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KLONDIKE NUGGET.


WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 1903.

## YUKON COUNCIL.

The Yukon council has met, spent nearly two weeks in earnest discussion and debate and adjourned. Still the country moves along in its accustomed grooves, and the cleanup on the creeks progresses merrily.

In the matter of actual legislation passed and adopted, the council did not accomplish any startling results. But at any rate it is satisfactory to note that no hasty or ill-advised ordinances were placed on the statutes. Another session will be called during the early part of July and several matters left over from the recent meeting will then be taken up and given more consideration.

It is a source of disappointment to many that the proposed lien law could not have been placed in such shape as would warrant its adoption by the council, but it must be said in all fairness that the responsibility does not rest entirely with the members of that body.

Several weeks before the council convened, occasion was taken by the Nugget to point out to the framers of the Trades and Labor Council's measure certain glaring inconsistencies and weaknesses which were bound to threaten the ordinance when it should come up for consideration.

We pointed out the advisability of reconsidering the draft as outlined by the Trades Council and re-framing it under legal advice, along lines which would justify the territorial legislators in giving it a place among the laws of the district.

This suggestion, however, did not meet with the approval of the promoters of the measure who preferred to present it in its original form and take chances upon securing its passage.

The result has been as might easily have been anticipated that the council was unable to frame a satisfactory law upon the foundation offered and the whole question will therefore stand in abeyance for a matter of six weeks until the council again convenes.

During the interim, we suggest that the subject be again taken up and with the knowledge gained from the recent discussion a new measure ought to be framed which will command sufficient support in the council to secure passage.

In respect to other legislation carried over the ordinance extending the powers of the city council may well be given further consideration.

Additional revenues, it appears, are required by the municipal government and for this purpose a road or poll tax among other methods is proposed.

From the point of view both of the city council and the taxpayers it would be well during the meantime that a statement of city finances should be prepared, indicating the amount intended to be raised and the purposes for which the same is required. This we have no doubt the city government will be pleased to furnish. It will serve to guide the public in forming an opinion upon the wisdom of the council's proposals and will furnish an added guarantee of the generally accepted fact that city affairs are being conducted in perfect good faith.

The chief regret which we feel in connection with the proceedings of the Yukon council arises from the failure of the majority of that body to endorse the protest against the Treadgold concession. Had the council seen its way clear to act with the people in that connection, there would be small cause for criticism.

It is pertinent at this time that brief attention be given by the Nugget to continued attacks, which for months past have been directed at this paper by an envious contemporary, in connection with certain work performed for the government.

The Nugget has been wilfully slandered, abused and maligned by the News for no reason other than the fact that a very small share of printing patronage has been diverted to this paper. Terrific exposures promised by the News have faded into thin air and our contemporary has nothing upon which to congratulate itself except the fact that it has made a most childish display of spite and venom.

The subject which has formed the basis of column after column of editorial matter in the News, required two minutes of time for the legal adviser to explain an unanswerable fashion.

Briefly, the work performed by the Nugget was charged at the rate fixed by ordinance. At the suggestion of the legal adviser the bill had been cut down considerably and as thus charged was audited and paid.

Hundreds of other similar accounts have been paid before of which the News has taken no notice—simply because the News had a direct personal interest therein.

The matter might well be overlooked by the Nugget, as this paper has not sought and did not require any vindication. However, as serving to indicate the motives which underlie the editorial expressions of the News the incident is not without value.

The territorial council decided to appropriate the sum of $25,000 for the purpose of encouraging the industry of quartz mining. If the expenditure of that amount of money will demonstrate the existence of paying quartz in the district, the investment will be the best the council has ever made.

Today marks the real opening of river navigation. The steamers have been a long time arriving but never was a more gladsome sound heard than the whistles which rang out this morning proclaiming the glad tidings of re-established communication with the outside world.

Thus far the weather has not been conducive to outdoor vegetable growth, but that fact should not discourage our local agriculturists. When the warm days arrive they will come with a vengeance and everyone may then sit in his garden and watch things grow.

With the arrival of a heavy shipment of fresh spuds, life in the Klondike has assumed an entirely different hue. In a few short weeks strawberries and watermelons will be in market and joy thenceforth will reign supreme.

The government of British Columbia is again on the point of dissolution. Our neighboring province seems to jump from one trouble into another. Some of our local statesmen should go down there and show the benighted inhabitants how it is done.

After all gloomy forebodings the weather turned out favorably for the sports of yesterday and the celebration was a pronounced success.

