

WHO GETS THE SEAT

Wade, Girouard, and the Guisboro Giant Are all Possibilities

IN THE RACE FOR COMMISSIONERSHIP

Now on and About Which Local Politicians Look Wise

BUT NOT COMMUNICATIVE.

D. S. Fraser, Member From Nova Scotia, Was Offered the Place Before—Politician's Dream.

From Monday and Tuesday's Daily. Politically speaking, today there are more wise men, who "don't know anything" to be found in Dawson than could be found the day before a state election in any city in the United States.

This in perfect accordance with the ways of political affairs denotes plainly that every other man talked with either does know something of what may be expected in the matter of the successor to Commissioner Ogilvie, or imagines he does, which after all, before elections or appointments, amounts to much the same thing, because however wise a politician may be concerning facts in perspective, his wisdom may be turned to folly by unexpected occurrences at the last moment.

Everyone approached for purposes of publication is quick to say "Now, really, I know nothing about 'his matter at all.'"

As might have been expected, the principal theme of conversation at the Zero Club reception the other evening was regarding the commissionership which Mr. Ogilvie has signified his intention of resigning, and who has been slated for the same. There seemed to be two local men in the minds of those who discussed possibilities, and these were Crown Prosecutor F. C. Wade and Registrar Girouard.

Some there were who labored under the belief that the astute Girouard did not indulge in any flight of modest moonshine when he said he was not going to Ottawa on the business of the Yukon council as afterwards and previously set forth, and that he is now passing under numerous spiritual triumphal arches, while in his vest pocket is hidden away the commissionership of the Yukon territory.

That Mr. Girouard may not have gone to Ottawa on the business referred to is really conceded by doubting solons, who point out another possible mission not connected with that or the matter ascribed to him, which they smile when they speak of, and the word frost is often heard in connection with their remarks.

Those who believe in the ascendancy of the Wade star are many, and filled with hope, averring that he is entitled to it at the hands of Mr. Sifton.

There are others who are, as the saying goes, "close up," who say that the king's counsel does not want the position, and would not accept it excepting in a temporary way, as the salary is not an inducement.

As for Mr. Wade himself, he is one of those who knows nothing about the matter one way or another, and declines to be interviewed for publication.

Among the outside possibilities whose name is heard with growing frequency, is that of D. S. Fraser, otherwise "The Guisboro Giant," present member of the house from Guisboro, Nova Scotia.

Mr. Fraser takes his name of "The Guisboro Giant," from the fact of his colossal stature, and is a very strong man from a political standpoint as well. A couple of years ago he visited Dawson, and it is said that if the seat to be vacated by Mr. Ogilvie is to be offered to him, it will not be the first time.

A local politician who sometimes dreams, and whose sleeping hallucinations sometimes have a way of developing into hard, broad-light-of-day facts, with such accuracy as to cause his friends wonder whether his dreams do not

at times come in a very material cipher code, has dreamed that when the ice fades away into plain river water, and the sun is in the sky nearly all day, that a message will be received from Ottawa which will say that Mr. Sifton has overworked during the recently past campaign, to such an extent, that his present proposed trip to Dawson cannot be made.

Whether or not this dream was a soulful visitation of the night cannot be known, but it may be a cold fact.

Prominent Men Die.

Attorney Henry Ridley received by the last mail a letter from Toronto which conveyed news of the death of two very well known and popular men of that city, Hon. Frank K. Smith, senator, and Hon. Judge Rose, of the superior court of Toronto. The latter was especially well known to many of the attorneys of Dawson. His death was caused by pneumonia.

An Interesting Sight.

The exhibition of the giant relics of former days in the form of a well-preserved skull, tusks, teeth and other parts of a mastodon is drawing a steady crowd of wondering gazers in the room formerly occupied by the Hoffman grill across the street from the postoffice. The sight is one the equal of which is not seen even in the Smithsonian institute, the greatest museum and "zoo" in America. The room is open every afternoon and evening.

Played \$2 Ante

It was a short session of police court held by Magistrate Rutledge this morning when the White Guilds assault case was again enlarged for one week.

For having violated a Yukon health ordinance Walter Cummings was given option of paying \$5 and costs or donating to days of his time to the reduction of fuel.

Geo. C. Sanforino and Antone Solara are partners on 17 below Bonanza. They had a disagreement and George says Antone told him he would "fix" him the next time he (Antone) caught George down in the shaft. George also alleged that Antone had struck him on the head with a pick, but he had no prospect hole to show as evidence. George's object in having his partner arrested was to have him give bond to keep the peace. As both of the men speak "maccaroni" English, the case was adjourned until this afternoon when the services of an interpreter would be enlisted.

Last night about 8:30 o'clock and fully one hour after the intonations of the church bells had ceased reverberating over the frozen bosom of the Yukon, Constable Piper discovered four men engaged in a game of Pedro, called in logging camp circles "high five," in a South Dawson building which is a combination of saloon and residence. The quartet, Geo. Kibow, T. Dingle, M. Pipestem and Wm. Kettleton, each pleaded guilty and said they were playing a "social game for fun." But when fines of \$2 and costs were imposed they realized that instead of "for fun" it had been \$2 to "come in" and \$5 to play.

