KICKS AND COUNTERS

Various Opinions Freely Expressed

Regarding the Handling of Last Night's Conflagration by Fire Department.

As a result of last night's fire there has been a great deal of talk today regarding the handling of it by the fire department. Many do not hesitate to say that fully ten minutes elapsed before a string of hose was laid and that it was another ten minutes before water was playing on the fire and then the pressure was so weak as to make it of little avail. Others say that the call was answered with quickness and dispatch and that the department was not derelict in any sense.

In order to air both sides of the complaint a Nugget representative talked with a number of business men on the subject. Many of them who condemned the department in strong terms and insisted that the slowness manifested was wholly inexcusable decline to be quoted or have their names published in connection with the matter.

Messrs. Travis and Bogle, salesman and bookkeeper respectively for T. G. Wilson, occupy rooms in the brick building which adjoined the scene of the fire. They were early on the scene and agree that the fire department responded as quickly as was possible even considering the good light and perfect condition of the streets; that the hose was very quickly laid and that almost immediately water was playing on the fire; that the pressure was somewhat weak at first but that no good would have resulted at that time even if it had been stronger.

Proprietor Martel of the Donovan hotel, just opposite the scene of the fire, heard the cry of fire, got out of bed, dressed and was there, he thinks fully 8 minutes before any water was in sight. The fire spread very rapidly.

Watchman Jackson for Wm. Barrett was early on the ground and thinks fully 15 minutes elapsed before any water was thrown.

George Vernon, proprietor of the Flannery hotel, says he was 10 minutes in dressing and was at the fire 7 or 8 minutes in advance of any water.

Both Russell and Percy Palmer heard cries of fire and were on the ground 10 minutes later, both being in bed when the alarm was given. They assert that it was fully 10 minutes after they arrived before any water was thrown. Mr. Russell Palmer said: "The delay of the fire department last night and at three or four previous fires was wholly inexcusable."

Harry Jones was not at the fire but had heard nothing today but complaints of the poor service rendered by the department.

"Bob" Macfarlane was right there and thought the department was inexcusably slow. After one hose began working he says the pressure was so weak he could have shut it off by standing on it, that Mr. Heath was carrying water in buckets and throwing on his barn at the rear of the burning building long before the department had water there.

Fire Chief Lester, when asked for the cause of the street talk, said there was absolutely no foundation for it; that his men responded promptly and efficiently; that at such times one minute seems as long as ten. Engineer Roy confirmed his chief's statement. He said the hose wagons made as good a run last night as was ever made; that connection was made in two minutes after the alarm was given and that there was a good head of steam all the time. He and Chief Lester agreed that there never was a fire which did not occasion more or less "beefing."

Percy Hope sleeps at the N. A. T. & T. rooming house and heard the gong sounded in fire hall No. 1. He hastened to look out of the window and says that within three minutes time two lines of hose were laid and were carrying water.

Constable Taylor who telephoned in the alarm and who was on the scene from the first, he being the one to discover the fire, says there was no delay in the action of the department. The constable says the fire was only a small blaze in some hay in the rear of the warehouse when he first saw it; that he immediately phoned in an alarm and then broke in the slat door and with the aid of a crowd of men began carrying out goods, but that the flames spread so rapidly that they were pouring out of the big door in the front in less than five minutes.

There is a universal belief that a general alarm should always be given in case of a fire.

It is learned today that last night's fire originated from a candle left burning when the egg candlers quit work in the evening. Four nails driven into a pine board constituted the candlestick.

STEAMER SYBIL.

Will Carry a Big List for Whitehorse Tomorrow

The steamer Sybil which went to Eagle yesterday will return tomorrow forenoon and sail for Whitehorse at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening. She will carry a big list of passengers as many are coming up from Eagle to go out. Among the latter is Mr. Fitzhugh, head of the big English mining syndicate operating in the Seventymile country.

Curious Person—Why, you have no bass horn. Why is that?

