

## THE YUKON COUNCIL MET

### Last Night and Transacted Much Business.

### The Bank Account Is Exhausted and Authority to Overdraw Is Given the Commissioner.

Last night the Yukon council met in the upper room of the courthouse for the first time since there have been two courtrooms, the reason being that the jury sitting in the Gustison perjury case was occupying the lower room, as testified to by the sounds of laughter and funny (?) stories which percolated through the floor from below. That is, a quorum of the council met, Mr. Wilson being noticeable by his absence.

The oath of allegiance was the first thing to take up the attention of the council, and when it was time to administer it, it was found that the blanks for the purpose had been mislaid and Dr. Brown went after them which occasioned a most tedious stage wait which is always a bore, and in a council chamber which hasn't even the merit of being picturesque.

Dr. Brown finally returned with the blanks, and Councilmen Wood, Senkler and Prudhomme took the oath to sustain to their utmost the sovereignty of King Edward VII. Justice Dugas and the commissioner had already been sworn in, so that it was only necessary for them to take the oath.

After this matter had been disposed of the petitions and communications were presented, which, owing to the length of time which had elapsed since the last meeting of the council, formed a very voluminous bundle.

The first petition read was one from H. Te Roller, F. C. Wade, Robert Eilbeck and a number of other signers who want to become a body corporate and politic known as the Yukon General Trust Co., and to become such under an ordinance permitting them to carry on a general trust business. The ordinance draft accompanying the petition was referred to its proper committee with comment, and a petition signed by J. J. Delaney and others respecting the present royalty on quartz mines was read. This called for some little discussion. The petition sets forth the fact that a royalty is charged on the output of quartz mines, which royalty is very harmful to the development of quartz properties, acting as a preventative to their sale or development. It is asked by the petitioners that the council recommend to Ottawa the removal of the royalty from quartz productions.

Mr. Prudhomme thought it was a good thing and thought it should be sent to Ottawa. Justice Dugas thought that in view of the recent memorial sent along with the minority report of Messrs. Wilson and Prudhomme that the petition was asking for more than would likely be granted, besides, the government knew what proportion of expenses this territory was expected to contribute, and the upshot of the matter was that the petition's fate was decided by an agreement to send it to Ottawa without action.

A petition was read from P. P. Curtis asking permission to cross the streets with wire for the fire alarm and messenger service which he is preparing to install. This was referred to a committee and a petition was received from the Dawson Water & Power Co. to be allowed to lay a temporary water pipe from its main at the corner of Second avenue and Third street to the Standard theater. This was granted, but the second petition asking for the passage of an ordinance which will relieve it of the necessity of applying to the council every time it is necessary to lay a water pipe in the streets, met a different fate. It was referred to the board of public works.

Christopher Ellis, an indigent with the peculiar attachments of a ten foot mining claim and a decided weakness for black jack, asked the council to provide him with fresh raiment. Ellis has been a government charge for some time, and has been kept at police barracks, and cleans the corrugations from the sidewalks before the houses of the officials, and does other odd jobs by way of paying his board bills. He will be retired to the guard room now, there to bathe and otherwise indulge in more cleanly habits, and the question of fresh raiment has gone a glimmering.

E. M. Sullivan wants the council to regulate the price of fuel if it is going to take a hand in the regulation of

freight and passenger rates, and pointed out by means of a communication that the price of cordwood was steadily mounting upwards.

An application was made for permission to issue a city directory and while all thought such a thing was needed, no definite action was taken.

Perhaps the most important communication of the evening was the one received from Comptroller Litagow, which set forth the melancholy fact that the Yukon council was without funds to its credit, and that it would be necessary to pass an immediate resolution if any money were to be drawn from the bank.

The resolution was therefore, moved and passed, authorizing the commissioner to draw upon the Canadian Bank of Commerce to the extent of \$30,000 for the purpose of constructing the new bridge across the Klondike, doing road work, making street improvements, and other necessary work.

Health Officer McArthur presented a woeful narration of shortcomings in the matter of his remuneration, setting forth that he received only \$2000 per year, and was allowed nothing whatever for expenses which might at any time exceed his salary. The matter was referred to the finance committee.

The question of public school fire escapes was raised, and the commissioner was given authority to place two, one on either side of the two-story school house on Mission street.

Discussion of this matter brought about an agitation of the question of conditions existing in theaters regarding means of exit in case of fire, and it was decided to notify the chief of the fire department to enforce the provisions of the ordinance governing such matters.

Major Wood fathered a proposition to appoint the members of the executive committee of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals special constables to act in enforcing the law governing such matters and after some little debate it was decided upon.

Concerning the many petitions recently received by the council and the police department concerning the removal of women of a certain class from the vicinity of more respectable society, it was decided that a committee should select a site for their future residence, whereupon the women in question would be served with a notice to remove thereto within two months from date of notice.

An amendment to the ordinance respecting the dog pound was presented by Major Wood, and passed its first reading. This amendment is a most important one as it deals with the question of the canine nuisance in a direct way, and promises to solve the problem. It provides for the payment of a license by dog owners who will be provided with a metal tag bearing a date and license number. This is to be attached to a collar worn by the dog, who is thereby exempted from the pound, unless mad, or otherwise unfit to be at large. It provides also for the keeping of a description of each dog licensed—and the owners name so that in case of the theft of the animal there will be less difficulty in tracing it and proving identity.

No ordinance of incorporation could be passed in the matter of the Hadley Stage Co., Ltd., or the Storage & Transfer Co., because the law provides that a certificate of deposit showing that 20 per cent of the capital stock had been paid, is required before such an ordinance can be passed, or that a like amount has been invested in real estate, the deeds held by trustees in trust for the company. As neither of these evidences were before the council nothing could be done.

