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ON NEXT TUESDAY

Fred W. Struthers Will Be Arraigned on a Charge of Accepting a Bribe

WHILE IN EMPLOY OF GOVERNMENT

In the Office of Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell.

PROSECUTION IS PREPARING

To Substantiate the Charge—Prosecutor Wade Appearing for the Queen.

All the seats in the police court were filled this morning, the majority of the people present being interested in some way in the case of the Queen against Fred W. Struthers, bench claim recording clerk in the office of Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell, charged with having accepted a bribe while in the performance of his clerical duties and in the employ of the government which, the charge alleges, he defrauded.

When Fred Struthers (who was spoken of in our issue of yesterday as "William" Struthers) was called, he approached the magistrate's table and in answer to the question, "Are you ready to proceed with your hearing," replied in the affirmative.

Crown Prosecutor Wade, who was present in behalf of the queen, asked that the case be continued until Tuesday, at which time the prosecution will be fully prepared to proceed. After considerable comparing of days and dates Tuesday at 10 o'clock in the forenoon was the time fixed by the court for the hearing.

William Brown and R. D. Sutherland, who are charged with offering to Struthers the bribe which he is alleged to have accepted, were also in court, having been brought in from the jail where since their arrest Wednesday evening they have been confined, and each man was represented by an attorney. Their cases were also enlarged until Tuesday morning. The attorneys for the two men made a strong plea for a reduction in the amount of bond required; but the court reiterated his remarks of yesterday to the effect that he did not propose to place the bond so low as to admit of any probability of the men not being present when wanted. The bond was, therefore, allowed to remain the same as fixed yesterday, and the same as required of Fred Struthers, to wit: \$5000 personal bond and \$3000 each from two responsible parties.

As neither Brown nor Sutherland were able to give the bond required, they were taken back to jail. Struthers had one of his bondsmen, H. Feeney, present, and a messenger was sent by him for W. V. Summerville, the other.

During today another and more serious charge, that of forgery, it was said, would be preferred against Struthers, who, it is very apparent, is manfully bearing up under the cloud which hovers over him. He is not over 24 or 25 years of age, and if reports are true, is a young man of rare business instinct, he being said to have acquired interests in 73 mining claims during his brief residence in Dawson, where he has been employed in the office of Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell.

Loaded With Lime.

Yesterday afternoon, a scow loaded with lime arrived in Dawson from the kilns at the mouth of Sixtymile river. During the past winter several men have been employed in that locality, where three kilns, each of 10 ton's capacity per week, have been burning steadily. The commercial product is of good quality, and has been used quite extensively in Dawson. Messrs. Harry Edwards and Charles Beggs are the owners of the enterprise, and they expect to increase the number of their kilns during the present season.

Hello! Daily Nugget.

A week ago the Daily Nugget joined the everlasting throng of patrons of the local telephone system and now it is possible for us to converse with and obtain news from all parts of the district over which the system extends. The Nugget's number is 12; therefore, when you have anything to impart, please call up that number and state the case; the Nugget will do the rest.

Gold Commissioner's Court.

Today, the attention of Gold Commissioner Senkler is occupied in trying the case of Francis J. Krick, plaintiff, vs. Henry W. Matson, Charles E. G. Powell and Thomas Johnson, defendants. The action involves the title to creek claim No. 4 below discovery on Sulphur.

The warmest and most comfortable hotel in Dawson is at the Regina.

YUKON COUNCIL

Held an Exceptionally Important and Busy Meeting Yesterday Afternoon.

MEMBER GIROUARD GAVE NOTICE

That at the Next Meeting He Will Move to Open Doors

TO THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.

Communications, Petitions and Statements Galore Are Read and Acted Upon or Referred.

The Yukon council convened in regular session at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. All the members were present, and a large amount of important business was transacted.

A petition was received from Messrs. Belcourt, McDougal and Smith, on behalf of George Armstrong, asking for the exclusive privilege of running a ferryboat on Fifty-mile river, at a point opposite the town of Whitehorse. Referred to the committee on standing orders and private bills.

A petition signed by the residents of Dawson was presented asking for a continuation of the present monthly grant of money, by the Dawson public reading and recreation room. Referred to the finance committee.

A communication was received from the secretary of the executive committee appointed to arrange for the celebration of the Queen's birthday, asking for a subscription to assist in this object. Referred to the finance committee.

A petition was presented from Edward M. Sullivan praying for the passing of an ordinance, giving him the sole and exclusive right to supply the town of Bonanza with water. Referred to the committee on standing orders and private bills.

A petition was presented from J. R. Watson praying for the immediate drainage of the slough in the alley at block E, government reserve. Referred to the committee on public works.

A communication was received from the comptroller accompanied by an account in duplicate from St. Mary's hospital for the treatment of indigents and pay patients during the month of April at that institution. Referred to the hospital committee. Mr. Justice Dugas asked to be relieved of the chairmanship of this committee owing to pressure of work. Mr. Girouard was thereupon appointed in his place.

