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BEGINS IT WITH SCANDAL.

Davison Has First Mass Meeting of Campaign and Shows His Policy to be the Smirching of Rivals by Innuendo and Personal Slander.

The first mass meeting of the municipal campaign, which was held in the A. B. hall last night, was one of the best conducted political meetings ever held in Dawson, and would have been the most harmonious but for the inactivity of one of the candidates for mayor upon the introduction of scandal and personal abuse.

Mr. Davison, candidate for mayor, and it seemed at first that people were taking very little interest in the campaign, for the hall filled but slowly. The galleries were well filled eventually, but there still remained an empty space in the center of the floor until the end of the meeting.

It was after midnight when the most interesting episode of the evening took place, and this is therefore placed at the beginning of this report. About eighteen candidates had spoken, and two or three who were not candidates, and Mr. Davison, who had made a long speech to open the meeting, was closing it with his reply to everything that had been said.

Mr. Davison told of this deal at length, taking the Sun for his authority on the subject, and said that the McLenan committee intended to carry out that combination there was no doubt from the simple fact of those three words having been added by Mr. McLenan to meet the wishes of Mr. Murphy.

P. R. Ritchie called out from the back of the hall that the words in question were not added by Mr. McLenan, nor at his or Mr. Murphy's suggestion. They were put in by Mr. Davison, one of the committee. Then the sun began. There were loud cries of "platform," and "Ritchie," "Ritchie," but the able chairman called upon Mr. Davison to conclude his speech. Mr. Davison proceeded with the bald unsupported statement that the followers of Mr. McLenan did make the first advances toward the consummation of the alleged deal, but that "the supporters of Mr. McLenan would not stand for such a scheme, and they repudiated it with the result that Mr. Murphy was thrown out and could not be candidate for the mayoralty."

As he concluded there were again loud cries for "Ritchie," and that gentleman went to the platform and warmly thanked the audience for this opportunity of making an explanation. In the first place he would say that Mr. Davison was entirely wrong in his statements on the subject. There was a proposition made to Mr. McLenan and a committee was appointed to wait upon Mr. Murphy and see what the proposition was. A proposition for a candidate to withdraw and give his support to another was one which would be thought worthy of consideration by any candidate. That committee waited upon Mr. Murphy, and heard what he had to say, they returned to report. There was no definite arrangement entered into then or at any other time. Mr. Murphy made a statement in the Sunday Sun which was entirely wrong. As to the words "under proper control" having been put in at the suggestion of Mr. Murphy that was a lie.

Mr. Ritchie finished his speech with the statement that the friends of Mr. McLenan did not require the vote of Mr. Murphy and never had desired it, and Mr. Murphy jumped up and asked that Mr. Beddoe be called. Mr. Beddoe came forward reluctantly and said he did not know what he was called upon to explain.

Mr. Beddoe: He did not bring a list but he mentioned to me some names.

Mr. Murphy: Please repeat the list.

Mr. Beddoe: To the best of my recollection the names were Macdonald, Murphy, Edwards and McKinnon. That day they asked me if I would support Mr. McLenan. I said I could not give any reply to that at the moment, because I lean very heavily toward Mr. Murphy.

"But if Mr. Murphy was not in the field, what would you do?" I was asked. That, I said, would be another matter. The chances were that I would support Mr. McLenan, in the belief that he was a strong man and a probable winner. I think that is all, Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Murphy: That is all. Mr. Beddoe asked Mr. Ritchie if he thought this statement was correct and Mr. Ritchie said he thought it was but he would like to call Mr. T. D. Macfarlane in substantiation. But the chairman, who is a strong supporter of Mr. Davison, saw that his side was losing ground in the argument, as was attested by the cheers from Mr. McLenan, so he abruptly closed the meeting adjourned.

George Edwards was called to the chair and stated that the meeting was called by the supporters of Mr. Davison to give every candidate a chance of stating his views. There were twenty-five candidates altogether, and the four candidates for mayor would be permitted half an hour each to speak and the candidates for alderman ten minutes each. He also graciously expressed his pleasure at so many ladies being present and stated that there were thirty or forty ladies who were voters and in this respect Dawson was ahead of many of the cities of the Dominion. Mr. Edwards proved to be an excellent chairman in every respect, and introduced each candidate very wittily.

