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WILL SOON BE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Miners' Institute Will be Completed Within Thirty Days.

The Standing Committee Employs a Paid Secretary - Other Business of Interest and Importance to Members Transacted.

The standing committee of the miners' association met in regular session on Monday night at the Hotel Worden. There were present Messrs. Armstrong, Courtney, Galpin, McCuen, Ritchie, Allen, Biddle and McDougal.

The building committee reported that Messrs. Ballentine and Kiddie, the contractors have their preparations well under way for the construction of the institute. The terms of the contract require the completion of the building within 30 days of signing the contract, should more than 30 days be consumed, a cash forfeiture of \$25 for each day over the 30 is one of the conditions.

It was the opinion of the committee that the building would be ready for occupancy within three weeks at the farthest.

The matter of employing a permanent secretary was brought up again and discussed at length. It was pointed out that many men were anxious to join the association and failed to do so simply for the reason that no one was making a business of hunting them up. It was also shown that few, if any men can afford to devote their time to the interests of the association without proper compensation. After considerable deliberation it was decided to employ a secretary for a period of two weeks, at a salary of \$50 per week.

The names of Messrs. Biddle and Davis were proposed for the position. The first named gentleman was elected for the time named.

The matter of heating the building during the approaching winter was discussed. The building committee was instructed to secure a stove and to make the best terms possible for fuel.

The title to the lot donated by the government for the site of the institute will be properly vested in the association at an early date. The officials had assured the committee that such would be the case. The instructions given the committee at the last general meeting of the association were discussed. In view of the fact that the association had gone on record as being heartily in favor of incorporation it was decided that active steps should be at once taken in that direction. A sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Col. McGregor, Galpin, Biddle and President Armstrong, was appointed. The committee was directed to assist the incorporation movement in any way deemed by them advisable.

After an informal discussion concerning the condition of affairs in the post-office and gold commissioner's office the committee adjourned to meet again on next Monday at the same time and place. The proprietors of the Hotel Worden have placed the committee under many obligations by furnishing committee rooms without compensation. The members of the committee are very appreciative of the courtesies shown them by the gentlemanly proprietors.

A Mysterious Case.

The details of the reported attempt at robbery at the Hoffman house are somewhat mystifying. The upper rooms of the Hoffman house are occupied largely by snow people from the neighboring territories. Early Saturday morning when all was still, a man is said to have entered the apartments occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Newman and their three interesting and clever children. Mr. Newman had not yet come in from the Monte Carlo in which he holds an interest and the family were all wrapped in slumber excepting the oldest boy Willie who was being kept awake by some stomach disturbance. In the semi-darkness Willie thought it was his father had returned and was not at all surprised when the man asked him what was keeping him awake. Willie replied that he had a headache. The man took a bottle from his pocket, filled a common drinking glass and said: "Here, drink this; it will do you good." Willie drank the contents of the

glass which he says he thought was whiskey. His own statement is that immediately things became dark before his eyes and he did not remember any more until he came to himself several hours later in a strange bed with a crowd of doctors and friends around him. Jack Cavanaugh, who is one of the owners of the Monte Carlo, occupies a room next that in which Willie slept. He was awakened about 4 o'clock by the noise of the boy vomiting and gasping. He slipped on some clothes and immediately proceeded to investigate. He found the boy breathing very slowly and completely unconscious. He aroused Mrs. Newman and couriers were despatched immediately for doctors. Three responded hastily and it was pronounced at once to be a case of poisoning. Emetics were administered and the usual remedies applied. After an hour or two of work the boy was out of danger but by a very close call.

As to the reasons for the deed the unknown man's purposes can only be surmised. Mrs. Newman had had some friends come to town a day or two before who for late looting had turned some money over to her. It is surmised that robbery was intended by some one who was thoroughly familiar with the affairs of the family. How else could the unknown know of the several nights of wakefulness which the boy had experienced. The only clue to the matter so far is the whiskey glass which the man's murderer left behind him. Nothing was stolen so far as is known.

THE SUNDAY CONCERT.

A Decided Success and Was Largely Attended - The Hospitals Get the Whole Receipt.

