

THE BOARD OF TRADE.

Suggested by Trustees That Membership Fee Be Reduced.

Matters Pertaining to Existing Mining Laws Will Be Given Careful Consideration—Meeting Tonight.

A meeting of the trustees of the Board of Trade was held last night at the secretary's rooms. Messrs. Fulda, McMullen, Reichenbach and Clayton, the trustees, and other members of the full board being present.

But little business was transacted other than the informal discussion of ways and means for the advancement of the influence of the organization and the betterment of existing conditions of the country. Six names of local business men were reported as having expressed a desire to become members of the board.

The matter of reducing the membership fee to the original charter price was discussed at length and it was the unanimous sentiment of the trustees that the interests of the board can be best served by reducing the membership price to \$10 instead of demanding the present figure, \$40. It was agreed, therefore, to make such suggestion to the board at the next meeting.

President Fulda, of the full board, announced that he has not yet formulated his various committees, as he is desirous of exercising care and discretion in the matter, thereby securing for the different committees such members of the board as are best fitted for the particular work required of each committee. Mr. Fulda thought he would be able to announce the committee at a meeting of the trustees to be held to night.

The question of securing more equitable and liberal mining laws was discussed at length, several who were not members of the board of trustees participating in the discussion. As little, if any, benefit has yet been brought about by past efforts along this line, it seemed to be the sense of the meeting that great care must be exercised in memorializing the powers that be on the subject of granting more liberal and equitable laws. It is desired to bring forcibly to the attention of the government the great need of reopening the country to prospectors, the throwing open of all reverted and reserved property and the doing away with the injurious and detrimental practice of granting concessions. These are questions which will receive considerable attention from the board until the desired results are accomplished.

The trustees will meet again tonight at 8 o'clock.

The Nugget in New York.

The New York Telegraph under date of April 22 has the following:

"Mr. Joseph Lizotte of this city who was in the Klondike last year, has recently received a letter from his partner, Mr. Wm. P. Roland, who is still in that country taking care of the claims that he and Mr. Lizotte own in common.

"Accompanying the letter from Mr. Roland was a newspaper, the Semi-Weekly Nugget, printed March 18th, at Dawson. It is a six page, small sized sheet. It contains some news from the outside world, but the gist of its news is, of course, local. There is not a line of plate in it, and the appearance of the little Nugget is that of a wide-awake paper. It is published daily as well as semi-weekly. The Klondike Nugget asks a good price for its advertising space, and in justification thereof guarantees to its advertisers a paid circulation of five times that of any other paper published between Juneau and the North Pole.

"Those who believe Dawson to be a second Dodge City for wickedness would do well to ponder over the following police court item: 'For the first time in a number of weeks there were no causes up for hearing in the police court this morning. A number of cases are pending the arrival of clients and witnesses from up the creeks. Mike Conlin, the man whom Charles J. K. Nourse accuses of selling an over-ripe turkey, is out on the creeks and that case is pending trial.'

"Think of it! Dawson City, a place that many people have supposed to be a den of iniquity, awaiting the trial of a man who is wanted for the crime of selling an 'over-ripe' turkey."

Here follows the reproduction of the Shroffers' Column, which deals with a spirit beefsteak and some phantom eggs at a time when these things were scarce and came correspondingly high. The article closes with the account of

the buck and wing dancing contest between Annie O'Brien and Frank Kelly.

History Repeats Itself.

In the small hours of the morning when the eastern light had commenced to brighten and the electric lights had been turned out, a man was seen to come forth from the Aurora and stand musing on the sidewalk. He did this because he had nothing else to do and musing don't cost anything even in Dawson.

"I feel," he said to another man who was also indulging in a little open air musing, "as if I had been condemned and executed in the old Roman way."

The second muser looked at him suspiciously.

"Yes," said the man who had nothing to do, running his hand deeply in his pockets, "I have been broken on the wheel."

The man who had said nothing felt that the authorities should take steps to secure the public safety against the wretch who perpetrated such a thing, at once reported to the health office another case of smallpox.

Lo's "Buffalo" Horns.

The Montana Indian is something of a schemer himself. He comes to town and sometimes walks all over the place without saying a word to any one. Sometimes he brings in a few sets of polished mounted cows' horns, which he sells for a dollar or two a set. He never frequents saloons. He looks into clothing store windows, but never buys the slot machines in cigar stores. He frowns as he passes a restaurant, but smiles while walking through the sweet scented alleys back of cheap boarding houses.

In a horse trade he takes the prize, if there's one to be taken, for he was never known to get the worst of such a bargain. The reason of this, however, may lie in the fact that he begins the negotiations with nothing to lose and everything to win. However, he has the reputation of a schemer.

