

# Stroller's Column.

It has turned out just as the Stroller said it would. Chief Isaac of the Moosehides has been taking the braves of his tribe into his confidence regarding what he saw while on his trip to the outside. The braves in turn have told their squaws in a moment of confidence with the result that the former peaceful little village is now the home port of more scandal than was occasioned a number of years ago when the Stroller was seen by one of the professors to drop from a second story window of a female seminary.

At the last meeting of the Moosehide Ladies' Ping Pong Club, from which Mrs. Isaac stayed away owing to a headache, it is said that those present compared notes as gleaned by them individually from their husbands, and the result of the various comparisons was that Isaac was voted hot stuff.

The advisability of having a committee call on and acquaint Mrs. Isaac of the exact state of affairs was favorably considered but when it came to selecting a committee none of those present cared to serve on it, and as none could write her a letter, the matter was deferred for two days when they all met again, this time to register the arrival of a young brave; but just as they were considering the matter the wife of the chief entered and the matter again went by default. As Mrs. Isaac entered she said: "Ieta giukluk one guk chug mica tica chu," which meant "On an occasion of this kind is where I shine."

Another thing that has served to rile up the Moosehide squaws since Isaac's return is that all the braves are determined on taking a trip to the outside; besides, it is reported that Isaac has expressed his intentions of substituting kan-kan and hoo-hoo dances for the time-honored flings, kicks and squats of his tribe.

So far as the braves are concerned they have as yet found no fault with Isaac since his return. To them his stories of 'Frisco and Seattle by electric light are so fascinating that the council room frequently holds them until after 3 in the morning. Isaac's lurid descriptions of how he and Jack McQueen made a night of it being sufficient to hold them in open-mouthed wonder hour after hour.

It is said that Fat John and Cut-Mouth Henry have already started for San Francisco via St. Michael in a canoe and that two or three more of Isaac's vivid recitals will start others that way until there will be no hunters left to supply the squaws and papposes with moose meat during the coming winter.

Is it any wonder the ladies' ping pong club of Moosehide is the center of internal irritation? The Stroller trows not.

The Stroller has applied to the city council for a franchise for a Pipe Dreamers' Club he is about to organize. He does not care anything about the franchise and only asked the city council for it to jolly the boys along and make them feel as though they have a little authority. If the franchise is refused the organ-

ization will be perfected just the same.

The Stroller will not go beyond the ranks of his own profession for members to the Pipe Dreamers' Club and no man will be eligible to membership who cannot write a column article on a hitching post or a load of hay.

There will be but one officer and one committee in the organization, president and committee on "hop."

Members of the city council may be elected as honorary members but they will have no voice in the management of the club's affairs. But having no voice in the management of affairs will be nothing new to them. Che he!

On Sunday there arrived in Dawson a young man fresh from the outside who brought with him the aroma of new-mown hay. He came to Dawson to visit relatives and as they were not expecting him for a week or ten days there were no familiar faces at the dock to meet him as he stepped off the gang plank with the result that he felt that truly he was a stranger in a strange land.

A certain real estate and mining broker was at the dock to see the steamer come in and noticing the "I-wish-I-was-at-home look" on the face of the young man, approached him and asked for whom he was looking. The young man readily gave the name of the family he wished to visit and the accommodating Dawsonite was only too glad to render what assistance he could.

"Certainly," said he, "I know your relatives very well and I will be pleased to assist you in reaching them. Just come across the street with me and I will telephone them of your arrival."

They crossed the street, the obliging man used the hello instrument and apprised the young man's relatives of his presence in the city.

"But," said the obliging man as he turned away from the telephone, "there is no use of you waiting here until your people come down to escort you up. Come with me and we will walk along toward their house until we meet them."

They started and then it was that recollections of what he had read of confidence men and "Soapy" Smith operators flashed across the mind of the young man and he said to himself:

"Why does this stranger take so much interest in me unless he wants to sell me a gold brick or otherwise skin me like an eel?"

The young man did not wish to show the white feather so he decided to put his guide through a rigid examination as to who he was and what his occupation might be. The guide confessed to having an office "down town," but as that was rather vague the young man had about decided to bolt when he saw one of his relatives approaching along the sidewalk.

Later the new arrival confided the fears he had entertained to his relative, and then he learned that his late chaperone was one of the foremost men of Dawson, the home of the most kind-hearted people on earth. Had it been a young lady who was in quest of her relatives the chances are that the number of men who would have offered to pilot her to her destination would have made an appearance equal to a political parade for gallantry runs riot in Dawson. Only a few mornings ago the Stroller saw two men fairly carrying a young woman along the sidewalk and ever and anon she would say: "You are (hic) very kind."

This is the season of the year when people tie themselves to the woods and remain until the mosquitos cause them to look like smallpox suspects, then they come home and tell the neighbors, "We just had a lovely time."

