

POLITICAL POT IS BOILING

Approach of Incorporation is Heralded by Discussion as to Suitable Men for the Mayor and Aldermen—Ordinance Will Probably Be Passed at Next Council Meeting.

The political pot has begun to boil in Dawson and before many have passed it will reach the boiling point. The immediate occasion for the excitement among the followers of state craft is the fact that an ordinance providing for incorporation of Dawson will be presented to the Yukon council at its next meeting of that body, and it is understood by those who are in a position to know whereof they speak that the ordinance will be passed.

The coming meeting it is probable that the first election for officers under the new charter will occur at some date very close to the first of the year. It is this nearness of the election which has set the wheels of politics in motion and already candidates are being groomed and names mentioned in an undertone.

The officers to be elected will consist of a mayor and board of aldermen who will have the selection of a number of minor officers, of which the fire chief, town clerk and chief of police will be the principal ones. There are no political issues dividing the people of Dawson at present and it may be that only one ticket will be placed in the field.

There appears to be an unanimity of feeling throughout the town that P. McLennan, of the firm of McLennan, McFey Co., is the most available man for the office of mayor. Mr. McLennan has not as yet signified his intention of standing as a candidate for the office, but his friends are urging him to do so, and if he finds that his business responsibilities will permit, he will probably be in the field.

For the board of aldermen, a number of men are being canvassed, among whom are the following: Thos. Adair, Dr. LaChapelle, A. D. Williams, Horace Norquay, J. P. McLennan and James McDonald. Others have been mentioned and before the day of election arrives an entirely new set of men may be brought forward.

There seems to exist a general desire on the part of the tax payers of the city to secure men of business experience and independent ideas, and while it will probably mean a personal loss to the men who assume the various offices, it is expected that sufficient patriotism will manifest itself to leave no difficulty in the way of securing competent men.

Gold Bottom Notes. Grand opening of Gordon & Beggs' hotel and gymnasium, Friday evening, the 23rd inst. Mr. LaFrance, who has been representing the Bay City market, left for the outside Thursday on account of ill-health. A public school has been established at this place. The first session was held Wednesday morning with an attendance of twelve. Mr. Crow of Dawson is in charge.

Rev. George Pringle occupied the pulpit of the Dawson Presbyterian church Sunday, the 17th. In his absence the congregation here ran their meeting themselves with much success. We're not at all slow. Grand opening of Gold Bottom hotel, also birthday party and dance in honor of Mrs. Lola Date, will be held shortly. Water is flooding out a large number of claims on Gold Bottom creek. There is one typhoid fever case at the "Miner's Hospital." The patient is convalescing.

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THE GOVERNOR: "COME, MY BOY, IT IS TIME YOU BEGAN WEARING PANTS."

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For Use in the British Columbia Appeal Court. A new phase in the case of D'Avignon vs. Jones et al., now on appeal before the supreme court of British Columbia developed today which may result in something sensational before the action is finally adjudicated. It will be remembered when the case was heard here some months ago in the territorial court before Mr. Justice Craig judgment was rendered in favor of defendants, plaintiff's case being dismissed with costs. During the course of the trial D'Avignon swore that the signature attached to the bill of sale conveying the claim in dispute, 13 Gold Run, from himself to Rutledge and Davis, was not his own; in short, that the document was a forgery. When the case was decided against him D'Avignon promptly appealed from the decision of Justice Craig and the matter was carried up to the court of appeals of British Columbia. It has now partially been heard on appeal and stands over until the January term awaiting the transmission of certain documents required. Clerk of the Court Macdonald yesterday received a wire from the registrar of the supreme court of British Columbia asking him to forward at once the original bill of sale on file in the gold commissioner's office from D'Avignon to Rutledge and Davis, the same which the plaintiff in the action alleges is a forgery, and also photographs of certain records in the gold commissioner's office which contains the acknowledged signature of D'Avignon. As it is impracticable to send the records out, as they might be desired here any day, recourse was had to photography. The likenesses as desired were taken and they, together with the bill of sale asked for, will go forward by registered mail in the morning. Experts in photography will compare the photographed signature of D'Avignon with that on the bill of sale and determine whether or not a forgery has been committed. Their decision will be awaited with much interest both on account of the large value of the property involved and also the implied forgery.

RECEIVED BY WIRE. SKAGWAY PAPERS

Are Full of Reports of Ottawa's Action in Connection With the W. P. & Y. R. FULL CREDIT GIVEN THE NUGGET As the Only Paper in the Yukon Opposed to Railroad. IS THE TALK OF THE TOWN Many Compliments Showed Upon Dawson's Leading Paper Atlin Claim Makes Figures.

