

## THE PRESENT COLD WEATHER

Within Three Degrees of Last Winter's Record.

Several Degrees Colder on the River Than in Interior—Froze His Feet at the Dome.

Almost, but not quite—only three degrees shy of the coldest weather recorded last winter—was the figure indicated by Sergeant-Major Tucker's official weather indicators this morning when the spirit had receded to 54 below zero.

The coldest weather recorded last winter was on the morning of January 15th, when it was 57 below.

At points on the river both above and below it was several degrees colder than in Dawson. At both Ogilvie and Stewart the record was 65 below this morning. At Fortymile the same figure was indicated, while at Eagle the instrument supplied by Uncle Sam marked 62 below.

The coldest weather reported from the creeks was at 30 Gold Run, where 56 below was reported.

On Dominion various instruments, all mercury, went out of business by freezing up when reaching, some 45 others 50 below. A phone message from Caribou stated the belief that had the thermometers "stayed with the convention" they would have gone to 100 below.

At Grand Forks the record this morning was 45 below.

The warmest temperature and at the same time the most unpleasant weather reported for the past 24 hours was at the Dome, where this morning the thermometer indicated only 37 below zero, that being seven degrees lower than the record of yesterday morning. But for the 48 hours preceding noon today a stiff wind has been blowing on the Dome, making the weather there at 30 and 37 more unendurable than where it was 30 degrees colder and no wind in circulation. A man named Chisholm, en route from Caribou to Dawson, arrived at the Dome roadhouse this forenoon with his feet frozen, but not severely. He was taken in and is being cared for. Another hour's exposure would have necessitated amputation of both his feet. This was the only case of suffering from exposure reported.

### COUNCIL BROKE.

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the bills paid, which it now appears it is trying to do in a somewhat original manner.

The city built a number of arches which cost \$2700 and for this the council willingly paid, but the other accounts were sent to Ottawa for settlement.

Now comes a telegram from the under secretary stating that inasmuch as there is no appropriation there covering these accounts the territorial government will naturally have to settle them.

Further correspondence is in progress concerning these bills, which foot up something over \$5000.

Statements from Mr. Lithgow were produced showing that the territorial government has to its credit in the Bank of Commerce something more than \$29,000, and that this money is all owed.

Twenty-six thousand dollars is said to be coming from the federal government, but it has been coming for a long time now and the date of its arrival is not in sight. This is the last of the \$70,000 refunded by Ottawa for territorial road building.

The report further sets forth that all sources of revenue ending the 30th of next June, have been exhausted, and that the only bone the council can entertain of putting money again in its coffers with which to pay bills and carry on business lies in the collection of taxes, and the report also hints delicately that it would be wise to commence the operation in the near future.

Immediately upon the heels of this comes the resolution of Mr. Wilson that the territorial government do pay its employees not less than \$5 per day with board, said board meaning lodgings also, and further that a clause be inserted in all contracts let by the government to the effect that the contractor must pay his employees government wages, or not less than \$5 a day and board. This resolution went to the finance committee although seconded by Justice Dugas, who made this a condition of his second, as it necessarily hinges somewhat upon future developments.

It was pointed out that its immediate

effect will be to raise the salaries of nearly the entire fire department from \$150 per month to about \$200. School teachers will be effected in the same way, and all, in fact, who are drawing less than the amount called for by the resolution will find themselves bettered by the change, but before it can be carried into effect some money will have to be forthcoming, and the only means in sight is taxation, and the present rate may have to be increased.

It must not be supposed that the council is the only part of the government machinery having troubles just now, as it became quite evident last evening that the registrars office is also in possession of a woeful narrative.

The departure of Mr. Girouard to attend to the fixing of that O'Brien claim for reimbursement of losses sustained in connection with the tram concession, has left his office practically unfilled inasmuch as the law governing the incumbent is most wonderfully made and forbids its being filled by any other than a lawyer, either in chief or by deputy, and consequently any certificate of sale signed by a deputy who is not a lawyer is not legal.

When Registrar Girouard departed upon his present business, a telegram came from the interior department authorizing the appointment of A. Dugas, jr., to temporarily fill the office. Now the junior Mr. Dugas is not a lawyer, so he cannot make certificates valid by affixing his signature, and in order to make this matter right another telegram was sent instructing that an ordinance be passed creating A. Dugas a member of the bar temporarily, without the privileges of practice and only to cover the necessities of the office. Consequently the ordinance was forthcoming last evening from Mr. Senkler, and in order to put the registrar's office in working order it was thought by some members desirable to put the bill through its third reading at once, but Mr. Wilson thought this would be unfair to the members of the bar, and others thought that it might give rise to unfavorable comment by persons either not understanding the situation or being wilfully blind to its necessities.