Jefferson A. Davison, candidate for mayor, opened the meeting and explained at length his platform. He based his claims for election upon this and the fact that he was the first candidate to issue a platform and the first to call a public meeting. He also threw a big bouquet with a hook on it to catch the ladies' vote, and for the firemen he did not seem able to say enough. In his speech at the end of the meeting he devoted the most of his time to the capture of those twenty-one votes of the fire department. The Mounted Police have votes also, and he landed them to the skies. He showed what it would cost the city to have a police force of its own, and what a trifle the present system would cost, but his declaration for the continuance of the present system had a string on it. He thought circumstances might arise on this subject and that it should go to the people to be voted upon. He next discussed the present financial condition of the city.

Then he came to his great strong point. This was the contract entered into by the city with the waterworks company. What were they waiting for? He would tell them the company had accepted a contract at a price that was unprofitable. They were waiting for Mr. McLenan to get into office (groans) and give to the waterworks the price they had been waiting for (more groans). He already had the city offices under his own roof, and he would have more if they elected him. (A voice: We'll elect him anyway. Loud applause.)

Mr. McLenan was next called upon by the chairman and as he rose he was warmly cheered. He began somewhat slowly, for Mr. McLenan has never posed as a public speaker, but when he got over his first remarks he spoke ably to the point. He said the last speaker seemed to have water on the brain (laughter). He regretted that he was not an orator and able to hold an audience for half an hour with the details of his platform, but he hoped, however, to make himself understood even if he could not make a speech.

It did not seem to him that a platform should be made up of mere details as to licenses and so forth. A platform should be on broad principles and all the smaller details would have to be gone into by the council in any event, and treated according to circumstances that at the time existed and might or might not exist at the present moment. (A voice: "The American Girl"—Auditorium.)

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MAYORALTY CANDIDATES AND THEIR CAMPAIGN BANNERS.

NOMINATION DAY OF YUKON

Dr. Thompson, C. W. C. Tabor, G. K. Gilbert, W. A. Beddoe, Wm. Thornburn and Two Others Put Up Their Two Hundred Dollars Forfeit.

It was thought last night that there would only be three candidates in the field for the Yukon council that were at all worthy of consideration, namely, Dr. Alfred Thompson, C. W. C. Tabor and George K. Gilbert, the labor candidate, but at the close of the nominations today there were five. To avoid having so many candidates in the field, and the danger of the most unworthy candidates slipping in by reason of this splitting up of the vote, a meeting was held yesterday in the rooms above the Pioneer saloon of friends of all the candidates to see if some arrangement could not be come to by which the number of candidates could be reduced. It was a very representative meeting, and it was also a meeting at which was displayed a great deal of local patriotism. Both the candidates and their friends recognized the danger and were willing to make sacrifices. Two of the candidates present magnanimously left their candidacy in the hands of the meeting, and it was at this point that William Thornburn bolted. He was not afterwards taken into consideration.

It was felt, however, that the meeting was not sufficiently representative for the purpose, and a motion carried unanimously that each of the three candidates named appoint three friends each and leave his fate in the hands of these. This was done with the result that George Vernon was the man to make the sacrifice and withdraw. The time for the nominations this morning was between eleven and twelve, in Pioneer hall. Sheriff Ellibeck being sick his son Jack acted

for him. It was half past eleven before any candidate appeared, when Dr. Thompson, with J. P. Smith and Alex. Macfarlane as his sponsors, filed his nomination papers. Then came Mr. Carter, who presented the nomination papers of Mr. Gilbert, the labor candidate. Next appeared Alexander Prudhomme, who was followed by H. D. Hulme with the nomination papers of Mr. Tabor. Next came William Thornburn, whose papers were presented by his law partner, M. D. O'Dell.

