

ANOTHER LENGTHY SESSION

Of Yukon Council Took Place Yesterday Afternoon—Ordinances and Petitions Considered—Lien Law to be Drawn Up.

At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon the Yukon council again convened, the session lasting almost until 6. The first matter to come up was a petition signed by a number of claim owners on Bonanza asking that the application of H. H. Norwood for permission to appropriate 3000 inches of water on upper Bonanza be given favorable consideration. The petition bore such names as Sam Stanley, Charles Worden, Alex. McDonald, John Moe, Clarence Berry, Frank Berry, John Lind, I. Rosenbhal and many other of the heaviest operators on the creek. Before the petition was entirely read Dugas asked at a petition of such nature being presented to the council and at its conclusion remarked that such was clearly beyond the scope of the council to deal with and did not concern that body at all. It is within the province of the gold commissioner and the federal government and such has no business being presented to the Yukon council. Senkler also agreed that it should not have come before the council at all. Its proper place was with the gold commissioner. The council has no power whatever to deal with such matters. Dugas moved that the petition be not received and returned to the signers.

Prudhomme objected to such proceedings and moved an amendment that the petition be accepted and a special committee of three be named to investigate the merits of the matter. "It is our duty to look into it and we may be able to be of some assistance in preventing a great wrong being done a large number of people."

Dugas—"What is the use when it does not concern us at all and it is beyond our power to do anything one way or the other?"

Senkler—"It appears the same way to me. We can do nothing in the matter."

Prudhomme insisted on his amendment naming himself, Wilson and Senkler as the proposed committee. On a vote the amendment was lost. Newlands, Dugas and Senkler, voting nay.

Wilson read a lengthy letter which was prepared for Deputy Minister of the Interior Smart, but as that gentleman had left the city before the communication could be delivered the writer had requested that his ideas be conveyed to the council. The letter was signed by Alex. McDonald for himself and hundreds of others and contained a number of valuable suggestions by which the government could lend substantial aid in increasing the prosperity of the country. It referred to the fact that many of the high grade placer properties were nearly worked out which was in a measure responsible for the present stagnation, a condition, however, which could be easily remedied. It was strongly recommended that the area of hydraulic concessions be reduced; the government should furnish drills for the purpose of testing new ground by which more could be accomplished in one day than could by the old and more laborious method in a month, and would have the effect of opening up vast areas of new territory. Diamond drills should be supplied for prospecting quartz and the enormous beds of conglomerates that are known to exist in many localities; dredges of various kinds for the purpose of determining which is the best in handling the character of gravel found here; should control the sale of dynamite; build reservoirs and sell the water so impounded to the miners; take the duty off all machinery used for mining purposes which can not be procured in Canada. It was pointed out that the government is now paying a bonus of \$2 a ton upon the production of iron merely to assist in the establishment of a new industry, and the petitioners simply ask that the same consideration be shown the miners of the Yukon. In many different countries large tracts of land are irrigated by federal assistance; cities often build their own reservoirs and there is no apparent reason why similar help should not be rendered the people of this territory who are devoting their lives to the building up of what will eventually prove one of the richest sections of the Dominion of Canada. Let the government establish stamp mills, supply drills for experimental purposes, control the sale of water and the miners and prospectors will do the rest.

The communication was referred to

the committee of miscellaneous matters.

A large number of committee reports were made, principally on the petitions that had been presented the evening before. Re the applications for ferry privileges, Prudhomme, chairman of his committee, recommended that a license be issued to Thos. Whalen for a ferry crossing the Pelly river near Selkirk; V. A. Paine on the Stewart river at the government road crossing; Horace McKay on the Yukon near Mackay's; Lynch & Nelson on the Indian river. The committee also recommends that no license fee be charged for the balance of the year, the schedule of fees be submitted to the commissioner for approval, and that the rights granted cover only one-half mile on each side of each of the ferry crossings.

Wilson, chairman of the committee on private bills, to which was referred the petition of H. C. Macaulay and others praying for the incorporation of the Dawson Amateur Athletic Association, Ltd., recommended that the petition be received and that the fee for incorporation be remitted.

Girouard—"Why do you recommend that the fee be remitted?"

Wilson—"The association is purely a local affair and the recommendation of the remittance of the fee was made simply as an encouragement to clean, healthy sports and athletic pastimes."

