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THE WHISKEY ORDINANCE.

A Revenue Measure but Not for the Town of Dawson.

Yukon Council Fixes License Rates and Retains the Lion's Share of the Proceeds—Women Debarred from Handling Liquor.

The whiskey license ordinance has been passed by the Yukon council and governor and contains some mighty interesting provisions. There are three kinds of licenses, hotels, saloons and bottling works.

A hotel will pay \$2000 per annum, will maintain at least 10 bed rooms, and will be punished if they fail to dispense reasonable accommodations. They will maintain a sitting room and sufficient appliances for serving meals for travelers.

Saloons will pay \$2500 per annum and will close at midnight Saturday and remain closed until 6 o'clock Monday morning.

Theaters will take out saloon licenses where they maintain a bar.

Wholesalers will take out a saloon license. Bottling works will pay a half.

Saloons will pay \$2400 whether in incorporated or unincorporated towns, on the trails or anywhere else.

It is to remain at the option of the license commissioners what road houses shall be charged for their license though it shall not exceed \$2000 nor fall below \$400.

The board of license commissioners can cancel any license upon its being shown that the provisions of the ordinance are being evaded.

Each and every license shall have a placard over the front door advising the public that they are regularly licensed as purveyors of spirituous liquors etc.

Liquors can be sold to bona fide guests at hotels on Sundays during meal hours as follows: From 1 p. m. to 3 p. m. and from 5 p. m. to 7 p. m.

Young men and women are allowed to dispose of liquors. Exceptions are made in cases where the woman is either a licensee or the wife of one.

Saloon or hotel keepers are financially responsible if through the dispensing of their liquors a man gets hurt. An intoxicated individual wandering out into the cold and getting frozen to death can collect damages to the full amount—on friends can do it for him.

An inspector or inspectors will be appointed and their reports on people and places will determine the board of commissioners whether or not licenses shall be granted or cancelled. If an inspector shall be proved to be accepting a bribe or bribes he is subject to a fine of \$100 for the first offense. Anyone trying to influence him in the performance of his duties will receive a similar fine.

THE "NIGGER ON THE WOODPILE."

The feature of the ordinance, which is most noticeable is that the Yukon Council, through its license commission, retains to itself the proceeds of licensing Dawson's saloons.

An article of the ordinance allows incorporated towns to obtain a revenue by the imposition of an additional license of "not to exceed one-fifth of the amount charged hereby."

Not satisfied with that it is again particularly specified that the said incorporated town cannot collect their small license until after the big one has been paid into the coffers of the Yukon Council. This means, in case of the incorporation of Dawson, that the hotels would pay into the territorial coffers \$2,000 and into the Dawson exchequer the handsome sum of \$100. The saloons, breweries and theatres would give the Yukon Council \$2,500 and the city could scrape along with all its multitudinous expenses on a pittance of \$500.

The Yukon Council is hard at work, now on the Dawson ordinance of incorporation. There was a remarkable and sudden activity about this which has been strangely wanting since the completion of the ordinance by Attorney Sheridan over a month ago. There appeared to be a hesitation at that time which has disappeared since the passage of the license ordinance which has secured the cream to the territorial government whether we accept incorporation or not. The incorporation ordinance is expected to be out shortly.

Coming Incorporation.

A meeting of the town committee was held on the 10th inst. re the incorporation of Dawson. Those present were Messrs. Wills, Chute, Cooper, Davis, Rutledge and Col. MacGregor.

A communication was read from Mr. Ogilvie stating that the incorporation ordinance was now in the hands of the Yukon council, and asking the town committee to appoint a sub-committee of three to consider the ordinance with the council, the sub-committee to report from time to time to a committee of the whole.

Afterward the matter would be submitted to a public meeting of the citizens and on motion it was then resolved that Capt. Hansen, and Messrs. Wills, and Davis constitute the said sub-committee.

Bohemians at Capt. Hansen's

On Thursday evening the Bohemian club and their friends were royally entertained at the residence of Capt. Hansen. About 50 guests assembled upon the hospitable Captain's invitation. The elegant drawing-room and parlors were thrown open to the pleasure of those as-

sembled and everyone entered most heartily into the spirit of the occasion.

