

HAVE SPOKEN

Property Owners of Dawson a Unit in Opposing Incorporation.

IT WAS MONSTER PETITION PRESENTED

To the Yukon Council at Its Last Regular Meeting.

IT IS "VOX POPULI, VOX DEI"

Pro-Incorporation Meeting Can Not be Representative of Dawson's Property Interests.

From Monday and Tuesday's Daily.

Just what a pro-incorporation meeting in Dawson at the present time will be like or who among the many property owners not already on record as being opposed to incorporation remains to take part in such a meeting is yet to be seen; but from the long list of names which appears further on in this article it is apparent that but very few property owners and representative people in Dawson desire to change from the present economical and well administered form of government to one of unknown cost and eminently questionable administration.

Those who had charge of the circulation of the monster petition are authority for the statement that not one property owner in fifty to whom the petition was presented refused to sign it. It is a case of vox populi; and when the people are a practical unit regarding any measure on any question, they are usually in the right. Below is presented the full petition, with the names of the signers, presented to the Yukon council at its last regular meeting:

To the Honorable the Commissioner in Council of the Yukon Territory:

The petition of the undersigned humbly sheweth:

1. That your petitioners are residents and property holders in the City of Dawson, Yukon territory, Canada.

2. That your petitioners understand that an ordinance is about to be presented having for its purpose the incorporation, as a municipality, of the City of Dawson.

3. That your petitioners are well satisfied with the present system of government in the City of Dawson, and have full confidence that in the future the commissioner in council will manage the city's affairs in a manner entirely satisfactory to the property holders and residents, and at much less expense than the same could be managed by an incorporated municipality.

4. That your petitioners do not think that incorporation is necessary for the purpose of the welfare of the city of Dawson, having in view the fact, among others, that the population of the city is for the most part transient, and that the time is not ripe for such incorporation.

Your petitioners, therefore, pray that your honorable body will refuse to pass any ordinance having for its purpose the incorporation of the City of Dawson.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, etc. etc.

Dated at Dawson, Yukon territory, Canada, Dec. 28th, 1900.

The petition is signed by the following named property holders, and companies by their managers:

N. A. T. & T. Co., J. J. Delaney; Ames Mercantile Co., W. H. Parsons; P. A. Wilson, M. A. Hanling, C. W. Thebo, J. W. Hobbs, C. F. Hack, W. M. Clarke, W. E. Sullivan, Yukon Iron Works, W. C. Dawson; Trading & Exploring Co., J. B. Wood; Selman & Myers, Canadian-Yukon Lumber Co., Ltd., S. D. Price; Joseph Ladue Gold Mining & Development Co. of Yukon, Cascade Steam Laundry, Regina Club hotel, T. C. Healy; Chute & Wills, R. M. De Gex, Wm. Cline, Rosenthal & Pilets, Fairview hotel, Mrs. B. A. Carboneau, C. E. Carboneau, Lewin Bros., W. O. Young, A. Spitzel, Joseph Dolan, J. N. Storrey, G. Whitehead, L. O. Carter, O. W. Complin, John J. Lion, G. W. Reinckard, Henry Reinsteig, A. Mayle, T. R. S. Barlee, R.