The Stroller and the city council are a unit on the same question—a case of great minds running in the same. Lake Washington ship canal. The Stroller will see that no dogs crawl under his house and thereby escape the dog catcher. The Stroller will see that the dog catcher's hands are held up even if it has to be at the point of a gun.

Another clause will be added to the dog ordinance at the next weekly ordinance of the council which will provide for a monthly dog crushing. The plan is that all dogs impounded and not redeemed will be staked out and driven over by the municipal rock crusher. The remains will then be sold for rugs. By this means many night-howlers which are not now considered worth \$3 or \$5, as the case may be, may later be re-possessed in the form of a rug. Of course, the original features may be somewhat drawn and distorted, but Fido will all be there except the howl.

The council might make something on the side by going into business with its rock crusher and advertising as follows:

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Apply to the city council. Give two raps at the outer door and sneeze at the inner door.

The Current Term Password is "Mange."

Mrs. Luenders received a shipment of elegant walking skirts.

**In Mining Properties**  
Emile Quarre, formerly mayor of Eagle City, but now a financial agent and promoter of San Francisco will leave Seattle this morning for the extreme northern central part of the state to look over valuable mining properties. He will be met before he reaches his destination by Louis Emond, of Paris, one of the Frenchmen whom he represents. Together they will make an investigation of the mines, and go to San Francisco through Seattle.

Mr. Quarre represents French and Belgian capitalists who have a plan to purchase and develop mines in the Pacific coast states. Mr. Quarre himself has great faith in the mineral wealth of certain localities and believes that capital may be invested here with the prospects of better results than in almost any other part of the world. At the Rainier-Grand hotel last evening he said that foreigners are looking to America more and more each year as a field for investment. They see that the Americans are making money every day in the year and have reached the conclusion that America is the proper place to come.

On Mr. Quarre's return to San Francisco with M. Emond the Franco-California bank will be established with a capital of \$1,000,000 to carry on the operations of the company.

"Everything is arranged, dear," said the happy young man who had scheduled to become the freight-paying head of a new combine, "and by this time tomorrow we will be one."

"Yes, George," answered the fair bride-to-be, "but when it comes to ice cream don't you think it would be advisable for you still to order two plates?"

Wife (with illustrated paper) — "Well, for my part, I enjoy looking at a picture that tells a story."

Husband—"Then you must enjoy looking at that new portrait of your mother."

Wife—"I fail to see the point."

Husband—"Why, it makes her appear positively handsome."

## COUNCIL MEETING

### Two New Bylaws Receive Final Reading

### Yukon Council Will be Petitioned to Grant City Its Own Police Magistrate.

Probably the most important matter that came up at the meeting of the city council last night was the determination to do business with the parties making application for a street railway franchise at once or call the whole affair off. The thing of dilly-dallying along as the council has been doing for the past month is anything but satisfactory and if the applicants are bona fide in their intentions they will be given an opportunity to make good at once.

Strange as it may appear there were but two communications before the council, the first one read being from Vernon & Story, the auctioneers, who are petitioning for a reduction in the license fee for auctioneers. They give five reasons why such reduction should be given them among which are that they have both been outside until recently and have only re-engaged in business and they think it would be working a hardship upon them to compel them to pay a year's license for but a few months service. The petition is also signed by George J. Gregory, who desires a similar reduction.

W. H. Moffatt filed a report stating that in response to a request made by the city attorney he had inspected the outside wiring of a number of buildings which he found to be defective and in need of attention. He specified one locality in which there were three wires each carrying 110 voltage; there was also one crossing York street to the N. A. T. & Co. carrying the same amount. Others were found in similar condition but they were so situated that they would not interfere with the work of the firemen.

The following new bills were presented:

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| N. A. T. Co.          | \$ 18.00 |
| Klondike Mill Co.     | 11.52    |
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| Branch & Tarr         | 24.00    |
| Yukon Telephone Synd. | 38.00    |
| Tharp & Smith         | 14.00    |
| J. P. O'Connor        | 300.00   |
| Alvah Smith           | 12.50    |
| Marine Iron Works     | 3.00     |
| Yukon Sawmill Co.     | 1122.48  |
| Miss Crowley          | 17.50    |

There was but one of the standing committees which had a report to offer, the committee on finance, which recommended the payment of the following accounts:

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| N. C. Co.          | \$31.50 |
| J. A. Greene       | 40.00   |
| McLennan & McFeely | 76.90   |

No new bylaws were introduced. The amendments to bylaws 5 and 8 came up for their second reading. The dog bylaw was given its third reading and was passed as was also the bylaw respecting contagious diseases. The former was number 20 and the latter 21. A few minor amendments were also made to the dog bylaw before it passed, the principal one being the reduction of the fee on dogs from \$4 to \$3 and on females from \$6 to \$5, which includes the value of the tag.