Mr. D. W. Semple was voted into the position of toast-master. The musical and oratorical talent of the guests was fully brought to light, and although the program was entirely impromptu there were no refusals to the chairman's calls for contributions to the evening's entertainment. The hours passed altogether too rapidly to suit the assembled Bohemians, and it was with unanimous feeling of regret that "Auld Lang Syne" was finally sung and farewell to the genial host was spoken.

Among the assembled guests were the following: Mrs. D. W. Semple, Mrs. West, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Meadows, Mrs. Jourdan, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Lauritzen, Messrs. Rankle, Hall, Hefron, Ben Davis, Fulda, Fairbanks, Adams, Jourdan, Yennans, Walter Watrous, E. C. Allen, Burrett, McKay, Lithgow, Sullivan, Wilson, Geo. M. Allen, Senkler, Semple, Hemen, Storey, George, Noble, Bolster, Esterloy, Vogel, Meadows, Capt. Ogilvie, Capt. Search, Judge Watrous, Dr. Richardson, Dr. Wills, Capt. Bursall, Col. Davis.

To Change the Regulations.

Considerable interest is attached to the meeting of the Miners' Association to be held on Monday night at the Institute building. At this meeting it is proposed to secure such measures as can be recommended to the government for securing changes in the mining regulations. A committee has been hard at work preparing amendments to the laws and the proposed amendments will be made the basis of discussion. It is the intention that subsequent to the meeting at the Institute, similar meetings be held on the different creeks and an opportunity given to the miners to express opinions and give their ideas as to the requirements of the country in the way of changes in the existing laws. When, through this means the consensus of opinion is reached documents will be forwarded to Ottawa with suggestions embodying the views of the miners as to the required alterations in the regulations. It is earnestly desired that as large an attendance as possible be secured next Monday night.

Official Temperatures.

The official observations for the week ending Wednesday, December 14th, are as follows:

	Lowest	Highest	Wind Miles per hour
Thursday	25.6	23.4	3.8
Friday	26.0	23.8	2.7
Saturday	12.6	6.6	4.3
Sunday	1.8	8.8	4.5
Monday	3.0	9.0	4.5
Tuesday	6.4	2.0	2.1
Wednesday	9.4	12.8	2.7

It will be observed that the speed of the wind does not tell much for it is but an average for each of the 24 hours. The high wind of a week ago does not show on the records at all. The highest speed recorded was on Wednesday, the 7th, when the instrument gave 21.6 miles as the distance traveled by the wind in 24 hours. This only gave an average of nine miles per hour while it is well known that during the afternoon when the rink was blown away, signs demolished, sleds blown onto the river etc., the wind reached a speed of at least from 25 to 35 miles per hour. The particular value of the wind records will become more apparent when low temperatures prevail and there is no breeze at all.

Miners' Association at the Forks.

The Miners' Association, through their president and secretary, George J. Armstrong and Col. D. MacGregor, held a meeting on Tuesday week at the forks of Eldorado and Bonanza for the purpose of acquainting the miners with the association and its objects. The reading room was well filled with most interested listeners and all expressed the most hearty approval of the body of men who have spent so much time and worked so hard merely that the conditions surrounding the miners might be improved. Some very strong speeches were made and the endorsement was unqualified. At the conclusion a number of men joined the association while others gave in their names for joining as soon as the dumps begin to yield.

Society Will Be There.

The society event of 1898 will occur on Tuesday evening next, when the Elks give their first social at the New Family Theatre, corner First street and Second avenue. Admission only is obtained through invitations which are not transferable, and an evening rich in social enjoyment is promised all those attending. Dancing will follow the regular program familiar to all Elks and it may be anticipated no feature of the occasion to say that the chairman of the social session, Mr. D. W. Semple, has a few trumps up his sleeve, which will relieve any monotony on the part of those present as to what will be judiciously handed out.

A Thrilling Adventure.

A story is told, for which however we will not vouch, that a man presented himself at the Bodega the other day all wet and shivering.

He is reported to have told Billy Wilson that he had just walked in from Moosehide, said that he lived in Insectville and went to one of the water-holes to dip up a drink. He found the water down four feet and the hole fifteen inches in diameter. Said he reached down, of course head first, until he got so far down the slippery hole he could not get back at all. He thought the matter over until he got dizzy, and all the time slipped further down and down. At last he let go and went kerplunk in the river. Held his breath as long as he could and finally found what he thought to be the water-hole. Climbed out and found himself at Moosehide. Had just waked bank.