Senkler, chairman of the committee on civil justice and miscellaneous matters, had several reports to make upon matters which had been referred to his committee. Re the petition of A. R. Thompson for assistance in sinking the deep shaft on 9a Eldorado, it is recommended that the government contribute the sum of \$15 per foot toward such work until \$1,000 has been expended, such assistance applying only to the work that is done after this date. Re the petition of the vestry of St. Paul's church praying that the sum of \$1500 be allowed for the removal of the old church buildings off Church street, the committee recommends that the prayer be granted. The petition of the Dawson City Water and Power Company for permission to establish a quartz mill to be operated under government supervision was acted favorably upon, the committee recommending that a contract be entered into with the company for the erection of such mill. The petition of the Dawson City Quartz Mining Company for assistance in making a mill test of the ore from their claims was also favorably received. The committee recommends that as soon as a quartz mill has been established and is ready to be operated under government supervision the commissioner pay for sample tests of not more than two tons each for two months after the establishment of such mill. The public libraries at Dawson and Whitehorse will still continue to receive substantial assistance from the government, the committee having recommended that the acting commissioner continue the payment of the sum of \$225 per month to the Public Library Association, of Dawson, and \$75 per month to the public library at Whitehorse until such time as the question of the support of the libraries and the administration of the same is arranged for; and further, that the acting commissioner and Mr. Senkler be a committee to confer with the city council with reference to the Carnegie library.

The legal adviser will endeavor to draw up a bill which will afford better protection to the miners and other laborers on claims. At the meeting Monday evening when the "deception" bill came up for its second reading and Prudhomme proposed an amendment the entire matter was referred to a committee of which Wilson is chairman. The committee recommends that the legal adviser be instructed to draw up an ordinance that will give to all laborers on a mine a lien upon the entire product of the mine and upon all chattels in connection therewith, and also a lien upon the entire interests of the owners of the mine over and above any mortgage registered under the placer or quartz regulations; also to give to the person supplying wood for the working of the mine a lien on the wood so supplied, said liens to be filed within 30 days of the completion of their contract.

Prudhomme presented a motion that the council recommend to the

governor-general in council that the fees on wood be reduced to 25 cents a cord the same as is collected in other parts of the Dominion. Newlands suggested with a smile that the council could memorialize the governor-general upon such questions but could hardly make a recommendation to such effect. The matter was referred to a special committee consisting of the acting commissioner, Prudhomme and Wilson.

Dugas moved the abolition of all the different standing committees. Motion referred.

Wilson introduced the ordinance incorporating the Dawson City Amateur Athletic Association and moved its first reading. He explained that that which had been introduced the evening before was the petition and not the bill which it had been inadvertently called. The same gentleman also proposed the second reading of the ordinance respecting unincorporated towns, the council later resolving itself into a committee of the whole to consider the bill section by section. The amendments provide for the raising of the license of hawkers and peddlers from \$20 to \$100 and on dogs from \$1 and \$2 to \$5. It is further provided that the residents of the Forks can again raise the fees when they so desire should the majority favor such action. The last section of the bill was stricken out after which it was given its third reading and passed.

The bill respecting the public service of the territory was given its second reading.

Then came the second reading of the bill respecting the council of the Yukon territory which provides for the election of five members and the division of the territory into five electoral districts.

Prudhomme does not approve of the division, thinks the members should be elected at large and asked the legal adviser for his authority in making such division.

Newlands, with a smile—"The territory is not divided; the bill has merely been presented and it is up to the council to either pass or reject it. The ordinance does not become a law until it is passed."

Prudhomme—"I object to this proposed division. The bill says there are to be five electoral districts whereas I insist there is but one and that is the entire territory."

Newlands—"As to the power to make this division, this council has all the powers of the assembly of the Northwest Territories which is conferred upon us by the act. The bill is made necessary for the purpose of amending certain portions of the old bill which are not applicable to the present election."

Prudhomme as an amendment moved that the bill be laid on the table, to which Newlands took exception, saying that the council should stand by the principle of the election as provided, but Prudhomme still objected to further procedure.

Dugas—"Why do you object?"

Prudhomme—"Because I think this division is illegal."

The reading was deferred until the evening session.

The second reading of the masters and servants ordinance stands until the legal adviser has prepared the new lien ordinance.

Other bills that received their second reading included the ordinance respecting the summoning of juries; that amending the ordinances of the Northwest Territories and making them applicable to the Yukon; that respecting public health; that respecting the prevention of fires; that amending the Dawson City charter; that consolidating certain ordinances; that respecting the legal profession. The latter was also given its third reading and passed. That respecting public schools also came up but on request of Dugas it was put aside in order to allow him time to look over it more thoroughly. The bill for the prevention of fires was given its third reading and passed. It was presented at the request of Major Snyder of Whitehorse who states that the railroad is in the habit of bringing in car loads of dynamite and leaving it in storage in the warehouses until shipment is made to Dawson. Such is extremely dangerous and should be stopped.

