

SMOKER LAST NIGHT

Labor Unions Have a Night Off

Number of Good Speeches Made and General Good Time Enjoyed.

The Dawson Trades and Labor Council gave a smoker last night, which was a success in every respect except one. The permanent headquarters of the council are not large enough for such enjoyable occasions; or will not be when the success of the smoker of last evening has been talked about, as it undoubtedly will be. The rooms were crowded, although but few invitations had been extended to outsiders. Among the latter were C. M. Woodworth, W. A. Beddoe, W. Coyne and Colonel McGregor.

The orchestra opened the gathering with a selection from "Norma," and Charles Fisher, who presided, made a short workman's address, after which he introduced a little business. He called upon the secretary of the council, J. J. Carmichael, to read the following circular, and after its reading, a resolution was adopted unanimously approving it, with instructions that it be sent out as widely as possible.

Dawson Trades and Labor Council,
Dawson, Yukon Territory,
December 9th, 1902.

To All Whom It May Concern:

The Dawson Trades Council last season sent out a notification warning laboring men from giving credence to Transportation Agents who were then offering inducements to laborers to come to work on the construction of the Klondike Mines Railroad. The council had no idea that such inducements were being held out until some of the men who were led astray by those misrepresentations arrived in the territory. The council immediately sent out a circular letter to all labor organizations on the Pacific Coast warning them in the matter.

The advertisements for men to work upon the construction of this railroad was a matter that could not possibly have been foreseen by this council. There were at the time in this council and not engaged five times the number of men the said railroad could have found work for in its construction. The unscrupulous agents largely added to the hundreds of the unemployed who have had to bear as best they can the rigors of an Arctic winter.

Our circular letter, late as it was, no doubt was the means of stopping a great number from coming in. This council had received no information from any of the coast councils and therefore was not responsible for their doings and in regard to this have to say that the Klondike Mines Railroad (sixteen miles in length) did not construction work whatever last fall and that these men induced to come here by promises are still here and are largely a part of our floating population.

We hear now that a second attempt is to be made to bring in a number of men early in the spring to work upon this railway. These promises are probably not being made by the companies directly but by their unscrupulous agents who make their profits on the traveling expenses of the public. Also there are doubtless other employers of labor who hope by overstocking the market to bring down the rates now paid labor. In this connection the council desires to state as widely as possible that there is more labor in the country at the present time than the demand for the next year will employ.

As to the rates now paid, it is our duty to point out that while they seem high to the working man on the coast, they are no better, perhaps not quite so good, as the current labor wages of his own town. He has to reckon the time lost, the cost of living (beef fifty cents per pound), the cost of wood for mere warmth eight months of the year, the cost of special clothing and other absolute necessities.

To meet the expected blandishments of the transportation agents this council now formally declares that there are more laboring men here now than there will be work for during the coming season, and that the Klondike Mines Railroad, or any other large corporation would have no difficulty in finding all the men they could possibly employ right in our midst within forty-eight hours, and at merely living wages.

By giving this official statement as wide a circulation as possible, you will oblige, on behalf of the Dawson, Yukon Territory, Trades and Labor Council,

J. J. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary.

Then came the speeches and the stories, each one with an interlude by the string band, and general good feeling which was only broken once during the whole evening. This was the intrusion of a man who had not been invited, but was no less warmly welcomed when his mission was

made known. He bore a large and juicy donation from George Horton, of the Northern Annex, which added much to the joviality of the subsequent proceedings.

Mr. Beddoe was the first speaker, and he declared himself in favor of unions and the upholding of the wages of skilled labor. C. M. Woodworth spoke at some length, and flattered the union men on the strong organization they had been able to form in Dawson.

Moses McGregor may be said to have made the speech of the evening. He is a member of the trades council, and he spoke ably of unionism from a practical standpoint. He looked upon unionism as an investment. The carpenters, he said, were by its aid enabled to maintain the rate of a dollar an hour, while without it the wages in Dawson today would have gone down to \$3 a day. The difference between these two figures was the profit on the investment. (Cheers.) He thought that all branches of workmen should be in the union. General laborers should join. He knew that an attempt had been made in this direction in Dawson, and he did not see why it had failed.

He knew that this was not a political meeting, but he hoped that united labor would hold together in politics as in other things, as he maintained that they should take an active interest in politics and in that way, by their united strength, obtain the legislation they might need.

Colonel McGregor said he had often been referred to as a man of mystery (laughter) and now he would explain it. He told of his journeys as a prospector, with a partner who laid the foundations of Dawson, Mr. Harper. The prospector, he said, had an important mission to perform as it was for him to pave the way to civilization. It seemed as if Nature had hidden the gold away in order that the prospector should go into the wilds to seek it and then discover the other resources of the country. All enlightened governments had encouraged the prospector, but he did not think our government had done all that it should have done in that direction.

