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AMUSEMENTS THIS WEEK.

Auditorium—Alabama. New Savoy—Burlesque and Vaudeville.

HIGH RENTALS.

Tenants are complaining, and with apparent good cause, that rents for business locations are altogether too high. In Dawson's earlier days there was reasonable ground upon which to base high rental charges. There was little or no fire protection, insurance could not be secured at any figure and the life of the town as a profitable place in which to engage in trade was considered a very questionable matter.

Under such conditions investors in real estate considered that they must secure rentals sufficient to return the amount of their investment within a period of two or three years, or they were not justified in assuming the risks involved. The charges asked did not frighten the average tenant, for the reason that business was brisk in every line of trade, and margins were exceedingly large.

At the present time, however, the situation is entirely different and rent payers seem in many instances to have a just grievance. The heaviest item of expenditure in the local budget is for fire protection and there is no disputing the fact that Dawson's fire department is capable and effective in every particular. The winter just closing has witnessed no serious fires, and the ability of the department has been displayed upon numerous occasions.

In consequence of this fact insurance is more easily secured than formerly, and the Nugget is given to understand that existing rates will be substantially lowered during the coming summer. More important still, is the fact that profits in all lines of trade have materially and constantly decreased. Competition is keener than ever and prices have naturally fallen. The burden of rent paying, therefore, has now become a hardship, where formerly it was lightly regarded.

These facts should be given due consideration by landlords who will find in the long run that their own interests will be best subserved and protected by dealing justly with their tenants. It is far better to have a building occupied during twelve months in the year at a moderate figure than to charge an excessive rate and secure a tenant for half the year only.

The salary ordinance was brought up for second reading last night and while somewhat modified in form still remains in the judgment of this paper an objectionable measure. At the rate of \$1500 for nine months services—and that is the only way in which

the matter may be properly viewed—the yearly salary for aldermen amounts to \$2000, which the Nugget insists is altogether out of proportion to the time and work required of them.

SUBSTANTIAL BACKING.

An important point bearing directly upon the immediate future of the community was brought out in an interview published in the Nugget yesterday. In the article to which reference is made appeared the statement that the percentage of loss to men who have been employed on the creeks during the past winter will be reduced to a minimum. In other words, there will be comparatively very few men who will not receive all the wages due them when the time for settlement arrives.

It appears that the experience of previous years has proven of salutary effect both to laborer and employer. The former has not been so ready to engage his services without knowledge of the employers ability to pay wages, nor has the latter, generally speaking, sought to engage men in the absence of assurance that he would be able to meet his obligations.

In former years the courts have been crowded with wage cases at the approach of the clean-up season, and scores of instances might be cited where men have labored during the winter for, practically, no recompense.

The fact that little likelihood exists of such a condition prevailing this year furnishes valuable proof in support of the theory that the mining industry is now conducted upon a more solid and substantial basis than ever before.

This improved condition of affairs will re-act favorably upon all lines of trade in the community, as it will also have the effect of establishing greater confidence with respect to the permanence and stability of the camp.

The strongest backing that any city can have lies in a large number of men regularly employed and paid their full wages. The Nugget is of the opinion from the evidence at hand, that Dawson is more nearly in a position to lay claim to such backing than ever before in the history of the community.

Twenty-five relatives of Oom Paul have recently sworn allegiance to Great Britain. More convincing evidence of the fact that hostilities are rapidly drawing to a close could not be desired.

It is reported that Pierpont Morgan will establish a branch of his banking house in Dawson. J. Pierpont is not overlooking anything.

Chance for Quartz Miners.

In answer to an article in Dawson Weekly News of April 4th, 1902, signed "Australian Miner":

If any quartz miner owning a quartz mine in the Klondike district will bring quartz to the Mungler Mill which will run \$5.00 to the ton it will be milled FREE of charge.

Notice—The miner MUST be present in the mill during the entire time of milling his quartz.

EDWARD SPENCER, Manager Mungler Mill.

Public Notice.

All hotels and restaurants wishing to employ cooks, waiters, bakers, dishwashers and yard men can do so by applying to the International Hotel.

Mr. Lessing, Prop.

Strayed or stolen, from 38 Eldorado, one dog named Skip, black with white ring around neck, four white feet and tip of tail white, weight about 75 lbs. Finder return and receive reward.

SHOES

RUBBERS and RUBBER BOOTS.

For Men, Women, Boys and Children.

J. P. McLENNAN, 233 FRONT STREET

COUNCIL MEETING

Weekly Grind of Grist Last Night

Many Applications Filed For the Position of City Engineer and Street Commissioner.