At the session of the council yesterday evening the first thing taken up was the slaughter house ordinance which was considered by the committee of the whole. The clause which limits such establishments to one

Shovel and Axe Chief Captured

Seattle, Aug. 31.—After stealing property worth thousands of dollars and giving the police authorities of Seattle and Tacoma no end of trouble for the last three months, the noted "ax and shovel" thief has been landed behind the bars. His name is Fred Moore Preston, alias Monroe Preston, alias George Harris, and he has been a resident of North Seattle for three or four years. His capture was effected by Chief of Police William Fackler, of Tacoma, last Wednesday afternoon.

The thief has already revealed the whereabouts of property valued in the aggregate at \$3,500. In consequence of his disclosures four other persons are now under arrest at the city prison and will probably be charged with receiving stolen property. They are Henry, better known as "Hank" Henkel, manager of the Owl saloon, at First avenue and Bell street; Abe Cohen, an employe of Piskey Barrett; Michael Cohen, who conducts a barber shop at 101 Occidental avenue, and Wesley Adams, colored, a saloon swamper.

When Preston was placed in the sweat box at Tacoma Friday afternoon by Detectives Tennant and Wappenstein he confessed his crimes little by little, until finally the authorities were in possession of the facts which led to the subsequent arrests and the recovery of the stolen property. Preston admitted, moreover, that he is the person who cached a large quantity of plunder near Madrona park, which was found by a small boy six weeks ago. The night the plunder was located Detectives Barbee and Tennant lay in wait for the thief. When he appeared he was commanded to surrender and escaped by lively sprinting in the darkness, two shots being fired after him by Detective Barbee. Preston stated yesterday that both bullets whistled so close to his ears he came within an ace of stopping in his flight and permitting himself to be placed under arrest.

CREDIT TO CHIEF FACKLER.

The credit for the capture of the famous "ax and shovel" thief, who received his title from the fact that he almost always used an ax or a shovel in prying open a door or window, is accorded by the Seattle police to Chief Fackler, of the Tacoma force. Almost two days elapsed, however, before it was discovered that Preston was the man who had committed at least fifty burglaries in Seattle. The prisoner confessed to several thefts in Tacoma, and has either told where the property was hidden or will do so today. He pretended ignorance of the burglaries in this city, however, and did not confess that he was the much-wanted man until questioned for some time by Detectives Tennant and Wappenstein.

Shortly after 2 o'clock last Wednesday afternoon a message was telephoned police headquarters at Tacoma that a burglar was going through the dwelling of E. F. Carlisle, proprietor of the Tacoma cafe, who lives at 312 North Cliff avenue. Every patrolman and detective on the force was absent from the station, and Chief Fackler started for the house alone. He met a suspicious looking character at Seventh avenue and C street, and asked the man a question or two. Not satisfied with his answers, the chief took him to Carlisle's residence. The man he had with him was there identified as the burglar who had gone through the house, Fresh paint, which had been used on a window facing, was found on the thief's clothing. He was taken to police headquarters and searched, and the property stolen from the house found in his pockets.

After denying for some time that he was responsible for a number of other burglaries which were committed in Tacoma during the last two weeks, Preston finally admitted his guilt in several instances. He took Chief Fackler, Capt. Murphy and Detective Sipo to a spot in the brush, at North Twenty-first avenue and Anderson street, just across the Prospect street bridge and near the Point Defiance car line, where silverware stolen from Mrs. Frank Knox Brown had been cached. The property comprised a part of the wedding presents of Mr. and Mrs. Brown, and is valued at \$150. A diamond ring, presented to Mrs. Brown by her husband as a wedding gift, was recovered in this city.

On the following day Chief Fackler notified Chief Sullivan of the arrest. At this time the identity of the man as the celebrated "ax and shovel" thief was not known. As he had been operating in Tacoma for two weeks, however, and no tricks had been turned during that period in Seattle, several members of the force were imbued with the idea that he might be the very man for whom they had sought so long.

Chief Sullivan decided the matter

was worth investigating and sent Detectives Tennant and Wappenstein to Tacoma Friday afternoon. After Preston, who had given the name of George Harris, had been closely questioned for two hours, he finally confessed that he had committed a number of burglaries in Seattle. He promised that if he were brought to the city he would reveal the whereabouts of all the property he had stolen.

Yesterday he was brought to Seattle by Chief Fackler, Capt. Murphy and Detective Sipo. At police headquarters he confessed to Chief Sullivan that he was the same person who had cashed the plunder found at Madrona park six weeks ago. He was sent with Detectives Tennant and Wappenstein and took them first to West Seattle. There he revealed the place where a large amount of his ill-gotten goods were concealed in the brush, near a high cliff. A part of this division of the plunder has been identified as the property of Harry J. Singleton, agent of the Amos Brown estate, and Mrs. A. G. Thompson, both of whom reside at West Seattle.

