

CONCERNING THE ELECTION.

Yukon Council Is Still Master of the Situation.

Legal Adviser Clement Explains the Situation and Tells How Matters Stand—And There You Are.

Dawson is in much the same position concerning the coming elections as that occupied by a creditor and a slow paying debtor. The former is never sure of but one thing. He always knows he has something coming. In other words, the promised election has a string on it. While the order telegraphed and received by Commissioner Ogilvie yesterday was the result of a bona fide act of parliament, and takes effect on the 13th of next month, it cannot be made operative until the preliminary arrangements have been made by the Yukon council, and when the council will hold another meeting is a question shrouded in the haziest of uncertain conjectures. This is because it takes four of the present board of six to form a quorum, and only three are here. It may be the most natural thing in the world that Gold Commissioner Senkler should take a two months' holiday just at this particular time, but those are not lacking who are unkind enough to say that there is other purpose in his absence than the one assigned.

Legal Adviser Clement yesterday stated that under the terms of the act providing for the election of two local members to the council, the preliminaries for the election had to be arranged by the council. "Mr. Senkler is gone now, on a two months' vacation," said Mr. Clement, "and cannot be expected to return here earlier than the 15th of September. Consequently no election can take place till after his return, or that of Judge Dugas, because one or the other will have to be here before a quorum of the council can be had. There is just one other chance. If word is received from Ottawa stating that the commission of Major Perry has been revoked, then the council will consist of five instead of six members, and three instead of four will constitute a quorum. In that case, Commissioners Ogilvie, Girouard and myself could hold a meeting."

Altogether the outlook for an election in the immediate future, as seemed reasonable to expect at the first glance at yesterday's telegram, is not one whit brighter than before the receipt of the telegram, and the many noble gentlemen who are seeking a chance to sacrifice themselves for their country's good, seem to be face to face with another heart-breaking delay.

Where is the Freight?

A recent arrival in Dawson from the outside was heard to ask a few days ago: "What has become of all the freight that was piled up at Skagway and Whitehorse a few weeks ago, and which is now reported as having all been cleared up and carried to this place?"

The gentleman further remarked that since his arrival here he has been unable to locate this vast amount of freight as the warehouses are still practically empty. The stranger has evidently yet to learn that Dawson has a large number of warehouses which are not on the water front. There is probably not a town her size on the North American continent that has one-half the warehouse capacity of Dawson, and by the time a few thousand tons of freight are scattered around there is but little of it to be seen at any one particular place, and yet it is here and will be needed before the long winter is over.

Hundreds of tons of freight are being hauled from Dawson to the various creeks every week, the roads being as good now as they ever get, except when covered with snow.

The amount of freight which will arrive in Dawson by the time navigation closes will be as great, if not greater than the amount received in any previous year. But the indications now are that there will be fully as many or more people here to consume the supply as there were last winter; for when the quarantine ban is removed from Nome there is no doubt but that thousands will come here in quest of business and employment who have been disappointed in Nome and who are unwilling to return to their homes in the States without first having made an effort at least to recoup their depleted exchequer in a country where gold is known to exist in such large quantities as in the Klondike.

Should the ban against Nome not be raised until too late in the season for people to catch the steamers up the

river, Dawson's population during the coming winter will be the smallest in her history and not over one-half what it was even last winter, as few people will leave the outside with Dawson or the Klondike as their original destination until there is a very radical change in the existing laws by which the country is governed. There is nothing they can get by coming; yet, if permitted to do so thousands will be driven up the river from Nome by force of circumstances.

Ask the Water Company.

A matter which is of vital interest to every person in Dawson is that of the supply of water for everyday purposes during the coming winter. Will the present water company make an effort to supply the city, or will the pipes be left where they are now, on top of the ground, to freeze up with the first approach of winter, leaving Dawson to rely on the Yukon for her winter's supply of water as was the case last year? AQUA PURA.

River News.

The Victorian arrived last night at 9 o'clock from Whitehorse. She is followed by the Zealandian which is expected today, carrying a large consignment of through mail.