Justice Dugas' relationship to the deputy registrar made his position painfully embarrassing, and he asked that the ordinance be withdrawn, but the matter was finally compromised by passing the bill through its first and second reading only.

Then the meeting adjourned.

### U. S. Mining Regulations.

In view of the fact that more or less interest is constantly manifested in prevailing conditions and existing regulations below the boundary line concerning the location, registration, transfer, etc., of mining and other realty, the Nugget made application to Acting U. S. Consul H. Te Roller for information on the subject yesterday, and a letter from Prescott Sawyer, U. S. Commissioner at Eagle City, which had just been received, and which bears directly on the information wanted, was read by Mr. Te Roller from which the following information is extracted. Three precincts have been formed in the recording district, as follows:

Tanana is in Circle precinct, with the recorder's office at Circle City. Koyukuk is in Rampart precinct, with the recorder's office at Rampart City. Fortymile, Jack Wade creek and tributaries are in Eagle precinct with the recorder's office at Eagle City.

Conveyances of mining or other real property, where the consideration is over \$100 and not more than \$500 require a 50 cent documentary stamp, and in excess of this, each additional \$500 or part thereof in the consideration calls for an extra 50 cent stamp.

Recorders in each of the precincts have a supply of these stamps and will attach them to documents upon the written instructions of interested parties.

Powers of attorney require a 25 cent documentary stamp.

No affidavit is required concerning work done upon mining property, and claims can be legally located under a power of attorney.

### Pugilism Tonight.

All is excitement today at the Club gymnasium as preparations are being made for the go tonight, in which Caribou Sinclair will distinguish himself by knocking out two men in ten rounds, or go down himself before either Kid Brooks or Matteson, who are to meet him.

The go will be well worth seeing as Caribou is a straight fighter and has never been known to fake a contest. The go will start at 9:30, and will be preceded by several matches between local celebrities. Admission, \$1; reserved seats, \$2.

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### COMING AND GOING.

The firemen want more pay, and it is the belief of Mr. Wilson that they are entitled to it.

Sergeant Marshall is down from Hootchiku, where he says there is not even the diversion of mad dog shooting.

The largest funeral procession seen of late was that which accompanied the remains of Griffith Griffiths to their last resting place this afternoon.

There will be special song service at the Presbyterian church at the Forks Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock to which all in that vicinity are invited.

The telegraph line went down yesterday evening some place south of Whitehorse and at 2 o'clock this afternoon was still down. It will probably be in order this evening.

The bridge over the slough near fire hall No. 2 may have been all right at one time, but at present it needs fixing. The ends of it consist in ridges hard on teams and sleighs.

Attention was called to the jittered condition of Third avenue, at the council meeting last evening by Justice Dugas, and the police department was instructed to warn residents against turning the street into a place for the storage of sleighs, wagons and wood.

There is no ordinance against driving over fire hose in the street with teams, but by the police and fire departments it is considered bad form and the chances are that in the near future there will be such an ordinance, and in the meantime the council is of the opinion that it is a custom that might be dispensed with.

### Living Without Nourishment.

There seems to be no philosophical necessity for food. We can conceive of organized beings living without nourishment and deriving all the energy they need for the performance of their life functions from the ambient medium. In a crystal we have the clear evidence of the existence of a formative life principle, and, though we cannot understand the life of a crystal, it is none the less a living being. There may be, besides crystals, other such individualized, material systems of beings, perhaps of gaseous constitution or composed of substance still more tenuous. In view of this possibility—nay, probability—we cannot apodeictically deny the existence of organized beings on a planet merely because the conditions on the same are unsuitable for the existence of life as we conceive it. We cannot even with positive assurance assert that some of them might not be present here, in this our world, in the very midst of us, for their constitution and life manifestation may be such that we are unable to perceive them.—Nikola Tesla in Century Magazine.

### An Atrocious Crime.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Word has been received here of an atrocious crime in the Philippines at the town of Capizaza. It appears from the testimony that two natives were responsible for the death of the wife of a neighbor. They went to the house of a native named Victor Pere and forcibly took him and his wife to the Panay river, where they bound their hands behind them and told them that their "last day had come." The woman was struck by a bolo and her dead body thrown into the river. Her husband witnessed her murder, and anticipating similar treatment, sprang into the river and, notwithstanding his arms were pinioned, managed to reach the opposite side.

According to witnesses the motive for the crime was a superstition that the woman was possessed of occult powers whereby she in some mysterious way had brought about the death of a neighbor's child.

The two men were sentenced to be hanged, but Gen. MacArthur mitigated the sentence in each case to confinement at hard labor for 20 years, out of consideration for the exceedingly low intelligence and belief in superstition.

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