Robert Aiden Disappears.

Fred Shade, who owns a cabin about seven miles from town on the ridge between the Klondike and Moosehide wishes to find out the whereabouts of his partner, Robert Aiden. Aiden left the cabin a week ago last Tuesday for Dawson. He purchased about 60 pounds of goods from Fish's store and it is presumed that he started on his return trip the same day with the pack on his back. Shade has heard nothing from him since and is at a loss to know what has become of his partner who is quite an old man. Anyone who may have any information concerning the missing Aiden may report same to the Nigger office.

Officials Notified.

The government clerks and officials have been formally but positively notified by the Yukon commission that they must cease using the government offices for the transaction of their private business. The notification points out that it is unfair for them to compete in business with private citizens who have to pay for their own offices, their own fuel and their own lights; also that it is derogatory to the service, etc. In case of non-compliance with the wishes of the commissioner, the cases are to be taken to Ottawa for investigation.

St. Mary's.

For the week ending December 14th there were eight patients admitted and discharged, leaving 85 at present under treatment at that institution.

The deaths were Samuel Fitzpatrick, of Seattle, Washington, aged 27 years, on December 9th and J. J. Connelly, of Boston, Massachusetts, aged 88 years, on December 10th.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

"Kid" Williams and Bert Moss are on the boards for a 20-round contest on the 29th.

Col. Steele has been appointed license commissioner for this territory by Governor Ogilvie.

Col. T. Y. B. Evans, in charge of the Yukon field force, has been appointed a Justice of the Peace by the governor.

Sheriff Harper's court has been removed from the orderly room in the N. W. M. P. barracks to the south room of the court house.

W. H. Snell, clerk of the territorial court, has removed his office from the postoffice building and now has rooms over the court house, south of the N. W. M. P. barracks.

At 2 a. m. Monday morning a spark from a chimney in the Victoria house started a smoldering blaze on the roof and caused an alarm of fire to be rung. As usual the boys turned out.

In hearing a case last week in which "the way it is done" in the gold commissioner's office, the judge took occasion to remark "It is important that affairs should be conducted in an important public office in so culpably lax a manner."

O'Brien, who escaped from his guard last week and disappeared has been brought from Forty Mile by Constable Lynn who with Special Constable McBeth had been dispatched to overtake him. O'Brien was serving out a five months' sentence and was out under guard clearing ice from in front of the public building.

Arthur Anderson is a very much wanted man for mischief done on the Yukon. The warrant accuses him of misappropriating the outfit of his partners at Forty Mile, and of skipping up the river with \$3000 thus obtained. Anderson, late of the Arctic Miner Co., is one of the sufferers. A warrant has been started up the river post haste in charge of a policeman.

The "Black Diamond Express" that scored such a big hit last Sunday evening, will again be shown with all the mechanical effects, besides a large number of entirely new scenes. Nothing will be left undone to make the Wonderful entertainment popular, and Dawsonites may rest assured that nothing but clean, wholesome and instructive amusement will be given.

A rehearsal of the minstrels who are to amuse Dawson on Christmas night is a revelation. Nothing in Dawson has ever drawn as many clever musicians together at one time before. Messrs. Nobles and Edwards are not only remarkable vocalists themselves but will surprise Dawson in what they will accomplish with their trained band of the cleverest amateurs in Dawson.

On Saturday evening, at the social and literary club at the forks, the subject to be taken up is "subscription hospitals." There appears to be a growing sentiment here that by co-operation the miners can secure medical attention and nursing care when sick at very reasonable rates. The interest taken in the matter appears to guarantee a large meeting in the reading room, which is the regular meeting place of the club.

Mr. Gosslin, the gentleman coming in supposedly to fill the position of crown lands and timber agent is hanging back unaccountably. When the gold commissioner's party passed him he was still at Lake LeBarge and expressed himself in such a manner that it is not at all certain he will attempt the trip over the ice at all. He is drawing his salary whether he gets here this winter or not, and that of itself is a sufficiently arduous an undertaking for the dark months.

Change of program at the Wondroscope exhibition next Sunday. Don't fail to see it at the Monte Carlo.

Look at Hershberg's sign and see what he has to say about clothing, furnishing goods and footwear.