At a quarter to twelve W. A. Beddoe rushed breathlessly in with his papers not yet complete. He asked Alex. Macfarlane to complete them for him, and explained his hurry by saying he seemed to be a little ahead of gun time. There were some jokes and the papers were filed. Half a minute to twelve another breathless individual arrived and filed the papers of the most unworthy Jack Ellibeck declared the nominations closed and that a poll would be taken at the same place on January 13th. Each of the candidates deposited a \$200 forfeit and Dr. Thompson was the only one who used gold coin for the purpose. Tabor, Gilbert and Prudhomme handed in certified checks, and the rest put it up in greenbacks.

There were about seventy of the friends of the candidates and people simply curious present, and before they dispersed Mr. Macfarlane announced that a public meeting would be held this week, at the A. B. hall, by the supporters of Dr. Thompson, at which all the candidates were invited to attend.

and a fine supper was served. The following were the guests: Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Carlin, Mr. and Mrs. Manger, Mr. and Mrs. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Cane, Mrs. Uled, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, Messrs. Shahan, Campbell, Kellogg, Sweeney, Bates, McCarmar, White, Eaton and Kelly.

LARGE FUNERAL
Was Held at the Burial of Ben Iverson.
The remains of Ben Iverson, the unfortunate miner who died from exposure while travelling from Gold Run to Dominion last week, were interred at Caribou on Friday.

The funeral was the largest ever held on the creeks, many of the deceased's friends coming from miles to attend.
Messrs. Percy Reid, Dan McKay, Ben Pomroy and Nelson went in a body from Gold Run creek. Iverson had many friends among all of whom he was a general favorite.
Dawson Amateur Operatic Society
The first general rehearsal of Gilbert & Sullivan's opera "Pirates of Penzance" by the Dawson Amateur Operatic Society will be held in St. Andrew's hall on Wednesday evening next, December 31st, at 8 o'clock. There will be room for a few more voices in the forthcoming production, especially tenors and basses, and the attendance of all such is cordially invited at next Wednesday's rehearsal by the executive committee. The society are now in possession of a large number of fancy costumes, which can be hired for the forthcoming skating carnival and masquerade ball. Application for same may be made to Mr. Ernest Seastrie, No. 406 Church street.

Langishes in Jail
At noon today Billy Ask, under charge of having fraudulently obtained \$20 from Vincent Veneo, was still in jail, having been unable to secure bondmen. The second charge that has been preferred against Ask comes up Saturday, on the first he having been bound over to the territorial court for trial. His bail is fixed at \$500 personal and two sureties in the sum of \$250 each.

TRAVEL IN COMFORT
Weld's Stage and Express
Dawson to Gold Bottom
Leaves Dawson 3:00 p. m.
Every Day in the Year.
Office 124 Third Ave. Phone 116

SURPRISE PARTY
A Pleasant Evening Enjoyed on Hunker.
On last Saturday night a pleasant dancing party was given at Mrs. Holmes', No. 47 below Hunker. The affair was a surprise which was successfully managed by Mr. and Mrs. Taylor. The music was of the best

SIX FOR THE CREEKS

White Pass and Merchants Stages Due Tonight.
A White Pass stage, Hobo Hill Donner coach driver, arrived last night with five sacks of mail and the Rosenthal, Mrs. M. R. Thompson of upper Bonanza and two other passengers. Thirteen sacks of mail were dispatched on this afternoon's stage which left at 1 o'clock.
A telegram was received at the

Convention Seems to Have Been Futile

Two Nominees of Convention and Four Other Candidates.
The object of the Caribou convention was to cut down the number of candidates in district No. 2 for the Yukon council, and it succeeded in the nomination of two of the most popular men on the creeks. It was thought that there would be no other candidates except Max Landreville, who was afraid to go into the convention, Mr. Tyrell having withdrawn in their behalf. But when the time came for making the official nominations this morning there were no less than six candidates who entered the race and put up their forfeit money.

Arthur Wilson and M. H. B. Henderson, the nominees of the convention, were officially nominated, and after them came Max Landreville, hotel keeper of this city, Rev. John Pringle, Presbyterian minister at the Forks, J. B. McNamie, an old time miner, and George White-Fraser, Dominion land surveyor, of this city.

