

ELECTIVE COUNCIL

Election Yesterday Resulted in Small Majority for the Kid Committee

TAXPAYERS MAKE A gallant FIGHT

Success Was Due Only to the Principle Involved

MORAL VICTORY FOR CITIZENS

Returning Officer Will Submit Result to the Commissioner Tomorrow.

less than an hour to determine the result. When it became known a sled-load of the gang came up town and for several hours made the night hideous, marching about the streets with a piper at their head and never overlooking a bet, when there was any hootch in sight. The outfit visited the News office and from the cat-calls, malamute howls and groans that were turned loose it would seem as though the leader of the band being cover a barrel had given the wrong cue. The only possible explanation which can be given for such conduct at the News office is that it was a mild way of expressing their condemnation of the News' vacillating and uncertain policy for so many weeks; the acrobatic attempt to carry water on both shoulders at the same time until they could see which way the cat was going to jump and then follow the feline pacemaker. One of the Kids last night between drinks confidently admitted that their slate was fixed and would be made public today, but there has been a big discussion arising lately which may delay matters and which may eventually break up the combination of infants. As was stated in these columns several weeks ago the majority plum was promised to Charles Macdonald if he would consent to trot in their class during the ante-election period. The deal was made and Mr. Macdonald appeared in public twice and was also seen on the streets several times in company with different members of the gang. This last fact can be sworn to by reputable witnesses so there can be no doubt but what he has fulfilled his part of the contract, but now that it comes to delivering the goods there is trouble. Dr. Alfred Thompson thinks, and rightfully, too, that he is entitled to some consideration, being an old war horse in the Kids' ranks and having fought the brunt of many a hard-fought battle. His affiliation does not date only within the past thirty days, but goes back to the very beginning of the citizens' meetings, and he has given it out, and his friends declare they will stand pat, that he does not propose to be shelved for one who has entered their ranks so recently and for a cut-and-dried purpose arranged beforehand. So, as previously stated, the Kids are likely to go scrapping among themselves, and thus does the old adage come in, "when peculiar people of pugnant propensities fall out then do honest men get their dues." The total number of votes cast, exclusive of those thrown out for one reason or another, was 687; there being 383 for the elective mayor and council and 204 for the appointive commission, a majority of 79 for the former. The voting by booths was as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Commission, Council. Rows for No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and Total.

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THE "KIDS" HAD THEIR INNING LAST NIGHT.

As one high in government circles said today "we will let things smolder a while now," the presumption being that in the simmering process the dregs heretofore so prominently in the foreground will by the natural process of chemical action sink to the bottom of the political caldron and those of more sterling worth rise to the top. After the returning officer has filed with the commissioner his report of the election Governor Ross will issue a proclamation declaring the city of Dawson incorporated and appointing a day upon which the election of officers shall be held. That date must of necessity be far enough in advance to allow the holding of primaries and the nomination of tickets and it is hardly probable that such could take place tomorrow for a tour of the creeks and as he will be absent for nearly a week he will not issue his proclamation until his return. In the meantime the Kids will doubtless begin fighting among themselves like a lot of Kilkenny cats and the solid tax payers, who pay the freight, will put up a ticket that will sweep every thing before it.

TERRITORIAL COURT SITS

Case Is Heard Today by Consent of All Parties.

By the courtesy of his lordship and the consent of both parties to the action, the suit of R. B. Hall, proprietor of the Holborn restaurant, against Frank X. Gowans, was heard this morning in the Territorial Court. The sum sued for is \$169, which plaintiff alleges to be due him for board, that amount being now tied up in court under a writ of garnishment served upon Clerk of the Court Macdonald while defendant was in his employ as deputy clerk. Mr. Gowans admits an indebtedness of \$145 but insists that \$122 of the amount is bar tabs. Decision was reserved.

THE WEATHER MODERATES

Is Only Half so Cold Today as Yesterday.

Although during two different occasions within the past two weeks mercury has passed the fifty below mark it does not appear able to hold there with that tenacity which last winter was characterized. At 11 o'clock yesterday morning the official instrument marked 52.5 below and at 11 o'clock today, only 24 hours later, the same instrument marked only 26 below, a rise of a fraction over one half towards the zero mark, since which time it has grown steadily warmer. A light snow began falling about two o'clock and there is a possibility that mercury will linger around the zero mark by tomorrow morning.

Call Again, Colonel.

"And 'tush be bore without abuse 'The grand old name of gentleman.'" This afternoon when the smoke of warfare had somewhat cleared away and when the ruffled bosom of Mars had been smoothed out like a freshly laundered snowflake, Colonel Donald Macgregor who is blessed with a jolly disposition and a heart as big as a Chicago ham, and who, when carted on one cheek, turns the other, called on the Nugget with a box of La Flor de Vallens cigars. The Colonel was immediately placed in nomination for the office of mayor.