Skagway, Nov. 26.—The local papers all publish full reports of Ottawa's interference with the White Pass and Yukon route, giving full credit to the Nugget for accomplishing what has been done. The Atlin claim has figured out that every person in that district paid 30 cents daily per capita to the railroad company on freight rates. The Nugget's work in connection with the reduction of freight rates is the talk of the town and many compliments have been showered upon that paper by local business men. The Skagway agent of the steamer Farallon discredits the reports which have been sent out stating that boat had struck on a rock. The Dirigo is expected today with full particulars.

HAS RESIGNED. Skagway, Nov. 26. Skagway's city clerk has resigned on account of the smallness of the salary. City Councilman McGrath has accused Engineer Rewd of taking bribes for favoring certain public work at the request of individuals.

TURKEYS SHORT. Skagway, Nov. 26.—There is a shortage of turkeys in Skagway, the market not being supplied with enough for Thanksgiving demands. We fit glasses. Pioneer drug store.

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Or Every Alternate Section of It Along Line of Trans-Alaskan Ry. PRESIDENT FREY IN WASHINGTON Where He Is Working With That End in View. SCHEME TO SETTLE ALASKA With Immigrants From Norway, Sweden, Russia, and Other Cold Countries.

Denver, Nov. 16, via Skagway, Nov. 26.—President Frey of the trans-Alaskan Railway has gone to Washington, to work in the interest of a bill granting to the company every alternate section of land on the right of way through the Peninsula. It is claimed that the new railroad will be of great benefit to the government in the transportation of troops and munitions of war and mail and that the company is entitled to the same subsidies which were given the Pacific when that road was built through the western states. It is the intention of the promoters of the line to connect it with the proposed Siberian line, and it is expected to open an immensely wealthy territory.

SKAGWAY BROKE. Skagway, Nov. 26.—The local schools must close on account of lack of funds. The accounts are badly muddled and the school board and city council are at swords points.

LOST MAN. Skagway, Nov. 26.—Inquiry is made here for one Patrick McGee, formerly of Tacoma. He disappeared in the Yukon country, the exact place not being known.

NO MAIL. Skagway, Nov. 26.—No mail from Dawson has yet arrived and it is not known here where the mail is stranded. Last year the first mail arrived here on Nov. 26.

Messrs. H. Te Rottler and J. Delaney, of the N. A. T. & T. Co., returned yesterday from a three day's visit to the creeks.

BUSINESS WAS HURT

By Closing of Gambling Say the Local Business Men. Since the order closing down all forms of gambling went into effect, there has been much complaint from local merchants as to business conditions. Under the impression that gambling would be continued throughout the winter, a great many repairs and extensions were made in the local gambling houses. In a number of instances the proprietors state that they were compelled to borrow money to make the necessary repairs, and now that gambling is closed they are unable to meet their payments. Restaurants, barber shops and lodging houses are also complaining that their patronage is falling off, but probably the heaviest loss falls upon the electric light company. Upwards of 100 lights have been taken which makes a material cut in the revenues of the company. There is a strong under current of feeling in town that the closing order was the result of hasty action and was taken at the wrong time of the year. All the houses concerned, however, have submitted quietly and, since last Wednesday night there has not been a dollar wagered on a public gambling table in Dawson.

FANCY SHOOTING

Remarkable Exhibition Witnessed at West Dawson. J. R. Hubrick, the builder of the tower of Dawson, gave an exhibition today at West Dawson of fancy rifle shooting. Mr. Hubrick used an old 38 Winchester which was damaged by rough usage, nevertheless he did some remarkable work with the gun. He first threw in the air a small chunk of ice and broke it into a thousand pieces. A bottle followed—the first shot broke the bottle and a second broke the neck, both shots being fired in rapid succession before the target reached the ground. A 38 shell was then thrown in the air and immediately disappeared before the leaden pellet. Two 38 shells were then thrown in the air by the shooter and both successfully struck the middle of the rifle which cut one of the lines of vision from the sight. The object fired at and even with that handicap Hubrick struck a half inch target at a distance of 40 feet. Owing to the gun used in the exhibition, shooting work satisfactorily other fancy shots were out of the program. Mr. Hubrick challenges any man in the territory to meet him in a shooting contest, either straight away or fancy shooting, and will put up \$1,000 he will defeat any and all comers. Today's shoot occurred at West Dawson. Rhode Island has concluded not to remain out any longer and hereafter will hold her elections in November, as a majority of the other states do.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

THEIR MONEY CONFISCATED

A Story of Three Swedes Who Worked Three Years on an Unrecorded Claim on a Unnamed Creek and Then Lost Gold at Whitehorse—Corroborating Story.

