

A MINER'S MEETING

Was Held With a Big Crowd at Grand Forks on Last Saturday Night.

ORGANIZATION OF UNION COMPLETED

Councilman Wilson Writes a Letter to the Miners.

HE HAS HAD EXPERIENCE

The Matter of Labor Unions—Joe Clarke Does Not Love the Nugget a Little Bit.

The miners' meeting at Grand Forks Saturday evening was well attended. The house was crowded and much business of importance was transacted.

At 9 o'clock Mr. Brecken, president of the Miners' Union, called the meeting to order. Committeemen Barwell, Jewell, Jennings and Clarke were called for came forward.

Mr. Fitzgerald sang a song appropriate to the occasion, which was loudly applauded by the audience.

The declaration of principles of which a thousand had been printed and distributed in order to be read at the meeting, but no one present could produce a circular and the reading had to be dispensed with.

The minutes of the former meeting were to be read but were not at hand. The president then made an impassioned appeal for members.

He said in substance: "You supply corporations with means of living; you men produce the necessities of life; you should have preferences. Every industry is monopolized by great trusts. One-half of you succeed in getting the wages you have earned, and worked hard for; you are kept out of your wages when there is plenty to pay you. Assert your rights, as man will, if you do not. Mr. Brecken then gave quotations from some leaders, after which he again called for came forward.

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called for the declaration which had not yet arrived.

Secretary E. H. Dick then made a report of the finances. Total receipts, \$47; expenditures, \$27 for printing and \$15.20 for books. Bills payable, \$17.50 for circulars, \$4 for distributing same; ordered paid. A communication was then read from Councilman Wilson who had been elected honorary president and treasurer in a former meeting.

Mr. Wilson, who has had much experience with labor unions, gave the miners some good advice which was loudly applauded. Joe Clarke read the letter after which he announced that he had drawn up a constitution but before reading the same had a few remarks to make on things in general. The first matter that received his attention was the newspapers. Joe does not like the Nugget because the Nugget is opposed to "platform" miners. If there were no "platform" miners allowed in the miners' union Joe would have to stay outside. Consequently Joseph waxed exceedingly wrath in referring to the Nugget. The News does not satisfy the Joseph taste, but is better to his liking. He also paid his respects to the council, declaring the miners' lien law was not Wilson's, but the council's, etc., etc. Another matter which Joe thought needed attention was taking gold out of the country by individuals; so Joe wrote to the gold commissioner and received a reply that full information on the matter could be had at the gold commissioner's office. Joe said, "That's all the information I got." It could not quite be understood if Joe wanted the gold commissioner to call on him and give him a private audience or not. Joe said he heard a mine owners' union was to be organized. He said, "I have 27 claims, and I would like to see them put the entrance fee so high that I could not get in."

For an hour or more Joe shot right and left at everybody and everything, and then sat down to the great relief of his hearers.

The constitution was then read and adopted. The initiation fees were placed at \$5 and quarterly dues at \$2.50.

A motion was then made to send representatives to Caribou Friday evening, and to Gold Run on Saturday evening. The motion carried and committee appointed.

Al Smith of the Journal was then asked to address the meeting, but Al said he was no public speaker, and thanked the miners for the honor of being called upon and gracefully sat down again.

A big rush was then made to the various tables by those who desired to join the Miners' Union. A large number joined and the secretary was kept busy for an hour.

It was also announced that union tickets would be printed and ready for use at the next meeting which was called for next Saturday evening and an adjournment was taken to that time.

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O'BRIEN'S TRIAL BEGINS

Less Than Two Hours Devoted to Selecting Jury—Evidence Being Heard This Afternoon May Require Week.

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The above are the six good and true men who will try George O'Brien for his life on the charge of having, near Minto on the Yukon river, on Christmas day of 1899, murdered Lynn Relfe.

Less than two hours were consumed in empanelling the jury, 79 names of a special venire of 24 being consumed in its formation.

