

### CITY COUNCIL IN SESSION

#### Considerable Business Was Transacted

#### D. C. Matheson Submits Pro- position for Better Water Service.

At the meeting of the city council last night Aldermen Murphy and Macdonald were absent being off on the excursion to Eagle City. Only one communication was received, that from the Dawson Electric Light and Power Company. The company would be very happy to talk water business with the council and considers that it is in a position to furnish the city with a better service than any other corporation in the territory. They are equipped with machinery sufficiently powerful to maintain at all times 150 pound pressure in the pipes, they will lay 5000 feet of eight-inch mains and will maintain their service during the winter by pumping hot water through the pipes.

The chairman of the finance committee submitted the following report: "This committee recommends that pursuant to section 35 of bylaw No. 4, the monthly salaries appearing by the pay sheets of the following departments, the fire, police, city clerk's office and city solicitor's office as the same appeared on file for the month ending the 31st of May inst., be paid from month to month upon being certified and approved as provided in said section."

The following bills were also recommended paid:

Electric Light Co.	\$105.30
Alvah Smith	5.75
D. Donaghy	300.00
Mrs. B. Gerow	100.00

The police committee filed its report containing that of Sergeant Smith showing the number of cases tried in the police court during the month of May and the fines collected. The latter amounts to about \$100. Alderman Vachon called the attention of the council to the return of Commissioner Ross and suggested that the council should meet and welcome him officially. His worship spoke of the excursion today and it was arranged that an address be prepared by the council and be presented by the mayor. The question of a suitable arch and some sort of attempt at decoration was also discussed but nothing definite was decided upon.

Alderman Wilson thinks the city should have control of the water front and received the revenue derived therefrom, speaking with considerable warmth upon the subject. He stated that the revenue of \$10 a foot per year amounts to about \$30,000 which if turned over to the city would go a long way toward keeping the streets in repair. He also called attention to the fact that Ottawa had made no reply to the telegram sent by the council in reference to the appointment of an inland revenue officer for Dawson and that the question of an assay office had also been passed up like a white check. His worship remarked that he was somewhat surprised himself at their messages never having been acknowledged and he thinks the matters were certainly referred to Mr. Ross with instructions for him to investigate and report accordingly. Upon the commissioner's arrival some word will undoubtedly be received. In reference to the water front proposition, Alderman Adair is quite of the same mind as Alderman Wilson and suggested that the Yukon council at its next session be urged to recommend to the government the turning over to the city of all the land now bordering on the Yukon.

The mayor asked D. A. Matheson, manager of the Dawson Water Company, who had just stepped into the council chamber, if he had anything to offer the council in the way of explaining the proposed hydrant system his company were considering installing. Mr. Matheson submitted the following:

"Herewith I submit the following details for your information in regard to the proposed fire hydrants for the city of Dawson:

The pumps that we propose installing are high-duty, duplex compound pumps with a capacity of 1100 gallons per minute, with an initial pressure of 250 pounds to the square inch, which will give the following results at the different hydrants, and the number of lines of hose, also the pounds of pressure at each one as per plans submitted."

Here are given the various pressures at each of the 19 hydrants, it varying from 82 pounds with two lines of hose at the one farthest removed from the pumping station to 200 pounds with four lines of hose at the one nearest.

"The above pressure can be increased and an additional 50 pounds on any and all of the hydrants before the pump is working to its full capacity, and six lines of hose can be used from all the mains at one time if necessary, providing both pumps are put in operation, which would furnish 2800 gallons of water per minute. A one inch nozzle under a pressure of 90 pounds will discharge 300 gallons per minute. The hydrants number from the pumping station, from No. 1 to No. 19, down Third avenue from said station and up Second avenue and down First avenue to number 19. Any hydrant on the six-inch water main on Third avenue will supply the fire engine with all ease all the water she can pump."

"I would also recommend the placing of a large tank on Third avenue to hold about thirty thousand gallons of water, said tank to be supplied from the water mains by an inflow and the engine could be supplied from said tank, without moving the engine from the building covering the tank, which, in fact, ought to be the fire hall. I could supply you with a tank of this kind at a very low price, as I have a tank of that capacity on hand at the present time, which is built of heavy timbers, and lined with galvanized iron."