The Victorian brought the following passengers: A. J. Bricline, Mrs. J. W. Raymond, Miss Phyllis Osborne, Mrs. Osborne, Mrs. W. Swanburg, Mrs. W. Purdy, W. G. Purdy, jr., Mrs. Hoff D. Garin, jr., Mrs. Sadie Sprout, Trevor Corry and F. A. McKenzie. Mr. Corry speaks very highly of the courteous treatment accorded the passengers on the trip by the officers of the steamer, and being a knight of the quill will probably embody his impressions of steamboating on the Yukon in his forthcoming book.

Seattle No. 3, with barge in tow, sailed last night for St. Michael. She had but a few passengers.

The next boat expected by the S. Y. T. Co. is the Campbell. She is now on the way up with a barge in tow.

The steamer Nora will arrive today and if she can be inspected immediately will sail on her return to Whitehorse tomorrow.

The Flora has left Whitehorse and is coming down the river at full tilt. She is billed to sail for the Stewart river Saturday on a week's excursion to the head of navigation. A large party has booked for the trip. J. E. McAlpine of Dominon, will send up a party. It is understood he has some valuable interests in that district.

The Eldorado is due today and will sail Saturday.

Rumors are rife of a fierce rate war which is in effect at Whitehorse, passage being sold, it is said, for Dawson first-class for \$15. If such is proved to be the case lively times are expected at this point as the C. D. Co. will refuse freight to boats making a cut, consequently they will be free to slash rates at both ends. The blockade of freight is a thing of the past, as Whitehorse is now entirely clear. This probably accounts for the cut in passenger rates by boats which have made a traffic agreement with the C. D. Co., they not getting the freight to haul which they anticipated.

The Hannah sails tonight for St. Michael. She is at her berth in front of the A. C. Co.'s store.

For a Horse Pound.

Action is being taken today relative to the enforcement of an existing ordinance which forbids the running at large of horses in the city of Dawson. As a number of complaints about loose horses breaking up sidewalks and eating up grocery stores and fruit stands have recently been lodged with Sergeant Wilson, he at last laid the matter before the authorities with the result that the enforcement of the ordinance will probably date from tomorrow or the next day.

Inverted Siphons.

Jos. McGillivray has placed in operation an inverted siphon on the property of the Anglo-Klondike, Ltd. By means of the siphon which consists of 2500 feet of 11-inch steel pipe, a strong head of water is conveyed from Queen's gulch to the company's property on Fox gulch, which is on the opposite side of Bonanza creek. There is also in process of construction a second siphon 1800 feet long extending along Boulder creek and across to Fox gulch. In conjunction with the latter, two miles of ditch have been constructed. The survey for the work was made by Rufus Buck, the well-known civil engineer. The theory of the inverted siphon was first placed in actual use by Mr. McGillivray during the days of gold mining in California.

Fresh Meats.

The Eldorado Meat Market & Trading Co. is located on the corner of Second street and Second avenue. Nellie Cashman is managing the enterprise.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

It was a motley crowd of French half-breeds that was before Magistrate Rutledge this morning on the charge of having been drunk and disorderly at 1:30 o'clock this morning on the corner of Third avenue and Mission street, where they were found by Constable Mallet and taken to the guardhouse. The names of the trio are Peter Pott, Chas. Acklin and — Blondeau. As one of the three is deaf, and the other two do not speak the English language, the trials were conducted with considerable difficulty, an interpreter being necessary. They all three denied being drunk, one of them submitting for the court's consideration that, at Dawson prices, they did not have sufficient money to get drunk. In each case a fine of \$5 and costs or 20 days at hard labor was imposed. They were all returned to the guardhouse.

The case of Corinne B. Gray, mention of whose grievances was made in our issue of two days ago, which was to have been heard this afternoon, has been continued until the first day of August. In the meantime, having provided good and sufficient bond, Corinne is basking at her own sweet will in the sunlight of heaven.

BRIEF MENTION.

Henry Ridley, esq., has gone on a visit to his old home in Eastern Canada.

A number of persons interested at Jack Wade left for that place in a small boat this morning.

M. J. Heney, the W. P. & V. contractor, will arrive here in a few days with all his freight and passenger sleighs which he will endeavor to dispose of in this place.

