THE CITY FATHERS

Regular Meeting of the Council

Committees on Fire, Water and Light and Finance Make Reports.

The regular weekly meeting of the city council was held yesterday evening in the gold commissioner's court room with Mayor Macaulay in the chair and Aldermen murphy, Vachon, Adair and Norquay, City Attorney Donaghy and City Clerk Smith present. The session was comparatively short, the most important matter coming up being the resignation of H. A. Stewart, chief of the fire department.

Following the reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting a communication was read from Bartsch & Co., it being an application for a license to conduct a slaughter house. Bills were submitted for typewriting two copies of the medical health officer's report, $36.60; N. C. Co., $22.75; public works department, $95, for labor in looking after the streets; N. C. Co., $14, books for the city treasurer; bailiff fees, $35, labor of Corporal Cobb in assisting Tax Collector Smith in the collection of delinquent taxes. Bills and communications were referred to the different committees to which they belong.

Under the head of reports from standing committees, Alderman Adair, chairman of the finance committee, moved the allowance of the following bills, being the balance of the accounts due for the month of February:

Dawson Electric Light Co.	$145.60
N. D. T. Co.	12.00
J. P. O'Connor	75.00
Dawson Hardware Co.	12.75
Dawson Hardware Co.	18.75
McLennan & McFeely	9.50

Alderman Norquay, chairman of the fire, water and light committee, submitted the following report:

"To the Mayor and the Council of the Incorporated City of Dawson:

"Your committee on fire, water and light begs leave to report as follows:

"In view of the evident lack of harmony existing in the fire department in the city, your committee saw fit to make inquiries as to the efficiency of different officers in that department. After having examined a number of members of the fire department we have decided that a reorganization of the fire department would be to the best interests of the city of Dawson.

"The chief of the department, Mr Stewart, having tendered his resignation, we deem it unnecessary to proceed any further with the investigation as to his efficiency.

"With the evidence before us, your committee feels justified in saying that the brigade deserves the greatest credit for the promptness with which they respond to alarms.

"With reference to the charges preferred against Chief Stewart in respect to soda and acid sold to the Eldorado Bottling Works, the fullest inquiry has been made into the matter and we find that the sale of these articles has been a legal one and that Mr. Stewart effected the transaction with the approval of the board of fire commissioners of the Yukon council.

"It is evident that serious friction exists between the chief and his subordinates, and your committee can attribute it to no other cause than that the chief had no established rules and regulations by which to be guided.

"Your committee would therefore beg to recommend that the resignation of Chief Stewart be accepted but that he be asked to remain in charge until such time as his successor can be procured.

"Your committee further begs to report that a bylaw should be enacted regulating the fire department and that this committee should be given power to make regulations in regard to the management of the department, such regulations to be subject to the approval of the council.

"Your committee begs to report further that the provisions of ordinance 25 of 1900 and the amendments thereto providing for the "prevention of fires" does make adequate provisions for compelling the enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance, and power should be given to the inspector of flues and chimneys to order such alterations to be made in the flues and chimneys as he shall think necessary and proper for protecting against fires."

By motion of Alderman Murphy the report of the fire, water and light committee was adopted as read.

Alderman Adair, chairman of the finance committee, submitted the following report, which was also adopted as read:

"The committee reports as follows:

"1. That the appropriation made by the Yukon council for the carrying on of the affairs of the city of Dawson up to the end of the fiscal year was not sufficiently adequate, and that this committee be instructed to interview the commissioner with a view to securing a further appropriation.

"2. That this council should endeavor to procure for the city the entire fund secured by license for the retail sale of liquors in the city.

"3. That the council should seek legislation granting the council power to levy a poll tax and to license commercial travelers within the city and persons soliciting orders for retailers outside of the Yukon territory; also, legislation amending the assessment act so as to enable assessments to be made any time after the first of January in each year."

Three new bylaws were given their first reading, No. 5, providing for the punishment for any infringement of any of the provisions of any of the bylaws, introduced by Alderman Adair; No. 6, relating to the fire department, introduced by Alderman Norquay, and No. 7, concerning the public health, introduced by Alderman Murphy.

It is understood thaere will be several committee meetings held during the week and it is expected an unusual large amount of business will be transacted at the next regular meeting Monday evening.

