

HEADS FALL IN BASKET

Wholesale Decapitation by the Council

Services of City Health Officer, License Inspector and Stenographer Dispensed With.

The new council was entirely by their lonlies last night, Murphy still being on the outside and Macdonald was on the sick list, and the way the municipal axe was wielded was enough to strike terror to the hearts of every employee of the city.

There were but few communications up for reading. One was from Mayor Macanlay and contained an enclosure, a bill from G. I. MacLean for \$200 for services as one of the auditors who checked up the city's books at the close of the fiscal year.

Thomas Kenny applied for reappointment to the position of city foreman. He held that position all during the last year, has a full and complete knowledge of the various duties and can attend to the same with the utmost satisfaction.

T. E. Rimer wants the position of city health officer and made application for the same.

George Hutchinson made the council an offer of new quarters for the city offices. His building is located on King street opposite the Nugget office and he offers the ground floor which is 34x54 for \$100 a month. If desired it can be divided up into offices and he hopes his tender will receive favorable consideration.

Months ago Arthur Fortin sent in to the old council a bill for the construction of a pair of stairs up the hill to the rear of St. Mary's hospital, but according to his letter last night no attention was paid to it. He even received no answer to his first communication. He called the attention of the present council to the work he had performed for the benefit of the city and would like a definite answer, yes or no, as to the probability of him being remunerated.

Upon being given permission to address the council, John H. Richards, a second-hand dealer, protested against the actions of some of the holders of auctioneer's licenses. He said a number of them were dealing in second-hand articles the same as himself though they had no license entitling them to such privilege and were using their auctioneer's license merely as a guise.

One in particular that he had in mind had not had an auction since he first procured his license. Richards did not object to the size of the license fee, but he wanted some protection from the auctioneers who were infringing on his business. He favored a higher license for the auctioneers. Richards also asked concerning the probability of being able to secure a rebate on his last year's license. He had been compelled to take out such for a year though he had not begun business until August and now will have to take out another.

His worship asked concerning the status of the Carnegie library matter and was fully informed by City Clerk Smith. The official acceptance of Mr. Carnegie's gift by the city had only been forwarded about ten days ago.

Then came the beginning of the decapitation act, the sanguinary feast of the executioner. The official axe was whetted to a standstill and the way LaLande put it in motion would have made angels weep. The first to be gibbeted was Dr. J. A. Sutherland, city health officer. LaLande moved that Dr. J. A. Sutherland be and is hereby dismissed. The motion was seconded by Ryan and there was no discussion, though Edwards had a look of pained surprise that such a motion should have been sprung and he not knowing it had been contemplated. Edwards is a

member of the police, license and health committee and it looked to him as though there had been some star chamber sessions held that he had known nothing of. Before the motion was put Ryan reconsidered the terms in which the dismissal was couched. It was not in the language of the diplomats and he suggested an amendment to the effect that "Dr. Sutherland be notified that his services would be dispensed with after the first of the following month." The end was the same and the means employed would not seem so harsh. LaLande and Ryan voted aye and Edwards no.

LaLande moved that T. E. Rimer be appointed city health officer at a yearly salary of \$1000. That was Edwards' cue and he raised a most vigorous objection. He considered the motion was out of order and did not hesitate to say so. The application of Dr. Rimer had just been received, that application together with other communications had been referred to the various committees to which they belonged and it was for those committees to deal with and report accordingly. "It is improper for such a motion to be brought before this council at this time. If the motion is sustained I have other objections that I should like to state."

His worship—"I myself think the possible applications of others should be considered."

Edwards—"Physicians should be notified of the appointment about to be made in order that they may make application if they so desire. It is no way of doing business to railroad this appointment through in this manner."

Edwards moved the LaLande motion be laid on the table but could get no second.

Ryan asked the solicitor if the LaLande motion was out of order. If it was not out of order he would like to know some specific reason why it should not go through promptly. Physicians should have known that the position of city health officer would be open at the end of the present month and if any had desired to secure the appointment they could have filed their applications.

In reply to the query the city attorney informed the council there was no legal objection to confirming the appointment of Dr. Rimer at once if the members so desired. It was customary to await the report of the committee to which such had been referred, but if the council chose to act without waiting for such report they had a perfect right to do so.

The LaLande motion was put and all voted aye with the exception of Edwards. "Frenchy" had just dropped in and evidently imagined he was at a political meeting when the eyes were called for he butted in with his little "aye," too, then looked sheepish when he saw the break he had made.