A communication was received from Joseph A. Clarke, secretary of the mass meeting of citizens, accompanied by copies of two resolutions—one dealing with the question of taxation of Dawson and the secret meetings of the Yukon council, and the other with the question of toll gates and toll bridges throughout the Yukon territory. The clerk was instructed to acknowledge receipt of them.

A communication was received from the comptroller proposing an amendment to the ordinance respecting transient traders, by arranging that licenses to transient traders be issued from the office of the government of the Yukon territory rather than from the police. Resolved, that the legal adviser be instructed to prepare an amendment as suggested by the comptroller.

A communication was received from Messrs. Pattullo & Ridley asking for a refund of \$200 deposited by Col. Samuel Word when he filed his petition for an exclusive water franchise in Dawson. Resolved, that as the petition of Mr. Word was refused the \$200 deposited by Col. Word with his petition for an exclusive water franchise be refunded.

A petition was presented from the miners of upper Dominion creek, urg-

ing that a branch road be built from the main trunk road, commencing at a point near the big dome and extending at a point at or near upper discovery on Dominion creek. Referred to the committee on public works.

A petition was presented from the resident claim owners on Gold Run creek, asking that the preliminary work for continuing the government ridge road from the head of Caribou creek to Gold Run be commenced at the earliest possible date. Referred to the committee on public works.

A message was submitted from the commissioner calling the attention of council to the necessity of providing a quick and inexpensive method of collecting small debts. Referred to the civil justice and miscellaneous committee.

The commissioner submitted a memorandum to council asking that consideration be given to the question of a donation from the Yukon council to the sufferers from the recent fire in Hull and Ottawa. Referred to the finance committee.

The commissioner submitted a memorandum to council respecting the question of admitting representatives of the press to the discussion of public affairs. In reference to this matter, Mr. Girouard gave the following notice of motion:

That on Thursday next he will move that in future the meetings of the council shall be made public, according to the general rules of the house of commons of Canada; that a fit and proper hall for the purpose of admitting the public at large shall be secured, and that a particular space therein shall be reserved and furnished with tables and seats for the members of the press or their representatives.

The commissioner submitted a memorandum to council respecting complaints which had been made to him against certain members of the legal profession for conducting contests where mining interests were involved on the agreement that they should receive an interest in the claim for their services if they were successful in winning the case. Declared contrary to law.

A statement of appropriations and expenditures from the local revenue was submitted by the comptroller for the information of council, showing a balance overdrawn at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, April 30th, of \$32,566.89; \$22,000 due to the Alaska Commercial Company for engines, hoses, etc., for the fire department; expenditure on drains and ditches to May 8th of \$5098.49. Referred to the finance committee.

The committee on finance reported that a tabulated statement was presented to them by the acting license inspector, showing the extension of time to which each license was entitled under the amended liquor ordinance, and recommended that such extension be granted in accordance with the statement presented. On motion of Mr. Girouard the report of the finance committee was adopted.

The committee on standing orders and private bills to whom was referred the bill providing for the incorporation of the Dawson City Water & Power Company, Ltd., reported favorably on the granting of articles of incorporation to the company, and on motion of Mr. Clement the committee's report was adopted. Accordingly, the bill for the incorporation of the company was read twice and referred to a committee of the whole council.

In reference to the petition of J. S. Barron for a reduction in the license fee to pawn-brokers, the committee on miscellaneous matters recommended

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STEWART ICE JAM

Broke Early This Morning and Steamer Closset Is Hourly Expected.

SUPPOSED ICE JAM AT HOOTCHIKU

Which Has Probably Delayed the Flora and Florence S.

NOTHING KNOWN OF MAIL

Which Left Selwyn for Dawson on Sunday, But It May Be on Steamer Closset.

By a telegraphic message received this forenoon it is learned that the big ice jam which has obstructed the river at Stewart for several days, broke at 2 o'clock this morning and floated away, leaving the river clear from—as soon as the ice all passes here—Dawson to Selkirk.

The steamers Flora and Florence S. which were detained some time by a jam at Five Fingers, got away yesterday, but at 9 o'clock this morning had not reached Selkirk, and it is thought another jam has been around in the locality of Hootchiku, from which point no direct news can be had, there being no telegraph office at that point.

Although the river is not rising to any material extent, it is not thought that any jams which may now be holding in the upper waters will continue longer than a few hours at best, although slough and shore ice may be noticed passing down yet for several days. Within a day or two, however, it is confidently expected that the channel of the river will be open the entire distance from Dawson to Lebarge.

It is expected that the steamer Joseph Closset, which wintered near the mouth of Stewart river and which has been for two days awaiting the going out of the ice jam at that place in order to start on the trip down the river to this place, will arrive sometime this afternoon or before dark, which begins about 11 o'clock, tonight. The Closset is certain to be, barring an accident, the first boat to reach Dawson this year from up the river. It is possible that the Closset will bring the mail which left Selwyn last Sunday.

Off on the Creeks.

Alex McDonald left Tuesday for Sulphur creek where he will visit all the claims in which he holds interests, and from that stream will take in all points where he has mining property which is being operated. He may be absent from the city for a week or ten days to come, and again, he may return tonight or tomorrow. He started with the intention of visiting all of his mining property, and will return when his object has been attained.

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