The small space in the rear of the railing in the gold commissioner's court room was crowded last night when the city council convened, the throng being on hand not so much through interest or curiosity in the council's deliberations as in the hope of witnessing some glittering pyrotechnical displays. In this they were disappointed, the only thing occurring during the proceedings that had a tendency to rouse one's risible faculties being the gentle roast handed the Nugget by Alderman "Jim" Macdonald. The little comedy came upon the moving of the reading of the salary bylaw a second time, the distinguished gentleman from Queen street calling the attention of his worship and also the council officially to the fact that while countless thousands were pausing with bated breath to learn of the deliberations of their august body, he would suggest that the press representatives and particularly the Nugget exercise a wee bit more care in their reports. He did not approve of such classical expressions as "he was knocked out in the first round" when referring to the quietus given his motion to reconsider the snowed-under city detective bill, nor does he consider it in keeping with the dignity that should hover over the council to speak of the salary bylaw as being a "stemwinder" that landed squarely upon the solar plexus of public opinion. After relieving himself of those ponderous thinklets Alderman "Jim" sat down, and there was a smile truly beatific that o'er-spread the placid features of all round the board. That was all.

During the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting a few minor amendments were observed to have been made in the streets bylaw prior to its third reading and final passage among them being that section concerning the removal of snow from the sidewalks. As passed, snow must now be removed from all sidewalks by noon of the day following that of its precipitation. The salary of the street commissioner is also fixed at \$10 a day. Among the applications received was one from Ross Eckhart, who desires the appointment of city assessor, he having had experience in that line and feeling competent to fill the position perfectly satisfactorily. P. G. Nash filed his application for the city clerkship. He has had years of experience in municipal affairs, was for a long time auditor of the city of Ottawa, which alone should prove a strong recommendation. He refers to the city clerk and treasurer of Ottawa and will give bonds for the faithful performance of his duties. A spicy communication was read from Dr. Catto concerning his bill of \$200 for medical services rendered an indigent. He stated he had been called by the medical health officer to attend the man and it was a surgical operation upon which the patient's life depended. He did not suppose there would be any question about the payment of his bill and he would like to ask the opinion of the city attorney as to the validity of that portion of the bylaw which refers every bill to the finance committee and also why the entire finances of the city are under the thumbs of three men instead of the entire council.

The following bills were presented: Dominion Telegraph Co. \$ 8.25. Electric Light Co. 1320.60. Electric Light Co. 161.20. Tharp & Smith 39.50. Yukon Telephone Syndicate 30.00. Branch & Tarr 69.50. Joseph Rochan 184.00. Dawson Water Co. 43.45.

A petition was read from William Evans asking permission to erect a hamburger stand on wheels abutting the sidewalk in front of the Orpheum theatre. Captain John James Campbell, general manager of the Northern Timber and Fuel Company, filed a lengthy petition in which he stated his company was engaging in the wood business on an extensive scale with a capital stock of \$80,000. Logs for fuel and rafts they will land at

the foot of Duke street and it is his desire to obtain permission to construct on Duke street a device by which wood may be transported to their yards at Fourth avenue. The contrivance will consist of a four-foot trench which will be excavated under the street in which will be driven an endless belt conveyor by which it is proposed to transport the wood. If the scheme receives the sanction of the council every consideration will be given the replacing of the streets and sidewalks where excavated in proper condition.

The finance committee reported favorably upon the following bills and ordered them paid: Yukon Sun \$ 62.50. Yukon Sawmill 225.00. N. C. Co. 1.00. N. C. Co. 23.25. N. C. Co. 15.00.

In regard to the steam heating of fire hall No. 1 it was decided to take no action in the matter until the new chief arrived when it will be referred to him for disposition. Alderman Vachon, chairman of the committee on bylaws and printing, reported that tenders for the city printing had been received from the Nugget and News and recommended that no action be taken until the Sun had also submitted a bid if it so desired.

By motion of Alderman Adair the city clerk was instructed to enforce the ordinance relating to transient traders and the prosecution of all offenders. Alderman Wilson moved the mayor appoint a committee of three to wire a petition to the governor-general-in-council praying for the appointment of an inland revenue officer for the city of Dawson. His worship named Aldermen Wilson, Adair and Norquay as such committee.

The bill of Dr. Catto again bobbed up upon a motion by Alderman Murphy that it be given some consideration. The chairman of the finance committee was asked if he had any new light on the subject, the speaker admitting that while he did not believe Dr. McArthur had any right to incur the bill, still it had been incurred, the service had been rendered and it should be paid. The city attorney was asked as to the liability of the city and replied that as the health officer was a territorial officer the city government was not responsible for the bill in question. Murphy moved the bill be paid, when the mayor interposed and said it should be referred back to the finance committee. Murphy—"The bill was referred to the finance committee once and they turned it down." Mayor—"Well, refer it back again." Which was done and its fate will be definitely decided at the next meeting.

