

FOURTH OF JULY

Committee Met and Transacted Considerable Business Last Night.

\$2000 WANTED FOR PRIZE MONEY.

Many New Names Added to Sports Committee.

BILLY THOMAS' GRAND STAND

Proposition Accepted—Completed List of Sports Committee—Parade a Grand Feature.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

The executive committee of the Fourth of July celebration met last night at the Board of Trade rooms to hear the report of the different committees. Owing to the departure of the S. Y. T. Co.'s boat, Mr. Te Roller, chairman of the committee, was absent, and Leroy Tozier acted in his stead. Reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with and the several committees reported the progress made by them.

Billy Thomas reported for the music committee that the number of available musicians in Dawson will not exceed more than 16 pieces, as many musicians have gone to Nome. He suggested that two bands of eight or nine pieces might be arranged for and also a fife and drum corps to lead the procession. Both bands could later in the day give a grand concert.

The committee on decorations reported the impossibility of securing bunting in Dawson sufficient for the occasion, consequently it was suggested that a quantity should be immediately telegraphed for to be shipped from Skagway. Arches in different parts of the city will be put up, probably by enterprising merchants; these will be appropriately decorated by the committee.

Donald Olson, chairman of the committee on parade, reported progress. A great deal of interest in being taken in this part of the day's proceedings by the business men of the town as beautiful floats are to be made and entered in the procession by the manufacturing and mercantile houses. There is no doubt but that this feature of the day will be a great success and original and attractive floats may be expected to be seen.

A. F. Martin was appointed as a member of the finance committee to gather funds in the district adjacent to Hunker and Last Chance.

The printing of the official program was awarded to E. J. Fitzpatrick.

The sports committee read the list of prizes to be awarded during the day and asked to be allowed \$2000 for expenditures. No action was taken, however, on this matter at last night's meeting.

Billy Thomas offered to erect a grand stand and pay the committee a percentage of the receipts from the sale of seats; his proposition was accepted.

The following names were added to the sports committee:

Capt. D. B. Olsen, J. Dougherty, Tom O'Brien, Ben Trenneman, W. Sullivan, Geo. Noble, — Brimstone, A. L. Stevens, Joe Boyle, W. H. B. Lynn, L. W. Rose, — McTavish, Chas. Hanson, Geo. Cantwell, W. C. Young, R. B. Switzer, — Langley, Fred McCarthy, F. H. Atwood.

The committee submitted the following list of sports as the program of the great day: Tug of war (clear pulling), putting the shot, tossing the caber, running high jump, vaulting with pole, running hop-step-and-jump, running broad jump, miners' pack race (50 pounds) sack race, climbing greasy pole, obstacle race, three legged race, 100 yards race, 120 yards hurdle (six hurdles), 420 yards race, boys' race (15 and under), veterans' race, quarter mile dash bicycle, one-half mile dash bicycle, single canoe, double canoe, four paddle, across river; half mile dash horse race, quarter mile horse race (in heats), half mile mule race, three broad jumps, committee race, potato race, wood-chopping contest, girl's race (15 and under),

exhibition drill, and the grand parade. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 o'clock to meet again in one week at the same place.

Another Steamer for Nome.

Seattle No. 3 and barge 4 sailed last night at 9:35 for St. Michael with 160 passengers, her full carrying capacity. She made a very pretty start and swung gracefully around as she turned down stream under a full head of steam. The bank of the river was lined with people who cheered their departing friends.

This is the last boat but one, the Hannah, which will be at the lower river from Dawson at the opening of navigation on the coast. The Campbell, owned by the S. Y. T. Co., which is now at St. Michael will be dispatched up the river and will be the next boat of this company to leave Dawson.

Seattle No. 3, Rock Island and the Campbell will all come up the river with barges in tow loaded with general merchandise. It is estimated the carrying capacity of the fleet is 2000 tons on each trip. The average time consumed in coming up from St. Michael loaded is about 17 days if no stops are made, but if, as will probably be the case, the boats unload at way ports the time consumed will be nearly three weeks.

The C. D. Co.'s handsome steamer Sybil left today for Whitehorse with 150 passengers. This boat is now in excellent shape and is one of the most comfortable and swift boats on the Yukon. She carries the outgoing mail. The next boat to leave the company's dock will be the Canadian which is expected to arrive in Dawson on Thursday.

R. W. Calderhead, agent of the Klondike Corporation is in receipt of a telegram from Manager Potts stating that all baggage which was held at Bennett owing to non completion of the W. P. & Y. R. to Whitehorse, was shipped through today. Consequently the passengers who came down on the Ora and Flora without their baggage will receive it on the incoming Flora. She leaves Whitehorse late tonight on her return trip. The railroad is reported badly blocked with freight.

