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## PLEADS GUILTY

### Coveney Owns Up To His Crime and Returns the Dust.

### JUDGE SUSPENDS SENTENCE

### And the Blackmailer Is To Leave the Country For Good.

### SOME UNPUBLISHED HISTORY.

### The Bogle Story That Caused Phiscator so Much Uneasiness—Willing to Buy Silence.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]  
Yesterday afternoon's session of the territorial court witnessed what may be said to be the closing chapter in the Coveney extortion case.

The affair, which has attracted much interest, dates from some time prior to May 28th last when Coveney was arrested and charged with extortion. Briefly, the history of the case as previously published is this: Previous to the time of his arrest, and when both Coveney and Phiscator were on the outside, the former had extorted some \$2500 from the latter and promised on its receipt to depart and cease from troubling his victim further. Then Mr. Phiscator came back to Dawson, and just as he was about ready to once more depart for the outside, his enemy once more found him out and again began to demand money, notwithstanding his former promise. This time his price was higher. He asked \$7000 as about the sum which would be necessary to prevent his leading forth before the gaze of the public a skeleton, the exclusive ownership of which was vested in Mr. Phiscator.

To this Mr. Phiscator quite naturally objected, but he also harbored a repugnance to parting with the dust. In

this dilemma, which was like another person who once found himself between the devil and the deep, deep sea, he told his troubles to his friends, who, in turn, poured them into the ear of Sergeant Wilson, who did the rest. He locked Coveney up. So much for the history of the case so far as it has been written. Now follows a chapter, brief though to the point, which up to the present time has escaped publication. It is the secret upon which the confessed criminal based his demands, and shows Mr. Phiscator to be a very sensitive, though misguided man.

At some place outside, not necessary to mention, Mr. Phiscator found himself, once upon a time, through the scheming of Coveney, in a deep and gloomy cellar in company with Mrs. Coveney. The lady gave him to understand, by ways best known to female art, that she was both unhappy and dissatisfied with her lot as the wife of Coveney. In fact, she told the unhappy Phiscator that if she could love her husband with a fraction of the love she harbored for him (Phiscator), she would be happy. Then she kissed him. Mr. Phiscator does not appear to have been as enthusiastic as the lady's attitude would warrant and he—well he just stood aloof. Then they returned up stairs from the depths of the gloomy cellar, and from that time dates the woes of Mr. Phiscator.

When Coveney appeared before Judge Craig yesterday, having waived trial by jury and elected to be tried by the court, he plead guilty as charged. Sentence was suspended and the \$7000, given by Phiscator to Coveney was returned, the blackmailer to leave the country at once and for good. And in this way ends the story of the case so far as the present charge is concerned, but it is quite within the limits of possibility that more may be heard of Coveney in the same matter later on.

### The Game Season.

The season in which moose, caribou, deer and such class of game can be lawfully killed, which season closed April 1st does not open until the 15th of this month, instead of on the 10th as previously published. From the 15th of July until the 1st of October such game may be killed; but from October 1st until December 1st the season is again closed.

Grouse, partridges, pheasants and prairie chickens must not be killed in the interim between January 1st and September 1st.

### Who Knows Fred Watson?

The friends of Fred Watson, who is thought to have arrived here in May, 1898, from Sandbach, Cheshire, England, are anxious to hear from him, not having heard since his arrival. Any information concerning the man, dead or alive, will be forwarded to his friends if communicated to the Nugget, or to Moses Male, Caribou, B. C.

Private dining rooms at the Holborn.

## ANNUAL MEETING

### Of The Dawson Board of Trade Was Held Last Night.

### L. R. FULDA NEW PRESIDENT

### All Offices Filled by the Best Men Of the City.

### NUMBER OF GOOD SPEECHES MADE

### Better Winter Mail Service Asked of Both Governments—Full Meeting Next Wednesday.

The regular annual meeting of the Dawson Board of Trade was held last night at the rooms of the organization in the A. C. office building.

A good attendance was present when President McMullen rapped for order and during the evening members continued to drop in until the room was well crowded.

Secretary Clayton was called upon for a report of the work of the past year and read a series of documents containing reports of the various committees during the term of the board's existence. Running through all the papers was evidence of a great deal of hard work on the part of the committees and although the objects for which they had labored had not in all cases been attained there were still substantial results to be shown.

Next in the order of business was the election of officers for the ensuing year.

President Thos. McMullen had stated some time ago that he would be unable to accept the executive office for a second term and Mr. L. R. Fulda was unanimously elected for the position.

For first vice president Dr. H. M. Yemans was chosen; second vice-president, R. P. McLennan; secretary, F. W. Clayton; treasurer, B. Doig; board of trustees, Thos. McMullen, Col. Chas. Reichenbach, J. A. Chute, Falcon Joslyn and Joseph S. Lancaster.

In transferring his office to the new president, Mr. McMullen took occasion to thank the members for the cordial support which had been tendered him during his term of office. He felt very much gratified at the progress the board had made during the past winter and believed that substantial results had accrued from the work.

A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring president for his services during the year.

Mr. Fulda on assuming the chair spoke at some length upon conditions in the Yukon country as viewed from the standpoint of an outsider. The many drawbacks from which the country suffers, especially by reason of legislative blunders has hindered capital from coming in. It is Mr. Fulda's belief that if the country is developed it must be done by people who are already interested here.

"A country which is turning out from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 of gold annually ought not to go begging for capital," said Mr. Fulda. "We have moneyed men right in Dawson who should be interested in developing the resources of the country and whose assistance in this respect should be sought by the Board of Trade. By energetic and united action we shall be able to secure redress of our various grievances and secure such legislation as the peculiar conditions require."

