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FOURTH OF JULY

Committee Met and Transacted Considerable Business Last Night.

\$2000 WANTED FOR PRIZE MONEY.

Many New Names Added to Sports Committee.

BILLY THOMAS' GRAND STAND

Proposition Accepted—Completed List of Sports Committee—Parade a Grand Feature.

The executive committee of the Fourth of July celebration met last night at the Board of Trade rooms to hear the report of the different committees. Owing to the departure of the S.-Y. T. Co.'s boat, Mr. Te Roller, chairman of the committee, was absent, and Leroy Tozier acted in his stead. Reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with and the several committees reported the progress made by them.

Billy Thomas reported for the music committee that the number of available musicians in Dawson will not exceed more than 16 pieces, as many musicians have gone to Nome. He suggested that two bands of eight or nine pieces might be arranged for and also a fife and drum corps to lead the procession. Both bands could later in the day give a grand concert.

The committee on decorations reported the impossibility of securing bunting in Dawson sufficient for the occasion, consequently it was suggested that quantity should be immediately telegraphed for to be shipped from Skag-

way. Arches in different parts of the city will be put up, probably by enterprising merchants; these will be appropriately decorated by the committee.

Donald Olson, chairman of the committee on parade, reported progress. A great deal of interest in being taken in this part of the day's proceedings by the business men of the town as beautiful floats are to be made and entered in the procession by the manufacturing and mercantile houses. There is no doubt but that this feature of the day will be a great success and original and attractive floats may be expected to be seen.

A. E. Martin was appointed as a member of the finance committee to gather funds in the district adjacent to Hunker and Last Chance.

The printing of the official program was awarded to E. J. Fitzpatrick.

The sports committee read the list of prizes to be awarded during the day and asked to be allowed \$2000 for expenditures. No action was taken, however, on this matter at last night's meeting.

Billy Thomas offered to erect a grand stand and pay the committee a percentage of the receipts from the sale of seats; his proposition was accepted.

The following names were added to the sports committee:

Capt. D. B. Olsen, J. Dougherty, Tom O'Brien, Ben Trengeman, W. Sullivan, Geo. Noble, — Brimstone, A. I. Stevens, Joe Boyle, W. H. B. Lyon, J. W. Pose, — McTavish; Chas. Hanson, Geo. Cantwell, W. C. Young, R. B. Switzer, — Langley, Fred McCarthy, F. H. Atwood.

The committee submitted the following list of sports as the program of the great day: Tug of war (clear-pulling), putting the shot, tossing the caber, running high jump, vaulting with pole, running hop-step-and-jump, running broad jump, miners' pack race (50 pounds), sack race, climbing greasy pole, obstacle race, three-legged race, 100 yards race, 120 yards hurdle (six hurdles), 420 yards race, boys' race (15 and under), veteran's race, quarter mile dash bicycle, one-half mile dash bicycle, single canoe, double canoe, four paddle, across river; half-mile dash horse race, quarter mile horse race (in heats), half-mile mule race, three broad jumps, committee race, potato race, wood-chopping contest, girl's race (15 and under), exhibition drill, and the grand parade.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 o'clock to meet again in one week at the same place.

Stetson hats, a new consignment, at Star Clothing House.

Chloride of lime. Pioneer drug store.

The liquors are the best to be had, at the Regina.

Fresh eggs just arrived. Mohr & Wilkens.

By Sir, Sybil.
A fine line of fancy worsted trousers and suiting; also a few suit lengths of black Vicuna with silk linings for full dress suits. These goods are the best ever brought to Dawson. George Brewitt, the tailor, Second ave., between Second and Third streets. (11)

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Have removed from their former location on Second avenue, to their

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Club Rooms Attached

W. H. PARSONS & CO.
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WE NOW OFFER
Cheviot Suits... \$15 and \$18
Our sale is continued of
UNDERWEAR,
SHOES,
HATS
Gents' Furnishing
2nd Street, Opp. Bank of B.N.A.
"If You Bought It at Parsons It Must Be Good."

DRAGGING ALONG.

