COUNCIL MEETING

City Solons Are Natural Born Diplomats

Handle the Railway Franchise With Gloves and Find Egan Needs a Reprimand.

Hot stuff was expected at the council meeting last night, but the session was more than quiet, nothing occurring to mar the calmness of their deliberations. It was known the Egan matter would come up and there was quite a possibility of a division on the subject with a bit of acrimonious discussion thrown in. Then, too, the question of a franchise to the Klondike Mines Railway was to receive definite action. Both were passed over in a smooth, highly diplomatic manner which shows the art of diplomacy to be not wholly confined to ambassadors and ministers plenipotentiary.

There were no communications or petitions presented, though a number of new bills made their appearance, including the following:

Dominion Fuel Co.	$ 72.00
M. A. Probst	8.50
Klondike Mill Co.	40.00
Klondike Mill Co.	20.00
Klondike Mill Co.	40.00
Klondike Mill Co.	42.20
Standard Oil Co.	6.00
Gilbert & Johnson	51.50
Dawson Hardware Co.	27.11
Dawson Hardware Co.	117.25

The finance committee was the only one of the standing committees to make a report. The payment of the following bills was recommended:

Dawson Library	$175.00
Holme, Miller & Co.	104.25
Anthony & Astley	36.00
Tharp & Smith	4.25
Yukon Sawmill Co.	27.63
Telephone Co.	35.00
Campbell & Barclay	22.50
Dawson Sawmill and Building Company	69.30

Dr. Catto being present again brought up his bill, now quite aged, for $200 for services rendered an indigent early last spring. Once more it was laid on the shelf and at the next session it will be disposed of, to quote his worship, "for all time."

Murphy brought up the railway franchise by a resolution which places the council on record as favoring the granting of the road permission to enter the city. Rather ambiguous and somewhat vague, but it would not be good policy to commit oneself to a defined route as some might object and there is an election of a new mayor and board of aldermen soon to be pulled off.

Late in the evening Chief Lester dropped in and the mayor referred to the necessity of again flooding the school boys' rink in order to render it at all serviceable. The chief was asked about it and he stated there had been enough water poured on the ground there to flood half of Dawson, but as the surface was very uneven and the boards enclosing the ice were not tight it was almost impossible to hold the water long enough for it to freeze. He recommended the piling of snow around the outside of the boards, then dampening it gently so it would freeze and form a sort of a dam all around the rink. That done he thought one more flooding would suffice.

Vachon stated to the council that he had received a number of inquiries as to whether or not there was any likelihood of the city legislating against the use of gasoline and compressed kerosene as illuminants. A number of complaints have also been made to him regarding the danger of using such. Again was Chief Lester appealed to. He said that kerosene as used, the vapor under compression forming the fuel, and gasoline were like other dangerous explosives. They were apparently all right but never were safe and could not be trusted. A small leak might cause an explosion which would result in a dangerous fire. One was as bad as the other. Both the chief and the fire inspector examined often the houses using those illuminants. In case of a fire in any establishment using such, the danger of it being serious would be largely increased by the presence of either gasoline or kerosene. The pipes conveying the oil from the tanks to the lamps are often but small lead affairs which would melt and allow the oil to run out with but very little heat. In other pipes in use the joints are merely soldered together and they would melt equally as quick. His worship was averse to taking any definite action in the matter until a petition or protest of some nature was brought in duly signed by people who were objecting to the use of gasoline or kerosene by their neighbors. And so the matter stands.

There is a strong antipithy by many particularly toward the use of gasoline, and sooner or later it is thought its employment as an illuminant will be largely restricted—if not altogether prohibited.

Baldwin apples at a price so all families can afford to have a box—Barrett's, 'phone No. 1.

THEY DO SAY:

That Mike Ryan played a good joke on Fire Inspector Bullock yesterday.

That Dan Matheson is making fine progress in coralling the gusher.

That "The Chappie" has made a big hit with the Dawson 400.

That Herb Hulme acted like the devil (hoof) last week and did it in excellent style.

That Dawson has been treated to some queer freaks of weather during the past week.

