BE DEDICATED.

#### Secret Orders in Dawson Arrange for a Grand Celebration.

#### A Fine Site Has Been Secured and a Home for the Fraternal Bodies Will Be Immediately Erected.

This coming Sunday will witness the laying of the corner stone - or more properly speaking, the corner or memorial logs of the secret societies' association hall in Dawson. The Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, A. O. U. Workmen, Woodmen of the World and Elks have banded together, with the result that ground has been secured, foundation laid, floors set down and the logs are on the ground for building. They may all well be proud of it.

The ceremonies of Sunday afternoon, commencing at 4 o'clock, will include the presenting by the master of ceremonies, Col. Davis, of a memorial for a representative of each of the societies in the association, who will lay it in position to the right of the entrance in front of the building. These logs are squared on all sides, the outside being left for the names of the societies and their symbols, to be carved into the wood. The lower log will be given to the representative of the A. E. & A. M.; the second one to the I. O. O. F.; the third to the K. of P.; the fourth to the A. O. U. W.; the fifth to the W. G. W.; and the sixth to the B. P. O. E.

The altar will witness the ceremony of consecration. A tin box containing various ritual papers, documents and emblems of the orders will be immediately sealed and encased in cement and covered by the altar top.

The ceremonies will be aided by a ladies' quartet, with orchestral accompaniment. The K. of P. have addressed a memorial to the supreme lodge of the world, which is three yards in length. It sets forth the conditions here - how so many good brothers have been misled into a far country, away from friends and lodges and so far removed by natural impediment that they are literally beyond the helping reach of their friends when distress or sickness comes suddenly upon them. The memorial has upwards of 350 names appended, each signer giving his home lodge. Every corner of the world is represented, and it is expected that something may yet be accomplished by the supreme lodge before Christmas.

The various orders will meet in front of the Mining Exchange on Sunday afternoon and will march thence to the building site. Col. Davis is chairman of the various societies and is to be congratulated upon the success which has so largely attended his efforts. The building is 20x40 feet and two stories in height. The lower floor will be used for social and the upper for meeting purposes.

#### Was It Policeman or Guard.

The circulation and influence of the Nugget makes it the duty of the publishers that absolute veracity should be maintained, even to the exclusion of much interesting information which may be true, but of which we are not sure. There is no one regrets more than this paper the creeping into its columns of any inaccuracies, however small. Every effort is made to avoid mistakes of any kind. In our issue of August 27th was a definite charge of admission fees being demanded and paid in order to reach the gold commissioner, and this was during business hours. The statement was made that John Donnelly had paid \$4 to a policeman at the door.

Captain Starnes has notified the Nugget that Constable Ferris has reported to him that he was on duty that day at the door of the gold commissioner's office. The constable denied being offered or accepting \$4, or any other amount.

The following communication from Mr. Donnelly is self explanatory:

Editor Nugget: In your issue of August 27th you published a communication from me, regarding to a certain claim and how I paid the sum of \$4 to a policeman at the door of the office during business hours. I inadvertently stated that I was paying the policeman on guard, etc. It has since transpired that the man I paid was not the policeman who guards the side door but the guard in uniform who acts as regular door-keeper.

Hoping that I have succeeded in making it clear that I was not a policeman's boy's grand, I am yours truly,

We would suggest to the courteous captain of police that the public is to be excused for mistaking the guard of the commissioner's office for a policeman, when as far as anyone can see, they are both in uniform and carry the force, and detailed for the same duties. We are very pleased for the sake of Mr. Ferris to be able to exonerate him completely. The individual members of the N. W. M. P. with whom we have come in contact have uniformly proved to be remarkable exceptions to any police we have met before in our lives, and we are glad to be able to remove from the shoulders of Constable Ferris any stigma or inference of having done so.

#### One Way of Doing It.

I have got a scheme which I think will work to the betterment of the genuine prospector. A prospector prospecting a claim has a legal right of possession for 60 days to find gold. While he is digging, a fellow comes along and pans out a little of the dump and maybe finds some gold. He goes and records the claim. Now, what I say, Mr. Editor, is this: When a man stakes a claim which he wants to prospect let him come to Edson and give Mr. Favett a notice like the following: "I am prospecting claim so-and-so, on such-and-such creek. Do not record it for 60 days." If the prospector can not get into the office, let him give it to the first man in the line to hand in Mr. Favett's window, where he must see it.

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