The Senkler Investigation Adjourned Last Night for Another Week.

HURDMAN'S USE OF BURRITT'S NAME.

Gold Commissioner Senkler's Positive Testimony.

EVENT ENLIVENED BY A TILT

In Which Insinuations Are Made and Dark, Ominous Looks Cast by Mr. Woodworth and Mr. Bell.

It was nearly 8:30 o'clock when Commissioner Dugas court of investigation in the matter of the charges preferred against Gold Commissioner Senkler convened.

W. E. Burritt was the first witness called, and in answer to a question from the commissioner as to how claim 2 above upper on Dominion came to be recorded in his name, he said he did not know until the spring of '99 that the claim was recorded in his name. He learned then who had recorded in his name, but raised the question of privilege on account of clientage; but when instructed to answer and divulge the name of the person who had used his name, he said it was Hurdman; that later Hurdman had instructed him to turn his interest above mentioned to Dr. Simpson, and he Burritt had done so without asking any questions or knowing anything about the nature of the transaction between Hurdman and Simpson. Witness Burritt volunteered the statement that he was confident the gold commissioner knew nothing of the matter.

Attorney Wade, after slowly looking over the small audience, asked where Mr. D. G. McTavish was; but no one present could give the desired information. The witness Viquan was also asked for and it was stated that he is now employed on the steamer Yukoner and that the steamer is now stuck on a bar in Lake Lebarge.

Mr. Senkler was called to the witness stand and sworn. His evidence was substantially as follows: I knew nothing of any of the claims or fractions spoken of in the charges being recorded until long after they had been recorded; that Witness Fisher was mistaken when he said that he (Senkler) knew when the Diffendorfer fraction had been recorded; that when he learned the fractions had been recorded he (Senkler) had canceled them. He could not understand why the Diffendorfer fraction had been located, staked and recorded unless it was through the mistake of clerk Fish, who was then inexperienced in the discharge of his clerical duties; he has always been careful in instructing his clerks to exercise great care; that he did not know that the Edwards property had been recorded until this investigation started, and that he had then cancelled it. Senkler said:

"I have absolutely no connection in any way with Dr. Simpson. I have no interest either directly or indirectly in any claim in the Yukon; I have spoken with Dr. Simpson on the street in regard to his property, as he and I came to the country together. I never talked to him about any Hobson fraction." He denied that Dr. Simpson, before leaving for the outside, spent an hour and a half in his (Senkler's) office, and said, "It is absolutely false." Mr. Senkler denied that Dr. Simpson had ever received a favor from him in his official administration.

Previous to the arrival of Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell in February, 1900, the witness had been very busy, so busy, indeed, that he rarely ever had time to look after the business as conducted by the clerks in the outer office;

that during the first six months of his administration an average of 25 grants had been daily issued from his office; it is impossible for him (Senkler) to go out and personally visit all claims for which applications for grants were made; such a thing is wholly out of the question.

Mr. Senkler remembered having talked with his predecessor, Fawcett, about a complaint of John Mahon regarding a hillside claim opposite 2 above lower discovery on Dominion; that later he (Senkler) had reopened the case previously acted upon by Commissioner Fawcett; that he had set three different dates for its hearing, and that Mahon had declined to serve the papers on the other parties, and that he had dismissed the case; that it was Mahon's fault that the case was dismissed.

Attorney Woodworth in behalf of McTavish instituted cross-examination and proceeded to question the gold commissioner regarding mining property acquired by other government officials, but his questions were ruled out of order by the commissioner.

Mr. Senkler denied ever saying "It is impossible to get an honest bench claim clerk."

Mr. Woodworth at this point stated that he did not think it proper to continue his questions further. It was not the words said but probably the tone in which they were said that seemed to have an effect similar to that for which a red flag is used at a Spanish bull fight; at least, general ire seemed to have been stirred by the words "other government officials" used by the attorney in his question to the gold commissioner as to whether they had not secured valuable mining property. Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell, the official who closed his office to newspaper reporters a short time previous to the arrest and conviction of one of his clerks on the charge of bribery, was seated on a bench back of the attorney who was interrupted by the man on the back seat saying: "Now he is trying to throw dirt." Attorney Woodworth turned hastily to the assistant gold commissioner and replied: "Yes, and I can throw more dirt than will be relished if I care to do it."

