

RAILWAY FRANCHISE

Ordinance Will Rest for Several Weeks

Pending the Arrival of Messrs. Beal and Hawkins, Expected Middle of February.

Quite a few of the countless thousands who every day peruse the Nugget with unmistakable joy have recently commented upon the apparent apathy shown by the new council in reference to the railway franchise bill that was left over to them by the old council as a heritage of the past.

Take the question of the bridge across the Klondike, for instance. Last summer the engineers made their surveys and measurements for the crossing, selecting the foot of Sixth avenue as being the spot most accessible, the easiest of approach and the best suited for its purpose.

Another suggestion offered is that instead of crossing at Sixth avenue and thus traversing that thoroughfare as well as Craig street, the bridge be located at the mouth of the river where it is good and wide, where the sand bars are numerous and where the run of ice in the spring would have a safer chance of knocking the piers out every year and thus necessitating a new bridge each season.

There can be no question but what a railway franchise allowing a road to enter Dawson is of inestimable value and when the city becomes the Chicago of the north and De Lobe's trans-Siberian scheme is a tangible fact instead of a chimera, a brain-child of fanciful creation worthy of Jules Verne, then will the people of Dawson rise up and build monuments to the first municipal council of the city who in their wisdom saw fit to strangle the first enterprise that ever sought to benefit the community at large.

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may their memory ever remain as green as their acts were verdant. In conversation with Mr. Arthur Davey this morning it is learned that no further steps will be taken in the matter until the arrival of Mr. Beal, who is financing the road, and Mr. Hawkins. They were to have left Boston yesterday, the 28th, and in a wire received from them several days ago they stated it as their intention to come directly through to Dawson, in which event they would arrive here probably by the middle of February. It is to be hoped then that the differences will be amicably arranged so that actual construction work may be begun as soon as the frost is out of the ground in the spring.

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SILAS AND THE CAPIAS

Wants Stampeder to the Tanana Stopped

Owes Him Fifty Dollars for Fish Which He Was to Have Paid Weeks Ago.

Chief Silas, who plays second fiddle to Chief Isaac, of the lordly tribe of Mosghides, is in legal trouble and was today interviewing Stenographer Blankman of the police court as to the best way to get action against a creditor who he alleges is in his debt to the extent of \$50. Some months ago a white man who Silas says is named Marshall contracted with him and a number of other Indians to take all the fish of a certain variety they could catch, settlement to be made at a time when it was convenient for all hands round. Becoming somewhat uneasy and having a desire to carry around his own money for awhile, Silas about the middle of last month began pressing his agent for a settlement. The latter for a time put him off on one pretext and another until at last the fox-sub-chief refused to any longer accept the finger in lieu of his hard-earned salmon. Marshall upon being pined down it is said agreed to pay his fishermen on "Happy New Years," but when that day arrived he failed to show up. Now it appears Silas has information that his erstwhile middleman has joined in the stampede to the Tanana and he wants a capias or any old thing issued that will compel Marshall to return and puntle up what he owes Silas and his tribesmen. Silas' bill is \$50, another has credits to the amount of \$15 and to an old man who died yesterday it is said was owed \$33.

The Moosehide Indians not being treaty Indians nor wards of the government, Silas has no recourse other than a suit in the court the same as any white man. If the reverse were true the government would protect them from any flimflaming process, but as they are masters of their own movements and answerable to no one they have to take their own chances in the general hustle for the almighty dollar. Those who know Marshall say that if he really owes the Indians money and has gone away he will come back again and settle every dollar of it. Silas looked rather disconsolate when told that Marshall, if gone to the Tanana, was now beyond the reach of the tick-tack machine and he would have to wait until he came back.