In China strangulation is reserved for offenders of high rank, it being considered a privilege to pass out of life with a whole body. When leave to die in this way has been granted to a criminal a silken cord is sent to him in prison. No explanatory message is considered necessary, and he is left to accomplish his own doom.

Freight for Up River.

O. L. Orcutt, the freighter, will send a freight team on Sunday morning as far as Fort Selkirk. Parties desiring to send freight please call at office, opposite Good Samaritan Hospital, or phone No. 106.

Choicest cuts, beef, mutton and pork, at Bonanza Market, next Post Office.

Navigation at the head of the Great Lakes has closed.

MORE MAIL DUE TONIGHT

Consignment Leaves for Outside Tomorrow Morning.

A stage with mail and passengers left Ogilvie this afternoon at 1 o'clock for Dawson and as the condition of the weather is favorable to rapid traveling it should reach here by 9 o'clock tonight. Another stage with incoming mail left Selkirk this afternoon at two o'clock and should arrive some time Monday. The mail for the outside will start at the early hour tomorrow morning. Mail dropped in the boxes up to midnight will be dispatched. This will be the second consignment started out this week, the other having been dispatched Wednesday morning.

SMALL DEBTS ADJUDICATED

Session Being Held This Afternoon by Judge Macaulay.

Police Magistrate Macaulay is presiding over the small debts court this afternoon, the following cases being on the docket for trial: King vs. Higgins, et al. Durant vs. Englebrecht, et al. adjudged by consent until March. Bucci vs. Scurry. Fitzgerald vs. Stewart. Klondike Market vs. Hoberhorst. Watson vs. Maymont. Tystad vs. Steinfield. Wyatt vs. Larsen. Clark vs. Wells. Freeman vs. Einsioer.

Rush on Trial.

The trial of Eugene Rush on a charge of assault preferred by Eva Williams, which occurred at the Standard theatre on Wednesday night, was in progress this afternoon before Judge Macaulay. The evidence of the prosecution was all taken and the case was continued until Monday afternoon, when the defense will be heard.

The annual report of Gov. Otero, of New Mexico, renews the plea for statehood, and says the federal census returns for 1900 do the territory a great injustice. He says the population of the territory, based on careful estimates, should be at this time 113,191, including Indians.

Official confirmation has been received of the report that the arbitrator on the projected electrification of the London underground railways has decided in favor of Charles F. Yerkes.

Another Hold-Up!

F. S. Dunham the Family Grocer at the corner of Second avenue and Albert street has been held up for many thousands of dollars worth of goods since he commenced business, but the robbers have been so well pleased with the quality of the goods they have invariably paid for all they took. The freshest and best of everything, money back if not suited. Orders taken and goods delivered to any part of the city.

Literary Society Tonight.

An interesting meeting of the Literary Society will be held this evening at St. Andrew's Hall, a program of unusual merit having been prepared by the committee in charge. Among the choice numbers will be a paper by Dr. Willis Everett on "Planetary Conjunction," Mr. J. W. Tyrrell will contribute an article about the "Barren Lands Around the Great Slave Lake," a remote and desolate region in which the gentleman spent considerable time last summer. Miss Emogene Coleman, who recently was awarded the Nugget prize for the best verses typical of the Yukon, will read a paper on "An Afternoon with Paderewski." The musical features, of which there are several, will be under the direction of Mr. J. K. Sparling.

Mrs. Condon Returns.

Mrs. Condon, wife of the well-known mining broker, returned yesterday from an extended visit to their former home in New York. Mrs. Condon was the only passenger arriving by the mail stage.

Job Printing at Nugget office.

AMERICAN BANKERS

Are Opening Many Branches in the Orient.

New York, Dec. 26.—Three distinct movements are at the moment under way, having in view the establishment of American banking facilities in the Orient, says the Journal of Commerce. These include first, the establishment of branches at Shanghai and Manila by the Guaranty Trust Company, second, the establishment of a bank particularly organized for oriental business by a syndicate of which Edward H. Cragin is the head, and third, the establishment by a New York national bank of a branch at Manila as soon as suitable legislation can be secured. The first two of these movements have taken definite and tangible form, but responsible details are lacking regarding either the identity of the national bank which proposes to establish a branch at Manila, or the legal form under which it is proposed such branch could be established. Two banks which have been more or less freely mentioned in connection with this rumor are the National City and the Chase National. These rumors have, however, been denied by representatives of both of these banks.