Where his schemes shines brightest is in the sale of polished "buffalo" horns. He lives out near one of the slaughter houses on the south side, and there he secures his "buffalo" horns, all sizes, curves and consistencies. He picks out a set of ox horns of symmetrical proportions, scrapes the scales off and boils the horns in a solution of glycerine, wood ashes and water. This treatment softens the horns, so that a case knife will easily remove all the exterior accumulation. Then fine sandpaper is used to give the first polish, followed by a thorough rubbing with a flannel cloth slightly saturated with oil. A varnish or shellac is then applied, and the horns are in condition for mounting. Then the work is turned over to the squaw, who does the really artistic work. Red flannel and braid, beads sometimes and strip here and there of buckskin, a few brass headed tacks, and the mounted "buffalo" horns are ready for the market.

Mr. Buck comes to town, and the tenderfoot asks him where he "ketches buffalo horns."

"In Yellowstone Park," grunts the big buck.

"How much?" asks the intending purchaser.

"True dolls."

"Too muchee."

"No, no; chip; true dolls. Ugh!"

The tenderfoot inspects the work and satisfies himself that they are really the horns of an almost extinct species of the majestic western animal, and he hands over the coin and walks away proudly with the prize.

The Indian moves off down the street, turns the first corner and disappears up an alley. —Anaconda (Mon.) Standard.

Skagway Sarcastic.

Juneau has found out that it does not pay to tell a lie when the truth will do as well. When that enterprising burg applied to Judge Brown for authority to incorporate their petition stated that Juneau was a town of 1500 inhabitants. It was only necessary to affirm that the city contained 300 souls, but Juneau wished a little advertising as well, so she pressed the limit, so to speak. The saloonkeepers who are paying license on a basis of 1500 inhabitants are now seeking and no doubt will be able to prove that there are not 1500 people in Juneau, counting the Siwash. The result is plain, for it will be necessary for the liquor dealers to pay a higher license or the incorporators to claim a "typographical error." —Skagway News.

Valdes an Ideal Townsite.

The townsite of Valdes is an ideal one, sloping gradually back from the bay and better building sites cannot be found anywhere. There are, however, some drawbacks which may operate against the building of a city at that point. In front of the townsite there is a tide flat made by the glacial deposits, which extends out about seven

hundred feet from the high tide line, then there is a sheer drop off into deep water. Over this tide flat there runs a number of small glacial streams the water from which freezes in winter and makes a layer of thick ice over the flat. It is claimed that this freezing of fresh water on the flats makes wharf building impracticable for the reason that in winter the ice lifts the piles out of the ground. Unless some means be found to obviate this difficulty it is thought the town will be moved to some point where wharf building will be practicable. This is unfortunate, for a finer townsite than Valdes is hard to find on the Alaskan coast.

Across the bay from Valdes at what is known as Swanport the A. C. Company purchased from the Indians several years ago a tract of land whereupon it was intended to erect a wharf, stores and warehouses. The government has taken over this land and is now building a wharf and making other improvements there. There is little available building ground at Swanport and a precipitous mountain rises back of it for thousands of feet. This point can be reached on foot from Valdes at low tide by a walk of about six miles. The building of a road above the tide between the two places, it is thought, would be very expensive.

There are now about 250 U. S. soldiers and government employees at Swanport. This force will be employed in the building of the government trail from Valdes to Eagle, on the Yukon. About seventy miles of this road are now completed with the exception of some rock cuts and a few bridges over small streams. The work will be pushed with vigor. —Alaska Truth.

Another Newspaper.

The Northern Star is the name of the weekly paper which makes its appearance at Whitehorse this week.

P. F. Scharschmidt is the editor and proprietor and A. M. Rosseau will conduct the paper's business affairs. Mr. Scharschmidt is well known as a customs broker in Bennett, and Mr. Rosseau is known far and near as a newspaper man of enterprise and ability. He is a brother-in-law of E. J. White of the Nugget staff.

The Northern Star will be run in connection with the Bennett Sun.

Now Will You Be Good.

There is a certain railway employe in Bennett who imagines he is the grand Poo-Bah in this neck of the woods. Perhaps he is, but in the opinion of a good many of our citizens he would serve his employers better if he were to show a little more courtesy to patrons of the road who have business to transact and occasionally want information in regard to transportation of goods, etc. We may be mistaken in our surmise, but are under the impression that this is the service he draws his salary to perform. —Bennett Sun.

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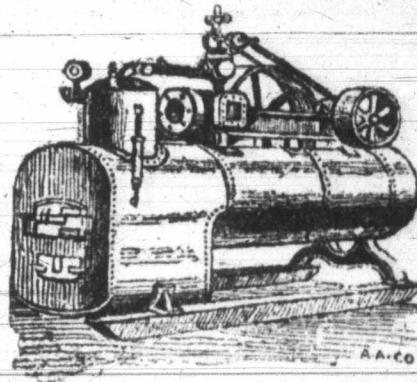
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