The "sacred" concert on Sunday evening at the Oatley sisters concert hall, for the benefit of the hospitals was a decided success and netted nearly \$400 for these most worthy institutions. The instrumentation of the orchestra was as follows: Mr. Theo. Eggert, pianist; Baker and Croese, violinists; Mr. Stahl, clarinet; Messrs. Lyon and Watson, cornetists; Mr. Jackson, drum.

The numbers of the program were contributed by the professional and amateur talent of the city, and for many of the performers it was their first appearance here. There were recitations, songs, dances, impersonations and character sketches, each act being the particular specialty in which each individual excelled, and the audience were delighted with what proved the best aggregation of talent in town to get together at one time and place. There were the Oatley Sisters, in their strong red suit, ditto, Daisy DeAvery, Kirby Howard, Chas. Brown, Jack Black, Prof. BeMar, Mr. Eschwage, Mr. Burkhardt, the Newman Children and several others whose names were omitted from the list furnished this office.

There were upwards of 40 ladies present and the most perfect order was maintained and nothing but the highest commendation of the performance has been heard on every hand. The orchestra first rendered the march "Directorate," by Sousa; a selection from comic opera, "The Army Chaplain," Mellocker; Caprice "Bohemia" from Wells; Waltz, "Souvenir de Baden-Baden," Lousquet; Overture "The Twilight Hour," Boettger; Neoreau Characteristic, "Dance of the Night Hawks," Garney; Descriptive "Hohenloer der Truppen," by Eitenberg, and "God Save the Queen."

Targie Newman.

Little nine year old Maggie Newman is positively the sweetest and clever child as it has ever been our pleasure to listen to and watch on the stage. The charm of the little maid grows on one, the oftener she is seen. She appears sometimes with her brothers, and they are both clever boys, but there is a natty naiveness and grave conscientiousness about the little girl which has endeared her to the hearts of the big men who so often to see her. Some of her songs have been often heard in town before, but the old rogues, to a man, declare that "Targie" has never been sung here before with such pleasure to the audience or to the positive improvement of the song. Your health, Maggie.

When laying in your winter's outfit, remember a subscription to the Nugget is an essential. Twice a week by carrier - \$2.50 per month.

Characteristic And True.

Three 10 a. m. Tuesday morning. Place, Dominion saloon. Present, S. Hirsch, proprietor of a nickle-in-the-slot machine, and Charley Brooks, a would-be thief. Hirsch walks away from the open machine. Brooks whips out a knife and attempts quickly to cut the money sack in two and take away lower half. Hirsch collars him.

Time, 2 p. m. same day. Scene, the court room. Hirsch tells his story in ten words. Justice Starnes: "Have you anything to say?" Prisoner: "Well, no," "six months." At 2:35, prisoner was serving his sentence.

Farming on the Yukon.

Hay has been brought in this summer for hundreds of miles and has proved a profitable investment to the bringers but still the supply is not nearly equal to the demand. The Dominion Land agent has inaugurated a policy, put into effect this week, which is designed to bring about a different state of affairs. The royalty of \$1 per ton did not act at all as a deterrent but no men would go to the trouble of clearing brush and stumps from land and some one apply for the crop and get it. From now on yearly and renewable leases will be granted,

giving as great security on farming lands as is now enjoyed on mineral lands. Men have already made application for from 20 to 50 acres and appear to be well pleased to go to clearing land now that they are secured in the enjoyment of the fruits of their improvements. Wild grass in favorable ground grows five feet high and we shall yet see farming carried on in the Yukon Territory on a large scale. Much information has been circulated outside about the shortness of the summer. There are plenty of crops which would grow here for from five to seven months while for three or four months there could not be any better growing weather even in Cuba. Wild berries have no trouble with the shortness of the season and it is but a matter of a year or two before Dawson will have market gardens surrounding her which will astonish the natives.

A Railroad to Ft. Selkirk.

The report of the railroad surveyors, who recently arrived at Ft. Selkirk, is of much importance to the community. Mr. Van Horn is a man who has always put through anything he has undertaken and he is at the head of the company which started this party of surveyors out from the Skagway episode this summer. They pronounce it the easiest kind of a country to traverse from the summit to the Canadian crossing, while from there to Ft. Selkirk is even better. For mile after mile the inland route shows nothing but grass covered prairie where nothing but a little ballasting will be necessary. The proposed route also cuts off a third of the distance by river.