At something after 11 o'clock the meeting adjourned.

**Everybody Dance.**  
Several weeks ago a number of women of the lower caste made a tour of the creeks, dancing one, two or three night stands as the demand for alms was justified. Their presence was eagerly sought by many roadhouse keepers who gladly entertained them for the patronage and business they brought the house. As the girls charged a fair price for each dance and also got a rake-off from the bar, the trip was very successful from a financial point of view. This traveling caravansary of dancing, drinking, debauchery is under the management of a man—that is, a thing that wears male attire.

It is said that arrangements for another tour of the circuit are now being made, next week being the date for its commencement.

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## POLICE COURT NEWS.

In Magistrate Rutledge's court this morning only two cases were heard, the case against John L. White for alleged assault on his partner, Richard Guilds being continued, at request of White's attorney, until this afternoon.

In agricultural circles it is a common belief that a man cannot work a balky horse and retain spotless and without taint his standing in the church. The magistrate probably took this into consideration this morning when he imposed the nominal fine of \$1 and costs on Frank McGibney, an honest looking young man who was in court charged with having on yesterday abused by whipping a horse that refused to pull his share of a load of wood along a thoroughfare in South Dawson.

Robert Riddle who has on various divers and sundry previous occasions been before the court on charges of drunkenness and disorder and who done time last on the charge of theft, became a disturbing factor in a saloon last night and "pestered" around Constable Borrows when told to behave himself. After several quiet warnings the constable arrested him when Riddle, who is a very large man, showed fight to such an extent as to force the officer to call for assistance. In court this morning Riddle wore a dogged and sullen expression which only deepened when he was sentenced to three months at hard labor and warned to get out of the country when that time expires.

## COMING AND GOING.

A number of sacks of mail arrived from up the river yesterday evening.

The Zero Club will hold its opening smoker in the club rooms tomorrow night. An enjoyable time is anticipated.

F. C. Clayton has just returned from a tour of the creeks in company with Thompson's mule, which he claims to have taught to read during the trip.

Jack Kirk, formerly connected with the Standard theater as one of the lessees, is among late arrivals over the ice. He has been visiting in San Francisco since leaving here in September.

Thus far the committee of the Yukon council having in charge the investigation of transportation rates, has failed to get any satisfaction out of the representatives of transportation companies.

The assault case wherein a woman alleges that she was struck over the head with a bag of salt, is on trial before Justice Dugas today. Witness Selbach positively identified the prisoner in the box as the woman's assailant.

R. C. Kirke, formerly with the San Francisco Examiner, has written to L. L. James from Algiers. The letter was dated January 10, and arrived here on yesterday's mail. The writer states that he will return this spring.

Leroy Tozier is very sick at the McDonald hotel from pneumonia, with which he was taken down Wednesday night. Yesterday and last night his condition was considered somewhat critical, but at 3 o'clock this afternoon he was reported as materially improved.

People are now beginning to arrive over the ice from Whitehorse in large numbers, 17 people having completed the trip yesterday. Many have left for the outside within the past few days, the majority of whom expect to make the round trip on the ice.

The hour for holding the funeral of the late Edward A. Cardinal has been changed from 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon to 1 o'clock, at which time it will take place in St. Mary's church. All friends of the deceased are invited to attend.

## Slaughter of Lions.

Meeker, Colo., Jan. 24.—News direct from the Keystone ranch, at which place the Roosevelt hunting party is stopping, shows that between the 12th and 22d of January 12 grown mountain lions, three kittens and eight lynx cats were killed. On Saturday last the party had quite an exciting adventure with one lion.

The lion was held captive by and was fighting with the whole pack of hounds. The hunters were trying to get near enough to the animal to kill it with their knives when it seized one of the dogs by the jaw. Gov. Roosevelt showed the breach of the gun into the lion's mouth, holding the gun by one hand, with the other striking the lion a death blow with his knife. His gun shows the marks of the lion's teeth. All the grown lions were killed with the knife.

The governor has decided to stay for another two weeks.

## Victoria's Will.

New York, Jan. 25.—A dispatch to the World from Cowes says:

Queen Victoria's will was opened and examined yesterday by the duly appointed authorities. None of its contents was made public or the amount of her private fortune. It is known that the queen made a will early in her reign, which was repeatedly altered and added to as children and grandchildren were born and as estates rapidly advanced in value. This will was made in 1896 when her majesty decided to have an entirely new document drawn and with great personal care this was accomplished.

These in a position to make any sort of a guess as to the provisions of the queen's will declare that the Princess Beatrice, widow of Prince Henry of Battenburg, will be the principal beneficiary. She is the governor of the

Isle of Wight and will probably inherit Osborne House and the whole estate surrounding it. Then the Duke of Connaught and his sons, who have been great favorites with Victoria, will receive a large portion of the fortune. The Duke will probably become the owner of Balmoral and the Scottish property.

## To Release Mrs. Maybrick.

New York, Jan. 24.—Clark Bell, president of the Medical and Legal Aid Society, has announced that his society has determined to take up the Maybrick case at once and that the chances are now more favorable than ever for the pardon or acquittal after a fair trial of the American woman under sentence of life imprisonment in England, charged with murdering her husband by poison.

The taking up of the case is due to the attitude which the new king of England is known to have assumed toward Mrs. Maybrick.

It is said that he has made it no secret that he favors her pardon.

In case all appeals to the king and the new home secretary fail, it is understood that the Medical and Legal Aid Society will ask Miss Clara Barton, of the Red Cross Society, to make a personal appeal to the king.

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