

IT ALL DEPENDS

On the Views of the Man Whether He Pays Taxes Or Not

SAYS THE COMMISSIONER, OGIUVIE

Who is Willing To Father The Turn-Over System.

WILSON ADMITS THEIR BRAIN

But Says the Members of the Council are Not Business Men—Wade's Plan Condemned.

From Thursday and Friday's Daily.
The collection of taxes is not being enforced. Those who see fit to do so come in and pay their taxes, and those who hold other views are also holding on to their money along with their opinions, and these latter form by far the larger class.

The Yukon council is also waiting. Mr. Ogilvie says the council is not waiting for the two newly elected councilmen to take their seats and an active part in steering the ship of state, but rather tarrying in behalf of the dissatisfied ones who have said nay to the proposition of taxation under the present system of assessment.

"I am willing," said the commissioner this morning, "to take all the blame of the matter if the 'turn over' system is wrong, or works any hardship on any one, because the scheme is wholly mine."

"Mr. Wilson, of the A. C. Co., has told us that while he did not doubt that we had the brains necessary, but that we were not business men. He did not think the 'turn over' scheme was a fair one, and I told him to get his adherents in that belief together and devise something better. He thought that an assessment based upon the capital invested would be a fair proposition, but anyone can see, if he is unprejudiced, that such a basis of assessment would be unfair, as, for instance, a company like the A. C., if assessed in the fall of the year, at the close of navigation would be paying taxes on, we will say a million dollars worth of goods, and if assessed in the spring would have to pay taxes on a sum much smaller than what they really should."

"That would make the assessment unjust in either case."

"Mr. Wade has suggested that assessments be based upon ground space. This plan would be ridiculous. The larger companies object to the present system on the ground that they are paying more than their share of the taxes. Can it be imagined for a single moment that they would not have to pay a great deal more under the scheme proposed by Mr. Wade? Look at the areas occupied by their stores and warehouses, and see if you don't think their taxes would come considerably higher if they were assessed under that kind of a scheme."

"When the council gets down to business after the new members have taken their seats we shall see. If the 'turn over' system is to stand then we will at once proceed to collect the taxes. If it is to be changed for some other system then we will have to decide upon what it is to be. In the meantime we are doing nothing but waiting."

"One thing is sure, that the taxpayers are better off under the present system than they would be under other forms of government imaginable, and if they are disposed to complain at fair measures adopted by the council, there is always open to them the remedy. Let them incorporate and relieve the council from the duties which are not performed to their liking."

Mr. Girouard also said that the council was busy waiting.

That Fire Last Night.

The fire last night did not amount to much as a fire, but what it lacked in that respect was more than made up for in the picturesqueness of the profanity with which the fire engines were

draped. The alarm was turned in by a patrolman from the Fairview hotel at 10:45, and the message he sent over the telephone wire was that there was a fire right back of the Fairview. The department responded and of course went to the corner of First street and Second avenue, where the patrolman who turned in the alarm should have been to show the fire fighters their work. Instead of this there was no one there who seemed capable of giving any information excepting to say, "It's out."

Naturally the fire department wanted some further particulars, and by dint of much questioning finally learned that the blaze had been on a vacant lot over on Third avenue nearly opposite the Chicago hotel, where a small tent had been burned. Hence the profanity and the agitation now on in the fire department for a fire alarm system.

It is said that about ten boxes would cover the needs of the city, and that they could be placed in position at a cost of about \$2000. The boys in the fire halls argue that the present system is apt at any time to result in the loss of time which will cost some one many times the price of the proper appliances for a good fire alarm system.

Foot Hardy Trip.

Two men started yesterday afternoon for Fortymile in a canoe. At a point near Moosehide where the flowing ice is jammed in a narrow channel they were observed to wave frantically their coats in a futile effort to attract help from the shore.

The men when last seen were in a most dangerous position and the Indians of Moosehide were making an attempt to rescue them. As they were wedged in the flow they could not be reached by boat. Should they pass the island in safety it is expected they would be able to make the shore as the channel broadens at that point, the ice spreading out and leaving many avenues of escape.