Every available inch in Judge Dugas' court room was occupied and dozens were craning their necks through windows this morning when court was called at 10:15 o'clock, the occasion being the beginning of the trial of the case of Rex vs. Geo. O'Brien charged with murder alleged to have been committed near Minto on Christmas day of 1899, when Fred H. Clayton, Lynn Relfe and Ole Olsen were murdered and their bodies thrown into the Yukon river through an opening in the ice; they being found, bullet perforated, several months later when the ice went out and the cruel Yukon gave up its dead claimed by it the previous winter.

The beginning of the case, as will be remembered, was set for Monday of last week but after the hearing of a number of motions submitted by O'Brien's attorneys, Messrs. Bleeker and Donaghy, was postponed until this morning, a venire for a jury having been issued and served in the meantime.

When O'Brien was called into the prisoner's box this morning, Attorney Bleeker raised a question as to the charge against his client, the commitment papers from Major Wood, the magistrate who conducted the preliminary hearing, one of the persons alleged to be murdered was designated as "Olsen." The attorney also insisted that his client be tried on the counts separately instead of on the three counts collectively. The judge granted the last motion and Crown Prosecutor Wade elected to proceed with the trial on the charge of murdering Lynn Relfe.

Attorney Bleeker then moved for a dismissal of the charge on the ground that the depositions taken at the preliminary hearing do not sustain the indictment for murder and therefore it should be quashed.

In ruling on the above motion his lordship stated that the act of the committing magistrate in holding the prisoner over to trial was guarantee that there was evidence of charges that warranted the investigation before the territorial court, and the motion was therefore disallowed and the clerk was ordered to call the names of the jurymen summoned, 23 of the 24 answering when their names were called. The work of selecting six jurors to well and faithfully hear the evidence and a verdict render at once proceeded, and to those present who have witnessed such things outside when a venire of perhaps 1000 names would be exhausted and weeks spent before the panel was completed the work this morning certainly commended itself.

Here as elsewhere business men have an antipathy to performing that duty which belongs to citizenship, but the shirking tendency was not predominant this morning. The defense challenged every man called for cause, but on trial before "tryers" in many cases no cause was found to exist. The defense exhausted five of the per-emptory challenges of the six to which it was entitled. Crown Prosecutor Wade exercised his challenge privilege in but one case.

The members of the venire called and challenged for cause or per-emptory and dismissed were: R. P. McLennan, James H. Falconer, Chas. Williams, Donald MacGregor, Richard Wigmore, Peter Vashon, Chas. Milne, John D. McMurray, Albert H. Moggridge, Fred J. Carskeller, J. Percy Bell, John K. Campbell, Henry B. Perkins and P. R. Ritchie, the latter being allowed to stand aside, but not dismissed, on account of weak eyes.

The six jurors chosen are all comparatively young men, none of them having evidently passed the 40th milestone, and at least six of them being under 30. They are an unusually intelligent sextette and there can be no doubt but that they will try the case as sworn to do, well and truly.

Early in the work of selecting the jury his lordship stated in unmistakable terms that any avoiding of jury duty from other than honest conviction would not be tolerated, and misrepresentation to enable the citizen to shirk would be dealt with.

Corporal John S. Piper and Constable David Moynie were sworn in as bailiffs and placed in charge of the jury with instructions from the judge to keep them in the courthouse at all times other than court hours when they are in the box; to permit them to converse with no one and to see that no papers came into their hands. Arrangements will, therefore, be made to feed and quarter the jury in the building.

An adjournment was taken until 2 o'clock this afternoon. At the reconvening of the court the room was crowded and many who failed to get in stood at the windows and watched the proceedings from without.