HAD MANY CACHES.

Returning to this city, Preston next conducted the detectives to the Albany house, at Fourth avenue south and Main street. Here the party proceeded to the room of Wesley Adams, colored, who has been employed as night porter, or swamper, at the Coeur d'Alene saloon. Adams and another man were in the room. Adams admitted that he had the property stolen. He had it secreted in another part of the building and was permitted to get it. He brought in a valise filled with silverware. Adams was placed under arrest and taken to the city prison. He will be charged with receiving stolen property.

From the Albany hotel the party went to the saloon of W. J. Clark, at First avenue and Bell street, where Henry Henkel is employed as manager. Henkel was not there, and the party went to his house, at 622 Twelfth avenue south. There a gunny sack full of silverware was secured. Henkel declared the goods had merely been left in his care. He was arrested and will also be charged with receiving stolen property.

The next objective point was the barber shop of Michael Cohen, under Williams Brothers' saloon, at Yesler way and Occidental avenue. Preston said he had sold Michael Cohen and his brother Abe, who recently arrived in the city from Oakland, Cal., eleven pairs of opera glasses, some broken gold, a turquoise and diamond ring and a meerschaum pipe. Both men declared that all they had ever received from Preston was the pipe and two pairs of opera glasses. They asserted that he had pawned the property with them, and that they did not suspect him of being a thief. The opera glasses and the pipe were secured, and the detectives also found the diamond ring which belongs to Mrs. Frank Knox Brown, of Tacoma, and other rings when Michael Cohen was searched. Detective Wappenstein has learned where the other opera glasses are and expects to secure them today. Both the Cohens were taken to the city prison and placed in confinement.

MANY CLAIMANTS APPEAR.

Among those appearing at police headquarters last evening and identifying stolen property were F. W. Fuller, of 1500 Thirtieth avenue south; Frederick C. Dimock, of 1208 Marston street; Clark M. Nettleton, civil service commissioner, William Duckering, the photographer, who lives at 2315 Minor avenue north, and Harry J. Singleton, who lives at West Seattle. Almost all of Fuller's wedding presents, valued at \$500, were recovered. Dimock found the most of the property stolen from his house, valued at \$150, in Chief Sullivan's private room. Many articles of silverware belonging to Mr. Nettleton were also located. Duckering missed a photographic lens valued at \$1.50, and asked Preston, who was in the room, where it was. He was informed it had been hidden in the brush near Madrona park. The burglar afterward accompanied the officers to the spot where he had hidden the lens, and it was returned to Duckering.

The police were busy until midnight picking up various articles from odd places around the city where they had been stored by Preston. Today he will be taken back to Tacoma to reveal the location of more plunder.

The name of the burglar was ascertained to be J. Monroe Preston, from a plumber's union card found in his pockets when he was arrested. He is known to have lived at various places around North Seattle for three or four years, and formerly conducted an express business. He is known to have another room at a

house on Third avenue, between Battery and Wall streets. This will be searched by the police today.

WOMAN IS INTERESTED.

W. J. Clark, proprietor of the Owl saloon, went to police headquarters last night, in company with Mrs. Robert Metz and Hattie Griffin, and asked to see Preston and Henkel. They were denied the privilege by Capt. Willard, whereupon the Griffin woman declared the burglar's real name is Fred Moore Preston. She grew very insulting at times because she was not permitted to see the thief. She was asked her name, and flippantly remarked that her name was nobody's business but her own. Capt. Willard smiled and told the woman her name and address. She grew red in the face and relapsed into silence. The police say that the Griffin woman has been on intimate terms with Preston for some time.

Preston helped people find their property, among the big assortment of articles in Chief Sullivan's office, with the utmost unconcern. One would have imagined the man to be a spectator or an officer from his air of nonchalance. He refused to say anything about his relatives, but Detectives Wappenstein and Tennant learned last night that they live near New Westminster, D. C.

"Give me a good send-off!" remarked Preston, with a grin, to a Post-Intelligencer reporter. "I am in for it now and guess I might as well have all the notoriety coming to me. One of the evening papers says I am guilty of fifty burglaries. The man that wrote that traduced me. I have torn off that many places in Seattle alone, if I'm not badly mistaken."

"Why have I always used an ax or a shovel to break into a house? I haven't. I used them when they could be found because they came in handy and saved me the trouble of carrying a jimmy. When they were not provided for me by some thoughtful person I generally got inside by other means."

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