Court Adjourned.

The territorial court adjourned today for a week, and will open again November 2. Carpenters are at work on the upper floor of the courthouse today tearing out partitions and making it ready to do duty as a court room.

It is said that the room above will be used for the hearing of non-jury cases, and that below for jury trials. While this arrangement solves the problem of a second court room it still leaves the question of a jury room where it stood before. That is, that when jury is ready to retire for consultation, there is no place for it to retire to except out in the cold, cold world or the clerk's office. Clerk McDonald objects to this on one hand and the thermometer forbids it on the other. How the matter can be arranged remains to be seen, but so far no solution of the difficulty seems likely before next spring.

Not Enough Law.

Investigation this morning developed the fact that the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will probably have to take a hand at ordinance building before it can prosecute the work before it to any great extent, as all the law that bears on the subject is contained in two paragraphs of the criminal code. These provide for the arrest and punishment of the party guilty of cruelty to dogs, horses, cattle, poultry or other live stock, or any animal, whatever, wild or domestic, but only one, or practically only one penalty is attached—a fine of \$50, or two months' imprisonment, with or without hard labor, or both such fine and imprisonment.

Inasmuch as the offenses in this direction for which arrests may be made are varied and numerous, and the same punishment in all convictions would seem hardly to meet the requirements of the situation, some new legislation must be procured as soon as possible.

Missing People.

The following missing persons are inquired for by friends. Any information regarding any of them should be left at the N. W. M. P. town station.
Geo. W. Britain, Seattle, Wash.; Edilbert Perry, Aubainville, Cal.; Jas. H. Smith, Boston, Mass.; Wm. Gillson, Collingwood, Ont.; John Gillson, Collingwood, Ont.; Walter McDonald, Pictow, Ont.; Frank Watson, Tahoe, Cal.; Archie League, Minneapolis, Minn.; Robt. Williams, Minneapolis, Minn.

A Merry Party.

Henry Honnen entertained a number of his friends yesterday by giving them a sleigh ride in one of his handsome stages drawn by four high spirited horses. The guests were driven around the town and up to the Klondike, where a picture was taken of the party with the flowing ice of the Klondike for a background. The outfit will be used this winter on a regular run to and from the Forks.

MORE ROADS

Are To Be Constructed By The Yukon Council On The Different Creeks.

HUNKER, SULPHUR AND BONANZA

Creeks Are to be Given Immediate Attention.

THIS ACTION RECOMMENDED

By the Committee on Public Works—Other Business Transacted—Important Session.

A regular meeting of the Yukon council was held in the courthouse at 8 p. m., the commissioner presiding. Present, Messrs. Ogilvie, Girouard, Dugas, Senkler and Wood. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from the manager of the Yukon Sun, calling attention to a special illustrated number that was being published, and asking that the council order copies for circulation in Eastern Canada, England and the United States. Referred to the finance committee.

A communication was submitted from the comptroller with reference to the resolution of the council respecting the salary of the clerk of the council, stating that it would be necessary to pass a supplementary ordinance to provide for such increase. Referred to the finance committee.

A communication was submitted from the comptroller respecting the resolution of the council granting an increase of salary to the assistant license inspector, and pointing out that there was no appropriation for the payment of this, and that an ordinance should be passed to make provision for such payment. Referred to finance committee.

An account was submitted from Mr. Joseph McGillivray for assistance rendered in laying out and surveying a road from 60 below on Bonanza to Grand Forks, \$167.50. Referred to finance committee.

A communication was submitted from the comptroller accompanied by accounts from A. Klemash for \$30, British American Corporation \$14.50, being accounts for goods supplied to passengers wrecked on the steamer Stratton; also an account for \$6.50 for beef supplied to an indigent; also an account for Waterous steam fire engine, \$5665; and a freight bill of \$642.40. Referred to finance committee.