Leader (of little German band) — De beeple don't like to hear it, ma'am, 'ven de vedder is coldt. — Denotes is all pelow zero.—Chicago Tribune.

TO BEGIN MONDAY

Work on Rifle Range for Dawson

Will be Built by Prison Labor and Utilized the Moment It is Completed.

Monday next Major Wood will cause work to be begun on the rifle range for the use of the police, Dawson Rifles and the Rifle Club, the building of which was sanctioned by the government some time ago. The delay in the construction has been caused by two reasons, one the great amount of work that was necessary to do around the barracks this spring and the other the desire to wait until the frost had left the ground before beginning the excavations.

The work will all be done by the prisoners now confined at the barracks which with the $200 appropriated by the department of militia for the benefit of the Dawson Rifles will be sufficient to place the range in perfect order ready for use. Several prisoners under escort will be taken to the hill above the old A. C. trail Monday morning and the work of digging the pit for the marker will at once be begun.

The range last fall was selected and surveyed and is on the hill just beyond the first brow. The shooting will be done against the bluff one crosses climbing to the dome, the riflemen facing the north. The target to be used will vary as will the bullseye according to the distance from which the shot is made, the maximum distance being 1000 yards. All targets will be of the revolving pattern, one end of which will disappear while the other is visible and being shot at. They will revolve on a pivot placed in the center, the end disappearing falling into a pit where the shot made can be scored by the marker and marked out in perfect security. When the next shot is made the same operation is repeated, there being no way possible by which an accident can happen unless the marker deliberately pokes his head out to be shot at.

Major Wood stated this morning that as soon as the range is completed the members of the police will at once begin on their practice which is a part of their regular drill in the summer season. The others who will have the use of the range are the Dawson Rifles and the Rifle Club of which Major Cunningham is the commanding officer. Certain days for each organization have been set apart so that there will be no conflicting of dates.

Dies a Monk

Vienna, May 23. — The death of Prince Edward of Schoenburg-Hartenstein in the monastery of Emmans in Prague serves to recall his most remarkable career. The prince was born in 1863. He entered an Austrian cavalry regiment, and for a decade he was notorious as the wildest and most dissipated young blood in Vienna. Suddenly, at the age of 30, when he had reached the rank of captain and had gained the reputation of a smart officer, he threw up his military career to become a monk.

His renunciation of worldly things was quite dramatic. He rode direct from the maneuver field to the monastery, doffed his uniform, broke his sword and assumed monkish attire. Instead of going through the usual period as a novice, he observed the strictest rules from the beginning.

The cause of his withdrawal to a monastery has never been definitely ascertained. One version is a disappointment in love, another that youthful escapades weighed so heavily on his conscience that he resolved in a moment of acute remorse to do penance for life.

The atmosphere of the monastery did not suit him, and gradually he pined away and died at the age of 40 after ten years seclusion.

Cut flowers, cabbage plants, seeds, plants, candies and fruits. — Cook's, Auditorium.

Power of Attorney Blanks for the Tanana—Nugget Office.

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DUNCAN IS ALL RIGHT

So Says Attorney Alex McFarline

Furnishes Exhaustive Report of Conditions on That Creek.

Mr. Alex I. Macfarlane, the well known young barrister, returned from a trip to Duncan creek on the Prospector this morning and says that in his opinion the Stewart district with Duncan creek as its central point is the coming mining district of the Yukon territory.

Mr. Macfarlane made a careful study of the district and gives the most complete report of the work being done on Duncan creek and its tributaries that has yet been brought to Dawson.

He travelled over the routes leading to the diggings from the rival townsites of Mayo and Gordon and has his opinion as to which is the best but he refused to express himself with regard to the routes owing to the fact that he is interested in one of the townsites. He travelled over the creeks considerably and gathered a good deal of information with regard to the claims working from people who are informed on the subject and gives the following data as being absolutely correct and reliable.

On No. 11 of Eighty pup which enters Duncan creek at 80 above discovery, good prospects have been found. The bedrock at this point is 23 feet deep making good summer digging.