It is the intention of the company to push the railroad through and the work being so light there are many who think the early spring will see trains in Selkirk other than pack trains. On the strength of the new railroad many settlers have made application for ground at Ft. Selkirk, and the Dominion Land agent has directed that the site be surveyed at once and that the lots be sold to applicants.

The Teslin railroad idea, with its proposed gigantic steal of all the mineral lands in the country, has about been abandoned and it is to be hoped this is not the resurrection, of which we were forewarned by the miners' committee which returned from Ottawa this spring.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Boukry and game at Portland market.

The Monte Carlo sign stretched across the street was torn to pieces by the wind Saturday.

Sunday morning showed the hill north of town all crested with snow. Melting snow felt Sunday night.

The sale of dogs advertised by the sheriff Monday was called off by a brother of the loser in the suit of Daniels v. A. B. Nash. The gentleman appeared on the scene just in time to pay up the costs and save the teams.

Mr. Eswege has organized a syndicate which has secured a number of promising claims, among them being Nos. 31, 32 and 33 Eldorado. It is the intention to work them on a large scale, the opening up of a having encouraged them to this point by showing \$1 to the pack.

Mr. Livernash, for years on the editorial staff of the Examiner and special correspondent of that enterprising paper for this section during the craze for news last year, has returned to his California home and the paper is represented here by Mr. C. K. Kirk. Mr. Kirk is also considering a return to a milder climate for the winter.

G. G. Berg, has sold the business and buildings of the Arctic Meat Co. to Mr. Farou, the gentleman who lately came in with several hundred head of sheep. Mr. Farou is a careful and enterprising business man, and is also a member of the Northwest Council. Mr. Berg is looking around for some other business venture fully intending to stay in our winter.

The patrons of the "merry dance" at the Monte Carlo Saturday night, were occasionally disconcerted by wandering off to the south side of the hall where the rain poured through the streams. A couple would gracefully circle around and would thoughtlessly grate into the floor limits, and immediately would have to break and scamp for from the shower bath region.

The royalty on hay is one dollar per ton - a small amount when it is realized that the hay sells readily at \$250 per ton. The other day Tom Smith got a permit to cut five tons of hay from a certain piece of ground and paid \$5. When he got to town with it he found he had got her three tons which sold for about \$750. Tom spent about ten dollars worth of time trying to get a rebate of the two dollars which he had paid for hay which he never got.

Three flocks of geese in close succession flew south over town Sunday morning about a mile high. Notwithstanding the immense height, there were hundreds of bullets piercing the air from as many rifles, but luckily enough without injuring a single goose. Had one been slain what a stupendous row would have ensued among the five hundred riflemen as to whom belonged the prize. Nothing short of the military contingent now at Selkirk would have sufficed to equitably divide up that unfortunate goose.

What will our outside readers think of the following, which was Saturday's usual supplies on hand at the French Royal. Small imported trout, exported fresh codfish, domestic white fish, graylings, catfish and salmon. The meats were just as varied: Imported young pigeon, prairie chicken, grouse, teal, wild game, mallard, spring chicken, chicken, turkey, pork, beef, mutton and caribou. Pot vegetables, there was domestic cabbage, radishes and potatoes, young turnips, imported cabbage, young onions, tomatoes, lettuce and corn on the cob. Our Eastern friends mustn't believe we are starving here.

Ventilation in the new jail has been provided by a somewhat new method for which Captain Starnes is responsible. The opening through the roof is the same as that in universal use here, the improvement consisting in introducing the fresh air through the walls at the level of the floor and by a box conducting up the wall to a point higher than a man's head. Cold air entering an apartment in the usual way at the floor level with the difference in temperature something like 120 degrees, would be so much the heavier it would diffuse itself over the floor very much like water, causing cold feet and discomfort among the prisoners.

THE "ARCTIC EXPRESS COMPANY."

Is Building Provision Cabins all Along the Yukon River.