J. Harman Caskey, of the Typographical union, spoke as an enthusiastic union man of a quarter of a century's standing, and he said: "When I first joined I knew that if I never dishonored my card that card would never dishonor me."

Mr. Gilbert, of the Tinners' union, next spoke. He had been a member of the union and since he had degenerated into a common boss he had always recognized union men and union rules.

James McKinnon came next. He is the president of the Dawson Labor Union, without it would seem, having many members behind him. He told of the attempt to get members last summer, and explained how the effort failed. He then asked the privilege of speaking on the subject of Jap labor, and President Fisher responded: "There seems to be an impression on the outside of labor circles that union men do not take an interest in politics. This is a mistake. They take as much interest as anybody else; but there is one thing distinctly understood—politics can be discussed in union meetings so long as it is not partisan politics. It is that kind of politics which is out." (Cheers.)

Mr. McKinnon went on to speak of the calamity of a Jap having become a candidate for the Yukon council, and said that if the candidate received only one hundred votes the Japs would be here next summer thicker than flies. Something would have to be done, even if they had to use strength to do it.

Mr. Furnival, of the painters' union next spoke, and Harry Casper of the Nugget was called for but said he was no speaker. Casper Moran spoke up and said Mr. Casper could not make that excuse as he had seen him on the stump down east. Mr. Casper said a few words and got back at Casper by calling on him for a song. Casper got out of that by telling a side-splitting Irish yarn.

Billy Bowers, of the Carpenters' union, spoke at some length on the future of unions, holding that none but first-class workmen should be admitted, that they ought to be examined for diplomas just as in the learned professions.

There were other speakers, and it was after midnight when the enjoyable smoker came to a close.

Buried Treasure

Miles City, Oct. 29.—Warden McTague of the state penitentiary and Fred Morrow, a convict, were here yesterday and, following Morrow's directions, recovered \$4,500 in money which Morrow stole on May 29, 1900, from the Northern Pacific Express company and concealed near the Tongue river bridge. The package originally contained \$5,000, but Morrow had used \$500. It is probable that his sentence will be commuted now that he has given up the money.

Swiftness in Australia.

New York, Nov. 4.—The Times has the following from London: Owing to the drought, says the Melbourne correspondent of the Times, it is estimated Australia's exports for the ensuing year will be reduced by \$5,000,000 worth of foodstuffs. There is much suffering among the wheat settlers, and a relief fund has been opened at Melbourne. Mrs. Melba has decided to open a separate fund, and has asked the world's greatest financiers to contribute to it.

RAILROAD FRANCHISE

City Council Deliberating on the Matter

Railway Desires to Traverse the Waterfront as Far North as Albert Street.

The city council met yesterday afternoon in special session to consider the application for a franchise permitting the Klondike Mines Railway to enter the city over certain streets and highways and after deliberating an hour were no nearer a solution of the problem than at the beginning of the meeting. It is not the desire to impose any serious hardship on the railway; in fact, the wish has been often expressed to assist the road in every way in order that Dawson shall be made the terminus and not Klondike city, but the city alone are averse to granting railway privileges extending the full length of First avenue, such as the company desires. The council had planned that the road should enter the city along one of the back streets and then reach the waterfront by a cross street, but that is not the idea of the railway engineers. According to the route they have selected, the road will cross the Klondike river at the foot of Fifth avenue, continue on that street to Craig street, thence along Craig, by the electric light plant and back of the Orr & Tukey stables to the Yukon water front, following the inside of the bar to below No. 2 fire hall, passing outside the latter, then taking the outer edge of First avenue to Albert street, passing between the steamer docks and warehouses and the street proper. Such a route would be advantageous to the railway as it would place them next door to all the wharves and large company stores, but it is a question if many of the property owners on First avenue would not have a serious objection to a railroad running by their front doors. That is the principal reason why the council is so dilatory in coming to a decision. Personally, several of the council who have been interviewed on the subject have no objection if the property owners have none, but they do not care to commit themselves until the latter have made known their opinion and desires.

At the meeting yesterday Mr. Astley, local engineer for the company, laid before the council his plans and they were discussed at considerable length. He stated that it was the desire of the company to keep off the streets as much as possible. The route contemplated along the waterfront abreast the barracks would be on piling for the greater part of the distance which in order to be safe from the ice in the spring and also during high water would have to be cribbed in with rock work. The same thing would be partially true from No. 2 fire hall to the Fairview. The street in the block between Queen and Princess is considerably narrower at some points than in the next block north, and to accommodate the road it might be necessary to remove the small buildings opposite Shindler's. From Boyle's wharf north there is a space 20 feet in width between the warehouses and the street, and it is that narrow strip of government land the road would like to occupy. Mr. Astley assured the council that the road would offer but little impediment to traffic, as the rails would be sunk to a level with the streets and the space between planned.