At 71 above on Duncan an attempt was made to reach bedrock but the work had to be abandoned on account of water.

A hole was sunk 140 feet deep on No. 47 above on Duncan by two men and then their steam pipe gave out and they had to suspend operations as no more pipe was to be had at either Mayo or Duncan and so they had to come to Dawson for the pipe. They will return and will continue until they reach bedrock when they hope to strike good pay.

On 15 and 17 good pay has been discovered and sluicing is now being done. Bedrock on 15 is 30 feet deep.

On 14 above work has just recently been started and bedrock has not yet been reached.

Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 above are all good paying claims and shovelling in is now being done from open cuts.

Discovery and 1 and 2 are each being worked from open cuts, the pay dirt being shovelled right into the sluice boxes.

No. 1 below discovery is just being opened up.

From No. 2 to No. 53 below discovery the work has not progressed as far as it has up above but the majority of the claims are being opened up with a view to more extensive operations before the close of the season.

Nos. 53 and 54 below discovery are known to the people on the creek as the "dark horse" claims, the owners refusing absolutely to make any statement with regard to what they have found. They have a large crew at work and it is said that bedrock is 110 feet deep and the pay is from 3 to 5 feet in depth and 230 feet wide.

At 106 above Belivau's, the owners are sluicing their last winter's dump with good results. Bedrock on this claim is 23 feet deep and the work being done now is on the rim so as to avoid the water in the creek. The last cleanup for two days shovelling for two men amounted to $800. This claim is owned by Merwin & Bowes.

Nos. 118 and 119 above Belivau's, owned by Carlin Bros., are being worked quite extensively. Bedrock on these claims is from 28 to 30 feet.

Lays have been let on Nos. 122 and 123 and the laymen are all working drifting and sluicing.

Pay has been located on 128 above.

On 138 and 153 below on Duncan creek the pay has been located and the probabilities are that work will be commenced soon.

Among other creeks in the district on which pay has recently been located is Lightning, which enters Duncan at discovery. Pay on this creek has been discovered at No. 70 above the canyon and prospecting is being done on other claims.

Another creek is Chrystal, which is over the divide from Lightning. All the claims on this creek are located and considerable prospecting is being done.

On Williams creek and Parent creek all the claims have been located and are being prospected.

Pay has been found on Hope gulch which enters Lightning at 70 above the canyon.

Zane gulch which enters Duncan at 135 below discovery is another creek being prospected.

Applications had been received at the recording office for 165 claims on Minto creek which was the scene of the late stampede. The discoverers on this creek claim to have pay from the grass root and are now at work getting ready to shovel in. They claim to have taken $3 out of 10 pans.

There are a large number of other creeks in the district between Minto and Duncan and over the divide from Duncan which have not been prospected, all of which show the wash gravel and which will in all probability eventually be producers.

Mr. Macfarlane is very enthusiastic over the country and expects to return immediately and make Mayo, where he is interested, his permanent headquarters.

Frank & Vesco, the First avenue jewelers, have beautified their street clock by surrounding its base with a box of flowers, including pansies, petunias and other varieties all in full bloom.

Klondike Souvenirs, Goetzman's, 200 photos, $1.00. 128 Second ave

NEW LODGE DEDICATED

Dawson Odd Fellows in Fine Home

Beautiful and Impressive Exercises of Noble Order Held Last Night.

The new lodge room of Dawson Lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F., was last evening dedicated according to the ritualistic forms and ceremonies of Odd Fellowship. The entire building on the corner of First avenue and Duke street, formerly occupied by the T. & E. Co., has been fitted up and remodeled until it surpasses any other lodge room or assembly hall in Dawson. The ground floor will be used as a reception room and banquet hall and the upper floor has been divided off into the lodge room and two ante rooms. The interior decoration of the lodge room is of a high class for Dawson, and compares favorably with halls in cities on the outside.

