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THE NEW BRIDGE

And Why the Commissioner Could Not Recognize the Petition

PRESENTED BY O'BRIEN AND OTHERS

To Have the Road Go By the Way of the Island and Klondike City

WOULD COST \$60,000 MORE

Than to Build by the Route Proposed—The Bridge Now On The Way.

Concerning the proposed site for the public bridge across the Klondike river, and the petition presented to the council last evening from Thomas O'Brien and others, asking for a change of site for the new bridge, Commissioner Ogilvie stated that his reasons for selecting the site agreed upon were the result of his best judgment in the interests of the people.

"Long ago," said he, "I surveyed the river for a long distance with this bridge site in mind, and the point I selected is the only place for a distance of 15 miles where the bridge could be appropriately placed, where the river is confined to one channel."

"Concerning the road leading from Dawson to that point, I will say that it is by far shorter than the other one proposed, and will cost many thousands of dollars less to build by reason

of the difference in the nature of the ground to be traversed.

"The way I propose to build is 6540 feet with a length of bridge and approaches measuring 240 feet. The way the petition asks for, the distance is 8600 feet, with 910 feet of bridges and approaches, not to mention some eight or nine hundred feet of very expensive causeway which would have to be built across the island to connect the two bridges. Besides this there is a lot of ground to be built over on the other side of the river which is of a nature which would call for corduroy. That ground is paralleled on this side by a hard, sandy soil.

"That the island would have to be traversed by a causeway is easily seen from the fact that it is from four to six feet lower than the Yukon's high water mark. In 1897-8 the island was deeply overflowed, and that is as apt to occur one year as another. Then another reason why the bridge should be built at the point decided upon is that it would be safe there from the back water of the Yukon and not liable to loss, as it certainly would be if placed below.

"On the other hand, Klondike City is not a flourishing or growing town. It has no water front advantages such as would go to make it a place for landing goods for the mines, and its area is only about 14 acres in extent, and if we built roads and bridges that way we should have to buy some lots there in order to get the right of way.

"Looking at the question from any way possible I can see no way in which I should be justified in authorizing the expenditure of \$50,000 or \$60,000 more for one route than another, especially when the advantages to be gained are all on the side of the most inexpensive route. The money that can be saved by building the bridge where I propose to build it, it seems to me could be better used in building roads farther up the creeks, where the people and the miner will receive direct benefit, than here where no benefit will result.

"The bridge, a hundred and fifty foot steel span, is on its way from Montreal by way of Vancouver now, and it is perhaps worthy of note that the freight from Vancouver here will amount to more than double the cost of the bridge."

The Library.

Librarian Horkan is preparing for winter. He is placing an addition in his building which, all told, will have a depth of 100 feet. A chess and smoking room will be an attractive feature of the library this winter.

Leased Their Warehouses.

The Empire line, which has been represented in Dawson for the past two years by Dr. H. M. Yemans, have leased their warehouses and river boats to the Alaska Exploration Company. This lease is for the current season only and extends to June 30th next. The arrangement was entered into by reason of the fact that all the Empire line's big ocean transports have been engaged during the season in the Nome trade. Dr. Yemans will leave in about 10 days for the outside. He will spend the winter in Europe.

Your Sunday roast at Klondike Market.

The Clifford Sifton will sail for Whitehorse tomorrow night. She is a finely appointed boat and her service is excellent. Parties intending making the trip out can be assured of a successful and comfortable voyage.

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TO STOP SALTING

Gold Dust With Black Sand, Brass Filings and Dirt

IS PROBLEM BEFORE THE PEOPLE

Which the Establishment of an Assay Office Would Settle.

BUSINESS MEN INTERVIEWED.

They All Declare That the Evil Should Be Abated in the Interest of Business.

The present agitation in favor of having some decided steps taken looking to the speedy abolition of the practice of salting gold dust, especially the dust known as commercial dust, seems in a fair way to bear immediate fruit which will no doubt meet with the acceptance of all but those who are at present reaping the benefit of the weight of black sand, brass filings and other foreign matter charged for at the same rate as good dust.

The advent of the government assay office seems to be a thing not altogether certain of immediate consummation, but there is a strong likelihood of the present agitation resulting in a concerted movement by the larger companies looking to the establishment of something of the sort which will act as a protection to them, and to a great extent to the public generally against this growing evil.

Mr. Fulda, of the A. E. Co., said this morning: "The government may establish an assay office here which will do away with this sort of fraud, but in the meantime we are, under the present system, compelled to suffer a severe and growing loss. To remedy this something radical will have to be done, just what cannot, of course, be decided in a day."

"For a company to support a private assay office would, of course be impracticable, as the expense would entail greater loss than is at present sustained. So far as we are concerned, though, you may say that in the collection of bills, where the amount is considerable, that we would prefer assaying and melting the dust at our own expense, receiving it at its real value, to taking it in its present adulterated condition."

Mr. Isom, of the N. A. T. & T. Co., said on the subject when asked for his views: "The present state of what is known as commercial dust, and commonly used as a circulating medium, is something awful. We have been compelled to take some of it which resulted in a loss to us of six per cent."

"I see little advantage to be derived from making its value \$15, instead of \$16. I can see no reason why \$15 dust could not be debased by mixing black sand and other things with it, just as much as \$16 dust. My idea is that the only way to successfully combat the evil is to take the dust at its true or actual value, and in order to do this we must have an assay office. If we don't get a government office it seems to me that the larger companies might find it of advantage to combine for that purpose and between them support, or center on some one assay office as a matter of self protection."