TRAVEL IS INCREASING

Stages Arriving Almost Every Day

Mail Received This Morning and Another Due Tonight—Still Another Thursday.

As the days are lengthening and the season advances travel from the outside has begun to increase very perceptibly. The White Pass people are conducting almost a daily service and the opposition lines, combined, are doing almost as well. The majority of the incoming passengers are old timers who have been outside for the winter and are now returning for the summer season. The trail is in excellent condition and good time is being made by all the stages.

At 9:30 this morning a White Pass stage arrived with eight sacks of Canadian mail and the following passengers: H. B. Evans, J. J. Campbell, H. C. Davies, J. S. Hoffman, E. Lewin, Mrs. Guthrie, George Adams, H. J. Mizerney and Olga Neilson. Another will be in this evening with American mail, it having passed Stewart at 7 o'clock this morning. Still another, also with mail, passed Selkirk this morning and is due to arrive Thursday noon. A stage left for the outside this morning with five sacks of mail, Wm. Carkeek for Ogilvie and John Smith for Stewart. Another will be dispatched tomorrow morning for which the bookings are nearly complete.

One of Robertson's stages arrived Sunday with T. E. Smith, Dan Rose, W. F. Davidson, N. W. Hindler, May Staton, Mrs. M. E. Clune and Clara Bernier from Whitehorse, and Charles Smelzer from Selkirk. Yesterday afternoon another of the same line arrived with the following: George Richter, F. K. Bentley, Geo. Brewer, E. Flodeng, J. C. Hatch, J. D. Woodbridge, A. J. Johnson and H. Workman. The third Robertson stage to arrive this week is expected Thursday or Friday, it having passed Selkirk this morning.

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Teachers Transferred.

By the resignation of Mr. J. A. Crow, the school teacher at Gold Bottom, a change has also taken place in the personnel of the staff in the city school. Miss McCrea, who formerly had charge of the grades next those of the principal, has taken the place of Mr. Crow at Gold Bottom and Mr. T. Patton has taken Miss McCrea's former position. Mr. Crow resigned to enter the mercantile business.

Kelly is the Leading Druggist.

NORTHERN LIGHTS

Refulgent at Auditorium This Week

Excellent Play With Admirable Cast—Lots of Fun at the Savoy.

Everyone doubtless has read the story of the massacre of General Custer and his gallant force of 300 men in the summer of 1876, by the most ferocious Indians of the plains, the Sioux. But those who have merely read the historical account of this important event in the history of the development and settlement of the west cannot know the full details nor see the picture of that dreadful tragedy as vividly as it is portrayed in the play that is being produced this week at the Auditorium, and which is entitled "Northern Lights."

This play is an entire change from the society dramas that have been produced recently. It is a picture of camp life on the plains at the time of the Sioux uprising and is necessarily full of life and activity. It is the largest attempt yet made by Mr. Bittner since he opened the Auditorium and includes all of the professional dramatic talent that is in Dawson at the present time and numbers over 20 people in the cast. The play is from the pen of Harkins and Barbor, and is not only a strong piece in its entirety but includes some remarkably strong characters, principal of which are those of John Swiftmind, the educated Indian, who graduated from Yale college in 1873, taking the degree of M. D., and who afterward joined the army and took the position of assistant surgeon under Col. Grey, who was in command of Fort Terry. After giving up his wild life and entering on his civilized career Swiftmind lost his confidence in the white man owing to many crimes and instances of injustice he had witnessed and resigned his position, returned to his own people only to be rejected by them and finally escaping to make his way to General Crook's camp in time to give a warning of the contemplated massacre, through treachery, to Col. Grey's command. He was just making ready to undertake the perilous journey to Col. Grey when he suddenly expired from wounds he received at the hands of his own people. This character is taken by Mr. Cummings and it is needless to say that it is made the strongest in the cast by Mr. Cummings' ability. The character of Wallace Grey, son of Col. Grey, taken by Mr. Alf. T. Layne, is also one of the strong ones in the piece. Young Grey, owing to a fright his mother was subjected to was born a coward, and although he was admitted to the army, at the sound of the battle his terror overcame him and he deserted, was wounded and captured and sentenced to imprisonment. The bullet by which he was wounded in some manner severed the nervous cord which kept him in terror and changed him into a strong and brave man and it was he who took the message from the dying Swiftwind's hand and carried it through the camp of the Indians and delivered it into his father's hands, thereby saving his force from a similar fate that befell Custer. Sydney Sherwood, the chief Surgeon at Fort Terry, a man who scientific investigations led him to Surgeon at Fort Terry, a man whose at the end became a raving maniac, is another strong character in the play and was ably sustained by Mr. Harry Sedley.