The Ora is now going through Thirty-mile on her way to the lake.

The river is gradually rising day after day at the up river points. The weather is reported cool and cloudy from Hootalinqua to Bennett. Below the former all down the river a rise in temperature is noted.

Market Fluctuations.

"There is probably not a spot on earth where there is as much fluctuation in prices as right here in Dawson," said a merchant who is up against it on one or more propositions, to the Reporter yesterday. Continuing he said:

"Take potatoes, for instance: Three weeks ago they were scarce at \$1.25 per pound; then it looked as though they might go up to \$2 per pound before there would be any decline. What happened, I got in and made a corner on potatoes. The next day a scow arrived with ten tons of as fine, succulent tubers as ever kissed the lips of man; potatoes at once dropped to three pounds for one dollar; today they are down to 20 cents per pound and I suppose they will continue to go down until they reach Kansas prices. It is just my luck. Every time I look at a potato these days it seems to me I can see potato eyes winking in derision at me. If you have the price, I think you might say something pleasant."

POLICE COURT NEWS.

Superintendent Primrose occupied the judicial chair in the police court this morning.

The first was that of Lulu Watts, charged with striking the proprietor of a restaurant over the head with a bottle this morning, where the aforesaid Lulu had partaken of either a late supper or an early breakfast. Lulu, who walked as though she was hobbled, entered a plea of not guilty. The man testified that Lulu, in company with two gentlemen friends, had come into his place of business to eat; that they had complained of the service and had been told by him that if things did not suit them to go elsewhere; that he did not consider that he had insulted anybody, but that on that point an altercation had followed in which there was a general mixup, but he could not swear positively that Lulu had biffed him on the head with a bottle. As Sergeant Wilson was of the opinion that he could substantiate the charge by witnesses to the fracas, the case was continued until this afternoon.

A long list of informations, making 22 in all, were sworn to against Battoff and Bexton, on whose claims, 16 and 17 Hunker, the men were employed during the past winter and spring. In the meantime Battoff & Buxton have assigned their claims and dumps to the Canadian Bank of Commerce for the benefit of the creditors, but the creditors allege that the dirt was rocked out as mined and that the dumps are practically valueless. The cases will be heard this afternoon.

Carbon paper for sale at the Nugget office.

Sour Dough Letter Heads for sale at the Nugget office.

DRAGGING ALONG.

The Senkler Investigation Adjourned Last Night for Another Week.

HURDMAN'S USE OF BURRITT'S NAME.

Gold Commissioner Senkler's Positive Testimony.

EVENT ENLIVENED BY A TILT

In Which Insinuations Are Made and Dark, Ominous Looks Cast by Mr. Woodworth and Mr. Bell.

It was nearly 8:30 o'clock when Commissioner Dugas court of investigation in the matter of the charges preferred against Gold Commissioner Senkler convened.

W. E. Burritt was the first witness called, and in answer to a question from the commissioner as to how claim 2 above upper on Dominion came to be recorded in his name, he said he did not know until the spring of '99 that the claim was recorded in his name. He learned then who had recorded in his name, but raised the question of privilege on account of clientage; but when instructed to answer and divulge the name of the person who had used his name, he said it was Hurdman; that later Hurdman had instructed him to turn his interest above mentioned to Dr. Simpson, and he (Burritt) had done so without asking any questions or knowing anything about the nature of the transaction between Hurdman and Simpson. Witness Burritt volunteered the statement that he was confident the gold commissioner knew nothing of the matter.

Attorney Wade, after slowly looking over the small audience, asked where Mr. D. G. McTavish was; but no one present could give the desired information. The witness Vitquain was also asked for and it was stated that he is now employed on the steamer Yukoner and that the steamer is now stuck on a bar in Lake LeBarge.

Mr. Senkler was called to the witness stand and sworn. His evidence was substantially as follows: I knew nothing of any of the claims or fractions spoken of in the charges being recorded until long after they had been recorded; that Witness Fisher was mistaken when he said that he (Senkler) knew when the Diffendorfer fraction had been recorded; that when he learned the fractions had been recorded he (Senkler) had canceled them. He could not understand why the Diffendorfer fraction had been located, staked and recorded unless it was through the mistake of clerk Fish, who was then inexperienced in the discharge of his clerical duties; he has always been careful in instructing his clerks to exercise great care; that he did not know that the Edwards property had been recorded until this investigation started, and that he had then cancelled it. Senkler said:

"I have absolutely no connection in any way with Dr. Simpson. I have no interest either directly or indirectly in any claim in the Yukon; I have spoken with Dr. Simpson on the street in regard to his property, as he and I came to the country together. I never talked to him about any Hobson fraction." He denied that Dr. Simpson, before leaving for the outside, spent an hour and a half in his (Senkler's) office, and said, "It is absolutely false." Mr. Senkler denied that Dr. Simpson had ever received a favor from him in his official administration.