The afternoon was devoted by Crown Prosecutor Wade to stating the case to the jury which he did in its minutest particulars; first calling the attention of jury to the evidence which would disclose one of the most diabolical crimes in the history of the continent. He then described the finding of the bodies of the three men. Attorney Bleeker made an objection to any reference being made to the other men not described in the indictment. A warm argument ensued but the objection was overruled by the justice and Mr. Wade proceeded with the account of the finding of the bodies with all the gruesome particulars concerning the position of each together with the manner in which they were killed. Relfe with two bullet holes in him, one through the trunk and one in the head; Clayton with two bullet holes in him, in much the same manner and Olsen with his ribs fractured and his head shot to a pulp. Mr. Wade then continued with a description of the evidence which would be produced to prove the guilt of the prisoner. Mr. Wade's address is still being heard as we go to press and will be given in detail in tomorrow's issue.

STEAMBOAT NEWS. Manager Calderhead of the Klondike Corporation was jubilant this morning as he received a telegram that all three of his boats, the Ora, Flora and Nora, had arrived at Whitehorse Saturday night ahead of all other boats. The success attending these craft on the river has not been due alone to the light draft of the vessels, but in a large measure to the skillful handling of the saucy steamers by competent navigators, that line having without question the most experienced men on the river in the employ of the company. Following these boats the Clara-Monarch steamed into Whitehorse and after her yesterday all the fleet with the exception of the Bonanza King and Bailey sailed into their destination. The Ora, Flora and Nora work around the ice in the lakes in a channel which opened along the shore but the other boats were compelled to await the clearing of the lake which occurred Saturday night. The Ora and Flora will be dispatched through with light loads, the Nora going to Hootalinqua where she will act as a lighter for the other two boats, she to ply between that point and Whitehorse until such time as the water rises to a sufficient height to warrant taking full loads and going through. All scows are blocked in the lake as the water is too low for their navigation, consequently the first boats down will come in light with freight.

The new steamers Selkirk and Dawson left Whitehorse for Dawson this morning, they having been inspected and found all O. K., but the Canadian, which was to sail, was unable to get her clearance papers.

Children's Excursion. Capt. Hansen of the Northern Navigation Company will give a grand excursion on Wednesday for the children of Dawson. The steamer Susie will be used on the occasion and nothing will be spared to give the little ones a pleasant outing. Full details of the excursion will be published tomorrow.

Oregon cheese and Canadian Pull cream cheese. Selman & Myers. Crisped spring chicken. Selman & Myers. Latest Kodak finishing at Goetzman's. Kodak tripods; \$3.50 Goetzman's.

DROWNED SUNDAY

Andrew Lee Loses His Life in the Treacherous Klondike.

Another victim has been claimed by the treacherous water of the Klondike river—Andrew Lee, by name, a native of Norway, where his father and mother reside but a resident of Dekora, Tons, where his brother and family live.

The tragedy occurred yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock while Lee and his partner Olof Anderson were coming down the Klondike from the mouth of Hunker creek on a raft.

The story of the ride down the river as told by Anderson is one of thrilling interest and of narrow escapes for himself and of death for his partner Lee.

He said: "We have been working on Tom Kirkpatrick's claim on No. 1 above discovery on Hunker since the middle of March and Saturday we quit our work and were preparing to go down the river on a prospecting trip. We started from the claim Saturday evening and got down as far as the mouth of Hunker, where we put up at a roadhouse for the night. The next morning we tried to get the boatmen to bring us down but they would not come until they made up a load.

"We then saw some logs lying on the bank and thought we could make the trip in safety on a raft, so we proceeded to tie and nail together four of the largest and made quite a substantial raft. We tied our bedding and such other articles as we had with us on the raft and started out about 12 o'clock.

"We were getting along nicely until we met a man some distance from the mouth of Bear creek who shouted to us to look out for the mouth of Bear as the water at that place was very treacherous.

"Lee turned to me just before Bear was reached and asked if we had not better go to the other side of the river and get ashore and walk the balance of the way. I agreed and we crossed, but could not find any place to land and as we were right in the middle of the current we were taken down the river at a very rapid rate.

"We were carried right into the Skookum rapids and were nearly upset, but managed by hard work to keep the raft righted. As we came opposite the cliff roadhouse the current took us very close to the shore which was lined with protruding brush and sweepers and our raft was continually striking them and sometimes they turned us clear around. We worked hard to keep the raft from the bank but to no purpose as the current was too strong.