A communication was submitted from Wade & Aikman, barristers, asking that the council take action towards removing a small building used by the Dawson City Water and Power Company, from the neighborhood of the Melbourne hotel, on account of its danger to the hotel premises, and inconvenience to the proprietors, their clients. No action.

A communication was submitted from Lewis Couture, of Hunker creek, asking for an expenditure of \$250 to improve the trail around and in the neighborhood of the cliff on the Klondike river near the mouth of Hunker. Referred to the engineer of the Yukon council for report.

A petition was received from S. S. Mitchell and others, asking that a grant be made beginning the 1st of November, to cover the expenditure of a school building and teacher at Grand Forks. Referred to finance committee.

The committee on public works submitted the following report:
The committee of public works met in the commissioner's office at 4 p. m., Oct. 24, Mr. Justice Dugas, presiding. Present, Messrs. Ogilvie, Dugas and Senkler.

In reference to the petition of property owners on Harper street for the opening up of that street, the committee recommend that this be done forthwith, and that Fifth ave. be also opened between Mission and Third street.

With reference to the petition of the mine owners on Eureka creek for the construction of a road to that creek, your committee recommend a favorable consideration of this petition as soon as information has been received as to the best route to follow in the construction of this road. Your committee therefore beg that action be deferred until an examination of the proposed route is made under the direction of the commissioner in council.

With reference to the petition for the consideration of a road down Sulphur creek, your committee recommend that the engineer of the Yukon council be sent immediately to make an inspection of the ground over which the road is to be built, and recom-

mend that action be deferred until his report is received.

With reference to the petition for a road on Hunker creek, your committee recommend that an inspection be also made of this creek by the engineer who shall report as to the location of the route.

Your committee further recommend that the engineer of the Yukon council be instructed to supervise generally the roads which have already been constructed, and to see that they are kept in good order; and that in the meantime as the matter is urgent, men be sent immediately to the road up Bonanza creek, and the Ridge road to see that they are in proper condition for traffic.

Moved by Mr. Senkler, seconded by Mr. Wood.

Resolved, That as it was a matter of great urgency, a telephone be placed in the residence of the crown prosecutor, and that the account for the same be submitted to the department of justice.

Moved by Mr. Justice Dugas, seconded by Mr. Wood.

Resolved, That the acting legal adviser be communicated with to ascertain what arrangements the legal adviser had made with him, with respect to payment for his services.

The commissioner begged leave to introduce an ordinance respecting vaccination. The same was accordingly introduced and read the first time.

The council then adjourned until Friday at 4 o'clock.

About Maps.

"Did you ever notice," asked a gentleman in a down-town office yesterday, "the difference between maps?"

"As to how?" asked the one addressed.

"Well, now here is a map which is perfectly flat. That is, it does not represent in any way the earth's roundness, and here is another which shows the hemispheres and represents them as being round. Do you see any particular difference between them?"

The class in geography thus questioned replied that there seemed to be a difference in the size of the maps; the coloring was different, and they bore the names of different makers. Also one of them had a stick at the top and bottom to prevent rolling.

"I don't mean that," said the man who had given out the conundrum in the first place. "Now, I'll show you what I see you have not noticed. On the flat map you will notice that Greenland is drawn about three times the size of all of South America, and British Columbia is larger than its neighbor, which in reality we know to be just the reverse. I've puzzled over that thing till I thought I was going to have the smallpox by the way my head ached, and now see how simple it is. The flat map does not represent the convergence of the lines of longitude, and as these smaller countries have to be placed in their proper relationship to those lines, of course they are out of proportion. In other words the longitudinal lines are as far apart at the northern extremity of Greenland as they are at the equator."

"I'm a very busy man; still I can't help noting these things, and they bother me."

Too Much Hootch

"They're after me," is the gist of the remarks offered by Thomas McCan in the Good Samaritan hospital, and ever and anon he is troubled with visions not in keeping with life outside the pages of Don Quixote or the interior of a lunatic asylum. In other words, he sees things that are not, and they fill him with fear of what may happen if he is left alone. McCan was taken to the barracks on the 16th suffering with delirium, induced by over-indulgence in fire water, and during his sojourn there others got no opportunity of sleeping as he made so much noise. Consequently he was sent to the hospital, where he is said to be slowly recovering.