Auditorium—"The American Girl"
FOR WHITEHORSE

Three Candidates Nominated for Yukon Council.
Whitehorse, Dec. 30.—Nominations for Yukon council were held here today between the hours of eleven and twelve and resulted in the following three gentlemen being nominated: Robert Lowe, merchant; Edward A. Dixon, laundryman; L. Schofield Sugden, physician.

A meeting in the interest of D. W. Davis, candidate for mayor, will be held at the board of trade rooms tonight at 8:30. All supporters are cordially invited to attend.
Auditorium—"The American Girl"

MRS. SMYTHE'S DANCING ACADEMY
Fancy and Ballroom Dancing taught. Class lessons Tuesday and Friday evenings from 8 to 10. Private lessons arranged for. Socials twice a month. Lessons \$1.00. Eagle hall, opposite Nugget office.
"The American Girl"—Auditorium.

MAILS EN ROUTE

White Pass office today announcing that an incoming stage in charge of Burwash passed the Yukon crossing this morning early. The stage brings mail and a full load of passengers. It should arrive tomorrow night. Word was received from Yukon crossing that a Merchants stage passed that point yesterday and another this morning. Both are supposed to have a consignment of second class mail but passengers were not reported.
"The American Girl"—Auditorium.

SKATING CARNIVAL

Rink Prettily Decorated for the Occasion
Attendance Was Small on Account of the Cold Weather—About Twenty in Costume.
It is a pity that the weather was so frigid last night, otherwise the athletic rink would have been crowded with spectators and merry-makers at the first fancy dress carnival ever held on the ice in Dawson. The huge rink was very prettily decorated for the occasion, rows of flags and bunting being strung entirely across the rink at each of the trusses. The Police band was in attendance as usual and did not a little to enliven what might otherwise have been a rather prosy evening.

About twenty of the skaters were in costume, some of them striking others original and a number very pretty. Considering the chilliness of the atmosphere the most comfortable display was that of a lady and gentleman dressed as a la sourdough in drill parkies, across the gentleman's back being palmed "Coldfoot or Bunk." There were several Tobys with the real cork on their pretty faces instead of a mask, two were in the court costume of Louis Quinze, there was a Mexican bandit with a "cawgild" in imitation bushskin, wide sombrero, and gun, a Goddess of Liberty, a fairy from the land of Miss Christiantheism, clown both real and imitation, a gentleman in a Tuxedo, to say nothing of the Venuses and Aphrodites who skated in their every day habiliments.

The ice was in splendid condition and had the weather been twenty degrees warmer the rink would have been crowded. It is reported that the directors will give another carnival later in the season after the weather becomes more settled and it is not suicidal to put on lighter garments. If such is definitely determined upon there can be no doubt but what it will be a huge success. Dawson is skating mad this winter and anything pertaining to the sport on steel runners will go tremendously if the conditions are at all favorable. The affair last night was a success though the attendance was small.

"The Pariah and the Priest in the Country God Forgot," at Landahl's circulating and exchange library.
Send a copy of the Nugget's Christmas edition to your outside friends.

FOR YUKON COUNCIL
To the Electors of Electoral District No. 2:
Gentlemen,—I hereby announce myself a candidate for election as one of your representatives in the Yukon territorial council and solicit your votes and influence in my behalf.
JOHN PRINGLE.
Bonanza, 30th Dec., 1902.

FOR MEMBER OF THE YUKON COUNCIL
DISTRICT NO. 1.
A. J. Prudhomme

FOR YUKON COUNCIL
To the Electors of Dawson district:
I beg to submit myself as a candidate for the Yukon council for Dawson district No. 1. I shall take the opportunity very shortly to make known the policy I will advocate if honored with your suffrage.
W. A. BEDDOE.

A Happy New Year
Thanking the public for their patronage during the past year and hoping for a continuance of it in the future.
JOHN L. TIMMINS,
Second Avenue. Royal Grocery.

TONIGHT

A meeting of the supporters of Thos. Adair for Mayor will be held tonight at his Committee Rooms on Queen Street, opposite the Hotel McDonald Building at 8:00 o'clock.

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