Previous to the arrival of Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell in February, 1900, the witness had been very busy, so busy, indeed, that he rarely ever had time to look after the business as conducted by the clerks in the outer office; that during the first six months of his administration an average of 25 grants had been daily issued from his office; it is impossible for him (Senkler) to go out and personally visit all claims for which applications for grants were made; such a thing is wholly out of the question.

Mr. Senkler remembered having talked with his predecessor, Fawcett, about a complaint of John Mahon regarding a hillside claim opposite 2 above lower discovery on Dominion; that later he (Senkler) had reopened the case previously acted upon by Commissioner Fawcett; that he had set three different dates for its hearing, and that Mahon had declined to serve the papers on the other parties, and that he had dismissed the case; that it was Mahon's fault that the case was dismissed.

Attorney Woodworth in behalf of McTavish instituted cross-examination and proceeded to question the gold commissioner regarding mining property acquired by other government officials, but his questions were ruled out of order by the commissioner.

Mr. Senkler denied ever saying "It is impossible to get an honest bench claim clerk."

Mr. Woodworth at this point, stated that he did not think it proper to continue his questions further. It was not the words said but probably the tone in which they were said that seemed to have an effect similar to that for which a red flag is used at a Spanish bull fight; at least, general ire seemed to have been stirred at the words "other government officials" used by the attorney in his question to the gold commissioner as to whether they had not secured valuable mining property. Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell, the official who closed his office to newspaper reporters a short time previous to the arrest and conviction of one of his clerks on the charge of bribery, was seated on a bench back of the attorney who was interrupted by the man on the back seat saying: "Now he is trying to throw dirt." Attorney Woodworth turned hastily to the assistant gold commissioner and replied: "Yes, and I can throw more dirt than will be relished if I care to do it."

Commissioner Dugas poured oil on the troubled waters by asserting that officials whose names had not been mentioned in the charges should not be brought into the case; that while there is no doubt but that men have been connected with the gold commissioner's office that should never have been there, yet no charges are before this commission against them and they should not be drawn into the case. The Judge said there are too many people in this country who are ever ready to throw dirt at officials; that it has come to such a pass here that the very name "official" is synonymous with crookedness, and that it should not be so.

Attorney Woodworth asked if it was the same meaning attached to the word "official" in other parts of Canada.

Attorney Wade answered the question by saying that in no other portion of Canada are there nearly so many dirt throwers as here in the Yukon; that here there is a pack of agitators whose one object in life is to throw dirt at and vilify officials.

In reply Mr. Woodworth said that, in behalf of Mr. McTavish he had endeavored to conduct the case with all equity and fairness, the prime object being to get at the truth; that Mr. Wade and Mr. Senkler had departed themselves like gentlemen, but that he did not propose to stand for any duff and insinuations hurled at him from back seats; that he had endeavored to make his demeanor that of a gentleman, and that if he had failed, it was through error of the head and not of the heart.

Judge Dugas replied that during the investigation Mr. Woodworth had certainly departed himself as a gentleman, but that last night he had "overstepped the limits."

During all the above firing and cross-firing, the witness, Mr. Senkler, was left to stand in the witness box. When the white-winged angel of peace had once more spread her pinions over the scene it was decided to adjourn the investigation for a week and possibly longer, as it is desired to have Mr. Vitquain, who is now up the river on the Yukoner, present at the next sitting. It was also ordered that a Mr. Smith and Dr. Simpson both be brought before the commissioner at the next session of the investigation.

A Successful Ascension.

Prof Leonard gave his new airship its trial trip last evening and demonstrated most successfully that he can make a balloon with as much facility as he can navigate one through the air. The new balloon is much larger and heavier than the one which met such a disastrous fate some weeks ago, but no difficulty was experienced in making the ascension after all arrangements were completed. When the balloon was partially filled with hot air the canvas became ignited but the blaze was promptly extinguished and Leonard soon had a patch over the burned portion.

Special Power of Attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

BULLET BORED

Body No. 2 Was Found Yesterday Twelve Miles Above Selkirk and

IDENTIFIED AS BEING LYNN RELFE

By Letters and Papers Found in the Clothing.

COMING HERE BY NEXT BOAT.

Clayson's Body Shipped to Skagway Today—Mystery of Triple Murder Clearing Away.