Vice President Trumbull, of the Guaranty Trust Company, and Mr. Wise, one of the London managers of the company, sailed from San Francisco recently for the purpose of establishing branches of the trust company at Shanghai and Manila. They have instructions to undertake at once the opening up of the branches. It has been reported that the trust company has bought a defunct English bank at Manila as a basis for the new Manila branch. This is denied, however. Permits to establish branches of the trust company have been given by the secretary of war and secretary of state. It is not the intention to capitalize the branches, but to conduct them as branches. Business will be begun as soon as possible after the end of the year and the company has given the authorities at Washington such assurances of its responsibility that it will, it is understood, receive on behalf of the government the first installment of

the Chinese indemnity, and will in time become a custodian in whole or part of the civil and military funds at Manila.

Definite details of Mr. Cragin's plans are not yet available, but it is learned that Mr. Cragin has already secured the senior partner of one of the best known, American-Chinese houses as agent at Shanghai of his new bank. Mr. Cragin, it will be recalled, was a member of the Eye-Cragin Syndicate, which secured a concession from Nicaragua for building the canal.

A strange circular has just been issued to signalmen on a Russian railway, forbidding them to go to sleep lying on the rails. One would hardly imagine that the temptation to do so would prove overpowering, but it appears that the signalmen feel they have to sleep somewhere, and they labor under the delusion that the vibration of an approaching train will wake them up, a mission which it frequently fails to fulfil.

Sir William Preece's wireless telegraphy, which is different from the Marconi method and some ten years earlier in date, has been installed between Ballycastle and the island of Rathlin, Ireland, a distance of about ten miles. The transmitter is a "buzz," or vibrating wire, and the Morse signals are received on an ordinary telephone.

A celebrated English physician asserts that the increased height and weight of English and Americans in the last half-century are chiefly due to the increased consumption of sugar. He cites, in confirmation of this opinion, the fine health of the date-eating Arabs and the sugar-cane-eating negroes.

The most wonderful bridge in the world is one of solid agate in Arizona. It is a petrified tree from 3 ft. to 4 ft. in diameter, spanning a chasm 40 ft. wide. More than 100 ft. of its length is in sight, both ends being embedded in the sandstone of the canyon.

Juvenile smoking seems rather approved of than otherwise in Australia. Incredible though it may appear, they have already discovered the advisability of attaching smoking-rooms to the schools.

A Peterhead carrier's sign over his door reads like this: "Peter Head, carrier to Aberdeen, leaves Wednesday, wind and weather permitting and God willing, and on Thursday whether or no."

Wigg—Your Irish friend seems a peaceable sort of fellow. Wagg—Yes, he's so fond of peace that if he can't get it any other way he will fight for it.

The Commercial Cable Company has issued the following notice: "We are advised of the repair of the Shanghai-Foochow cable. This restores the eastern route to Japan."

Send a copy of Goettman's Sovereign to outside friends. A complete pictorial history of Klondike. For sale at all news stands. Price \$2.50.

WATER IS ABUNDANT

On Hunker and Gold Bottom Claims to Discomfiture of Miners

SEVERAL OF WHOM CEASED WORK

Not Having Included Diving Suits in Their Outfits

TOM KIRKPATRICK IN LUCK

All of His Claims With One Exception Free From Water and Working Extensively.

J. C. Shafer is in the city today from upper Hunker, where he but recently took a lay on one of Tom Kirkpatrick's claims. Mr. Shafer started the winter season on a claim on Gold Bottom and after working it for nearly three months was driven out by water which seemed to increase in volume as the weather grew colder. The shaft filled entirely and abandonment was a necessity. The same condition prevails on the majority of creek claims on Hunker and Gold Bottom where Shafer says less progress is being made towards building-up dumps than during any winter season in the history of the country. After putting machinery and 150 cords of wood on one claim Tom Kirkpatrick was forced to abandon it for the winter, being driven-out by water. His other claims, however, are all free from water but are about the only ones on upper Hunker that are. They are all employing full crews and immense dumps are being taken out. On all creek claims on lower Hunker considerable trouble is being had with water and a few operators have almost despaired of accomplishing anything this winter.

FROZEN ON LABARGE

Joseph Legier Loses His Life In a Storm Yesterday.

Lower Labarge, Jan. 10.—Word has just been received here that Joseph Legier, one of the proprietors of Middle Labarge road house, got lost in the storm on the lake yesterday and was frozen to death. His body was found a mile and a half south of the road house. Legier was formerly employed in the German Bakery at Skagway.

A STRANGE ANIMAL

Frightens Sons of the Forest on Big Salmon.

Power Labarge, Jan. 18.—The Indians in the Big Salmon district are badly scared over some strange animal they have seen there and are moving up the river to Hootalinqua and Labarge. They cannot make out what it is, but describe it as being as large as a cabin and speaks to the Indians all same steamboat.

Treasury officials have decided to anticipate the interest due on January 1, and on Saturday United States Treasurer Roberts will mail checks covering interest amounting to \$4,465,713.40; this amount \$2,329,248.10 on the 2-per-cent bonds of 1900 and \$2,136,465.30 on the 4-per-cent bonded loan of 1907.

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