

COUNCIL MEETING

Transacts Business of Importance

Fire Hall Will be Heated by Steam—Curfew Bell will be Rung.

Yesterday evening was the last night that the city council will meet in the Administration building and the members as well as the press celebrated the event by quietly following their own desires without regard to the wishes of an official caretaker who in times past has made life a burden for those who have attended the meetings of the council with any regularity. All the members were present and quite a quantity of important business was transacted. Petitions and communications were plentiful. The first to be presented was a report from Chief of Police Smith in which he called the attention of the police commissioner to the fact that he had proceeded against a number of prostitutes who have taken up their residence in South Dawson. The action was in response to a request from a number of ratepayers in that vicinity who object to the presence of the demi-monde in their locality. By means of a letter to the mayor the attention of his worship was called to the condition of the street crossing at the corner of Princess and Sixth avenue. The writer asserted that persons traveling that way were in danger of being swamped if something was not done to remedy the matter.

The N. A. T. & T. Co. sent in a communication asking that the city do something toward draining their premises on York street and First avenue. There is no sewer along York street and a quantity of water has settled underneath the company's store which it is impossible to drain off. The foundations of the building are being undermined and the stock is in danger of being damaged. They ask that a sewer be put in on York street and state that if their request is complied with they will at their own expense supply a steam pipe and the necessary steam to keep the sewer open all winter.

Several communications were received asking permission to make connection with the King street sewer. One was from Farr & McNeely, of the Melbourne cafe; another was from the Pioneer barber shop, and still another from the department of public works, the latter desiring to construct a drain from the basement of the postoffice building connecting with the sewer.

Messrs. Belcourt & McDougall, barbers, called the attention of the council to an item of \$7.50 due a client of theirs for labor performed for the city. It was stated that the pay sheets showed the amount to have been paid but the signatures thereon were forgeries and the rightful possessor of the amount had never received it. The following new bills were presented:

Dawson Water Co.	\$ 5.25
Dawson Water Co.	65.10
David Stevens	40.00
McLennan & McPeely	100.00
Palmer Bros.	168.00
Dept. Public Works, side-walks	28.60
Dept. Public Works, side-walks	138.35
Gutta Percha Co., Toronto	142.95

Norquay, chairman of the committee on fire, water and light, offered a resolution that the council accept the proposition of the N. C. Co. relative to the heating of No. 1 fire hall during the winter for the sum of \$1800. The council favored the motion with the exception of Vachon and he was against it with all his might and main. He was not against the use of steam, but rather was in favor of it. What he objected to was the price which he considered simply extortionate. In his opinion the fire hall could be heated with wood stoves for one half the amount. It was proposed to pay the N. C. Co. Last year his said steam heat had cost the council but \$225 a month and he could see no reason why the charge should be any higher this season. Last winter, too, steam was inadequate and a wood stove had to be kept going all the time during the cold weather. MacDonald reminded the gentleman that the company by the terms of the contract was bound to furnish sufficient heat, and Murphy stated that steam was necessary for the thawing out of the chemicals and keeping the cylinders at an even temperature. It was also asked Vachon if he considered the two pumps which the company had placed at the disposal of the city in the case of a fire of any value and he furnished. Vachon replied that he proposed to vote against the resolution simply because he thought the price asked much too high. In fact it was higher than tenders for similar service that had been made to other parties. The motion was put

and carried, Vachon alone voting nay.

The finance committee recommended payment of the following bills:

H. J. Goetzman	10.50
N. C. Co.	23.90
Yukon-Telephone Synd.	40.00
A. M. Brown	7.50
Electric Light Co.	17.70
Dawson News	95.45
Ch. Y. L. Co.	1100.42
Mrs. M. L. Ferguson	1000.00

Chief of Police Smith sent in a communication to the police commissioner calling attention to the large number of small boys who are in the habit of loitering and playing on the streets at night. They give the night detail much trouble and some of them were well unmanageable. He recommended the passing of a bylaw that would keep them at home.

Murphy moved that the city solicitor be instructed to prepare a bylaw providing for the payment of \$175 a month toward the support of the free library from September 1, of the present year, to January 1, 1903. Carried.

Norquay inquired what was intended to be the disposition of the council in reference to the petition of E. S. Strait received at the last meeting of the council. The member had been informed by Chief Lester that unless he were otherwise instructed by the council he proposed to prosecute the offender at once. It was resolved to leave the matter in the hands of the committee on fire, water and light, with power to act. The committee with the mayor and Chief Lester will investigate the matter further.

The matter of making the connections with the King street sewer that is asked by several persons along the street, was brought up by Murphy who made a motion that such be allowed. Before putting the motion his worship said he wished to first hear from the city engineer who was present. Mr. Rendell stated that unless the connections were properly made they would prove a great detriment to the sewer. Hot water from the barber shop and restaurant should be conducted to the sewer through iron pipes enclosed and packed in a box. The connections should be made at the manholes so that in case any trouble arose it would not be difficult to ascertain the cause. The drain at present from the barber shop was badly and was in a general bad condition. He thought, also, that the board of health should be considered and nothing in the way of garbage should be allowed to find its way into the sewer. The committee should have supervision of the entrances of the connections. The motion was carried.