That the idea of the Indians breaking into rebellion is considered preposterous.

That there are some very pretty window decorations in Dawson for the holidays.

That Bittner still being in "need of the money," will be given a benefit Thursday night which will have the largest attendance of any affair of the kind ever held in Dawson.

That candidates for the two approaching elections are more numerous than the "flowers that bloom in the spring."

RECOMMEND REPRIMAND

Corporal Egan Will Have to be Scolded

Should Not Have Given O'Connor Time to be Good Before His Arrest.

Corporal Egan will not be removed from his field of usefulness at the town station, but he will be scolded because he was naughty and did not yank John O'Connor to the skookum house the first crack out of the box the night he was arrested instead of giving him a chance to be good and go home. Egan's mistake was in allowing O'Connor fifteen minutes grace when he fell due for a trip to the barracks, at least that is the result of the findings of the committee on police matters which had charge of the investigation after O'Connor filed his charges with the council alleging that he had been wrongfully arrested.

At the meeting of the council last night Police Commissioner Macdonald who is also chairman of the police committee, filed the following report which speaks for itself:

"In regard to the complaints laid against Corporal Egan, this committee begs to state that they have held an investigation in regard to the matter and are of opinion that:

"(1) It is absolutely necessary and is a constable's duty to prevent breaches of the peace and arrest the offenders whether the offense is committed on the street or in saloons or other public places.

"(2) That if Corporal Egan thought there was sufficient cause for arresting Mr. O'Connor, he ought to have arrested him when he first became aware of the circumstances; and that his action in investigating the matter and deciding not to arrest Mr. O'Connor and then leaving the saloon and returning later and making the arrest, no new offense having been committed in the meantime, is a matter for which he should be reprimanded, and in the opinion of this committee matters like this should be dealt with promptly by constables, and not after the manner adopted by Corporal Egan.

"(3) Other complaints have been made against Corporal Egan, but as no formal charge has been made in regard to the same, this committee has not seen fit to make any report thereon."

The report is dated December 15, and as is said in diplomatic circles the incident may be considered as having been closed.

The Night Cometh

Written by Rev. W. H. G. Temple, of Seattle.

(Tune, Seymour Hymnal, Page 82.)

I have idly spent the day?
Night is coming! Shall I say
Rather let its waning sun
Find my work completely done.

Night is coming! Soon death's pall
Shall spread darkness over all;
May life's opportunity,
Through thy favor, honored be.

Night is coming! May that hour,
Dread in all its solemn power,
Yet be bright with hope's clear ray,
As on Thee my trust I stay.

Night is coming! Then the morn
Shall that Heavenly Land adorn;
And my soul, from Earth set free,
Evermore shall dwell with Thee.

Partnership Dissolved

The law firm of Woodworth & Black has been dissolved by mutual consent, George Black being about to form a partnership with John Black, a New Brunswick barrister of long experience. Although no longer connected with Mr. Woodworth in business, Mr. Black will for the present continue to occupy offices in the McDonald Hotel Building. 13-16-19

Job printing at Nugget office.

DR. CATTO'S LITTLE BILL

Again Bobs up in the City Council

After Being Turned Down Twice by the Finance Committee Is Again Reconsidered.

It was during a lull in the proceedings last night at the council meeting that his worship stated that in response to a request from Dr. Catto he had promised to again call the attention of the council to the bill of the doctor's for $200 which on many previous occasions had been shelved, laid on the table, passed up and otherwise sat upon. The doctor it was stated was not satisfied that the decision of the finance committee should be the ultimatum, but he wanted a vote of the council upon the question.

"I am not sure," continued his worship, "just what the final disposition of the bill was, but I am of the impression a vote has already been taken upon the matter. If it has there can be no necessity of bringing it up again. However, the minutes of the meeting will show and I will ask you, Mr. Smith, to look it up."

And while Mr. Smith was searching through the archives of the dead past for one certain bill branded lost, strayed or stolen the discussion began.