The dedication ceremonies were presided over by Past Grand Emil Mohr, officiating as grand master. The past grand master and orator of the evening was J. S. Cowan. The other officers assisting were A. F. Edwards, as grand warden, and Rev. Chris Reid, grand chaplain.

Garbed in the eastern fashion, in robe, turban, hose and sandals, the grand marshall, Burne Pollock, attended by the grand herals, of the north, Thos. Bruce; of the south, J. G. Censen; of the east, Andrew Neeland, and of the west, S. B. Wait, entered the hall and announced their intention of erecting therein an altar of Odd Fellowship. The grand marshall called on the grand heralds successively to bring forth the stones which represented the principles of the order, and each stone was placed upon the altar with words applying its significance to every day life and conduct. These stones and their colors and titles were: Purity, white; friendship, pink; love, blue; truth, scarlet; faith, green; hope, gold, and charity, royal purple, surmounted by a white altar rail.

After the erection of the altar the grand master received the keys of the building from Noble Grand J. A. Sutherland, and with uplifted hand declared the hall dedicated to the business and purposes of Odd Fellowship and the dissemination of its principles.

At his command the grand marshal directed the grand heralds to proclaim the dedication to the world. The grand heralds of the north advanced to the altar and sprinkled water upon it as typical of the dedication to Purity and friendship. The grand herald of the south lighted the fire upon the altar as symbolical of the fires of love. The grand herald of the east symbolized truth by scattering grain, and the grand herald of the west proclaimed the hall dedicated to faith, hope and charity by strewing flowers. Those virtues, like beautiful flowers, beautify and adorn all on whom they fall.

Bro. J. S. Cowan, P. G. M., in his remarks told of the origin of Dawson lodge, and of its battle for success, of how it has grown from seven charter members to a membership of fifty-one. He also quoted figures which show Odd Fellowship to be the strongest fraternity on this continent and a very great factor in performing those duties enjoined by the command of the order to "relieve the distressed, care for the widow, bury the dead, and educate the orphan."

The dedication ode was sung by a quartette under direction of Mr. McLeod. Mrs. H. Douglas was accompanist.

At the conclusion of the dedication ceremony a program of instrumental and vocal solos, quartettes and recitations was completed, and the lodge was honored by a few remarks from Mayor McLennan, who told of his connection with Odd Fellowship for about twenty years, and advised young men to join the order, as a means of education and preparation for life.

The assembly was dismissed with the singing of the closing ode of the order.

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NEWS FROM VALDEZ CITY

Many People Have Left for the Interior

Holders of Petroleum Land Expect to Make Untold Fortunes.

"Senator" Charley Hill on the last mail received a letter from Fred J. Chapman, a former well known resident of Whitehorse but now associated with Norman Macaulay in the oil fields below Valdez, which gives very flattering reports of that section and also mentions incidentally several people possessing numbers of friends in Dawson. Chapman writes that things are picking up quite a little in the vicinity of Valdez and that it is estimated 1500 people have passed through there this spring en route to the Nizina, Slate creek, Copper river and the head of the Tanana. The latter section is attracting a great deal of attention but at a point farther up the river than Fairbanks. To reach the diggings in the vicinity of Fairbanks from the outside the people of Valdez are using every effort to direct the travel their way, insisting it is the quickest and best route to take to reach the Chenoa diggings. Quite a number from Valdez made the round trip to Fairbanks and return last winter without difficulty and in comparatively short time. The trip one way has been made in fifteen days, though eighteen is about the average.

Norman Macaulay has been in San Francisco all winter, but is now back in the north and at the time the letter was written was in the oil fields some distance below Valdez in which he is extensively interested. Those who have visited the petroleum prospects are positive there is a fortune for every man who has managed to get in on the ground floor. In that district one finds every half mile or so pools of crude oil that has been formed by seepage. The first well that was driven was begun on July 1 of last year and a little over two months later, on September 7, a gusher was struck with a sufficient force to raise the oil up the casing and spout it to a height of 85 feet above the ground, the well producing 1600 barrels a day until it was capped and placed under control. The company owning the location had previously been organized and were trying to raise some money by the sale of a limited amount of stock at ten cents a share. When the news of the strike was known the stock jumped to $15 a share with little or none to be had at that price. Only one difficulty seems to present itself and that is in marketing the oil. Though the fields are almost on tide water yet there is no wharf to which boats could approach and the bay is very shallow. Then, too, is the necessity of reaching a refinery and the most monstrous of all the competition of the oil trust that will have to be combatted.