Mrs. C. Noble, who for the past two years has presided over the destinies of the Nugget messhouse, will leave tomorrow for Dominion creek where she will spend a well-earned vacation of a month with the family of Mr. Ed. Hering.

Territorial Court.

The case of H. Nipping, accused of stealing gold dust at the cleanup on the claim of Wm. Northup on Bonanza creek, where the accused was a lay on at the time of the alleged theft. The complaint charges that the accused at one time extracted three handfuls of dust from the can in which the dust was carried from the cleanup to the cabin. That at another time he held out a cleanup for some time, making restitution at last under the advice of his present counsel, Attorney White; this amount, or what was said to be the amount was \$137.60.

Mr. Northup was the first witness called and testified that on May 13 no report was made by the accused of his cleanup up of that date, but on May 18 what purported to be the cleanup, consisting of \$137.60 was tendered by the accused and his counsel, but that the amount had not been received as the cleanup up of the 13, but merely as gold from the cleanup.

On the 14th the witness was present at the finish of the rocker cleanup which was turned over to him by the accused who refused to accompany him to the cabin and witness the division and receive his portion. Witness weighed and divided the cleanup, taking to the accused his part of it. Witness was not sure that he had received all the other cleanups. When questioned regarding the amount of dust a man can pick up in a handful, the witness thought the accused would be able to pick up about \$200. He had laid information against the accused on May 15, and after the preliminary hearing on May 18th was when the \$137.60 had been returned.

For about two months prior to this time the witness had been trying to buy the lay. Mr. James, the partner in the lay with the accused, had told the witness that there had been other rocker cleanups within the two weeks prior to the arrest of which the witness had no account.

The next witness called was Mr. Crawford, superintendent of mining operations for Mr. Northup. He had seen the accused rocking on the morning of the 13th, and had later examined the rocker and found that a cleanup had been made.

On the tenth witness had seen a cleanup of the sluice boxes, and had seen accused take the dust towards Mr. Northup's cabin.

Wandering in Dreamland.

The young woman's mind was probably away off in the land of cut on the bias and yokes and flarings and plaitings and applique and ruffles and things like that, whatever they may mean.

Anyhow, when she got on an up town Ninth street car the other afternoon, she dreamily opened her pocketbook when the conductor came around for her fare, stuck a gloved finger and thumb into one of the compartments of the same, extracted a couple of foulard samples, and, with that faraway expression still in her eyes, handed them to the conductor. The conductor was a middle aged man. He smiled and waited for the young woman to come out of her trance. But she held the foulard samples

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 "Yes, they're pretty, miss," he said, "and I'd like to get my wife a dress off that piece on top, but she's"—
 The young woman blushed like a red hot stove lid, dug into another compartment of her pocketbook for a car ticket, and she looked real embarrassed when the brutal male persons across the car aisle grinned, so she did—Washington Post.

Rumors From Shanghai.
 London, July 1.—Pekin is still silent and there is nobody but believes the worst has happened. It is taken for granted that all the powers have exhausted every means to get direct news from their legations, and the fact that their efforts have been vain leaves but one interpretation.

The Chinese representative in Berlin denies the statement that Li Hung Chang has sent to him a hopeful telegram. He says that, on the contrary, no direct telegram has been received by him from Li Hung Chang for some time past. The day's news is again restricted to the usual crop of untrustworthy Shanghai rumors, the most serious of which is reported by the correspondent of the Express to the effect that Europeans are directing Chinese military operations.

The correspondent asserts that Capt. Bailey, of R. M. S. Aurora, saw a man in European garb directing the Chinese artillery operations outside of Tientsin. Foreign refugees from Tientsin openly accuse a European official, whose name the Express correspondent suppresses, and Col. von Hanneken, who was formerly employed to drill the Chinese troops, or being parties to a plot to procure the escape of Gen. Chang and themselves from Tientsin before the bombardment, leaving the other for signers to their fate.

To Recover Manila Duties.
 Portland, July 13.—Portland exporters who have made shipments to the Philippine islands, have decided to institute proceedings against the United States government for the recovery of duties paid at Manila. As soon as the papers are prepared, the case will be filed in the court of claims at Washington, and if the decision is adverse to the claimants, an appeal will be taken to the supreme court of the United States. The claim amounts to about \$10,000.

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