Dr. Catto stated it was unnecessary to go again into details regarding the bill as all the members of the council were familiar with the particulars concerning it. He had been called upon by Dr. MacArthur, then acting as the city health officer, to treat an indigent, the services had been performed and he was entitled to be paid for it. The report of the finance committee was not satisfactory, as he had no way of knowing whether the committee was unanimous or whether one of the number was inclined to look with favor upon his bill. He desired a vote of the council. He had also been informed by the city solicitor that the proper way to secure favorable action would be to have the council advise the finance committee to recommend its payment.

His worship—"It is not fair to ask the council to so instruct the finance committee and we can not do so."

Dr. Catto—"Then it looks to me as though the finance committee of three have the sole and entire disposition of the city's finances."

Murphy read from the charter of the duties of the finance committee which showed that every bill against the city before its payment must first be approved by the finance committee.

Adair—"This entire matter was thoroughly gone into the last time it was up before the council and there is no necessity whatever of opening it again. The city is not liable for the bill and should not pay it."

Macdonald—"I thought at the time the bill was presented it should be paid and so voted, and should it come up again I shall vote likewise."

Murphy in the meantime had been looking over the old records and found where after being turned down twice by the finance committee it was still "in abeyance."

Dr. Catto, with asperity—"I was called in legitimately to attend that man and if as a regularly licensed practitioner I had just arrived in the city and was asked to perform such a service, and had my bill turned down in such a manner I should have thought I had fallen in with a band of savages."

City Solicitor Donaghy, on being asked for an opinion—"I have previously stated that Dr. MacArthur had no authority whatever to employ any physician at the expense of the municipality. The city is under no legal obligation to Dr. Catto, an opinion I also gave some time ago."

Wilson—"I move that the finance committee take up the matter in conjunction with the mayor and report at the next meeting."

Adair, sotto voce—"Take it up now."

His worship had been delving into the minutes of the past meetings and found where the Catto bill in company with some half dozen more had been reported unfavorably by the finance committee.

Wilson's motion was put, carrying with Adair alone voting nay. The bill will make its farewell appearance next Monday evening and it is a 100 to 1 shot that it will again be snowed under.

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GAY GULCH WATER

Another Protest is Filed Against John Odegaard's Application.

Another protest has been entered against John Odegaard diverting water for use on his claims on Gay gulch. It was handed in to the gold commissioner this morning and is on the part of Louis Nadeau and Wm. A. Johnson, who own the upper and lower half of No. 1, the lower half of No. 4, half interest in No. 6, the lower half of No. 7, all of No. 9a and No. 10.

Leaves for Glacier

Hubert Macaulay leaves today with a load of provisions for Glacier creek via Fortymile. The necessity of traveling that route makes the distance nearly double what it would be could the government trail be utilized. Owing to the heavy snow and drifts it is almost impossible at present to get a load over the latter route.

RAILWAY FRANCHISE

Council Favors Granting an Entrance.

Will Not Commit Itself as to the Route — Another Consultation Held Today.

The Klondike Mines Railway will be given permission to enter the city but the franchise they desire will not be granted by the present council, at least not before election, and that is a cinch. At the meeting last night Murphy made a motion that for vagueness and uncertainty as to detail is entitled to the palm.

"I move that it is the opinion of this council that the Klondike Mines Railway be given an entrance in the city." Short, concise, sweet and to the point and does not designate whether such permission is to be given a la gusher or via the balloon route.

His worship suggested that the resolution be made broader as there were several here interested in the road who were waiting and desirous of informing their outside associates of what the city proposes to do in the matter. There were two routes spoken of and it would be better to designate one or the other.

Murphy withdrew his motion as Adair stated he had one to offer which he thought would prove more acceptable.

"I move that it is the opinion of this council that the Klondike Mines Railway be given an entrance in the city, the route and conditions to be decided upon at a later date." Admirable! Astute and diplomatique! And the election on January 5 with several members up for re-election.

Wilson objected, the only one, as he considered it too indefinite to be of any service.