Mr. Southard as Lieut Charles Sherwood carried his part well and made a hit in his love making with Dorothy Dunbar, known as the Little Major.

The stern, unrelenting soldier father, Col. Grey, whose son disgraced him by deserting the ranks, is taken by Mr. Bittner, who cleverly depicts the emotion shown by a father under those circumstances.

Mr. Jack Williams has the part of General Crook, which he takes in an excellent manner.

Lucy Lovell, as the wife of Sydney Sherwood, the maniac doctor's latest victim who has been poisoned with cholera germs, carries her part in her usually good and acceptable manner, making it a realistic portrayal of the agony experienced by a woman under similar conditions.

Miss Howard has also a strong part as Helen Dare, which gives her an excellent opportunity to isplay her ability.

Miss D'Avara takes the part of an Indian friendly to the whites and makes an attempt to obtain water for them during the course of a seige.

Mrs. Ella Bittner, whose coming has been expectantly awaited, was given a hearty reception upon her appearance in the part in which she played in the original production, that of Dorothy Dunbar, better known in the regiment as the Little Major, a part in which she is especially efficient and fully justified the hearty reception given her which included two beautiful bouquets. Mrs Bittner is sure to become very popular with the Dawson public.

Space will not permit giving all the members personal mention, but it is enough to say that the play is strong, the characters all well sustained and the scenic effects the best yet seen in Dawson.

THE SAVOY.

The production of "Irish Aristocracy" which is the opening piece at the New Savoy theatre this week is a play fully in accord with the time and will undoubtedly draw large audiences throughout the week. This is not the original production, but is a farcial take-off on the original, written by the versatile John Mulligan and is full of originality and local hits. The piece is in one act with three scenes, with a cast by the entire company, including John Mulligan as Michael Muldoon, a character in which Mr. Mulligan appears at his best; Dick Maurettis in a character part as Hans Googenheimer; Chas. Moran as Charlie Smithers; Chas. Brown as Lin McCormac; Thos. McSmart as the Rev. Scroggins; Dollie Mitchell as Mrs. Muldoon; Cecil Marion as Ella Muldoon; Ollie Delmar as May McGinnis; Clair Wilson as Jennie Muldoon, and other characters by the company.

The olio includes the old favorites with the addition of Mamie Heightower, who makes her first appearance this week.

Maurettis & Brown have a new sketch as the Dutchman and the Rube which is clever and entertaining.

Lillie Edgerton makes her appearance on the flying trapeze and performs some very clever tricks.

John Mulligan has some new parodies with which he entertains.

Ollie Delmar, Dollie Mitchell and Cecil Marion complete the olio which is one of the best yet produced since the re-opening of this popular theatre.

The after piece is one of Dick Maurettis' latest creations, entitled "The Inventor," which is a funny skit and elicits much well merited applause.

Freimuth's symphony orchestra is connected with this theatre and during the course of the performance plays some very fine overtures.

The entire entertainment is good, and should receive good support this week.

Choral Sacred Concert.

Mr. Arthur Boyle begs to announce that his last concert for this season will take place toward the end of April. As previously stated, it will be sacred and will include in the program Mendelssohn's "Hear My Prayer," for soprano solo and chorus, and the choruses, "The Heavens are Telling," from the "Creation," and the "Hallelujah" from the "Messiah." In order to give a worthy rendering of these masterpieces the chorus will be largely increased and as full an orchestra as possible will be engaged. Any ladies and gentlemen wishing to take part who are not already in the choral classes are requested to communicate immediately with the conductor (phone 88a), or to kindly be at St. Andrew's hall next Monday evening, the 24th, at 7:30, when the first rehearsal will be held. Anyone having copies of the "Messiah" and the "Creation" kindly bring them.

Dismissed With Costs.

The case of Jones vs. Strait which has been in court for some time was this morning dismissed with costs. The action was one in which the plaintiff has sued defendant for an amount that had been settled by arbitration in Strait's favor.

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