Walkir, Rinfret & Bro., H. O. Tiedeman, H. C. McDermott, A. Dugas, W. P. & Y. R., J. H. Rogers; Frank Mortimer, C. B. Simms, Robertson & Robertson, H. S. Wilson, A. Scott, T. F. Williams, H. Stafford, L. A. Clark, J. & T. Adair, W. B. Lusk, H. Gould, John Talyor, G. L. Wilson, M. Honeywell, C. D. Grage, R. A. Russell, John Gibson, J. P. Bell, D. H. Morrin, E. E. Tiffin, Chas. Ross, H. J. Woodside, M. S. Thompson, R. L. Bernard, R. J. McChesney, R. Chisholm, W. A. Gluz, J. A. Christie, H. J. Megneerey, J. L. Graff, G. A. Coleman, J. R. Binet, J. Lamar, George Pack, R. Sullivan, P. Sutherland, J. G. Boyd, H. Pinkert, F. C. Wade, A. S. Lewin, H. A. Bliss, D. G. Stewart, J. Hess, James Morrison, Albert Mayer, W. S. Phillips, C. H. Lindeman, A. McCarter, E. J. Stees, C. E. Powell, A. J. Nardale, H. Hershberg & Co., John A. Moe, Murray Bros., B. F. Davis, H. Hamburger, C. E. Miller, A. E. Ritzwall, A. Boyker, Chas. H. Marks, J. L. Sale, Standard Oil Co., T. M. D. Rainobw, Lon Griffin, Darms Printing Co., G. L. Schooling, D. B. Olson, H. K. Staphman, A. Schulinger, Geo. Apple, L. Elliot, J. F. Burke, J. Boyle, Menzie's addition, Emil Stauff; F. N. Johnson, Wm. Davis, J. K. Gandolfo, N. E. Reinhardt, W. G. Baird, Yukon Dock Co., W. Meed, H. C. Stewart, H. L. Meyers, J. L. Timmins, Holme, Miller & Co., W. G. Jenkins, W. J. Burritt, Anderson Bros., J. A. Williams, Sargent & Piska, Bank of British North America, D. Doig; Macauley Bros., Alex McDonald, J. H. Houston, T. Isaacs, S. Parker, H. C. Davis, E. A. Cochran, Jas. Biffi & Co., G. Brewitt, E. J. McNeil, W. A. Webb, F. J. Golden, Wm. Barrett, Whitney & Pedlar, J. A. Aikman E. Shoff, Falcon Joslin, J. H. Joslin, L. D. McConnell, E. M. McConnell, Seattle-Yukon Transportation Co., H. Te Roller; E. A. Schneider, R. M. Crawford, S. Williamson, M. G. Olson, N. A. Soggs, D. W. Davis, S. A. Wye, W. Germer, Mohr & Wilkins, Dawson Hardware Co., M. H. Jones; Yukon Saw Mill Co., C. T. Dunbar, Peter Vashon, W. N. Couch, C. L. Hibbard, G. Bechtel, W. V. Tukey, Lilly Bros., F. G. Wilson, John W. Bourke, J. A. Rouse & Co., L. A. Mason, I. M. Bourke, Ed Orr, E. A. Suter, Leroy Tozier, Wm. Sconse, M. Marsden, W. W. Caldwell, H. Hegers, C. Lolia, H. Wills, C. J. Smith, J. O. Lynch, Annie Grangier, L. Brier, D. W. Walker, D. C. Mitchell, E. L. Strait, A. R. Boyes, Frank Phiscator, P. Mulline, Geo. H. Mead, C. P. & T. Co., Chas. H. Watts, Cribbs & Rogers, Palmer Bros., Murphy Bros., E. Cardinal, G. C. Zimpel, J. Oliver, T. W. Kirkpatrick, R. Buck, L. Hoffman, W. C. Squire, W. R. Ridley, L. H. Fay, Geo. M. Allen, F. W. Clayton, Sam Bonfield, B. M. Volkman, F. M. Nilly, Jas. Morse T. Thomas, C. J. Levenin, W. A. Warrick, H. O. Twedt, H. Hobson, French & Carroll, Morgan & McLane, R. C. Diehl, F. Finnegan, Thos. O'Brien, Alaska Exploration Co., L. R. Fulda, F. E. Maltby, G. H. Ward, H. T. Perkins, T. J. Werschkiel, P. H. Harkins, J. F. Sillar, E. J. Switzer, G. J. Smith, F. E. Graham, Wm. Robinson, H. Gould, F. R. Gee, Mrs. C. Webber, A. Higgins, A. M. Salyor, J. A. Dawson, W. P. Brayton, Jos. P. McNamee, Chas. Wentzel, C. F. Sengley, Frank T. Way.

A Musician Dead.

Frank Bailey, whose recent death in New York City, was in the Nugget of Saturday, was well known in local musical circles, where he had many warm friends who are deeply grieved at the news of his death, which occurred under very touching circumstances.

The young man left here last summer for Nome, where it is stated he got some fairly good mining property, after which he went to Toronto to see his family, and especially his mother, who was getting on in years, and whom he had not seen during 12 years.

Arriving in Toronto he learned that the mother he had come so far to see had shortly before gone on a visit to England, and that she was in poor health. Fearing that if he returned to the Klondike or Nome districts without seeing her, that he might never again have the chance, he decided to follow her across the ocean, and went to New York with this end in view.

Fate, however, ordained that he was never to see her. Before a steamer sailed he was taken sick and died almost immediately of typhoid fever.

Among his most intimate friends here are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stahl.

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

COSTLY BLAZE

Fire Destroys Valuable Third Street Property This Morning.

ROUGHLY ESTIMATED AT \$20,000.

Originated in Vacant Room Over Cribbs & Rogers

FROM HOLE IN PIPE FLUE.

A. C. Co.'s Fire Brigade Put First Water on Flames—Department Worked Under Difficulties.

At 8:30 o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the apartments of Miss Hartman in the rooming house over Cribbs & Rogers' drug store, which cost the various parties sustaining losses one-way and another in the neighborhood of \$20,000.