License Inspector Worlock's scalp was lifted by LaLande who moved that he be notified that his services would be no longer required after the end of the present month. The motion was seconded by Edwards and was carried unanimously.

Johnson moved that a warrant be drawn for \$83.33 in favor of Dr. Sutherland being his salary for the month of January. Incorporated in the motion was also a similar order concerning the January salary of License Inspector Worlock. Agreed.

Johnson further moved that the council now consider the salaries of the other officials and employees of the city.

Edwards moved that the services of the present typewriter employed in the city attorney's office be dispensed with after the end of the present month. Agreed.

Ryan moved that the salary of the city engineer be reduced from \$325 to \$250 a month until the busy season begins. Agreed.

Macdonald, chairman of the fire, water and light committee, being absent nothing was done as to the firemen's salaries but it is understood they are to be advanced fifteen per cent. Some little discussion was indulged in relative to the propriety of taking some action on the matter so that the firemen's checks would be ready on the first of the month, but it was at last decided to let the matter rest until the next meeting which will be on the 2nd.

City Clerk Smith was appointed license inspector without salary, his appointment to take effect February 1.

Ryan moved that the salaries of all of the other officials and employees of the city not dealt with, other than the fire department, be fixed at the salary shown on the last pay sheet. Agreed.

LaLande gave notice that at a meeting to be held not less than two weeks hence he would introduce a by-law to amend the license bylaw providing for certain changes in the fees.

Edwards moved the bill of G. I. MacLean be allowed, which was agreed to.

What Happened Jones—Auditorium.

TRIAL FOR TREASON

Col. Lynch Before London Law Courts

Address of the Chief Justice Which Explains the Charge Fully.

Recently arrived London papers contain interesting accounts of the proceedings at the London law courts when a grand jury, drawn from London and Middlesex, was empaneled to deal with the indictment for high treason against "Colonel" Lynch, M. P., and returned a true bill. The trial began on the 20th of this month.

In charging the grand jury the Lord Chief Justice (Lord Alverstone) said in part: "You are summoned here today for a very unusual object. It is I think, some sixty-two years since a grand jury of London has had to deal with a charge of high treason. The bill of indictment is one which charges Arthur Alfred Lynch with the high crime of high treason. It will not be necessary for me to detain you at any great length, certainly with regard to the facts of the case, but inasmuch as it is an unusual occasion, thank God, and it is rarely that English judges have to deal with this crime, it is my duty to lay before you in a few words the view of the law with regard to the offence which you have to consider."

"The crime of high treason, I need not tell you, is one of the highest, if not the very highest, known to the law. It affects not only the individual, but the whole community. As has been well said, its direct and immediate tendency is the putting down of the authority of the law, the shaking and subverting the foundations of all government, the loosening and dissolving the bonds of cement by which society is knit together, the general confusion of property, and frequently involving our lives in bloodshed and mutual destruction. Therefore the crime of high treason is one which has always been regarded by the law of England as one of the gravest offences which can be committed."

As far back as the year 1351, that is more than 500 years ago, the statute under which Arthur Alfred Lynch is indicted was passed, and that statute has been the law up to the present time. In the early times, years ago, there were frequent instances of its being required to be put into force. The language of that statute is as apt for the purpose of dealing with the offence of high treason today as it was at the time it was passed. The Lord Chief Justice then read part of the statute as to high treason. "By the 25th of Edward the Third, Chap. 2, it is," he said, "recited in the preamble: 'Whereas divers opinions have been before this time in what case treason shall be said, and in what not, the king, at the request of the lords and of the commons, hath made a declaration in a manner as hereafter followeth, that is to say, when a man doth compass or imagine the death of our lord the king, or of our lady the queen, or of their eldest son and heir.' Passing over the enumeration of certain other offences, the Lord Chief Justice read on: "Or if a man do levy war against our lord the king in his realm, or be adherent to the king's enemies in his realm, giving to them aid and comfort in his realm or elsewhere, and thereof be probably attained of open deed by the people of their condition."

"In that case," Lord Alverstone proceeded, "such person shall be attainted and guilty of high treason. That is the offence which you will have to consider, the offence, that is, of giving aid and comfort to the enemies of the king." He pointed out that, for the protection of the innocent, and in order that persons might not be indicted for high treason without sufficient evidence, "it was in the year 1695 enacted by section 2 of 7 William III., Chap. 3, that: 'No person or persons, whatsoever, shall be indicted, tried, or attainted of high treason, but by and upon the oaths and testimony of two lawful witnesses, either both of them to the same overt act, or one of them to one act and the other of them to another overt act of the same treason.' Continuing, he said that there were eight specific allegations against Colonel Lynch, including the leading of the Irish brigade of the Boer forces at Glenoe, Somers river and elsewhere.

