

DIFFERENCE OF OPINION

The Council Waits Upon Mr. Newlands

Meeting of Yukon Council Not Necessary, But Attorney Donaghy Differs.

The territory is issuing no licenses whatever and any that are in effect now will after their expiration have to be renewed by the city council, it alone possessing such power. Mr. Newlands holds, per example, that if an ordinance of the Yukon council requires an auctioneer to pay a yearly license of \$100 the city council may supersede it by passing one of its own fixing the fee at say \$5 or any other amount, the mere passage of the bill repealing the one previously enacted by the Yukon council by making it inoperative. City Attorney Donaghy holds to the contrary view, and there you are.

The council is very desirous of beginning the city assessment at once in order to gather into the fold the transient traders and seow men who will arrive in a few weeks, but say they can not do so as the assessment ordinance provides that the assessment shall not be made until after July 1 and the rate can not be fixed and the collections made until after the court of revision sits and it will not convene until the second Tuesday in October. Mr. Newlands considers this an inopportune time to put on a two per cent. general assessment throughout the city, and in order to get action against the seow men he points out that under section 9 of the assessment ordinance any person arriving in the city with goods after the assessment has been made shall notify the assessor within one week or be subjected to a penalty of \$100. The assessor is given the right to assess all such late arrivals at the rate of the previous year, 1 1/2 per cent., and every mother's son bringing a pound of freight down the river is subject to such assessment. But City Attorney Donaghy thinks otherwise, and there you are again.

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ODD FELLOWS ANNUAL DAY

Occurs on Saturday the 26th of April

Special Church Services for Members of the Order to be Held on Sunday.

Saturday, April 26th, will be the 83rd anniversary of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, eighty-three years having elapsed since Ridgley and a small number of associates met in a low, cave-like hall, still standing, in Baltimore and launched the order which has ever since stood for all that is embodied in the words Friendship, Love and Truth.

Cossacks Not Brutal

London, April 24. - Charlemagne Tower, American ambassador to

Russia, is in London en route home for a short semi-official visit. He has taken occasion to correct the popular opinion of cruelty in Cossack police methods. He declares Cossacks are no more brutal than American police in dealing with crowds.

Inspired by Spite

San Francisco, April 24.—The opinion is growing that the suspicion cast upon the Examiner's missing accountant, Hadley, is largely inspired by spite on the part of Chief of Police Wittman and members of San Francisco detective department, whom that paper has been roasting lately.

Australia Agrees

Melbourne, April 24.—Australia has given her adhesion to the imperial penny postage system in which she has hitherto held aloof, on the grounds of the revenue decrease involved.

Pope Receives

Rome, April 24.—Pope Leo received twenty thousand pilgrims at St. Peter's this morning. His Holiness appeared in perfect health and thanked the pilgrims for their loyalty to Papacy.

Italy's Attitude

Rome, April 24.—On account of the uneasiness caused by Italy's attitude re Tripoli, the Porte has decided to garrison the island of Bomba, off the Tripoli coast, and port of Tobruk.

Murderer Arrested

Vancouver, April 24.—Rasoul Khan the Seattle murderer was arrested at Nelson yesterday. He goes back for trial without extradition.

TO PURCHASE C. P. N. BOATS

Seattle Lines May Control All the Skagway Steamers—Ry. Co. is at Bottom of Scheme—Great Indignation at Vancouver and Victoria.

Vancouver, April 24.—An Ottawa despatch to the World states that Seattle steamship lines propose to buy the Canadian Pacific Navigation Co.'s boats running to Skagway, thus obtaining supreme control of northern navigation. It is stated the C. P. N. boats are run at a loss now and the British Columbia representatives are urging an increase of government subsidy. This is the latest and greatest effort of Sound cities to secure control of all trade from Skagway.

proposals to buy have been advanced as indicated and that they are receiving serious consideration, since, as they cannot engage in the Alaskan coasting trade, their steamers have been operated at a loss for some time past. They also indicate that the White Pass Railway principals are the movers in the daring game, the object being to control all steamship connections and thus be able to defy the Canadian government in its insistence upon fair charges on the railway. Public meetings will be called immediately here and in Victoria to strengthen the hands of members at Ottawa in working against the grab.

FED HIM TO COWS

Indiana Woman's Cure for Drunkenness

No Wonder He Now Seeks Relief by Applying to Court for Divorce.

English, Indiana, April 24.—Thos. Foley is suing for divorce from his wife on the ground of excessive cruelty. She admits that she tied him hand and foot while he was drunk and applied salt to his hands, face and clothes, leaving him helpless in a field for the cattle to lick to death. Foley's skin was raw in many places and his clothing was torn in shreds.

troops of 2,300 men under General Ramon Castillo attacked revolutionists between San Antonio and Guanaguana in a mountainous district well known to the revolutionists. Castillo personally led the advance government guard, composed of veteran troops. One hour after opening action Castillo was wounded and died later. Immediately after he was wounded all recently recruited Venezuelan soldiers disbanded, deserting in all directions and eventually reaching San Antonio. Government officers tried to rally the troops but their efforts were vain and ended in the complete retreat of the Venezuelan soldiers. The whereabouts of General Escalante, second in command of the government army, were unknown when the dispatch was forwarded. The situation at Venezuela is critical.