"We continued to drift for some distance among the overhanging bushes until finally we reached a big birch log lying right across our path and it was an impossibility for us to steer away from it. It was fully a foot in diameter and held in place by the roots which were upturned and in falling had come straight over the center of the current. It was probably 15 inches above the water. We had noticed it some distance up the river and I had prepared to meet it. I was on the front part of the raft as we came under it I gave a jump over and lighted again on the raft. I was not watching Lee, but as I came down I turned my head; I heard Lee give a yell and heard him fall into the water. By what means he fell I do not know. Whether he was swept off by the log or if attempting to jump over he tripped I did not see. I tried to get my pole to him, but without success. He came up once and started to swim, but suddenly gave a cry and disappeared.

"I then lost all control of the raft and it kept hitting the bank and brush and turning around and around and I let it go and took off my rubber boots and prepared myself to jump in protesting. I saw a good chance to get to shore. My opportunity came shortly when I came close to an island. The raft struck a root projecting in the water and turned again around and I jumped into the water and swam ashore. The raft went about 30 yards farther down stream and turned over.

"I was on the island about an hour when some men came along in a boat and picked me up and brought me and the baggage which we rescued from the raft into town.

Such is the story as told by Mr. Anderson in Magistrate Wroughton's court this morning were a police examination occurred.

Mr. Lee was according to Mr. Anderson a young man of good physical proportions, medium height and light complexioned, about 30 years of age; a man of good moral character and well liked among his fellow workers.

Last winter he worked a log on Righty pup Bonanza with a friend of his whose name Mr. Anderson could not remember and one of the objects of the trip down at this time was a contemplated visit to that friend who is now at work on upper Bonanza.

Lee had with him about \$50 in cash besides some suggests and he was coming from his work something over \$500.

The police have taken charge of the effects of the drowned man and will turn them over to the public administrator, who will settle up the estate.

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Jim Flannery is Bringing a Lot of Fine Horses

CATTLE GALORE EN ROUTE

Antone Standard Takes a Fall out of the Skagway Gambling House—Henry Bringing in His Herd.

Skagway, June 10.—One hundred and sixty people left on the train today for Dawson. Among them are Thos. McMullen of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Attorney Ridley and wife, John P. Clum, chief inspector of American mails, Eugene Ledy, with American military supplies, Frank M. and Leon Smith, of Bonanza creek.

Jim Flannery is coming with 45 horses, some of which are the best ever taken into the interior. He will bring the horses together with a big shipment of buckboards and other vehicles, using scows from Whitehorse to Dawson.

Thirty carloads of livestock were shipped for Esch, Handley and Porcupine, also a number for Shaw & Thibbo. Antone Standard and wife start for Dawson tomorrow. They have been here a week. Standard says he cleaned up \$500 from Skagway gambling houses.

FAILURE ANNOUNCED. British-American Corporation Goes into Liquidation.

London, June 4, via Skagway, June 10.—At a meeting of stockholders today it was announced that the British-American Corporation, which is heavily interested in the Yukon territory, will go into voluntary liquidation. The chairman of the meeting, amid howls and hostile demonstrations, announced that this was due to defalcations which occurred in connection with the London, Liverpool and Globe Company which failed some time ago.

Meeting Notice. A meeting of the Arctic Brotherhood will be held at McDonald hall tomorrow evening on which occasion some business of great importance to the camp will be discussed. All members are requested to attend as much business is to be transacted.

The Finest Yet. J. L. Dale & Co., the manufacturers, are now exhibiting the gold sovereign presented to Gov. Ogilvie. It is considered the finest piece of workmanship turned out in the Yukon territory.

The Pacific Cold Storage Co. offers every facility for keeping frozen products. Present E. File Extra fine Champagne, \$2. Regina Club hotel.

The old standby, Seal of North Carolina, is always generously good. Any kind of wine \$3 per bottle at the Regine Club hotel.