Mr. Fulda's remarks were roundly applauded. Col. Reichenbach was called upon and stated that he believed there was already a disposition at Ottawa to grant reforms for the Yukon and that these would come as soon as the country is represented at Ottawa by men who have the confidence of the people and who are acquainted with the exact conditions of affairs. He favored co-

operation with the boards of other cities to the end that their assistance may be enlisted in securing the desired changes.

A statement of the financial status of the board was rendered showing the organization to be in a healthy financial condition.

It being apparent that better mail accommodations than now exist should be had, a motion prevailed that the U. S. postal department be communicated with by wire, later by letter, requesting that all mail matter of whatsoever class be forwarded to Dawson via Skagway. A similar motion made the same request of the Canadian government.

A resolution was passed that the Canadian government be asked to increase the winter mail service to twice a week; that all classes of mail be carried instead of only first-class mail as the order now stands.

The newly elected trustees will hold a meeting Friday night of this week, and next Wednesday night a full meeting of the board will be held.

### Will Have a School.

Commissioner Ogilvie has been advised of the shipment of a large consignment of school books for use in the Yukon district in lieu of those shipped last fall and lost on the steamer Stratton. The arrival of the books is daily expected.

At present, so far as outer indications go, there is no apparent need for the books, notwithstanding the fact that there are now hundreds of children in the city and more are arriving by every steamer, but the assurance is given that there will be a free school established in the very near future, at which modern education will be instilled, and that the growing child will not be neglected for the reason that its home is in Dawson.

The council long ago appropriated \$10,000 for school purposes, and this money is available at any time. As there is no time to lose, if a fall term of school is to be held, the matter should be cared for very soon.

### River News.

Another boat has been absorbed by the C. D. C., the Yukoner having been transferred from the T. & E. Co. to that corporation. The sale was effected by cablegram from England and formally transferred by I. Mack, one of the directors, who came in last night on the Yukoner. Mr. Mack is a resident of Manchester, England, and before leaving was given full authority by his company to transfer the boat. It is understood the consideration received was \$45,000, the sale to take effect from July 1st. The Yukoner arrived loaded to her full capacity with freight. On her way down the river she was delayed 17½ hours below Selwyn in helping the Bonanza King off the bar on which she has been tied up for the past few days. The work was successfully accomplished and the delayed boat is now on its way down the river. She will probably sail tomorrow at the earliest hour possible after unloading.

The following passengers arrived on the Yukoner: Mrs. J. P. Roberts, Mrs. A. Swanson, Esther Swanson, W. E. Cronin, Mrs. A. Hansly, Mrs. E. E. Beemis, J. R. Fenton, J. W. Collins, Mrs. Burnett, S. P. A. Lindell, H. A. Slater, W. A. Allen, N. Condougl, L. Bock, Corp. Ed Lincoln, I. Mack, Jno. Green, T. A. Jeffrey, Judge Wickersham, Mrs. Wickersham and child, A. R. Heilega, Mrs. Heilega, Miss Heilega, Reed Heilega, Miss Whitiker, S. J. Miller, W. T. Campbell, J. B. Wood, Mrs. Wood, W. M. Mathews, F. McPhail, J. A. Chester.

### Judge Wickersham Arrives.

Among the passengers landed by the Yukoner last night were Judge Wickersham, the recently appointed United States district judge for the third division of Alaska, together with his family, and G. A. Jeffrey, court stenographer, and A. R. Heilig, clerk of court. The two latter gentlemen are also accompanied by their families. The entire party will leave for its final destination, Eagle City, by the first boat.

### RECEIVED BY WIRE.

## BRYAN THE "IT"

### Was Probably Nominated At Kansas City Night of July 5.

### CONVENTION FAVORS 16 TO 1

### Adlai Stevenson Probably Named As Candidate for Vice.

### HILL DOES NOT LOVE SILVER.

### All Foreigners in Peking Reported Murdered—Emperor Kwang Suey Forced to Suicide.

Kansas City, July 5, via Skagway, July 11.—The national Democratic convention is progressing smoothly. The resolution committee decided this morning to declare explicitly for 16 to 1, the vote in the committee being 26 to 23. The committee will report to the convention at 4 o'clock this evening, and there is no doubt but that the report will be adopted.

It is confidently believed that Bryan will be nominated tonight on the first ballot.

David B. Hill's chances for nomination for vice-president are waning, as it is not believed he is right on the silver question. The tide is now turning strongly towards Adlai Stevenson, Cleveland's old vice, as he is outspoken for the 16 to 1 plank.

The platform committee has changed the order of the subjects therein, the question of imperialism being the first handled. The platform declares that while there are many questions of vital interest, the tendency towards imperialism in the United States is most to be dreaded and denounced as it strikes at the very foundation of the American government and seriously threatens the existence of the republic.

### Continued Turmoil in China.

Shanghai, July 5, via Skagway, July 11.—Three Chinese, servants to foreigners, have escaped from Peking and report that 1000 foreigners and 400 British soldiers defended themselves in the British legation until their ammunition was exhausted, when all were murdered, their bodies being horribly mutilated.

The three refugees further report that Emperor Kwang Suey was on the 19th, forced to eat opium until he died, Prince Tuan and the empress dowager also took poison and, while not dead, are insane from its effects. The German consular staff has reached here.

### Committee Meets Tomorrow Night.

A meeting of the citizens committee of British subjects is called for tomorrow night at the McDonald hotel, when action will be taken regarding the matter of taxation with representation and other burning questions.

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