So far the cause of the fire cannot be learned, and it is quite possible never will be, as it had been burning some time before being discovered, and was first noticed by people in the street who sat up the cry of fire, the blaze then being seen breaking through the walls, so that it was well under way before an alarm reached the fire department, and the manner of its final transmission goes to show that a proper electric alarm system is had y needed.

Everyone in the street was apparently working his lungs to the full capacity yelling fire, when Miss Hughes, the operator at the central telephone station went to the door of her office to see what the row was about, and saw the fire in the next block. Then she returned to the instrument and notified the fire department and the A. C. fire company.

The latter took the alarm first, hearing it from the crowd, and at once put a line of hose from its Third street plug to the scene of the fire.

The fire department turned out at very short notice, and soon had four lines of hose playing streams on the buildings, from which fire was pouring in many places, and the whole inside of their upper portions were roaring furnaces, the fire having burst through into the Rainier lodging house before the arrival of the fire fighters, and it was very evident at the first glance that the building occupied by Cribbs & Rogers was doomed, and it seemed hardly possible that the Rainier lodging house and the West block could be saved, and many thought the Portland would go also.

With the arrival of the hose wagons and hook and ladder trucks operations commenced and in a few minutes the effect of the work being done by the firemen began to be noticed. Ladders were run up to the windows which were battered in, and men mounted, hose in hand to the fire spouting apertures, which soon sent out volumes of smoke instead of fire.

There was no wind whatever and the smoke pouring from the burning buildings rolled down upon the crowd and firemen in a thick, blinding mass which somewhat retarded the work, and led to more than one ducking from the hose lines, because no one could see well enough to keep out of their way.

While the fire was being gradually brought under control the people who had property on the ground floors, assisted by their friends, were working like beavers to save what they could from fire and water.

Rudy Kalenborn's friends rallied to his assistance with the result that he will be a comparatively slight loser, except by reason of breakage and damage resulting from hasty handling of goods, and from loss sustained from interrupted business. He will probably get off with not to exceed a \$500 loss.

The barber shop next door was also moved out with but slight damage, but the Antler's restaurant suffered more severely. Jennie Sweitzer and Mary Gillespie were the proprietors of this place, and their loss will not be less than \$1000, and quite likely more, as it is altogether impossible to say till

further investigation is made how much of their stock and furniture left in the building will be a total loss. So far all they have succeeded in saving are the chairs and gold scales. Dishes, provisions, cooking utensils, everything had to be left because there was no time to get it out.

The stock from Murphy Bros.' butcher shop was carried out, so that the loss there will probably be small.

With Cribbs & Rogers it is different, as the loss will be heavy, nearly the entire stock being destroyed.

The loss sustained by the lodging houses above the place mentioned is estimated at about \$2500, and that of Cribbs & Rogers is set down at \$4000, although no accurate estimate can be made at this time.

The building where the fire started was owned by Charles Bossuyt, and lacks but little of being a total loss, as even the walls which are standing are badly charred, and the rest of it is gone. The loss will be all of \$5000. The other building, what there is left of it, is the property of Murphy Bros., and was probably damaged to the extent of \$4000.

It was not so cold this morning as it was a year ago, lacking three days, when the big fire occurred, and it was largely due to this fact that the fire companies were able to do such good work, although some of the lines of hose froze before the firemen were through using them.

Considerable comment was heard on the work of the firemen, and it was not all commendation, although when it is known that the fire had such a start before an alarm was sounded, it is believed that anyone capable of judging of such matters must concede that the work was well and quickly done, both by the A. C. brigade and by the city department.

It was just an hour and a half from the time the alarm was turned in till the last blaze was dead, and when it is remembered that this is the dead of winter, when water freezes almost instantly; that everything is cold and slippery; and that when the firemen reached the fire, two light frame buildings were little more than blazing shells, it becomes pretty evident that some good work was done.

Later in the day it is learned for a certainty that the fire originated not in Miss Hartman's rooms but in one adjoining her's and vacated early this morning by Mrs. Moore, who, on taking out her stove left the hole in the flue pipe open. Miss Hartman, not knowing of the opening in the flue, started a fire in her stove as usual and as the pipe from her stove entered the flue almost directly opposite the opening, sparks fell down in the vacated room and ignited a lot of old paper and rubbish left behind by the late tenant. Miss Hartman is in no way blamable for the disaster. She is a heavy loser, as she was owner of the lodging house furniture in that building, all of which was destroyed.