A man by the name of Williams arrived yesterday from the Mayo lake country and, while no trace of him could be found today, he is known to have told a rather romantic story at the Yukon hotel last night of the rise and fall of three mysterious Swede miners. The story is that three years ago the three Swedes took themselves far back into the Mayo lake country but on what creek they worked was never known until recently, but it is said they found gold and lots of it. Feeling safe in their isolation from the world they continued to work until this fall when they came out of the woods and left for the outside. They had never recorded their claims and did not offer to pay royalty on what gold they had. In fact, said nothing to anyone about having gold and it is doubtful if they knew anything about the required payment of royalty or the law providing for a certificate showing that royalty had been paid. The result was that when they arrived at Whitehorse they were held up for royalty and export certificates and, being unable to produce them or even explain where their gold had come from, the creek being unnamed and their claim not recorded, the whole amount reported to be \$30,000, was confiscated to the crown and the three Swedes left as poor as when they began three years ago. It is told that their object in keeping their discovery a secret was in order that they might go outside and bring in a number of their relatives to operate the remainder of the creek. Another story told by Col. Donald MacGregor tends in a measure to confirm Williams' story regarding the mysterious Swedes. While coming to the country in '98 the colonel picked up an acquaintance on the trail with two travelers to the Klondike, James Corkery and Jacob Davidson, and the friendship has been renewed since the trio reached the Yukon, although nearly all of the past two years have been spent by the men in the McQuesten creek country. A short time ago these two men visited Dawson and purchased their winter supplies and while here told to Colonel MacGregor a story that goes far towards corroborating that of Williams regarding the Swedes. The men Corkery and Davidson said that over a year ago a jobless man came to their place on McQuesten and in the course of conversation remarked that he had seen three Swedes at work further back in the country, but although the two men later tried to locate them they were not successful. Shortly before navigation closed three Swedes came along by Corkery and Davidson's cabin, whom they sold a few pounds of provisions. The Swedes said they had been in that country three years and had found nothing; that they were fat broke and were leaving the country for good. As each of the three appeared to be carrying a heavy load, the two men suspected that it was gold, and after they had passed on the other two decided to follow the back trail and learn where the Swedes had come from. They did so, although they followed many miles back they persisted until at last they came to where a great amount of work had been done on a claim on a stream emptying into Mayo lake. On the claim was a large dump that had been worked, a good system of sluice boxes made from whip-sawed lumber, a good cabin and other evidences that

CRACKS IN THE ICE

Must Be Closed to Prevent Cracks in Police Heads. The police hockey rink-rink is being put in excellent shape, but on account of several cracks appearing it will be flooded again before any play is indulged in. Considerable practicing on the part of several of the members took place yesterday. Five are fights are being placed in position today, one on each side and end and one suspended in the center. They will furnish an abundance of light so that games may be played in the evening. No schedule has yet been arranged though the first to be played will doubtless be between the Police and Bank of Commerce.

ALARM SYSTEM COMPLETED

And Now Ready for Use in Case of Fire. The fire alarm system recently installed in the city is now completed and ready to be turned over to the fire department. Tests so far made have proven the system satisfactory in every respect. In turning in an alarm all that is necessary to be done is to open the door of the box and take down the handle. The mere act of releasing the hook upon which the phone hangs sends in the alarm, the indicator in each of the fire halls telling the number of the box from which the alarm is given. The indicators are somewhat similar to the tickers found in broker's offices from which market reports are received, the number of the box being indicated by a series of dashes on a paper tape. An alarm was sent in this morning in the presence of a Nugget reporter from the box at Gandolfo's point and almost instantly telephonic communication was had with both fire halls. The system will prove of very great advantage in expediting the delivery of a fire alarm to the department. Heretofore it has been necessary when any distance removed to resort to the telephone. At such times there may be expensive delay in securing connection with the fire halls, which in the new system is entirely done away with, each box having direct connection with both departments. Contest on Dominion. In the gold commissioner's court today is being heard the case of Willis vs. King, in which is involved the title to some benches adjoining 235 below lower, right limit, on Dunsmuir.

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