Copper creek is turning out good, 7 fraction showing up extremely well. Quigley, Ritter and Harry Warnock, three musicians who were here in the early days of the camp, have left Valdez with an outfit for the head of the Tanana. "Red" McConnell also has folded his tent in Valdez, stored his saloon fixtures and departed for the interior on a mysterious journey.

The "senator" figures that with 1500 people going into the head of the Tanana and of the Copper river and almost as many from here last winter there will be something doing some time this summer in that section. The prospecting will be more extensive as there will be so many more people there and he considers there is bound to be a good camp spring up somewhere in the neighborhood of the Tanana. Acting upon that belief he will leave tomorrow for Fairbanks where he will spend some time in becoming wised up and will then settle down and grow up with the country. Chawles cut the first trail into the Birch creek country, was a pioneer of Fortymile when Jack McQuesten was still a young man and is so much in love with the interior he cannot get away from it. As in Fortymile, Circle and Dawson, he proposes to be a pillar in the new town that is to be founded on the Tanana.

NEW TIME TABLE

The Orr & Tukey Co., Ltd., stages beginning Monday, June 8th, will leave daily except Sundays for Gold Run, 244 below lower Dominion and Sulphur via Bonanza at 9 a.m., for Caribou and 33 below lower Dominion via Hunker daily at 9.30 a.m., for Gold Bottom 9.30 a.m. and 3 p.m., for Grand Forks daily 9 a.m., 12 noon and 5 p.m. Noon stages omitted on Sundays.

Wearing Out

The sidewalks in several of the most busy portions of Dawson are in a dilapidated condition, having worn in some places so thin that they yield like cardboard when passed over. Many boards are broken and shin peelers are of frequent occurrence.

BABY MOOSE

Brought to Dawson on Steamer Prospector

A moose calf about three weeks old was captured by the passengers and crew of the steamer Prospector on the return trip of the boat from Fraser, falls and was presented to Mrs. F. A. Cleveland, who was among the passengers, and brought to Dawson.

The calf was in company with its mother on the bank as the boat passed along and a well aimed shot from the boat killed the old animal and the little one was then easily captured.

Mrs. Cleveland intends to make a pet out of the little animal and keep it as a memento of the trip.

JUST SOME DOGS

Wholesale Slaughter to Begin Very Shortly

The city dog catcher and keeper of the pound has a very choice collection of curs and thoroughbred mongrels in his keeping which if not redeemed or sold within a few days will be sacrificed in aid of the sausage market which is now becoming a little short. It is said there are over a hundred to select from and the most fastidious taste can be suited. If the failure to sell them should result in their all being killed it is the most fervant hope of everyone that not a sale will be made. Speaking of dogs, J. L. Sale last winter had a valuable malamute he had possessed for several years. The animal wore an ornate collar giving her name and that of her owner and one night during the Tanana stampede the brute disappeared and has not been heard from from that date to this. Search was instituted but all to no avail and Mr. Sale concluded his treasure was doing time along the trail to the Tanana. A day or two ago he was surprised to receive a call from the poundkeeper who informed him his dog was in the pound and he had better redeem it before the charges were excessive. He at once visited the pound and sure enough there was his old collar but it was encircling the neck of the yellowest, dirtiest, mangiest brute that ever stood on four legs. The thief had merely swapped collars, leaving the one that would have afforded a means of identification behind him on a dog that was not worth the shot it would take to kill him. Mr. Sale did not redeem the dog.

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