Adair moved that the city solicitor be instructed to prepare a bylaw providing for the payment by the city of the sum of \$2500 annually toward the support of the Carnegie library as a permanent institution. Carried.

With reference to the communication of the N. A. T. & T. Co. for a sewer on York street his worship said that the present work the council now had in progress would aggregate an expenditure of \$6,000 of \$8,000 and he thought that was about all the city could stand the present year, though that desired by the N. A. T. & T. Co. was doubtless much needed. City Engineer Rendell again spoke of the collection of water from the store buildings of the company and that on account of the foundations settling it was necessary to reset the coors almost every week. Murphy ended the discussion by moving that the sewer be constructed to run from the water front to Second avenue. Adair had no particular objection to the sewer but he considered that the matter should be first thoroughly investigated by the city engineer before the heavy expenditure was incurred. The city has spent a great deal of money this year in sewers. Murphy replied that the York street sewer would cost no more than that on Harper street and not as much as that on Queen street. The company is one of the heaviest taxpayers in the city and is entitled to some consideration. The motion was carried and the sewer will be built at once.

A bylaw to amend bylaw No. 4 was introduced and passed all its stages. It provides for the change of the meeting place of the council from the Administration building to the present quarters of the city in the McLennan & McPeely building.

The bylaw to prevent the loitering of children on the street also passed all its stages. That respecting the numbering of the houses in the city was given its second reading. It will receive its third and final reading at the next session.

Murphy in a neat little speech spoke of the Dawson Amateur Athletic Association and its great benefit to the community at large as a place of amusement and recreation and he proposed that the city give the promoters some needed assistance in a manner which would be appreciated and not felt by the municipality. To that end he gave notice that at a meeting to be held not less than two weeks hence he would offer a resolution that the association be exempted from taxation for the next three years. It is understood the members are all agreeable to the motion.

This Evening's Meeting

At the meeting of the A. B.'s tonight several reports will come up for discussion of interest not only to the camp but to the public at large.

DENMAN THOMPSON'S

Famous Play at the Auditorium

The Old Homestead Makes the Biggest Hit Thus Far Scored.

Mr. Bittner has at length hit upon a play which is well calculated to show up every possibility in the way of character acting that each and every member of his company may possess. And it must be admitted that all of them fill the bill to general satisfaction. The play is Denman Thompson's "Old Homestead," which made such a fame nearly a quarter of a century ago and has maintained its popularity ever since. Each of the four acts has a cast to itself, with the exception of the principal character and one or two others, and in a limited company such as Mr. Bittner's one actor therefore plays two or three parts in the same play the same evening.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bittner made distinct hits last evening. Mr. Bittner needs little makeup for the famous character of Joshua Whitcomb, and he has a fund of dry humor and hearty, jolly laugh that interprets faithfully the whole-souled New Hampshire farmer that the playwright so cleverly sketched from nature. Mrs. Bittner has the part of Ricketty Ann, the work-us' orphan and in her make-up and the naïve way in which she emphasizes the few lines and the little business of the part she won great approval.

Miss Kelton, always a pleasing soubrette, was particularly so last night in her characterization of Anna Hopkins, and her song, "The Bogie Man," given with a realistic but not overdrawn "Ole Mammy" dialect and accent, was rapturously encored. There are several vocal specialties in the piece, and while the chorus singing was fairly good Mr. Readick distinguished himself in the hymn, "Fly as a Bird," sung in the scene of Grace Church, New York, while old Joshua is searching the streets for his wandering boy. Bittner well simulated the emotions it stirred up, but there was also more than one moist eye in the audience.

Moran's song, "Rip Van Winkle Was a Lucky Man," because for twenty years he escaped taxes and other necessary evils, produced roars of laughter, and was redemanded. To sum up it is the most enter-

taining play that Mr. Bittner has yet produced. It is full of fun from beginning to end, with a thin web of sadness just to hold the filly plot together, and every one of its many characters is well sustained.

Mr. Bittner announced last night as the play selected for next week, "Under Sealed Orders," and he also promised, and he always endeavors to keep his promises, to make some minor improvements. He is improving the Auditorium all the time, and he will therefore probably be pleased to have it suggested to him that a paint for the interior of the boxes that will not rub off on to the dress of the occupants will be highly esteemed after recent experiences.

Nothing to Say.

"What have you got to say for yourself," George Watson was asked in the police court this morning, charged with being drunk and disorderly, and to the surprise of the court, George answered "Nothing." He was undoubtedly contrite, however. He had been working on the docks and had come in on business but stayed to celebrate. Early last night he was carrying a big load, and staggered so much that a policeman thought he might smash into Hershberg's new plate glass front and do enough damage to take two or three months wages to pay for, so he took him to the barracks. George promised Magistrate Wroughton to go straight back to work, but the latter thought he ought to pay something for his spree and made the penalty \$2 and costs.