Hutchison Retained

Ottawa, April 24.—William Hutchison will be Canada's commissioner at the St. Louis exposition. He filed the same position at the Pan-American at Buffalo.

President Holt

Montreal, April 24.—H. S. Holt has been elected president of Morgan's Sovereign bank.

WILL BE ENFORCED

Export Tax to Go as it Stands

Governor Ross Wires That no Extension of Time Can be Granted.

Nothing has occurred in recent months which has so stirred up the mercantile interests of the city as the proposed substitution of an export tax on gold mined in the territory in lieu of the royalty. From extended conversations had today with some of the leading merchants other than those who were interviewed yesterday, but little opposition to the tax is found except as to its immediate enforcement, and that it is generally conceded will work a hardship upon both the individual miner through whose labor the gold has been taken out and the merchant who has furnished the provisions for his subsistence. That it was clearly not the intention of the government to tax the laborer or the merchant there can be no doubt, and yet that is just what it will result in for the time being, in instances where the miner will receive his wages for the entire winter in a lump sum at the cleanup and the merchant whose bills will be paid at the same time, neither of whom at the time their contracts were made last fall had in contemplation the change that is about to be effected. The opinion has been ventured by several legal gentlemen that if the merchants and miners receiving their pay and wages in dust at \$16 an ounce insist upon the debtor paying the export tax he can be held to it, the contention being that by the action of the government in fixing a tax of say 40 cents an ounce on dust exported the value of such commodity has depreciated just so much, a loss which the merchant and miner could not legally be forced to stand. It is improbable, however, that any merchant in his collections would care to adopt such drastic measures and thus jeopardize his trade in the future. It has been suggested that one way out of the difficulty would be to not enforce the export tax say until August or September and instead let the mining inspectors collect the 2 1/2 per cent. royalty from each claim during the next four or five months the same as has been done heretofore. In that manner the tax would fall upon the producer where it is intended it should fall.

Harry Jones, of the Dawson Hardware Company, has no objection to the tax except as to its immediate enforcement which will work a hardship on his firm as well as many others. He would like to see a meeting of the merchants held and a wire sent to Governor Ross before he leaves Ottawa and ascertain if some way could not be devised by which relief could be had. "We can't afford to stand the tax," said he, "and it would seem equally unjust to add it to the bill. The only real solution is a government assay office.

and that I hope to see established soon." Russel Palmer, of Palmer Bros., considers that the least said about the matter the better and did not desire to be quoted upon the subject.

R. P. McLennan said:—"Those who have made contracts specifically to accept gold dust in payment of bills at \$16 an ounce are up against it and can't help themselves. One great mistake that has been made right along is in the accepting of dust at a fictitious value. About a year ago it was all arranged that dust should be taken no longer except at \$15 an ounce, and what came of that agreement? I am in favor of the tax and that right away. It will eventually do away with the use of dust as a circulating medium to a very large extent, and that is what is most desired. The abuses of dust are too great for its use as money. Why, I know of instances where C. O. D. bills have been sent to the creeks with supplies, the freighter would collect good dust, take it to the bank and sell it, buy commercial dust and settle with it, securing his freight, his commission for collection and the discount he would make in the difference of the values of the dust taken in and paid out. A change of this kind is bound to run some one, that is inevitable, so I say let it come as soon as it will and be over with it. I am also in favor of not accepting an ounce of dust after May 1st except at \$15 an ounce."

From Comptroller Lithgow it is learned that a message was sent last night to Governor Ross asking if any provisions had been or could be made by which dust received in payment for old contracts could be exempted and today a reply was received that such had not and could not be done.

"The governor's policy on the gold dust question," said the comptroller, "is well known. For nearly two years miners and everyone else have been hammering away for a reduction in the royalty, the substitution of an export tax such as is now determined upon and that it has been accomplished it is not likely that any alterations will be made in its provisions at the last moment. It is unfortunate if a hardship is worked upon some account of the tax, but it can't be helped. Changes of this nature generally do injure some one for the time being but it is unavoidable. Until April 30 I will continue to receive gold for export free upon presentation of satisfactory proof that the royalty has been paid. Such shipments are boxed and sealed with my private seal, but of course do not remain in my hands. It is the business of the exporter at the time he leaves the territory to see that his seals are unbroken."

Last night and this morning there was some talk of the merchants calling a meeting for the purpose of discussing the situation, but now that definite information on the subject has been received from the commissioner the project will doubtless be abandoned.

A Safe Bet. While every one in Dawson may feel sure that Slavin is the best man still it is not absolutely sure that he will win in the coming bout with Burley, but it is a safe bet that Dunham carries the freshest and best groceries in Dawson. He is headquarters for S. & W. goods, Schilling's Teas and Coffees, Heinz's Pickles and Preserves, Miller's Butter, etc., etc. Corner Second avenue and Albert street.

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE. Capital paid up (Eight Million Dollars), \$8,000,000. REST. \$2,000,000. The Bank is prepared to purchase gold dust at actual assay value, less the usual charges for express and insurance, up to and including 30th April, 1902; after which date all dust will be subject to the proposed export tax. D. A. CAMERON, Manager. Dawson Branch.

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