The Lord Chief Justice then said he had only to add that the grand jury must not think that because the crime of high treason had of late years been rare that it was not a grave offence. As a great judge had said, just as some of the roblust deeds that had ever been performed had been done in a spirit of patriotism and the love of country, so some of the most dastardly crimes that had been committed had been the work of those who had forgotten their allegiance to their country. It was only because these offences were grave and serious that it had been thought necessary to protect the country against their commission and to protect those persons who were charged with the crime by requiring that there should be strict proof.

"The experience of the last two years," Lord Alverstone then said, "has taught us that it is highly dangerous to belittle the crime of high treason, and that it ought not in the present day to be possible for persons to disregard their allegiance and neglect their duties as citizens and subjects without taking the consequences of those actions."

The grand jury then retired, and brought in a true bill in about twenty minutes.

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A BURNING QUESTION

What Happened to Mr. Jones?

Go to the Auditorium and See the Solution—Prepare for the Worst.

There is one question which during the past week has been of extraordinary interest and which has probably been asked more times than any other in the history of Dawson. It has been written on the sign boards, printed on cards, and distributed throughout the town and in fact it has been of such absorbing interest that everybody has asked everybody else: "What Happened to Jones?"

The question is certainly a simple one to ask but the answer was a puzzle until the denouement occurred last evening at the Auditorium theatre when it was discovered that the question is the title of the funniest comedy ever put on the boards of Dawson. It cannot be adequately described but must be seen to be appreciated.

It provokes a continuous laugh from start to finish and is the best antidote offered for those who feel depressed over the continuous cold weather or the rapidly changing which their woodpiles are consumed.

Chris Moran as Jones, has the leading role and never was an actor better fitted to a part. He is funny in the extreme both in the character of the young sport which he is and the Bishop which for a night he assumes to be in order to protect himself from the police.

Mr. Mullen as Ebenezer Goodly, who is enticed by his prospective son-in-law to a prize fight from which incident the excitement arises, has the character in which he shows to his best advantage.

Mr. Montgomery is in his usual good form as Richard Heatherly, a young sport of excellent qualities.

Mr. Morris takes the part of the Rev. Anthony Goodly of Australia, who is the real Bishop but who is mixed in all kinds of trouble through the intrigues of Jones.

Mr. Dundon takes the part of the escaped lunatic who thinks he is an Indian in an excellent manner.

If the Chicago chief of police should see Bittner in his uniform he would be immediately drafted into the service.

Miss Mentrose as Mrs. Goodly takes her part well. Mrs. Bittner as Miss Walton as Marjorie and Miss Kreig as Helma, each lend valuable assistance in giving the play its vivacity.

This play will be continued throughout the week and should be largely patronized.

THE NEW LONDON... What the New Zealander Will Find.

It was a blithe New Zealander, stalwart and straight and tanned, had travelled over the salt sea loam to see his motherland.

"Good sir," replied the courteous guide, "You have but to declare what is your chiefest wish to see, and I will take you there."

"Oh, show me, then," the stranger cried, "The War Office, Pall Mall."

"Alackaday!" the stranger said, "That I was born so late, then pilot me unto the Tower to see the Traitors Gate."

"Indeed!" exclaimed the stricken youth, "Losing his ruddy tint, 'If I may not behold the Tower, then take me to the Mint.' There is 'no Mint,' the answer came, 'There are no beaver hats, the site is wholly occupied by residential flats.'"

WILL BE SHOT.

Utah Prisoner is Permitted His Choice of Death.

What Happened to Mr. Jones?

Salt Lake, Utah, Jan. 10. — The first legal execution by shooting in the United States for seven years is to take place within the walls of the Utah state penitentiary on January 10th, when Nicholas Haworth will be shot to death by a file of six men for the murder of Thomas Sandahl at Leyton, Utah, March 28, 1899.