Going Quartz Mining

J. C. Nelson, of 18 above on Bonanza, came in last night and is staying at the Regina. He is a young-looking man, yet he has followed mining all the way from Bolivia to the farthest northern camp. He will leave for the outside in a few days, with the intention of opening up some quartz propositions he owns four miles from Howcan in Dixon's entrance. He has spent nearly ten years on the Yukon.

New Steam Drill

George T. Taylor, the New York mining expert, started the transportation of his steam core drill to McKinnon creek this morning, and will first make use of it to test the conglomerate deposits at that point. He received a telegram today that his five-stamp prospecting mill had reached Seattle and been shipped for McKinnon creek by that time. After making tests of the conglomerate the whole plant will be taken to the Stewart property to thoroughly prospect the placer ground there.

STATEMENTS REPUDIATED

Bellucose Minister Called Down

Premier Only Has Authority to Speak for the French Government.

Paris, Sept. 23.—Premier Combes of France repudiates the bellicose and irritating speeches of foreign minister Pelletan and war minister Andree, stating that no one but the premier has the right to speak for the government and its policy for friendly relations with foreign powers is unchanged.

CORELLI RESPONSIBLE

For Suicide of London Youth

He Had Been Reading "Mighty Atom" and Probably Went Insane.

London, Sept. 23.—A nineteen-year-old youth named Grosse suicided in London. He had been reading Corelli's "Mighty Atom," and left a page turned at the following: "If an eye offend thee pluck it out; if life offend give it back to Him who gave it."

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Items From Eldorado and Bonanza.

Mr. Tom McMullen, formerly proprietor of the Stockade hotel at 19 below Bonanza, has recently purchased the Star roadhouse at 21 below Bonanza. Tom is making extensive improvements at the new place and will be prepared to accommodate his many friends the coming winter.

There was a big raffling contest at 33 above Bonanza last Tuesday evening for an elegant silk pillow. Everybody shook dice. Miss Blanche shook for A. J. Maider and turned up 50 spots, which gave the pillow to Mr. Maider.

Mr. Frank Mills, who fell down the 14 foot shaft on King Solomon's Hill, is getting along fine, and his recovery is now assured.

Mr. A. Johnson of 8 below Bonanza left on the Yukoner for his home on the outside.

Mrs. Thompson, whose husband owns extensive mining interests on upper Bonanza, will leave for the outside in a day or two.

The Grand Forks boys will give another social dance at their hall next Friday evening. The floor is to be raised and leveled, which will insure a good time to all.

Mr. Wm. Brayton of King Solomon's Hill will leave for the outside in a day or two.

Mr. F. E. Casey who recently purchased the Skookon restaurant at Grand Forks is doing a nice business and expects to do a good trade this winter.

Mrs. Gardner, who has perhaps the widest acquaintance of any lady on the creeks, has opened the roadhouse on 8 below Bonanza. A number of improvements will be made on the place for the coming winter, and in addition to first-class meals Mrs. Gardner will give music and dancing lessons, having a large room for that purpose, and as her charges are but 50 cents a lesson she will undoubtedly have large classes for the coming winter.

The road between Dawson and Grand Forks is still in a pitiable condition, especially the lower half. Mr. A. Robertson who has charge of the upper half has several carts and with his small force has done remarkably well, but the lower part is in frightful shape, and it is no fault of the roadmaster. The men understand what is needed but cannot get the carts, which are very essential. There should be at least 50 teams at work on the road every day until the mud is scraped off and replaced by gravel. It is the only way the road can be put in proper condition. Let us have just a little assistance. There is not a man who goes up or down this important thoroughfare either a-foot or any

kind of conveyance that does not frown, and most of them use very harsh language against the powers that be for their laxity in neglecting this important road.

The big wrestling contest which began last Saturday evening between Swanson and Morrison was finished last evening at the Dewey. The contest began at 9:30 and was refereed by Ole Marsh. The first round lasted 18 minutes, when Morrison was given the decision. After a ten minute rest the men went at it again, young Swanson always being the aggressor. Morrison won the fall in 22 minutes. Before the contest it was agreed to wrestle with one arm around the throat, and considerable feeling manifested regarding the decision on the second fall. Many claimed that Morrison used the choke hold. The contest was exciting from start to finish, and the way Swanson squirmed out of tight places won the admiration of the audience. Ole Marsh was seen after the contest and said Swanson was the most clever man in the country, and with proper coaching could beat Morrison every time.

WHAT A DAWSON MAN SAYS

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" " " "	2.00	White Handkerchiefs, 3 for	25c	" " Coats	2.50
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Wright's Health Underwear, per suit	4.50	Overshirts, extra heavy, reduced to	\$ 1.50	Big line all-wool Sweaters, 75c and	1.00
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