His worship—"The motion places the council on record as favoring the franchise. The question of the route is one of vital importance and must be thoroughly investigated before we commit ourselves. Dawson in three or four years may be a large city and it may not be as stable as it is now. It will be two years before anything can be done with the road on this side of the river, as it will be impossible to put in the piers for the Klondike bridge until next winter. I have been given to understand plans for the bridge are already drawn and it will be ordered this winter for shipment next summer."

Macdonald is against the First avenue franchise as he has found a great many property owners on that street who are furious at the idea of a steam engine puffing by their front doors. He favored the motion and thought it sufficiently definite under the circumstances.

Wilson considered it equivalent to not allowing the road in at all and thought it useless folly to pass such resolutions. There was nothing in it.

The motion was read again and passed. This afternoon the council is again holding a consultation with the representatives of the road. The franchise asked for by the railway gives them two years in which to build and exemption from taxation for a period of ten years.

MORE ELECTION NOTES.

Returns From Upper Labarge All for Ross.

Election returns were received today from Upper Labarge giving Ross 4 and Clarke a duck egg. Returns are yet to be received from Dalton, Pelly North and Pelly South.

The White Pass stage yesterday brought in the ballot boxes from Tagish, Caribou Crossing, Upper Labarge, Hootalinqua, Livingstone and Carmacks. There are still to be received the boxes from Eldorado and Upper Last Chance.

El Triunfo, Butler's Big Cigar — $6.25 per box.

Christmas Toys—Landahl's, First avenue.

CAUGHT IN A BLIZZARD

Martin Steiner Narrowly Escapes Death

Still Suffering From the Effect of His Most Terrible Experience.

Seattle, Nov. 30.—Hobbling along on crutches, and showing in every feature the terrible suffering which they had undergone, two victims of the "Great White Silence" came down from Nome on the steamer Corwin yesterday morning. They were Martin Steiner, who had death for a traveling companion on the lonely winter trail from Council to Nome, and C. Hunter, one of the party which was caught out in a blizzard near Teller last winter. George C. Carpenter of this city was one of the party and he was frozen so badly that his limbs were first amputated, then he became crazed from his sufferings and subsequently died in terrible agony.

Steiner is the first victim this season at Nome, so far as is known. He is recovering as rapidly as possible under the circumstances, but the terrible exposure which he suffered will probably remain indelibly marked on his person until death.

The story of Steiner's mishap is unusually pathetic. He left Council City on a Wednesday in company with two other men bound for Nome. The partially frozen condition of the earth made traveling very arduous, as they would break through the thin crust of ice and frost at every step. In the afternoon Steiner became exhausted from the exertion and it was only by his companions taking extreme measures, it is claimed, that he was able to keep on. Thus he trudged along until nature rebelled and he fell to the ground unconscious.

It was a terrible moment in the lives of the three men. The two who were yet on their feet were too weak to think of carrying their helpless comrade and were too honorable to desert him. However, they both saw that a very few hours would mean the death of all three and it was decided to try and reach a roadhouse and secure help before it was too late.

The subsequent exertions of the two men before they came to the I. X. L. roadhouse can best be imagined. There they found Frank Shaw, Harry Leland and Jim Lindsay, the proprietor of the place, who started immediately to the rescue.

It was night when the searchers came upon Steiner. The exhausted and fast freezing man was lying on his back in a shallow pool of water, which was encrusted with ice, and he was partially demented. In his ravings he had pounded his hands against the thin ice and frozen ground until they were raw and bleeding. His pulse was hardly perceptible and it was feared the man would die before he reached the roadhouse. Restoratives were administered freely, however, and the unfortunate traveller was carried to shelter, where he sank into a state of unconsciousness.

There was no doctor present, but with the few simple remedies at hand the proprietor of the roadhouse and those present worked over Steiner until circulation was restored. Then his sufferings became intense, although he was out of danger of dying immediately. For several days he lay critically ill, but at last could be moved, and was taken to Nome. From there he was shipped out on the Corwin and claims to be improving gradually.

Mr. Lindsay, proprietor of the roadhouse, was preparing to leave the place and was short on supplies and fuel, but he cut up the tables and furniture to keep the room warm for the sick man and did everything in his power to alleviate his sufferings.