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One Bottle King's Cough Syrup 2.50
Amount Saved \$297.50

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Fruggists,

IN THE TERRITORIAL COURT.

One Partner Does Not Wish to Divide Claims With the Other.

Healy vs. Hebb Again—\$1200 Costs in One Little Suit—What It Costs to Go to Law—Gets Back his \$8,000.

The month of December has been a fairly busy one in the superior court. On December 2nd the case of Jaffe vs. Schmidt & Co. was heard and dismissed. It was a case in which complainant had sold defendant a building and money was still due. Defendant claimed the building had been represented to him as double roofed and in other ways made suitable for winter, which it proved not to be.

On December 9th the case of Shepard vs. Dolan came up and complainant secured a judgment. Shepard represented on defendant's claim on Henderson and was to be paid \$1000. He had received but two payments, one of \$100 and the other \$100.

Brown vs. Hamilton and Bondeman is a case where a coat was left for safe at the store of the defendants and was stolen. The judge ruled that the defendants were in this case responsible for the safe keeping of the coat and awarded complainant \$35 and costs.

On December 7th was heard the case of Barney Simmons vs. Joe Merrimont in which complainant sought to recover his commission on goods sold by Harry Hershberg to defendant. Judgment for defendant.

The case of Joe Merrimont vs. L. Jacquard was dismissed.

On December 9th came up the case of Caleb Berry vs. Frank Swanson. It was a case in which defendant engaged complainant to work for him at Bennett and to come with him to Seventy Mile and there work in a sawmill. In consideration Berry was to be paid "Dawson wages" and on that point hung the only dispute. The judge decided that Berry should be paid off at the rate of \$6 per day and board.

In the case of Ervin vs. Jaffe vs. Case and Gillson judgment was reserved.

On December 12th came up the interesting case of Captain Hansen vs. Pearl H. Hebb. The case grew out of a former case before Judge McGuire of Healy vs. Hebb in which Hebb lost a good claim through Healy taking advantage of a trifling technicality in the wording of the option. The purchase price was to be \$8000 and Hebb tendered it to everyone and finally deposited it with Captain Bliss, the clerk of the court. After the case had been decided against him, Hebb wanted to draw down that purchase money but it was refused him. In the present suit Hansen claimed the money as his; that it had been loaned temporarily to Hebb. Hebb claimed it as payment for a half interest in the claim. The court decided it was the captain's and ordered it paid to him, which was done after the deduction of some \$1200, the costs in the case of Healy vs. Hebb.

On December 13th came up the interesting case of Jay J. Smith vs. C. M. Oleson. This was a case in which two men agree to prospect in the Klondike as partners. They separate and go different ways, but are to stand equally on whatever is secured. Oleson staked and recorded on Bonanza and on Little Blanche while Smith secured nothing at all. Oleson refused to divide and the judge decided against him.

In the case of Ernest Eben vs. the British-American Corporation for wages, judgment was reserved.

Henry Berry sued J. W. Rogers and others on a note for \$2000 given in Berry's father and endorsed from father to son. Judgment for Berry.

The Kalamazoo Mining and Prospecting company obtained a judgment against W. A. Doyle by default for \$48 for wages.

Society Events.

The Bohemians have had an exceptionally pleasant time during the past week.

On last Saturday evening about 25 of that organization met at the handsome home of Messrs. Watrous and Allen which had just been completed, and initiated the new house into the hospitality of Bohemia.

On Sunday evening the clan met at the home of W. M. Wilson, where the friendly host and his congenial wife lavishly entertained the 'fraternity' until Monday was well on its way.

On Wednesday evening a few congenial spirits wended their way to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jourdan and were royally entertained.

Mention is made elsewhere of the gathering at the home of Captain Hansen.

On Saturday evening there will leave from the Nigger office two large sleighs carrying a delegation of Bohemians to No. 60 below on Bonanza, the home of Mr. W. H. Bard, and it may be conjectured that the "post" of Bonanza will leave nothing undone that will add to the festivities of the occasion.

Sunday evening will see Bohemia at its old home in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Semple and where every Bohemian will meet regularly on Sunday evenings as heretofore.

A Card to the Ladies.

A report having been circulated that questionable characters would be allowed admission at the ball at Pioneer hall Christmas eve, I wish to announce that all such will be refused admission.

H. A. LAWLER, Manager.

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