LOCAL RIFLE CLUB

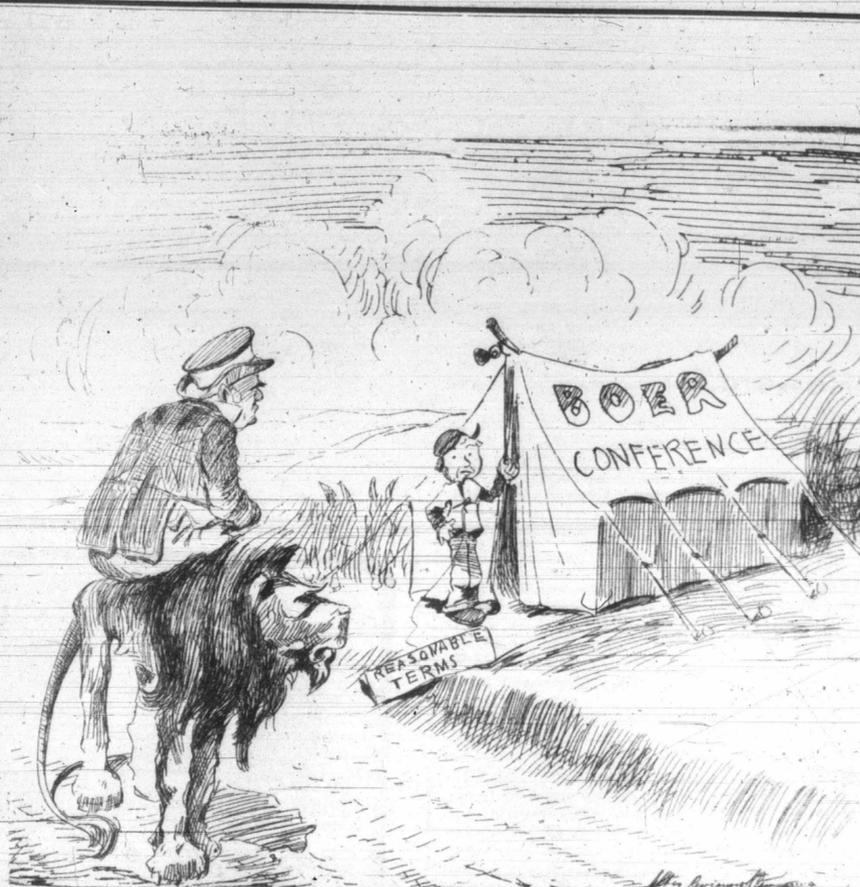
Steps Being Taken to Organize Dominion Rifle Corps.

During the Boer war Great Britain offered every possible encouragement to civilian rifle clubs, and many such organizations were formed as a consequence. The movement was afterwards extended to the colonies, and there is now a Dominion Rifle Association in full swing, the military department of the Dominion appropriating a certain sum for their maintenance.

Now that the Dawson militia are to have rifle ranges it has been thought a good time to form a civilian organization of good shots, as such organization of riflemen will not only receive the bonus from the military department but will have permission to use the militia rifle ranges free.

A meeting of good shots will be called shortly, for the purpose of organization.

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ONE VIEW OF THE AFRICAN SITUATION.

From the Boston Herald

STAGE LOAD OF ACTORS

Old Favorites Leave us for the Outside

Will Play at Whitehorse, Skagway and Juneau on the Way Out.

It was a great stage load of people who went out at noon today on the White Pass stage, and there was quite a crowd to see them off and to wish them success. With the exception of two, William Brown and William Byers, they were all theatrical favorites, and first among them in popularity came Freddy Breen, the comedian, who has not been out of the country since '96. Freddy, the inimitable Irishman, will be very much missed.

The members of the Bittner company going out are Frank Readick, the leading man, his wife Miss Freeman, and Master Readick; Michael J. Hooley and his wife Miss Kelton, one of the brightest soubrettes Dawson has ever enjoyed.

These have formed a company and will play at Whitehorse for two or three nights, at Skagway for a week, and at Juneau and Douglas Island short engagements. After this they will go to San Francisco.

HOSPITAL NOTES.

D. A. Miller, who is in the Good Samaritan hospital suffering from a severe cold, is getting on very well.

Sylvester Edwards has been in the Good Samaritan hospital for two weeks, suffering from a sore leg, resulting from a cut by an axe. He is recovering rapidly and will be out in a few days.

Tom Glen, the well-known miner from Gold Bottom, is in St. Mary's hospital suffering from consumption. His old friend Russell, from Gold Bottom, came in today to see him.

One Boy, One Girl. J. A. McDougal, brother of Frank McDougal the barrister, who is now living in the N. A. Fuller residence, was presented by Mrs. McDougal on Sunday night with a son and daughter. John Corinae, bookkeeper for Alex. Macdonald, is the proud parent of a baby girl.