Hunter's case has been told before. He was accompanying Carpenter and another on the Teller trail when they were overcome by a blizzard last winter. Carpenter is dead and Hunter and the other man will probably never fully recover from the effects of the awful experience which they underwent.

The news comes to License Inspector McGregor that his brother, J. D. McGregor, one of the first officials sent in here by the Dominion government, is sorrowing for the loss of his wife, whose death occurred at their home in Brandon, Man., on Dec. 7th, from pneumonia.

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Austrian Throne Succession

Dresden, Saxony, Nov. 1.—A letter received here from Vienna gives interesting gossip about Austrian succession. In spite of official denials it is not impossible that there is some truth in the story recently published by the Neue Buda Pester Abendblatt of the alleged abdication of the heir presumptive to the Austrian throne, the Archduke Francis Ferdinand, in favor of his nephew, the 15-year-old Archduke Charles Francis. There is no question that the young prince has for a couple of years past attracted a greatly enhanced interest in Austria-Hungary and that unusual care is being bestowed upon his education, in view of his proximity to the throne.

A few years ago when Francis Ferdinand's health was very indifferent his younger brother, Otto, the father of Charles Francis, was for a time informally put forward as the immediate successor of Emperor Francis Joseph. Subsequently it was rumored that Otto had expressed his readiness to surrender his rights in favor of his son, an exceptionally handsome boy, whose bright, intelligent looks and self-confident, good-humored expression has already done much to endear him to the Austrians. In matters directly affecting the interests of the dynasty, not only the reigning but other members of the imperial house exercise a considerable influence on such important decisions as those concerning the succession to the throne, and it is only a man of very strong will who can resist the urgent representations of a family council of the imperial house.

The strong attitude taken by Francis Ferdinand on political and national questions has, it is feared, placed him in conflict with important elements of the population of the monarchy. His clerical and anti-German tendencies do not please the bulk of the Germans in Austria and his clerical views are equally distasteful to the Liberal Magyars in Hungary. In these circumstances, and remembering that the emperor still enjoys robust health, and may be expected to live several years, it is conceivable that an effort may be made to induce the heir presumptive to surrender his rights to his nephew.

The present emperor ascended the throne at the age of eighteen, in virtue of the abdication of his uncle Emperor Ferdinand, and similar renunciation on the part of his own father, Archduke Francis Charles. The imperial family was convinced at that time of revolution and of peril for the dynasty. An energetic ruler was thought essential and that the inexperience of the youth of eighteen was a smaller disadvantage than the less vigorous initiative of a man advanced in years.

While Francis Ferdinand is still in the prime of life there is some apprehension that the position he has adopted may seriously increase the difficulties of a sufficiently embarrassing situation. Furthermore the want of confidence felt in his clerical advisers is calculated to excite suspicion as to the possibility of his being induced by powerful ecclesiastical factors to embark on courses which might imperil the stability of the monarchy.

While these considerations might lead the members of the imperial family to wish for another successor to the throne, less compromised by the public expression of views not more popular with all his future subjects, it does not at all follow that their counsels would prevail with the archduke. He is a man of quite exceptional independence of character whose iron determination has before now broken down very powerful opposition to his own views. The ambition attributed to his very clever wife, who is enthusiastically devoted to the clerical cause, would seem to confirm rather than weaken his resistance to any such proposition.

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FOR ALDERMAN.

To the Editor of the Klondike Nugget:—

Dear Sir,—At the request of a large number of the electors I have decided to allow myself to become a candidate for re-election as alderman of the City of Dawson.

My record on the city council during the past year is before you, and if re-elected I shall pursue an independent course such as the best interests of the city may from time to time demand.

I wish at this time to extend my thanks to those who have given me their support in the past and to express the hope that I shall continue to merit their confidence.

JAMES F. MACDONALD.

Dawson, Dec. 15, 1902.

FOR ALDERMAN.

At the solicitation of numerous friends among the citizens and business men of Dawson, I have decided to stand as a candidate for Alderman at the coming municipal election.

F. W. ARNOLD.

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