Today at 11 o'clock the council in accordance with a resolution passed yesterday met and in company with Mr. Astley and Thos. O'Brien walked over the proposed route from near the Broadway hotel on Fifth avenue south to Albert street. The council still has the matter under consideration and will defer granting the franchise until the desires of the property owners most affected are consulted.

Adams Gulch Water
Considerable activity on Adams gulch may reasonably be expected from the number of water rights being applied for from there. Another was filed today by James Sinclair, who asks to divert water from 19 and 20 pups, 30 miners' inches from each, to his claim 12 and 13 on the left limit.

See Mr. H. D. Hulme as "Devil's Fool" in the opera "Bohemian Girl," at the Auditorium on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

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FAILED TO FILE

Contest Over a Claim on Lower Dominion.

London, Nov. 1.—The Canadian High Commissioner is receiving practical support from colonels of various British regimental districts, who are reservists have been discharged, in his efforts to induce those who have been unable to obtain employment here to settle in Canada on the land. There is every indication that large numbers will proceed to Canada in the spring. The Elder-Dempster Line has promised reduced passages.

The High Commissioner has also organized a series of Canadian lectures in Great Britain this winter, illustrated by picture slides. A large number of applications for these lectures have been received from schools, institutes and clubs.

Treaty Returned
Havana, Oct. 29.—The representative here of the Associated Press has learned from official sources that the proposed treaty between the United States and Cuba was returned to Washington by mail last Saturday. With the treaty was sent a counter-proposition from the government of Cuba to that of the United States. The nature of this last is not known, but it is understood that President Palma in a letter sent with the treaty says that the acceptance of the proposition made by the United States would be ruinous to Cuba, as it would result in a large reduction of the customs revenue of the island.

Interested in Canada
Rome, Oct. 29.—The Pope today received Archbishop Bruchesi of Montreal in private audience. The Pontiff showed great interest in Canada and spoke in flattering terms of Premier Laurier. His Holiness said: "If the Canadians love me, I have a special affection for them, of which I have given proofs during the whole of my pontificate, the last being sending an apostolic delegate to strengthen the bonds between Canada and the Papacy." The archbishop presented the pope with a diocesan offering of \$5,200, and introduced to him several citizens of Montreal.

On the banks of a rivulet near Strabane is a stone with this singular inscription, which was, no doubt, intended for the information of strangers traveling that road:—"Take notice that when this stone is out of sight it is not safe to ford the river." This is somewhat similar to the famous fingerpost which was erected by order of the surveyor of the roads some years ago in Kent:—"This is a bridge path to Faversham. If you can't read this you had better keep the main road."

Colonel Daniel Stevens of Bristol, R.I., has a collection of 3,000 buttons from armies and navies of many nations. He began his collecting in 1880 at Nashville, Tenn., and many of his buttons are valuable as souvenirs.

Mr. Brodick Engaged
London, Nov. 1.—Mr. Brodick, Secretary of State for War, is engaged to marry Madeleine Stanley, eldest daughter of Lady Jean, wife of Sir Francis Jean, Judge Advocate-General. Lady Jean's first husband was Col. Constantine Stanley. Mr. Brodick has been a widower for about a year.

Seventy sepulchral urns containing old coins, and other relics, dating from the Augustan epoch, have been discovered at Aquileia, the ancient Roman town near Trieste, which was destroyed by Attila.

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TERRITORIAL ELECTION

Writ Has Been Forwarded to Whitehorse

Will Issue in the Three Districts Simultaneously—Sub-Divisions Number 50.

Though the writ for the territorial election has not as yet been issued, interest in the outcome is becoming more intense every day. It will be next to impossible for the election to take place before January 15 as 28 days are required to pass after the issuance of the writ before the halting is done. Immediately after the issuance of the writ the sheriff will post a proclamation stating that on a date named, 14 days later, he will receive nominations of candidates for the election. Each nomination paper must be signed by ten or more reputable citizens, each signature attested to by the affidavit of a witness. Eight days after nomination day the sheriff will post a second proclamation in which will be stated the nominees and the date and place of the election. Each candidate must post a forfeit of \$200 with the sheriff, and any who fail to receive one-half the votes of the lowest successful candidate will lose his deposit. After the ballots have been cast and counted, the returning officer will, in the instance of No. 1 district, which includes Dawson and is entitled to two members, issue a certificate of election to the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes. A duplicate of such certificate will also be filed with the territorial secretary.