To Revive Hockey.

A meeting of hockey players will be held tonight at the Regina Club looking to the reorganization of the Dawson league after which a schedule of games will be arranged for the purpose of determining the team championship. The teams with which it is proposed to reorganize the league are those of the Police, Civil Service, A. C. Co. and McLennan & McFeeley.

Saturday afternoon a good exhibition game was played on the barracks rink by the Police and Civil Service teams, the score being 3 to 2 in favor of the latter.

Cold Storage Plant.

The Pacific Cold Storage Co. today through its resident representative, Mr. Rufus J. Davies, signed a contract with G. H. Davies for the erection of an insulated two-story wooden building, the dimensions of which will be 30x70 feet, the first story being nine, the second story thirteen feet high. The building will have a capacity of 450 tons. It will be located on a lot recently purchased by Mr. Davies for his company on the corner of First street and Fourth avenue. Work on the foundation of the building will commence tomorrow. It is expected that it will be ready for occupancy by March 15th. The cost of the structure will be \$12,000.

ZEROITES JOLLY

Their Friends and Entertain Them Royally at the Club's Home

WITH DAINTY LUNCH AND WINE

From Under Gift Labels, and a Splendid Entertainment

FROM BEST LOCAL TALENT.

President Mizner a Whole Reception Committee in Himself—Was Aply Assisted.

The reception at the Zero Club Saturday evening was one of the swellest affairs ever given in Dawson, as can be attested by the large number of invited guests who attended.

The rooms of the club are in every way equal in appointment and furnishing to those of the modern social club of larger cities.

The reading room at the front, with commodious baywindow overlooking the street, is elegantly furnished with an eye to comfort as well as beauty. Big easy chairs stand invitingly about, and in the center of the room there is a very large reading table upon which there is always to be found in great profusion all the latest papers and periodicals. The inner room is fitted with billiard and pool tables and a piano, then further back is the main dining room, connected with which are two smaller rooms for the accommodation of small parties. All are handsomely furnished and very cozy. In addition to these is the card room, Saturday evening the members of the club were busy making friends for the institution and judging by the manner in which the guests were looked after the effort could not fail of success. Champagne, straight from under the gill, and in punch, was dispensed bountifully and the luncheon was a thing of beauty and a joy for ever. Caterer Condogee fairly outdoing himself in its preparation and service.

Edgar A. Mizner, as master of ceremonies, was a whole reception committee in himself, though ably assisted by a number of enthusiastic members, and if there was anyone present who was not made to feel at home and welcome, he must have very carefully hidden himself.

Early in the evening the assembled company were entertained with the following excellent program, after which many good impromptu things were given by volunteers, and in short there was never a better or more pleasant function of the kind given in the city.

Overture, orchestra; song, C. McPherson; quartette, Arctic Brotherhood; song, Ben Davis; song, Chas. Barwell; recitation, Frank Johnston; piano solo, Arthur Boyle; song, Mr. Robertson; song, Mr. Finney; recitation, Rudy Kaltenborn; banjo solo, Ed Brown; duet, McPherson and Chateway.

Miss Tracie's Benefit.

The entertainment given for the benefit of Miss Marion Tracie at the Savoy theater last Saturday afternoon was the best that ever took place in Dawson. A larger lady audience never was assembled before in this or any other local theater than appeared at this entertainment. The affair was a success both from a theatrical and financial standpoint. The program opened with an overture rendered by Prof. Freimuth and the Savoy orchestra. Post and Maurettus in "Irish Aristocracy" were very funny and the piece lasted one hour, which was full of fun and created many a laugh and smile. The entire company did well in this roaring comedy. Miss Cecil Marion's singing was heartily appreciated. Mr. Sutherland did well. Miss Kate Rockwell in her buck and wing dancing and cake walk, assisted by the little picanniny, was a treat. Bryant and Onslow in their knock-about act did nicely and created many a laugh. Madam Lloyd was up to date and sang two songs which pleased the audience. The Wilson children, Claire and Irene, sang

and scored an encore and the little children in the audience were well pleased. Miss Edith Montrose sang a parody on "On the Wabash," taken from the Transvaal, and also sang Miss Marion Tracie's composition, "God Save the King," which brought long applause. Misses Walthers and Forest responded to three encores and their singing on this occasion was highly appreciated. Prof. Parkes gave a long series of pictures.

Ben Ferguson appeared on the stage and thanked the audience, actors and actresses, musicians, help, Savoy management, newspapers, etc., for their kind help and assistance. The gross receipts were \$436.75; expenses \$121.25, leaving a net profit of \$315.50. Miss Tracie is still confined to her bed. The success of the entertainment was due to the untiring efforts of Ben Ferguson, who took hold of the work with a vim and brought the enterprise to a successful termination.

Curious Medical Case.

A curious case occurred in one of the Paris hospitals which excited much comment in medical circles. Some time ago a woman named Legros, 55 years of age, was found lying in the road in a state of insensibility and absolutely rigid. She was removed by the police to the hospital, where for three weeks she remained in the same state. The doctors then decided that she was dead and had been so since she was found, the preservation of her body being due to the amount of alcohol she had imbibed.—Ex.