And the Freeze-up Will Find a String of Dog Teams all the Way - Mail Twice a Month - \$8,000 per Year for the Service.

The Arctic Express Company is making a big effort to supply a long felt want. They propose doing a general express business between Yukon river points and Victoria and Seattle, insuring the senders to the amount of \$20,000. The P. C. Richardson mail contracts have been turned over to this company which, as soon as the river is frozen and a trail opened, will commence giving a semi-monthly dog team service from the lower Yukon to the coast. The plans of the company are big ones and include building cabins as supply points every fifty or sixty miles along the Yukon and upper lakes. Mr. J. L. Hawley, superintendent of construction for the company has just arrived in town, having left Bennett some weeks ago with a large crew thoroughly equipped with tools and a force of eighteen men. They have been tying up to the bank at fifty-mile intervals and in two days would complete a cabin 36 x 24 feet, even to the floor and chinking. Mr. Hawley and his force is being followed up by crews containing a hundred tons of provision. The cabins are intended for provision depots for the winter and are marked on the bank by large signs bearing the name of the company. The supplies will be divided up among these provision cabins and left in charge of employees, who in many cases, are men having their wives with them.

The first point out from Bennett where a cabin has been located is at Tagish post. Fifty miles further, at White Horse, is another. Then to the foot of Lake Lebarge, about 68 miles. Big Salmon, 66 miles. Little Salmon, 56 miles. Five Fingers, 50 miles. Fort Selkirk, 60 miles. Stewart, 60 miles, and Dawson 66 miles. Below Dawson the provision points are to be Forty mile, Eagle City, National City, Charles creek and Circle City. Below these Mr. Hawley does not know what locations have been made. After the experience of this winter the company will know at what points to build stopping cabins, so that they will be just a day's journey apart.

The first of October will find the cabins all provisioned, and each of them prepared to act as a tavern for travelers. At Bennett there will be a force of eight men and four dog teams with five dogs to the team. At Circle City there will be a similar number of dogs and men. At Fort Yukon, Dawson, Fort Selkirk and Big Salmon there will be relay dogs. Two men will accompany each team which will start on the stand 15th of each month; the men will go right through and the teams to the next relay. One man will be the mail carrier and the other the driver.

The company is a British one, with President Battenbury, of the "Ora," "Flora" and "Nora" line of steamboats at the head. The P. C. Richardson mail contract, assumed by the company is in winter time a letter mail only, and for a twice a month service pays \$84,000 per year for four years.

It is the intention of the Arctic Express Co. to book passengers as well as packages and freight. The passengers will be picked at the taverns and the baggage taken by dog team. The express part of the business is already insured with a United States Guarantee Co.

On the whole, it is a large undertaking but if successful must contribute much to hamish from this region the terrors of winter isolation from the balance of mankind.

Found His Friend Dead.

Mr. Bear came in from Forty mile on Friday and decided to go out and spend the night with John McArthur, a friend, who owned a cabin near the mouth of Bonanza creek. In town Mr. Bear had found that his friend had been in Dawson and that afternoon had paid his bill at the Klondike hotel and gone up the creek. It was about 9 o'clock in the evening when he arrived at the cabin and he found everything quite dark. On the floor he found the body of McArthur quite dead and stone cold - the top of his head completely blown off with a rifle which he still held in his hands. He had evidently rested the butt end of the rifle against a nearby sled and holding the barrel in his left hand close to the left side of his head had shoved the trigger. The top of the skull was blown completely off and rested on the bed several feet away. The brains were scattered all over the floor.

McArthur had several pieces of mining properties and besides had \$1,000 in dust at the time he killed himself. The mental strain of mining operations is too much for some men. The alternating elation and depression of the spirits coupled with more or less ill health, as in the case of McArthur, brings about an unhealthy morbidness of the mind, and the only wonder is that suicide is not much more common than it is.

Special Bargain.

One cabin 14 x 16 and 1 cabin 10 x 10, together with lot 25 x 50. Title guaranteed. Best location in Dawson; close in. Owner has poor health and must get out - a genuine bargain. HARRIS, NUNOON OFFICE.
High grade meats at popular prices at Portland market.