Mr. H. Te Roller, of the S-Y. T. Co., when asked for his views on the matter of gold dust as a circulating medium said: "The sooner something is done that will either put currency into circulation in place of gold dust at its true valuation the better. I do not think it advisable to wait for action by the government; some concerted action should be taken at once."

It appears to me that the best thing to be done would be to abandon the use of dust as a circulating medium.

"I am pleased to see that the matter has been taken up by a public body like the Board of Trade. It will certainly solicit the interest of the people in general, as all are more or less interested in the matter."

Should the matter receive the attention and immediate action of the large companies in the way suggested by Mr. Isom there seems little reason to doubt that dust, as a circulating medium would soon be a thing of the past.

Consul McCook Will Leave.

U. S. Consul McCook is preparing to once more visit the outside world, and will probably take his departure in the near future. During his absence, Mr. H. Te Roller will represent the U. S. government in Dawson, having received the appointment of deputy consul. Just when Mr. Te Roller will commence to wield the official seal is unknown, as Mr. McCook's time for departure has not as yet been fixed.

A letter was received at the consulate yesterday from James W. Dougherty, of Seattle, asking for information which will throw some light upon the present whereabouts of Daniel Maloney, who came to this part of the world some 15 months since and has not been heard from since.

BRIEF MENTION.

The steamer Topeka and Al-Ki, both of the Pacific coast line, are at Skagway today.

The Yukon council decided at its last meeting to have 39 polling stations for the approaching election.

Isaac W. Evans, who has been mining on 44 below on Hunker for the past several months, will leave for his old home, Tacoma, on Sunday.

Yukon Councilman, Legal Adviser and Public Administrator W. H. P. Clement will leave this evening for his old home in Eastern Canada. His departure will again leave the council without a quorum.

At the Orpheum tonight a hot go will be given after the show. Alex Pantages is authority for the statement that the contest will be one worth seeing, as both men are out for a reputation, and expect to make a "bit" tonight.

Henry Allen, who built the arches for the reception of Lord Minto has just completed the interior work for McLennan & McFeely's new store. Every inch of space in the building has been utilized for shelf room and other purposes and the stock is displayed with much taste. Mr. Allen leaves for the outside in a few days, but will return before the close of navigation. He is associated with Dan Matheson, the well-known contractor.

Direct to Frisco.

Communication is now being carried on between the Associated Manufacturers of California and the Skagway Chamber of Commerce relative to putting a line of passenger and freight steamers on the run direct from San Francisco to Skagway, possibly calling at Juneau. The San Francisco merchants assert that freight will be carried from that place to Skagway at the same rate as from the Sound and British Columbia towns, and they further assert that they can sell goods cheaper than they can be purchased in the upper coast cities. If the latter is true, it is a matter which will be of considerable interest to the business men of Dawson.

A Venturesome Clerk.

It frequently happens that in unpacking cases of canned goods put up in the States the name of the packer who put up the particular case, will be found under the box lid.

Such a name and address was found recently in one of Dawson's larger stores, and the name was that of a girl. The man who unpacked the case and found the card is more than ordinarily venturesome, and straightaway opened a correspondence with the lady, or at least he did his best looking to that laudable end, by writing her a long letter.

His fellow workers are waiting now to see whether the affair will terminate in a wedding or a breach of promise suit. Both results have been obtained before now from equally auspicious beginnings.

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APPLIES TO ALL THE THEATRES.

Major Wood Succeeds Clement on All Committees.

O'BRIENS BRIDGE PETITION

Regarding Location of Contemplated Structure Was Late in Arriving.

At the regular meeting of the Yukon council held last evening the members present were Messrs. Ogilvie, Girouard, Clement and Wood.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and approved a petition was presented from Messrs. O'Brien and others praying for the construction of highway bridge between Klondike City and Dawson. The clerk was instructed to acknowledge the receipt of the petition and to forward the petitioners a copy of a resolution respecting the bridge across the Klondike passed at the meeting of the council on August 20th.

The clerk presented a communication from James A. McMullen, respecting the exclusive right to construct and operate a tramway road on the left limit of Stewart river around the Fraser falls, and was instructed to call attention of the applicant to the standing orders before his petition could be received.

A communication was received from F. W. Clayton, secretary of the Board of Trade, containing a resolution of that body asking that the council take some action towards abolishing the practice of tampering with and adulteration of gold dust.

Moved by Mr. Clement, seconded by Mr. Girouard, that the name of Major Wood be placed on all committees, instead of that of Mr. Clement.

Moved by Mr. Clement, seconded by Mr. Wood, that Messrs. Ogilvie, Girouard and Wood be a committee with power to act to carry out the provisions of the election ordinance.

The orders of the day being read for the third reading of "an ordinance to provide for the election of two representatives to the territorial council," the bill was accordingly read a third time, and the commissioner having put the question that this bill do now pass, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following ordinance was passed after its third reading:

An ordinance to amend ordinance No. 29, of 1899, respecting intoxicating liquors. (Assented to August 23, 1900.)

The commissioner, by and with the consent of the council of the Yukon territory, enacts as follows:

Section 49 of the ordinance respecting intoxicating liquors is hereby amended by adding thereto: "Provided, however, that the chief inspector of liquors may, upon payment of a further license fee at the rate of \$500 per annum, issue a special license to a person holding, and so long as he holds a saloon license under this ordinance, authorizing such person to conduct a second bar on the premises occupied by him."

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