

LAST NIGHTS MEETING

Of Miners and Business Men.

At Grand Forks In Condemnation of Treadgold Concession Was Enthusiastic.

The people of the creeks, who are of course more directly interested in the Treadgold concession than anyone else, seem determined to make their own representations to Ottawa on the subject, but may join with Dawson in the sending of a delegation to Ottawa to present their views on the matter. In the latter event the creeks will choose one of the three delegates and subscribe his expenses.

At the mass meeting of the creek men held at Grand Forks last night the Dawson men had by no means the initiative in the proceedings. In fact they were told by telephone in the afternoon that no assistance was needed, and that the community was able to get up and run its own meeting on the subject without any outside suggestion. Overseer Walter Woodburn, generally referred to as mayor, presided and distinctly stated by way of preface that no instructions were required from the gentlemen of Dawson who had come to attend the meeting, but that they would be given a hearing after the Forks had concluded the business for which the meeting had been called.

Among the subsequent speakers were Mr. Charlton, C. S. W. Barwell, P. H. Hebb, and Thomas Kearney, the latter of whom moved the following:

"Whereas, The passing of any legislation tending to curtail the rights and privileges of the individual to the advantage of the favored few will be attended with grave and serious results, and

"Whereas, Such monopolies are usually acquired through false representations, as must have been the case with the Treadgold concession under the present discussion; now be it

Resolved, That this meeting call to the attention of the commissioner of the Yukon Territory the great and far-reaching evil of this legislation, whereby practically the entire camp is closed to individual effort, and which can have but one result—the exodus from the country of the hardy pioneers who have built it up, and who, as a reward for their hardships and enterprise, will be thus compelled to abandon that which they have and to wander forth upon the face of the earth, seeking anew the means of subsistence; and be it further

Resolved, That this meeting request the commissioner to lay before the government the enormous iniquity in thus closing up the country, and to pray that the Treadgold concession be repealed in its entirety."

The resolution was seconded by James Farewell, and unanimously adopted.

It was then moved and carried that a committee be appointed to confer with the Dawson committee with regard to sending a delegation to Ottawa. The committee appointed was: Thomas Kearney, chairman; J. Kehoe, Walter M. Woodburn, George P. Byrne and E. Bishop.

Then George Black, secretary of the Dawson committee, J. Langlois, Bel, W. A. Beddoe and Alex. J. Prudhomme addressed the meeting, and a good understanding was arrived at between the people of the Forks and those of Dawson upon all the essential points in regard to the sending of representations to the government at Ottawa on the subject.

The Widow's Mite.

The finance committee appointed by the mass meeting in re Treadgold concession, have met with great success. The sum already subscribed amounts to \$1,300. Subscription lists will be left in the following places in town:

Standard Library, Second avenue. Davis & Fry's cigar store. Free Library.

All small contributors will thereby have a chance to aid the cause.

It will be the event of the season, the Martha Washington ball which will be given at the Standard theatre on Friday night, Feb. 21st, after the A. B. circus. All the ladies will wear eighteenth century costumes.

Lost a Slice.

J. H. Eidman, better known as "Dutch," who had one of his feet frozen several weeks ago while sawing wood in front of the Standard

theatre, was discharged yesterday from St. Mary's hospital and is today to be found once more doing business at the old stand. "Dutch" lost a slice off the top of three of his toes, not enough, however, to cause him to forfeit the belt as the champion two-stepper of the Yukon.

Happy Once More.

Manager Bittner is wearing a smile of unusual dimensions today, occasioned by a wire received yesterday to the effect that his wife would arrive Saturday in Seattle en route to Dawson. Mrs. Bittner will join the Auditorium company immediately upon her arrival, which will be within the next two weeks.

Moose Plentiful.

Drank Close of Greenleaf & Close, freighters, returned yesterday from a trip up the Klondike, bringing with him 6600 pounds of moose meat which he says is the fattest and finest ever brought to Dawson. The moose were killed 125 miles up the river where he says the hunters report that class of game as being quite plentiful.

Many Skating Parties.

During the pleasant weather of the past week or two both the N. C. and Police rinks have been thronged every evening with jolly crowds of skaters, among whom are many ladies expert on the steel runners. Next year following the usual advancement in the ways of the effete east an ice carnival will be in order.

Dawson, "N. W. Ter."

From the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture and Dairying at Ottawa comes an official letter directed "Dawson, N. W. Ter."

The president's secretary can scarcely be censured for addressing a letter "Dawson, Alaska," while a department clerk at Ottawa makes the break above recorded.

May Increase Rates

Chicago, Feb. 19.—The Grand Lodge, A.O.U.W., is considering the propriety of increasing its insurance rates.

Diplomat Dead

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—Yang Yu, Chinese minister to Russia, formerly minister to the United States, is dead here.

ARRIVES IN VANCOUVER

Commissioner Ross on the Amur.

Will Visit His Daughters in Victoria a Day or Two Before Going East.

Word was received by private wire today that Commissioner Ross arrived in Vancouver yesterday per steamer Amur. Before proceeding east, he will spend a day or two in Victoria visiting his little daughters now living there. It is thought the commissioner will leave Vancouver Saturday morning, the 22nd, in which event, were not delays experienced occasioned by bad weather, he would reach Ottawa Tuesday evening and probably have his first conference with the minister of the interior Wednesday morning. Upon reaching Vancouver Mr. Ross was fully apprised of the stirring events which have transpired in Dawson during the past week, and by the time he reaches Ottawa will have had ample time to consider the best manner in which to secure the relief so earnestly desired.

By the end of next week word will doubtless have been received of some steps having been taken which will ultimately end in the revocation of the Treadgold concession, or at least the most obnoxious portions of it.