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HOCKEY MATCH

Lawyers and Doctors to Have a Desperate Contest.

The coming sporting event of the Yukon this season is the game of hockey between the members of the legal fraternity and the brethren of the lancet and saw. The teams on each side are composed of the crickiest players and the excitement will no doubt run high. Both teams are now training hard and faithfully.

The date has not been fixed by the hockey league, but it will probably be scheduled next week, as soon as possible after the fat men's game, as the winner in the medico-legal game will at once challenge the winning team in the fat men's game.

Outbreak of Fire

London, Jan. 6.—There was considerable alarm at the Chapel Royal, St. James Palace, this morning, owing to the sudden outbreak of fire in the altar. The chapel was crowded, the occasion being the annual Epiphany service. The draft carried the flames of a candle to the decorations, but before the fire had made much headway the officiating clergyman mounted the altar and tore down the burning holly.

MINIATURE EXPLOSION

Clogged Pipes Blow the Points Out

Keeping Water Mains Open When Weather is Sixty Below is no Child's Play.

Persons passing by Rody's corner last night about 9 o'clock were treated to a miniature steam explosion which reminded one of a boiler going up in the air. A small apparatus mounted on a sled was being employed by the workmen of the Dawson City Water and Power Company in thawing out the big main on Second avenue which had become partially frozen up during the cold spell.

The thawing put process is not yet completed and it may require all of today before the water is again running freely in the main. Mr. Matheson is at a loss to understand what occurred to cause the water to freeze. Last winter no difficulty whatever was experienced during the cold weather in keeping the mains open. The greatest inconvenience has been caused by the Cascade laundry which is the heaviest individual consumer of water in the city and which derives its supply from the Second avenue main.

Yesterday teams were employed in hauling water for the laundry. Monday and Tuesday by rare good fortune the inconvenience was not felt as the laundry was closed down during the repairing of their boiler.

Water carriers and small consumers who have been accustomed to get their supply at the hydrant at the corner of King and Second avenue have been compelled to patronize the little house in front of the old McDonald hotel building. Last winter during a few days the supply in the water company's well ran low and

for a time it was feared the pumps would be sufficient to exhaust the well. The shaft was made a few feet deeper and no further difficulty was had, nor has any trouble of a similar nature been experienced this winter. With the arrival in the spring of the machinery and hydrants the company proposes to install the well will be still further deepened and there is little doubt but what the supply that will become available will be practically inexhaustible.

Weather Improving. Another slight improvement is noted in the weather today, the thermometer at the barracks standing at 33 at noon. The minimum last night was 45 below; maximum, 36, which would indicate that the cold spell was slowly relinquishing its grasp. Yesterday at noon it was 41 and the day before at the same time 46.

ELECTED MEMBERS

Waiting for Official Returns From No. 3

New Legislators Not to be Sworn in Until All Are Assembled Together.

Official word, has as yet not been received at the Administration building of the election of Robert Lowe as member for the third district, and until such arrives none of the new members will be sworn in nor will a meeting of the council as now constituted be called. The date of the recount and the consequent sending in of the official returns was not until the 26th and the result of such has not had time to arrive from Whitehorse. As soon as it is received, Acting Commissioner Major Wood will call a meeting of the council and when the new members are all assembled together in response to such call they will be sworn in by the commissioner just prior to taking their seats. How soon that will occur can not be stated definitely, but it will probably be before the middle of February.

At the time Messrs. Prudhomme and Wilson took their oaths two years ago the same method was pursued. Neither took the oath of office until just before the commencing of the session and then both were sworn in together, the administering of the oath requiring but a moment of time. There was a report about the street today that the members of No. 1 and No. 2 districts were to take the oath of office tomorrow, but inquiry of the acting commissioner has revealed the falsity of the statement. None of the new members will be sworn in until they are all assembled together, which may not be for another two weeks.

Schedule Disarranged.