Haworth, by birth the son of a well-to-do farmer, and by adoption and inclination a gypsy horse trader, while engaged with a confederate in an attempt to rob the Farmers' Union store at Leyton, was detected by the watchman, and in making his escape killed the officer, Sheriff Abbott of Davis county, where the crime occurred, was without a clue to the identity of the murderer for several months. The ending of an old overcoat, the pockets of which contained shotgun shells and a revolver known to have been stolen from the store, and the identification of the coat by Haworth's mother-in-law, an old gypsy woman, placed the sheriff on the murderer's trail, and he followed him through four states, finally getting him in Portland, Or.

In transit to Utah and while in confinement pending trial, the prisoner made two attempts at suicide and two attempts at escape, and the officers were required to use the utmost vigilance to prevent a third attempt at cheating the law.

When convicted Haworth chose death by shooting, the laws of Utah permitting that the prisoner decide between hanging and shooting.

The execution will be a simple matter and will be very private in character. A short time before the hour at which the prisoner is to die the sheriff will place in a small tent, facing the north wall of the penitentiary six men chosen for their accuracy with firearms. The identity of these men will be kept a close secret. They will be armed with Winchester rifles of which will be loaded with ball and one will contain a blank cartridge. The executioners will not know which gun is blank, and so all may esteem themselves guiltless of shedding blood if they so desire. Haworth will be placed in a chair against the penitentiary wall and facing the tent. When the order is given the men concealed in the tent will fire through a slit in the wall, at a black mark pinned over the prisoner's heart.

Cause of Stage Fright. An expert claims that stage fright really comes from a disordered stomach. He argues from this fact that persons in Dawson contemplating appearance should be careful of their diet and always buy groceries of Dunham, where they are always sure of getting the purest and best.

What Happened Jones—Auditorium. Job Printing at Nugget office.

CRUSHED IN WORKINGS

Narrow Escape of an Eldorado Miner

Old Workings Fall in and A. M. Kanters Escapes With a Broken Leg.

A. M. Kanters, who is operating a lay on Mr. Heimburger's claim, No. 17 Eldorado, with Mr. Bodie and Mr. Smart, had a narrow escape with his life on Sunday night. They were working old ground which it is difficult to prevent running in, and were re-inforcing some of it with new timbering that threatened to come in. Suddenly there was a crash and down it came. All the men escaped except Mr. Kanters, who was caught among the earth and falling timbers.

Help was summoned and almost immediately a dozen willing hands were at work endeavoring to extricate him. It took them an hour's digging, and by that time the victim of the accident was exhausted and badly chilled. Dr. Elliot was summoned from the Forks and was on the spot by the time the man was brought up. After restoratives had been applied and the sufferer was resting easier, the doctor made an examination and found that he had suffered a compound fracture of the right leg below the knee.

The patient has since progressed favorably and will be brought to the hospital as soon as the weather permits.

Vice-Consul TeRoller, who has been intimate with the injured man since his boyhood, was telephoned to and immediately went to see his old friend.

Weather Moderating. The foregoing head may seem a trifle ironical in view of the 50 weather that has predominated all day, but it is true that the mercury has stood at a higher point today than it has at any time during the twenty-four hours preceding 4 o'clock this morning. The minimum temperature last night was 60 below, within one degree of the record made yesterday, the maximum was 55 and at noon the barometer stood at even 50.

Long Cruise. New York, Jan. 3.—Cornelius Vanderbilt is so far on the road to recovery from his recent attack of typhoid fever that he is making plans for a cruise in foreign waters next month.

He is arranging to cross the ocean in February with Mrs. Vanderbilt and to meet their yacht on the other side. Then a long cruise will be taken in the Mediterranean.

Dr. Austin Flint announces that Mr. Vanderbilt's temperature has been normal for six days, and that the young millionaire is entirely out of danger.

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ON LOVETT GULCH TOO WELL LOADED. Still Another Protest as Result of the Stampede. Why the Merchants' Stage Rested at Indian River.

Another protest was filed this morning in reference to a Lovett gulch claim and the dividing of it up among three who claim to have staked at the same time, the moment when the ground was thrown open for relocation. It has been set for hearing on February 24th and is brought by Margaret Morgan and William Middley against N. P. Riplinger.

The plaintiffs staked fractional bench claim second tier right limit of 1 and 3 Lovett gulch, at twelve o'clock on October 6th last year. The defendant alleges that he staked the same ground at the same hour, and the plaintiffs now claim that the defendant, whose address is unknown, did not stake at the same time as they did, and therefore ask that the claim be divided into two, instead of into three.

Ho! for the Tanana. August Bjerkmark wants a few passengers for the Tanana. Apply J. & T. Adair's hardware house.

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