Grand Masque Ball, Thursday night, February 20th, at the Exchange concert and dance hall. Everybody invited.

Will Stretch Hemp

Hull, Que., Feb. 19.—In the case of murderer Lacroix the law will be allowed to take its course and he will hang on March 23rd.

New College Registrar

Montreal, Feb. 19.—John A. Nicholson, principal of Westmount academy, has been appointed registrar of McGill University.

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BY MEANS OF GLASS

Which He Smashed Over His Head.

It is Charged That Actor "Jack" Williams Would Take Himself Hence.

John Williams, actor, was in the dock at the police court this morning with a very much soiled bandage around his head. The charge was that on the preceding evening he had attempted suicide in his cabin on Third avenue, by smashing a mirror and a liquor glass over his head and thereby cutting his head open.

Mr. Williams pleaded not guilty to the charge of attempted suicide. He had simply been guilty of a little foolishness when drunk, he said, and he hoped the court would place him under bonds while he could secure counsel.

Judge Macaulay said he did not see how he could accept bonds for such a serious charge, but an officer should accompany him up town that he might consult with his friends and secure counsel and the hearing of the case would be adjourned until tomorrow morning.

Harris is the Third Man

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was to be had. He said he was willing and wished to commit a burglary if there was anything in it, and that he was keeping his eyes open for a good place to operate in. After some more conversation he said he thought the only place for ready money at that time of the year was the gambling houses.

"Were any specially mentioned?" asked Mr. Congdon.

"Yes, he mentioned the Dominion, the Northern and the O'Brien club, and he made reports on each of them. He said the Northern might be good for \$3000, and that the Dominion might be good for \$2000. He did not go into particulars about the O'Brien club. Also, he said in regard to the Dominion that there was not a big crowd there in the mornings. I do not know that he said where the money was kept; we all knew about that."

"It was understood that it would take three men to do it; that three men would be better than two; and when we first planned the hold-up of the Dominion I was to be the third man; that is, I was to be just inside the door and see that no one rushed out. That was when we were planning to enter the building from the front. Afterward the arrangements were altered and we determined to make the entry from the rear. That was the only change made in the original plans."

"After that he said the thing was a little bit too strong for him, and he would back out. That is, he gave me the impression that his nerve failed him. I think that was on the 14th."

"After the hold-up I met him on First avenue about nine o'clock, or between nine and ten. It was in front of the Monte Carlo. He did not seem as if he wanted to see us. He was very excited and nervous for some reason. I understood him to say that it was the Northern that had been held up. He simply said it was a very nice job, and passed on."

"I saw him the same day about

two or three o'clock, when he came to my room. He again spoke of the robbery, and said if he had known it would have been so easy he would have been in it himself. He said, 'I am sorry I was not in it.'

"I kept quiet and did not say anything. I put myself in the position that he could not give positive evidence. It was understood before that whatever was got should be divided between the three of us—whatever was got from any robbery. I am sure he understood that he was to get his part of the Dominion robbery. I said to him, 'You remember what we talked about and it will be did.' He went down the stairs and I called to him saying that he remembered what we had agreed and that it would be done, and he said 'Yes, all right.' Then I told him that I guessed Brophy wanted to see him at the cabin, and he said he would go up and see him."

In cross examination by Mr. Smith witness said Harris had said he was in two businesses, one as thief and the other as chicken business. Thomas Turner identified the nuggets stolen from the Dominion and produced by the police and then Albert Beebe was called to the stand. He had seen Harris about the Dominion saloon for several days. The morning of the robbery he saw him there between seven and eight o'clock. Harris said he knew who had done the job and witness asked him into the office. There he repeated his statement but said he did not wish to get mixed up in it.

"I told him not to be alarmed, and that the boys would treat him fairly in the matter. He then said that Tomerlin and Brophy were the ones who did it. He said they wanted him to go into it with them but he had told them it was too big a deal for him. I then asked him to tell Mr. McGuire, the detective, and he did so. He told McGuire the same thing and the latter told him to go and see Tomerlin and Brophy and see what he could find out and come back again. When he came back I think he said he had seen both Tomerlin and Brophy, but he said one of them had told him to keep his mouth still and say nothing and he should have his bit."

Mr. Congdon said there were other witnesses but their evidence would be a repetition and he would close. Mr. Smith then made his argument, or part of it, upon technical points, but as the judge had already made up his mind he did not pursue it. Judge Macaulay then charged the prisoner, who, upon the advice of his counsel had nothing to say, and he was committed for trial.

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Wigle Wont Come
Winnipeg, Feb. 19.—Rev. Hamilton Wigle of the Zion church, has declined a call to Dawson.

Childs a Winner.
Chicago, Feb. 19.—"Wild Bill" Hanrahan's aspirations to the heavyweight championship were quickly dispelled tonight by Frank Childs, the colored heavyweight, who knocked out the New Yorker after one minute of fighting in the fourth round of

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STRONG TELEGRAM

The telegram sent by Mayor Woodburn of Grand Forks representing the voice of the mass meeting held last night was addressed direct to the premier, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and read:

"Delay proceedings Treadgold concession till delegation which will be sent arrives. That matter referred to Sifton is unsatisfactory. We look to you for protection."

If you wish to see a grand ball of 100 years ago, go to the Standard theatre Friday night after the circus. Admission free.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Regina Hotel.—B. Conny, Hunker; Jack Green, Bonanza; J. M. Sparrow, Seattle; M. Bamholdt, French Hill.

Salisbury Ill
London, Feb. 18.—Lord Salisbury is seriously ill with lumbago.

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