Then was taken up a grist of applications for the position of city engineer and street commissioner. The first application was from W. J. Randall who has the endorsement of George White-Fraser. He will supply all field and drafting instruments and devote his entire time to the city surveying, work on streets, etc., for \$25 a day, \$400 for single month, \$325 a month from April till October, or \$3500 a year. For his services as city engineer and street commissioner T. D. Green desires \$500 a month or \$4000 a year, \$5 an hour for outside work and \$3 an hour for that done in the office, he to hire a competent assistant at his own expense when such is needed.

Rufus Buck will devote all his time to the city engineering and the overseeing of the public improvements, the establishment of street corners, mining levels, etc., for \$300 a month. He has been here since '98 and has field notes of nearly all the surveying ever done in the city. He is also a qualified electrical inspector.

Frank Hale's application submitted some time ago was backed up by a number of recommendations filed.

T. F. Sinclair will do all the city engineering work, oversee public improvements and employ his own assistant for \$450 a month or \$3550 a year.

J. W. Astley having been appointed an engineer with the Klondike Mines Railway Company he withdrew his application for the position of city engineer.

J. W. McNeil would like to be made street inspector or foreman of streets at \$9 a day or \$198 a month for the remainder of the civic year. He has had much experience in the construction of streets, sewers, water works, etc.

The applications being all in, Wilson moved the appointment be given W. J. Randall, he being the lowest bidder, to which his worship replied that a cheap man was not always the best. There being no second to Wilson's motion, Macdonald moved the appointment be referred to the committee on streets, they to make inquiries as to the qualifications of

the various applicants and report with a recommendation at the next meeting.

The salary bylaw was taken up, amended and given a second reading. It was also stated that the license bylaw which has had its first reading would be taken up informally during the week and the figures added for the various licenses agreed upon. In reply to an inquiry the mayor stated he had as yet received no word from Commissioner Ross in response to his wire sent last week.

Public Notice.

I take this method to stop false rumors now spread in this city that I am selling out all my mining property and real estate in this camp preparatory to moving to the Koyukuk. The simple fact that I have bought a controlling interest in the Townsite of Coldfoot does not mean that I intend to sell either my business or properties, on the contrary, if any one has any Dawson business lots to sell at a sacrifice I will buy all I can get, providing, of course, that the sacrificing part is plainly shown to me.

That another great mining camp has been discovered in the Koyukuk I firmly believe, and I have backed my opinion by investing heavily there in both mines and real estate. It does not seem to me either reasonable or possible that this vast empire does not contain other equally as good camps as this, especially when good prospects and plenty of colors are to be found everywhere you see fit to try. I shall continue to do business and make my home in Dawson as long as I remain in this northern country. However, in the meantime I shall keep my eyes on Coldfoot and the Koyukuk country, because after a thorough investigation I have found out that there are many other more wise men than myself that are doing the same.

J. R. GANDOLFO.

Bad for Eggs.

There is considerable speculation among commission men of Dawson today as to the condition in which eggs now due over the ice from Whitehorse will arrive. The cold weather of the past two or three

days was something not unusual when the outfits left Whitehorse and there is a general belief that the present stock of frozen eggs will be largely augmented when the cases now en route are landed.

Of What Avail?

Special to the Daily Nugget. Victoria, April 7.—Capt. Bernard the explorer, expects to reach the North pole in 1906. He will sail this year from Victoria. He spent the past winter in England where he was much encouraged. He will ask the government at this session to vote \$60,000 for building a boat and he looks to the general public to contribute \$65,000 for the equipment and expedition.

P. B. Butter at Barrett & Butler.

Against Merger

Special to the Daily Nugget. Washington, April 7.—Alfred General Stratton of Washington state has brought to the attention of the United States supreme court his desire that the state bring suit to prevent completion of the railway merger by filing a bill of injunction in behalf of the state vs. Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Northern Securities Co.

Signs and Wall Paper

ANDERSON BROS. SECOND AVE.

BAY CITY MARKET

Choicest Meats, Poultry, Fresh Fish and Game.

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ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMERCIAL COMPANY. Standard Cigars and Tobacco, Wholesale and Retail at Right Prices. First Prize Sales Sold on Easy Terms. BANK BUILDING, King Street.

AMUSEMENTS. The Auditorium. Week Commencing Monday. Alabama.

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