Rioting Soldiers.

A few days ago U. S. Commissioner Schlbrede of Skagway, sentenced three of the negro soldiers at that place to three months each in the district jail at Sitka for rioting. After imbibing freely of whisky the three "shades" started out to own the Gateway city, but ere long they owned only the space they occupied in the town jail.

Frugal Pearl Mitchell.

The body of Pearl Mitchell, the woman whom a coroner's jury decided was murdered by James Slorah on Tuesday, has been removed from the scene of the tragedy to Undertaker Green's morgue from which place it will be buried on Sunday at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. It will not be necessary to call upon the government or friends of the dead woman for funds with which to pay her funeral expenses, as she had a deposit in one of the local banks of \$900 in cash, and was besides possessed of considerable valuable jewelry and wearing apparel. Nothing has yet been learned as to where she was raised or regarding relatives, if she had any. It is not even known if the name by which she was known was her own.

THE MAIL IS COMING

Down The River In a Canoe, Passing Five Fingers This Morning.

THE EMMA NOTT IS ALSO COMING

Steamer Quick Tied Up For The Winter Below Forty-Mile.

PASSENGERS ARE MUSHING

On Towards Dawson—Scows Continue to Arrive From Above Loaded With Freight.

The present position of the little steamer Quick, which was a matter of conjecture yesterday, is today known to be about 13 miles below the N. A. T. & T. coal mine the other side of Fortymile, where she is tied up for the winter unless the river should clear again before closing finally. The Quick was not quick enough in getting back up the river before the ice got too thick for her to run against. The 30 men who have been constructing the new telegraph line to the boundary, and who were coming to Dawson on the slow boat with the swift name, are now mushing it somewhere between here and Fortymile.

From above the Emma Nott is reported by telegraph to have passed Ogilvie at 10 this morning on her way down. It has been remarked on the water front this morning that it is a thousand pities that all those wheels are aboard the Emma Nott which is coming through, and that the Quick, saving the wheel she will need in the spring, has none, and her passengers have to walk.

Another mail is coming, and should, barring mishap, reach Dawson very soon now, as it passed Five Fingers in a canoe early this morning. There are 500 pounds of it.

It looks bad for those who have been betting their shekles on the early closing of the river. From above comes the report that tributary streams have ceased putting ice into the Yukon, and the statement is lent a certain amount of verification by the fact that the Klondike has also quit furnishing ice to the larger stream, and that the Yukon is not nearly so thickly covered with ice today as it has been for several days past. The shore-ice which seems to extend further out into the current every day, does not present such a come-to-stay appearance today as it did yesterday, and has many damp looking places upon it. The Indians seem to place undisturbed confidence in its stability, however, as they are seen thickly scattered about upon it at the South End, where they are fishing through holes in the ice with considerable success.

The principal activity noted on the water front, or ice front, today is at the upper end where fire wood is being sawed by steam.

Three scows laden with C. D. Co.'s freight arrived yesterday and another was noticed making a successful landing at two o'clock this afternoon. It had aboard two large boilers. Yesterday evening two scows which had been unloaded opposite the upper part of the city, broke from their moorings under the heavy pressure of the ice and were carried past the water front and on down the river. Two men were about making frantic efforts to "snub" them with lines thrown from the shore, but their efforts were futile. When down almost opposite the hospital and where was open water, a small boat put out and took off the men, but the scows passed on northward.

A. F. Kilgore who was bringing in two scows laden with general merchandise and fruit for his store in "Gardolfo's Point," is said to be marooned in a blind slough this side of Stewart river and only 30 miles from Dawson. Late arrivals by scow assert that as it is impossible to travel faster than the ice, 30 miles a day is considered good travel as the river is now.

Sour Dough Letter Heads for sale at the Nugget office.