Commissioner Dugas poured oil on the troubled waters by asserting that officials whose names had not been mentioned in the charges should not be brought into the case; that while there is no doubt but that men have been connected with the gold commissioner's office that should never have been there, yet no charges are before this commission against them and they should not be drawn into the case. The judge said there are too many people in this country who are ever ready to throw dirt at officials; that it has come to such a pass here that the very name "official" is synonymous with crookedness, and that it should not be so.

Attorney Woodworth asked if it was the same meaning attached to the word "official" in other parts of Canada.

Attorney Wade answered the question by saying that in no other portion of Canada are there nearly so many dirt throwers as here in the Yukon; that here there is a pack of agitators whose one object in life is to throw dirt at and vilify officials.

In reply Mr. Woodworth said that, in behalf of Mr. McTavish he had endeavored to conduct the case with all equity and fairness, the prime object being to get at the truth; that Mr. Wade and Mr. Senkler had deported themselves like gentlemen, but that he did not propose to stand for any duff and insinuations hurled at him from back seats; that he had endeavored to make his demeanor that of a gentleman, and that if he had failed, it was through error of the head and not of the heart.

Judge Dugas replied that during the investigation Mr. Woodworth had certainly deported himself as a gentleman, but that last night he had "overstepped the limits."

During all the above firing and cross-

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BULLET BORED

Body No. 2 Was Found Yesterday Twelve Miles Above Selkirk and

IDENTIFIED AS BEING LYNN RELFE

By Letters and Papers Found in the Clothing.

COMING HERE BY NEXT BOAT.

Clayson's Body Shipped to Skagway Today—Mystery of Triple Murder Clearing Away.

The body of Lynn Relfe who was murdered on Christmas day along with Fred H. Clayson and Lineman Olson at a point near Minto, was found yesterday floating in the Yukon river about 12 miles above Selkirk. There is no doubt as to the identity of the body, as letters were found in the pockets of the dead man's clothing which confirms his identity beyond all doubt. The body was brought to Selkirk by the parties finding it and turned over to the police. There is one bullet hole through the body and another through the head. It will be brought to Dawson on the first steamer.

The body of Fred H. Clayson was shipped on the Sybil today en route to his family at Skagway.

It is not known yet whether or not the body reported to have been seen above the mouth of White river on the Yukon by a man named Waters has been recovered.

All that now remains to clear away the mystery of the triple murder of Christmas day is that Olson's body be found and identified, and in all likelihood the body of the other victim will be in the hands of the officers of the law soon. The dark river is giving up its dead and its mysteries, and the crime which marks the darkest spot on the pages of Yukon history will be disrobed of the mystery which has long enshrouded it, and the triple murderer or murderers, one of whom is now, there is little doubt, in custody, will be made to expiate the crime insofar as the forfeit of his worthless life will do it.

Lost Persons.

The following named persons, hailing from the address after their respective names, are inquired for by anxious relatives on the outside, and information concerning any of them should be reported at the town station:

R. W. Scott, Huron, S. D.; Alex. H. Somerville, Princeton, Ont.; — Soger, Hackensack, Bergen Co., N. J.; H. P. Gaillard, San Francisco, Cal.; Chas. Weaver, Western Kansas; Robert Burns Cameron, Victoria, B. C.; H. Strathdee, Bantford, Ont.; N. S. Abrahamson, Redlands, Cal.; James Pickup, Manchester, England; Theodore Heberg, Newark, N. J.; Thomas Graham Patterson, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. John Lovell, Cleveland, Ohio; E. J. Galbraith, Spokane, Wash.; Joseph Daneker, Oakland, Cal.; Thomas Mahanna; Edmund F. Coombs, Mt. Vernon, Jefferson Co., Ill.; Edward G. Gillam, Victoria, B. C.; — Petery.

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.....J. W. BOYLE