Police Commissioner Macdonald submitted the report of Sergeant Smith showing the number of arrests made during the month of July under the city bylaws, the disposition of the cases and the amount collected in fines. The total number of arrests made was 31 in which 20 convictions were secured and 11 were dismissed with a caution. Eighteen of those were taken in for drunk and disorderly and 16 paid fines. Other arrests made were: Having rotten goods on sale, 1; disposing of refuse in the street, 1; filthy latrine, 1. Those dismissed with a caution included: Pushing handcart on the sidewalk, 4; merchandise on sidewalk, 5; leaving vehicle on crossing, 1. Fines collected during the month amounted to \$86. The police commissioner also said that he had instructed the chief of police in laying information to do so under the city bylaws instead of the criminal code whenever possible.

The following resolution was offered by Macdonald, seconded by Murphy: "That a memorial be drafted and submitted to the Yukon council praying that the charter of the city of Dawson be amended by giving the said city power to appoint a police magistrate."—Carried.

The appointment of a keeper of the

dog pound was settled by Norquay moving that Henry Desboro be made such. As compensation he will receive the entire fees of his office.

When the business of the evening had been almost completed his worship said that he would like to see matters often referred to the various committees settled more expeditiously. It often happens that communications that require some action or other are so referred and if not attended to at once they are forgotten or sidetracked and soon lost sight of. He spoke particularly of the petition of Messrs. Vernon & Story presented that evening, and would like to see some action taken on it at once.

Adair—"At the time we framed the license bylaw we gave the subject very careful attention and I do not see how we can grant the request asked by the gentlemen. Some auctioneers have already paid the license required and it would be impossible for us to so favor one and not the others. We cannot discriminate."

His worship—"That is the way it appears to me," and so it was decided.

The bill of Miss Crowley was considered excessive, \$17.50 for a broken pane of glass in a door, the cost of an entire new door. Vachon explained that the broken glass could not be duplicated in the city. It was decided to inform Miss Crowley that the city would pay for a new pane of glass if she would order it repaired and forward the bill to the council. Vachon was appointed a committee of one to attend to the delicate diplomatic mission.

Macdonald stated that Sergeant Smith had prepared and submitted to him a most excellent list of people and firms in the city who were subject to a license under the license bylaw. He had neglected to bring the list with him to the council meeting but would produce it later. He did not think the sergeant had missed a single individual and complimented him on its entirety.

The procuring of lower rates of insurance again came up on a motion of Murphy that the city clerk be instructed to procure photographs of the city and mail them with the city engineer's and chief of the fire department's reports to a number of different insurance companies which it is desired to interest in Dawson in a business way. His worship objected a trifle to the expense that would be entailed and said that he thought the effort would be of no avail. He personally has done everything in his power to induce some of the leading companies to establish agencies in the city, such as the Royal and the Scottish-American, but they had positively refused to touch Dawson.

Adair considered that with a photograph in front of them and the plans which many already have the companies could come to a much better understanding of the true conditions here than would be possible in any other manner. After some little discussion the resolution was agreed to.

Just prior to adjournment Macdonald said that Mr. Matheson of the water company had about decided to sign the contract and accept the terms of the council in the matter of the new water system. The contract is now being considered by Mr. Matheson's counsel and he thought the arrangements would be completed within a day or two.

### Recovery is Slow.

Seattle, July 28.—Deputy Sheriff Jack Williams, who was seriously wounded in the battle with desperado Tracy near Bothell, July 3, is still confined to his bed and is suffering a great deal from the four wounds in the region of his heart. The pieces of the ball from Tracy's Winchester rifle had considerable force, even after striking the deputy's rifle barrel, and imbedded themselves so far into his breast that treatment was made difficult. Two of them struck ribs near the breast bone, slightly fracturing them. The rough edges of the bone cut into the flesh and cause the wounded man a great deal of pain.

To add to his suffering, inflammatory rheumatism has attacked his lower limbs. Whether this is caused by the wounds is not known, but the attack is an unusually severe one, and is especially dangerous because of the deputy's weakened condition from the wounds. Both legs are badly inflamed, the ankles and knees being greatly swollen.

Hamlett—"What part have they assigned to you in the new drama?"

Eggbert—"That of the decayed gentleman."

Hamlett—"Allow me to congratulate you, my boy. You are just the man to make a decided hit in that role."

Eggbert—"Why do you think so?"

Hamlett—"Because you are a rotten actor."

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### Was 'Knocked Out'

Joe Selix, a checker at the lower docks of the N. C. Co., was knocked insensible yesterday afternoon by being struck by a bale of hay which tumbled from a pile some ten or twelve feet high. Selix's back at the time was to the pile and he did not see it tottering, otherwise he could have gotten out of the way. Stevedores at work in the warehouse yelled to him but not in time to escape. When picked up he was unconscious and he was removed to St. Mary's hospital. No bones were broken and it is thought he will be out again in a few days.

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