Tozier Improving

Notwithstanding the report all over town this morning that Leroy Tozier had died last night, the cheering statement of his physician that he still lives with very good chances for ultimate recovery is given out this afternoon. Mr. Tozier was taken with pneumonia last Wednesday night and has since been very sick at his family apartments in the Hotel McDonald. Yesterday and last night he was very low, a consultation of four physicians being held in the afternoon. Today, however, it is believed the crisis is past, and in the event of there being no relapse, there is every hope of his recovery.

MEN OF MARK.

Gov. Crane of Massachusetts attended a dinner given to the poor of Boston on Thanksgiving day and ate with a party of well known men at the general board.

Robert W. Wilcox, who has been elected as the congressional representative from Hawaii, is a descendant from the old Hawaiian royal family on his mother's side.

Lawrence M. Jacobs, who has been appointed statistician of the Philippine commission, was formerly one of the experts in the loan and currency division of the treasury department.

George H. Phillips, the young Chicago financier who has been cornering the corn market, is very boyish looking, slender, short, pale, with light eyes and hair and very reserved manners.

Although ex-Governor Stockley of Delaware is 82 years old, he went out hunting the other day, tramped several miles, secured a good bag of game and returned home at night without any sign of weariness.

Kogoro Takahira, the new Japanese minister to Washington, belongs to the progressive school of his countrymen. He has been minister to Holland, Austria and Italy and speaks fluently the languages of all those countries.

The will of the late Robert B. Grigham of Boston disposes of an estate of \$2,259,070, nearly all of which will eventually go to charity and most toward founding in Boston a hospital for incurables.

John W. Campbell, chief of police of St. Louis, who is spoken of as head of the Manila department, has been connected with the St. Louis force for several years and has a remarkable record for efficiency.

The Paris correspondent of the London Times says that the Bonapartists are manifesting a strong disposition to desert Prince Victor Bonaparte and to replace him by his brother, Prince Louis, now a general of artillery in the Russian service.

M. Maybrick, who has been elected mayor of Ryde, in the Isle of Wight, is better known as Stephen Adams, the song writer who composed, among other things, "Nancy Lee." He is likewise a brother-in-law of Mrs. Maybrick, who is suffering life confinement for the alleged murder of her husband.

RECEIVED BY WIRE. QUEEN'S WILL

Gives Large Benefactions to Various of Her Relatives.

CARNEGIE SELLS HIS INTERESTS

To Pierpont Morgan the New York Money King.

BOERS ARE ON THE MARCH

In the Direction of Lorenzo Marquis With British Closely Behind—Portugese Alarmed.

London, Feb. 7, via Skagway, Feb. 12.—The latest rumor concerning the will of the late Queen Victoria is to the effect that she bequeathed £140,000 each to the Duke of Cannought, Prince Christian, Princesses Louise and Beatrice, also liberal legacies to the Duchess of Albany and a number of her grand children. The bulk of her private fortune, including both Osborne and Balmoral, goes to King Edward.

Carnegie's Big Sale.

New York, Feb. 7, via Skagway, Feb. 12.—Andrew Carnegie has sold his controlling interest in the Carnegie Company to the Pierpont Morgan syndicate, the consideration being \$85,000,000. Carnegie still holds a 54 per cent interest in a \$160,000,000 bond issue of the company.

Boers on the March.

London, Feb. 7, via Skagway, Feb. 12.—The Boers are said to be marching on Lorenzo Marques and the Portuguese government is very much concerned. The English troops are slightly behind the Boers. Skirmish battles are still occurring but neither side seems to gain much advantage.

The government has decided to reinforce Kitchener with 20,000 mounted men in addition to those already sent out.

Emperor William has conferred upon Roberts the order of the Black Eagle, the highest order that can be conferred in Germany.

Parliament Assembles.

Ottawa, Feb. 7, via Skagway, Feb. 12.—Parliament assembled yesterday when Brodeur was elected speaker without opposition. Minto will deliver the speech from the throne today.

Must Die.

Pekin, Feb. 7, via Skagway, Feb. 12.—The various foreign ministers have definitely decided to demand that Chinese officials, including Prince Chuan and Tuan, must die.

Col. Steele's Offer.

Ottawa, Feb. 7, via Skagway, Feb. 12.—Colonel Steele has been offered a colonelcy in Baden Powell's police at a salary of \$6000 per year and all allowances.

Reorganized Hockey League.

A meeting of hockey players and representatives of various hockey teams was held last night at the Regina Club, the object being the reorganization of the hockey league. The object for which the meeting was called was accomplished, although representation on the league is not as strong as it was hoped it would be, only three teams, those of the Police, Civil Service and McLennan & McFeeley, coming in. The A. C. Co. team has been given two days in which to reconsider its resignation from the former league and come into the new one.

Should no other teams apply for membership in the league a meeting will be held within the next three days at which a schedule of games will be arranged and the championship of the Yukon played for. Any information desired by other teams regarding the league can be secured from the league secretary, Constable Bell, at the barracks.