The body of Lynn Relfe who was murdered on Christmas day along with Fred H. Clayson and Lineman Olson at a point near Minto, was found yesterday floating in the Yukon river about 12 miles above Selkirk. There is no doubt as to the identity of the body, as letters were found in the pockets of the dead man's clothing which confirm his identity beyond all doubt. The body was brought to Selkirk by the parties finding it and turned over to the police. There is one bullet hole through the body and another through the head. It will be brought to Dawson on the first steamer.

The body of Fred H. Clayson was shipped on the Sybil today en route to his family at Skagway.

It is not known yet whether or not the body reported to have been seen above the mouth of White river on the Yukon by a man named Waters has been recovered.

All that now remains to clear away the mystery of the triple murder of Christmas day is that Olson's body be found and identified, and in all likelihood the body of the other victim will be in the hands of the officers of the law soon. The dark river is giving up its dead and its mysteries, and the crime which marks the darkest spot on the pages of Yukon history will be disrobed of the mystery which has long enshrouded it, and the triple murderer or murderers, one of whom is now, there is little doubt, in custody, will be made to expiate the crime insofar as the forfeit of his worthless life will do it.

Hootch Crazed.

A man named Gordon who, from the way he grappled with the arresting officer, may be related to the old fighting Gordon stock of Georgia. It was necessary to bundle Gordon into a wagon in order to facilitate the job of landing him at the guardhouse, where, for several hours, he made life a burden to all within hearing of his shrieks and curses.

The man was thoroughly hootch crazed; his condition emphasizing the fact that there is a fortune awaiting the man who will invent a hootch meter to measure the amount every man is able to stand, and when his capacity has been determined he should be given a slip stating his limit, and when his hootch meter indicates that the limit mark is reached, no more should be given him. The meter could be worn when required and carried in a pocket when not in use.

Lost Persons.

The following named persons, having from the address after their respective names, are inquired for by anxious relatives on the outside, and information concerning any of them should be reported at the town station:

R. W. Scott, Huron, S. D.; Alex. H. Somerville, Princeton, Ont.; — Soper, Hackensack, Bergen Co., N. J.; H. P. Gaillard, San Francisco, Cal.; Chas. Weaver, Western Kansas; Robert Burns Caigron, Victoria, B. C.; H. Strathdee, Banford, Ont.; N. S. Abrahamson, Redlands, Cal.; James Pickup, Manchester, New England; Theodore Heleberg, Newark, N. J.; Thomas Graham Patterson, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. John Lovell, Cleveland, Ohio; I. J. Galbraith, Spokane, Wash.; Joseph Daneker, Oakland, Cal.; Thomas Mahanna; Edmund F. Coombs, Mt. Vernon, Jefferson Co., Ill.; Edward G. Gillam, Victoria, B. C.; — Petery.

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Mr. H. W. Bracken a Dawson

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From Wedn

The following was the request that it be H. W. Bracken, as an inventor, Bracken safety elevator battery die and a separate gold from tions which have r over the mining w the United States, man at the Good The Nugget of C columns published fortunate luck in A and burial of his Bracken, of Eureka, arrival of the su Dawson.

Four years ago c

infringed on Mr. Br trusts, it crowded which left the in means to enjoy the own genius. A t happened. His bro of house and hor time, both were di wealth. They decide gain their lost fort most speedy way to in life again. They two years ago on th after 46 days of con they landed at St. passage on the stea up the Koyukuk to tion, then they poll head of the water, pected, but found r ing. In consequen the season and sc turned and rowed over 1000 miles, p and tributaries un Yukon and took boat for Dawson I into the Dall river f

The two brothers 15 miles, built a cab cords of wood; dur gave free hospitality stamped to the K on tramway bar. A the river was too d was the time of — his brother when i When navigation c brother stationed a passing boats; many distress to be ignore to return broken h his brother, emacia bed. At last Capt. boat John Cudaby, k sufferer to the Cir where in a few day buried unknown to though a good me The broken hearted the wood to send brother's family, b buyer. He came up the last trip of the ing the change to n would tend to build and that he would again.

Last fall while he on the creeks some and all it contained, the clothes on his police got the man months. Mr. Bracke scientific mining ma in that line last w compete with others labor, until last we town to sell his wood company.

Last Tuesday even Mr. McLaughlin inv Masonic entertainm enjoyed a pleasant ternity The invited on for a speech, as i a head like Col. Bracken responded t an extemporaneous s the occasion, display orator like that of i in fluency of wit eloquence of pathos a Beecher, and whic ing clergymen wou speech which all me with Mr. Bracken good health, but at 4 ous colic rolled him sudden prostration to the Good Samarit Dr. Long, Thomps kindly gave their s