The territory, at the time of the passage of the act providing for the election, was divided into three districts, viz: No. 1, including Dawson, the Sixty-mile and Forty-mile mining districts, two members; No. 2, which takes in the creeks, two members; and No. 3, Whitehorse and the southern part of the territory, one member. Each district is sub-divided into divisions in order to facilitate voting. In No. 1 there are nine sub-divisions, six in Dawson and one each on Glacier, Boucher and Forty-mile. No. 2 has 29 sub-divisions, as follows: Indian river, Ogilvie, Henderson, Stewart, Scroggie, Clear Creek, Stewart River Crossing, Gordon Landing, Duncan on discovery and at 98 below, Thistle, Ogilvie bridge, 60 below Bonanza, Forks A and B, 13 below on Bear, 80 below on Hunker, 8 above on Last Chance, Gold Bottom, upper discovery on Dominion, Caribou, 34 below lower on Dominion, 244 below lower on Dominion, 27 Gold Run, 2 below on Sulphur, 12 below A. Mack's discovery on Quartz, police detachment on Eureka and 80 below on All Gold.

No. 3 has 12 sub-divisions, but their location is not definitely known. Sheriff Ellbeck is returning officer for No. 1, J. M. Ellbeck clerk of the election. Walter Woodburn is returning officer for No. 2.

No voters' list is being made up for the territorial election, nor is any registration required. Any man who possesses the requisite qualifications, that is, being a British subject, 21 years of age and a resident of the territory for twelve months previous to the election, can vote at any place where he may happen to be on election day. All that will be required of him is that he take an oath as to his qualifications and that he has not voted before on the same election. It is reported a copy of the writ has been forwarded to Whitehorse and upon receipt of a wire notifying the acting commissioner of its arrival the writ will be issued here and at the Forks, such action being made necessary in order that the writs in the three divisions be issued simultaneously.

Honor for Canadians
London, Nov. 3.—Surgeon-Major Devine is gazetted for the Distinguished Service Order.

The following are to receive the distinguished conduct medal: Pte. R. J. Stallwood of the Canadian Scouts and Sergts. Bliss and Dale of the Canadian Rifles.

Surgeon-Major Devine belongs to the 99th Rifles of Winnipeg and was medical officer with the second contingent, first battalion, Canadian Mounted Rifles.

Pte. R. J. Stallwood, 13th Field Battery, C.A., went to South Africa with 6th Battery, brigade division, Royal Canadian Artillery.

A Century of Peace
London, Oct. 29.—In a speech delivered tonight at West Bromwich, Staffordshire, Vice-Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., expressed the belief that Great Britain was entering upon a century of peace. He advocated a close union between Great Britain and the United States and declared that the International Maritime Marine Company was not a monopoly, and that it would prove more favorable to England than to the United States.

Christmas Toys—Landahl's, First avenue.

Pried the Roof Off.

St. Helena, Nov. 23.—A man named Miller, who was confined in the town jail here on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, made his escape last night and is still at liberty. The man, who is a German, has for the past week been exhibiting a letter written in German and represented to be from his brother, stating that the brother had sold his ranch and would be in St. Helena in a few days and for Miller to wait there for him.

Miller would show the letter to German acquaintances and borrow money for a few days on the strength of it. He was arrested Friday evening and locked in the town jail, from which he escaped last night by cutting a hole in the roof. He wrenched two rods from his iron bedstead, and standing on the top of the cells, pried off a section of the steel ceiling. He next cut his way through the roof of sheet iron and wood, and letting himself to the ground by means of blankets torn into strips, disappeared in the darkness.

See Mr. C. W. Macpherson as "Count Arnheim" in the opera "Bohemian Girl," at the Auditorium on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Powers—Hesekiah, if you were to live all your life over again, and it came to the matter of choosing a wife, do you think you would choose me?

Mr. Powers (submissively)—There's no doubt about it, Maria, provided you wanted me.—Richmond Dispatch.

"Oh, what a tangled web we weave. When first we practice to deceive. But when we've had more practice, my!"

How straight and fluently we lie! —Philadelphia Press.

See the magnificent costumes in the opera "Bohemian Girl," at the Auditorium on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Seven children, sixty-eight grandchildren, eighty-seven great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren survive Johanna Gundel, a widow, who has died at Chemnitz, Saxony, aged ninety-two.

Citizen—It's time this giving away franchises to corporations for nothing was stopped.

Politician—Well, you can put your side in. We'll see they don't get 'em for nothing.—Puck.

"He's done crossed over," the colored preacher said in the funeral sermon, "but it's all right wid 'im, I reckon, kase de week befo' he died he took out a fire insurance policy." —Atlanta Constitution.

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SKATING TO MUSIC

Hockey Game Tonight on the Athletic Rink.

Owing to the performance of "The Bohemian Girl" on Saturday evening, the hockey match scheduled for

that evening will be played this evening. It is between the Montreal Police and the city teams. The puck will be thrown out punctually at eight o'clock, and as soon as the game is concluded there will be skating to the music of the police brass band. The temperature of the rink is 24 above.

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