# ELDORADO BONANZA

## Pleasant Social Event at Magnet

### Dance Given at Mrs. McKay's one of the Great Successes of the Season.

The dance given by Mr. and Mrs. D. R. McKay at the Magnet hotel last Friday night was without exception the most social function ever given on the creek. It was the opening dance and strictly invitational. The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion with flags, bunting and sprigs of spruce. Mrs. McKay had everything well managed as no time was lost from the time the first quadrille was played in the evening until the final "Home Sweet Home" waltz was finished. This dance differed from most roadhouse dances in that everything was free, no charge for dancing or for refreshments. Lemonade was kept in the hall for the ladies and the gentlemen who did not care to go to the bar. Only about thirty minutes was lost in serving refreshments. The hall was filled with lovers of dancing, no less than two hundred being present. The music furnished by Murphy & Burnes was excellent. Congratulations were showered upon Mr. and Mrs. McKay the host and hostess, upon the success of their opening dance which is a sure sign that everybody was more than pleased.

Mrs. McKay received a letter yesterday from her sister, Mrs. Rose, stating that she would arrive some time in the near future to take charge of the Magnet hotel, so the next dance there will probably be given by Mrs. Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Weinberg of No. 37a Eldorado gave a party at No. 26 Eldorado last Thursday night, the occasion being Mrs. Weinberg's birthday. Dancing was the main feature of the evening, although the songs and recitations should not be overlooked. The quartette from No. 39 Eldorado—Messrs. Perkins, Palmer, Buechler and Bates—quite distinguished themselves as they were encored several times. The recitations by little Katie and Laura Weinberg were exceptionally well rendered and they were applauded to the echo. A large number of Mr. and Mrs. Weinberg's intimate friends were present and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Miss Jennie Parry will give one of her popular social dances at the Strathcona hotel on Wednesday night, June 3rd. Anyone who has ever attended a dance at the Strathcona will come again as they always have a good time there and Miss Parry always looks well to the enjoyment of her company.

### Two Killed

Detroit, Mich., April 25.—A special to The Free Press from Lenox, Mich., says:—In a collision between a Grand Trunk passenger train and a local freight near here tonight two men were killed and one injured. The dead—Leonard Neill, engineer, Port Huron, and —— Patterson, engineer, Detroit. Injured—John Winting, fireman, Port Huron. The accident was the result of an open switch that allowed the passenger train, while going at the rate of 45 miles an hour, to enter the siding on which the freight train was standing. The passengers were thrown into a panic and a number whose names are not given slightly injured. The body of Engineer Neill was found stuck at his post, with his hand on the throttle.

Popular prices at admission for the opera "Armide" at the Auditorium the first four nights of next week. Plans open at Cribbs' drug store, First avenue.

Tickets at Cribbs', First avenue.

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# Stroller's Column.

Since last the Stroller appeared in print he has attended a baseball game and a Victoria Day celebration. Of the former enough has already been said, and if it had not, the truism "The less said, the better," would apply.

The celebration of Victoria Day is more in the nature of a birthday party. It is an occasion when people who have other clothes put them on and go forth with a smile and glad hand to all whom they may meet. Three of a kind constitutes a glad hand.

There are various ways of delebrating. Some prefer to encompass red lemonade and carry a balloon while others commemorate all festive occasions by carrying a frazzel-edged jag. The style for celebration jags this year is very much the same as last. They are still of the top-heavy variety and are worn with the same swagger or stagger that has characterized them ever since Lot went on the tear of which we read in Mosiac history.

During the recent celebration the Stroller was pleased to observe that the general deportment of his friends was very good.

Celebrations are good things as they enable enthusiasts to work off over-accumulations of impetuosity and nothing is thought of it. Where, as if the same people would dare themselves loose on an ordinary day they would be considered boisterous.

On occasions of celebrations it is all right for an athlete to strip down and down until what raiment he carries times to wear is scarcely visible to the naked eye. If the fellow was not in the same costume any other day he would be pulled for indecent exposure.

A few days ago a local paper contained a picture of Oom Paul Kruger and the sight of it brought Dick Widdemore of an incident that happened in Johannesburg fifteen years ago. Widdemore was then in business in the Transvaal and has a vivid recollection of the incident.

The Jews of Johannesburg had completed a new synagogue and, in deference to Mr. Kruger, President of the country, invited him to dedicate the synagogue to the worship of God. Oom complied. His address was delivered in Dutch and passed on to the big congregation of Hebrews through an interpreter. After stating that the Boers were sufficiently liberal to accord to every sect, creed and denomination the privilege to worship God as conscience might dictate he closed by saying:

"And now, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I dedicate this synagogue to the worship of God."