Unless the weather should become tempered sufficiently by Saturday night so that a game of hockey can be played it will seriously disarrange the schedule arranged early in the winter. Two games have already had to be postponed on account of the weather and if it is necessary to postpone a third it will mix things up badly. According to the agreement made by the members of the league the postponed games are not allowed to interfere with the regular schedule and those that are not played when scheduled will have to be arranged for some time during the week and not on Saturday night. The two games which have been postponed, one last Saturday night and the other the week before, are between the D. A. A. and the City Eagles and the Civil Service and the City Eagles. The game scheduled for next Saturday night is between the Civil Service and Police.

West Indian Eruptions

New York, Jan. 13.—Mr. Tempest Anderson, who was commissioned to investigate the recent volcanic eruptions in the West Indies, has read an important paper before the Royal Geographical Society, says a Tribune dispatch from London. He described the results of his own and Dr. Pleist's observations at St. Vincent, and connected them with similar investigations conducted by Prof. La Croix at Mont Pelee, Martinique.

Analogies in the two West Indian outbreaks were pointed out and stress was laid upon the spontaneous discharge of incandescent ashes and gases. In each instance the striking contrast was drawn between the eruptions and previous volcanic disturbances in which streams of lava were floating from the craters.

HUNTING ON SULPHUR

Two More Big Moose Killed

The Animals Said to Have Been Driven Over From Stewart Country.

Sulphur creek is rapidly coming to the front as a sportsman's paradise. Early in the week a cow moose and calf were shot on the creek and this morning two more antlered monarchs were laid victims to unerring marksmanship.

The animals shot this morning appeared on No. 11 below discovery and were seen first by the police. Word was quickly sent up the creek to No. 2 where F. C. Griffith, a crack shot with a rifle, was found. Griffith and two companions hastily secured their weapons and lost no time departing for the point where the moose had been sighted.

They were good big specimens and evidently had wandered from the ridge where they had been traveling down toward the creek, totally unaware of the proximity of men or firearms. Griffith spotted the big fellows at a distance of 400 yards and decided to make no effort to approach them more closely.

He took plenty of time arranging his sights and in so doing made no mistake. It required five shots to do the work but when that number of reports had reverberated through the sharp frosty air of Sulphur, two moose were lying low and all ready for the knife.

When the shooting was over the hunters returned to No. 3 and secured a sleigh and team for the purpose of bringing their quarry in. Those on the creek who are familiar with the habits of the animals are of the opinion that a considerable herd of them has been driven over from the Stewart country where they are still found in numbers.

The miners on Duncan have been hunting studiously this winter, stern necessity in the shape of a scarcity of grub compelling them to do so. It is believed that the moose have taken fright at the persistent crusade waged against them and on that account are heading across Indian river.

Griffith, who shot the two animals upon Sulphur, is an old time sportsman from California. He is among the best shots in the country and seldom fails to score when anything is in sight.

By telephone from Sulphur it is learned that the miners on that creek are preparing for a grand potlach. The cow moose killed the other day weighed when dressed slightly over 500 lbs. and the calf about 200 lbs.

The A. B. Hall

Everything is in readiness for the big ball tomorrow night and the indications are that the large and commodious A. B. hall will be crowded to the utmost to accommodate the crowd that will attend. The decorations will be especially gorgeous, far eclipsing anything ever previously attempted in that line. The music will be of the best and the collation as elaborate as the markets will afford. The committee on arrangements will spare no pains to make the affair the most swaggar event ever given in Dawson and there is small chance of their being disappointed with the result of their efforts.

Others May Protest.

Constantinople, Jan. 7.—Great Britain's protest against the permission granted in September last to four unarmored torpedo boat destroyers to pass through the Dardanelles into the Black sea, under the commercial flag of Russia, will, it is believed, be followed by similar action on the part of Austria-Hungary and Italy, while Germany and France will remain aloof. Germany's abstention is in accordance with her traditional policy not to embarrass the Porte, while France naturally abstains from acting against the interests of her ally, Russia.

Charles M. Schwab

New York, Jan. 8.—Joseph F. Schwab, who returned recently from a visit abroad, announces that his brother, Charles M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel Corporation has finally recovered from his recent illness and that he intends to return to the United States early in March and resume his duties as head of the big steel combination.

Inspector Coffey leaves for Selkirk in the morning, to relieve Inspector Howard of the command there, the latter coming to Dawson.

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