His worship informed Mr. Matheson the council would be very glad to confer with him a day or two later and his communication was referred to the committee on fire, water and light with power to arrange a meeting the latter part of the week.

Alderman Vachon called attention to the fact that portions of Fourth and Fifth avenues were being used by various people for storage purposes. He moved that the owners of the wood, wagons and boilers thereon be instructed to move them at once. A vote showed a division, Vachon and Norquay voting yea, and Adair and Wilson nay. His worship voted in the affirmative and it was so ordered.

#### To Creditors.

In order that I may be able to go outside early in July and avoid being capiased I must pay my bills. To do so I must collect outstanding accounts. All persons owing me will please call and settle their accounts at their earliest convenience.

THOS. CHISHOLM.

#### Not Discouraged.

R. B. Watson and Hamilton Fisher who have spent two years prospecting near the head waters of the Stewart, returned to town yesterday, Mr. Walsh having unfortunately lost the greater part of his outfit on Canyon river. Mr. Walsh will set out again some time next week.

Mr. Fisher does not think he will return. In his opinion the prospects in the district visited get poorer the nearer the Rockies are approached, and when within a hundred miles of that range the formation carrying quartz seems to disappear altogether. He states, however, that there are others who are not discouraged. Five prospectors are staying at the head waters of Canyon river, a tributary of the south fork of the Stewart, and say they are going still further eastward. Hector Morrison and his partner have been prospecting in that neighborhood for three years, and are yet so confident of eventually striking good pay that they speculate on prospecting there for another two years.

#### Judgment Rendered

In the case of F. S. Dunham vs. the dealers in cheap groceries, the public have decided in favor of Dunham and will continue to trade with him because they know they can depend on always getting the best at The Family Grocery, corner Second avenue and Albert streets.

### BONANZA AND EL Dorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burney of No. 3 Victoria Gulch came to town yesterday.

Mr. A. J. Maiden has finished his work on No. 18 Eldorado and returned to his home on No. 30 above Bonanza.

Mr. H. T. Cristensen expected to get through sluicing on No. 22 Eldorado last Saturday but will commence summer work immediately.

Mr. G. N. Williams of No. 27 Eldorado is putting a few finishing touches to the neat little cottage which he recently built by adding an upper verandah.

Little Harold Kenyon has started in business all for himself on No. 28 above Bonanza. He has a small tent and sells ice cold soft drinks.

The dance given last Friday night at No. 33 below Bonanza by Mrs. Frame was fairly well attended. The night was rather bad which kept a number from attending, though there was enough to have a nice time. Mrs. Frame has one of the finest halls for dancing on the creek and always aims to make it pleasant for strangers in particular. The music! O, well, there is a rule which the scribe will ever preach and practice: If you cannot conscientiously say a kind or good word about a person, say nothing, therefore regarding the stiff-fingered fiddler who fiddled for the dance at No. 33 below Bonanza last Friday night I will keep mum.

On last Thursday evening a farewell dance was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Acheson, nee Miss Mary McDevitt, at the social hall previous to their departure for the outside. About fifty people were present and

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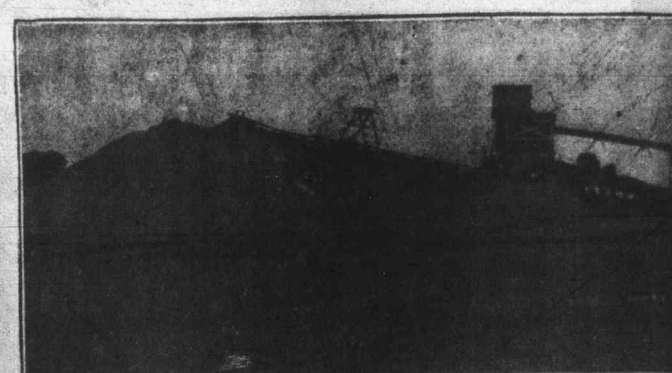
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