The solemn words fell on the Jews as a great surprise. They were thunderstruck and their surprise was that Mr. Kruger had fooled them by using in his dedicatory address vice the name of one in whom they had no belief. But a glance at the earnest face of the pious old man convinced all present that the error was one of the head and not of heart. Oom having for the moment forgotten that he was dedicating a Jewish rather than a Dutch church.

The Stroller is not surprised that the Dawson baseball league has secured a new umpire. The surprise came when it secured the old one. However, this opportunity is taken to extend to the retiring umpire the Stroller's most heartful congratulations on his having been permitted to retire in toto. The Stroller has in times past seen baseball umpires of empire hue retired a shovelful at a time and such proceedings have a tendency to delay the game until sand can be sprinkled over the grease spot.

The Stroller has previously related how three umpires were slain in the first two innings of a game between the Snowflakes of St. Augustine and the Geraniums of his own town.

It is in a spirit of kindness that the Stroller suggests to the youth who rode the winning nag in the pony race yesterday evening that he appropriate sufficient of the prize money to secure a hair cut—that he may imagine he is imitating Buffalo Bill or Captain Jack Crawford.

Dawson has passed the Rubicon, that she has demonstrated to the world that she could hold a successful celebration in the absence of one R. Carlyle Esq. Many were the expressions that it could not be done and the Stroller stated in the letter. However, it was done, and well done. The struggle had to be supported. However, it was made left for the retained among us. Yes, I'll Land he gave the people of native town a few jollies yesterday.

It is reported that Uncle Hoffman will bring suit against the Tall N. for damages sustained by his through a blows to his head.

[illegible] Uncle Hoffman was passing the spot one day when a great plum [illegible] and [illegible]

"You have lost your diamonds."

Said Uncle Hoffman [illegible] his shirt bosom and [illegible] ring finger. "I see. It was warn me that I shall be robbed."

The report that Uncle watched [illegible] the great [illegible] of the [illegible] has not been [illegible]

[illegible] the creek at [illegible] the ball at the [illegible] Hotel, a roadhouse located [illegible] of the creek. A [illegible] and managed by [illegible] Schaefler and [illegible] Dave [illegible] the Sixty Road at the [illegible] with the [illegible] was down [illegible]

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### Destroyed by Fire

Santiago, Chili, April 25.—Nearly three-fifths of the town of Pisagua including the banks, telegraph office and all the business houses, has been destroyed by fire. The work of combating the conflagration was made very difficult owing to lack of water. The Chilian government sent a stranger from Iquique to take part in the rescue work and assist in relieving the distress.

Pisagua is a seaport town of Chili, Province of Tarapaca. It has a population of about five thousand souls. The town was destroyed by the great wave which followed the earthquake of August 13, 1868, and it was afterwards burned during the war between Chili and Peru. Pisagua has since been totally rebuilt.

Arthur P. Nelson, engineer for Robinson Bros. of No. 43 Gold Run, died at the claim yesterday at 5 p. m.

Deceased arrived only a month ago from a trip to California where he visited his wife and mother, who, with one child survive him.

He was 36 years of age and a steady, hard working man.

Death resulted from an attack of [illegible]

Barber's doll case, involving the side-splitting comedy entitled in the [illegible] Frontier, is to be produced for four nights and one matinee, commencing on Monday, May 25th. Matinee day Wednesday.

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## Last Chance Boys Are Patriotic

### Big Banner Presented by Major Wood—Splendid Time at a Creek Dance.

(Special to The Nugget.)

Last Chance, May 25.

Last Chance boys took advantage of the opportunity this week to evidence their patriotism and sound to the grand old flag, and nobly did they respond. To passers by on the government road Friday evening it was a unique and pretty sight, as well as impressive, that presented itself. The view just on the raise of ground and approach to Cunningham's Discovery roadhouse. There in front of the new hall—a monument to the memory of Last Chance bachelorhood—were gathered the residents of the creek. King Edward himself could not but have felt a strong feeling of pride had he but been able to gaze upon that little band of faithful subjects in the far northland—in this remote part of the empire. They were there to honor their new hall, their creek and their kingdom by unfurling to Last Chance zephyrs the flag that has braved the elements in every quarter of the globe. As the banner gracefully lumbered its folds in response to the breeze, the inspiring strains of God Save the King, followed by Canada's loved anthem, "The Maple Leaf Forever" floated instrumentally and vocally through the surrounding orbe, and inspired even the most loyal subjects of other rulers present. The flag, a magnificent one, was presented by Major Wood, and many were the felicitous remarks made by the bachelors during the brief ceremony.

Last Chance bachelors are nearly all affable and forceful afterdinner speakers and did themselves honor on this occasion.

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