CREEK NOTES.

The Grand Forks Social Club gave its first ball in the new building on Mr. Say's claim on New Year's eve. The affair was largely attended and many expressions of pleasure were heard on all sides at the able manner in which it was conducted.

Frank Belcher and Martin Walch, of 23 Eldorado, have returned from a four weeks' visit to Clear creek. The boys are not saying much, but the fact that they stayed on Bell creek, and the further fact that they remained for some weeks, indicates that they have confidence in the country.

A telegram has been received from Mr. Wm. Northrup, the well known miner, stating that he would be in over the ice about the middle of February.

Mr. and Mrs. Roddy, of Poverty bar, entertained about 20 of their friends on New Year's eve in a manner not soon to be forgotten. After a most sumptuous and bountiful supper, in which Mrs. Roddy certainly did herself proud, music, singing and dancing were indulged in. One of the features of the evening was sour dough reminiscences. To say every-body had a huge time is expressing it mildly. In the "wee sam" hours the merry-makers turned homeward, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Roddy many happy returns of the day. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Horne, Mr. and Mrs. McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. Roddy, J. Tiller, J. Roddy, Messrs. Hint, Anderson, Jameson, Berry, Badger and Horne.

Mr. and Mrs. John King, of Kingsville hotel, 60 above Bonanza, entertained a number of friends on New Year's eve. Mr. and Mrs. King know how to entertain and nothing is left undone that will add to the pleasure of their guests. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ogilvie, Mr. and Mrs. Willett, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. King, Misses Emma Thompson, Emma Johnson, Messrs. McCauley and Smith.

A typographical error in our last creek notes made it appear that one of the rich claims on Magnet was owned by Mills and McKensy. It should have been Miles and McKensy. Johnnie Miles is one of the most popular boys on the creek, and we do not desire to create the impression that he has sold his interest in that vicinity.

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EDMUND BARTON

Is Now Premier for Entire Commonwealth of Australia.

AMALGAMATION OF COLONIES JAN.

Was a Most Glorious and Impressive Event.

IT IS NOW GOVERNOR ODELL.

Kid West Will Play Foxy on Guards — Where Is He? — Steamer Topeka Off Rocks.

Sydney, Jan. 2, via Skagway, Jan. 8.—The amalgamation of the Australian colonies took place on New Year's day with most imposing ceremonies. Edmund Barton, Q. C., who for six years has been most persistent in his advocacy of colonial amalgamation, was given all the honors and was sworn in as premier of the entire commonwealth. One prominent feature of the decorations was an immense arch of rams' heads on which were the words "Welcome to the Land of the Golden Fleece." The Earl of Hopetown rode at the head of the procession of imperial troops. On the day previous the earl was given a great reception by the governor of Australia.

Odell Governor of N. Y.

Albany, Jan. 2, via Skagway, Jan. 8.—Benjamin Odell has been inaugurated governor of the state to succeed Roosevelt. The latter made a most stirring and impressive speech in which he exhorted his successor to carry out the reforms now on foot for New York city.

Kid West Again.

Seattle, Jan. 2, via Skagway, Jan. 8.—Before Kid West was shipped to Dawson he said to a Times reporter:

"They will never get that stuff, as I intend to have that myself if anyone does. If these people get me into Dawson they will do more than I think they will."

This statement was made in connection with West's actual shipment to Dawson.

(Inquiry here fails to elicit any information regarding Kid West being brought to this place. It is possible, from his own statement, that he may have given his custodians the slip and the matter is being kept quiet.—ED.)

Topeka Off Rocks.

Skagway, Jan. 8.—The steamer Topeka has been floated off the rocks and towed to Juneau.

Hughes Gave Bond.

Skagway, Jan. 8.—J. H. Hughes, of Dawson, who was arrested Friday at Whitehorse on a capias, gave bond and was released.

Mormonism.

Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—A mass meeting of women to protest against Mormon polygamy was held here last night the principal speakers being Dr. S. J. Elliott, an Episcopal deaconess, and Rev. W. A. Campbell, a missionary among the Mormons. The meeting was one of a series held throughout the country under the auspices of the International Council of Women for Christian and Patriotic Service.

Dr. Elliott, in the course of her remarks said:

"Polygamy is spreading with Mormonism. It is not confined to Utah, but it is in New Mexico, Idaho, Nevada and Colorado. If four more states are added to the number in which the Mormons already have political power, it will be impossible to legislate against them."

Resolutions were adopted urging congress to take prompt action in favor of an amendment prohibiting polygamy and making its practice punishable by disfranchisement.