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STRONGLY APPROVED

Citizens' Committee Has the Support of Residents of Dawson.

REGENT ATTACKS WERE UNWARRANTED

Members Enjoy the Confidence of Their Fellow Citizens.

A REPRESENTATIVE BODY.

Capable of Accomplishing the Purpose for Which They Were Appointed.

The representative character of the respective members of the citizens' committee has been attacked by certain individuals who are opposed to the purpose which the British subjects of this territory are endeavoring to accomplish. It is charged that the appointees of the people do not represent the better class of Yukon inhabitants. It is hardly probable that prominent residents of Dawson, who elected the present committee, should have made any mistake in their choice, and then have been guilty of continuing to support undesirable representatives.

Upon investigation, it appears that the citizens are particularly fortunate in the character of their representatives. Col. MacGregor, its chairman, is so well known in this territory that concerning his character and qualifications there should be no question. Mr. McMullen is the popular assistant manager of the local branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Alex McDonald is a consequential mine owner; and, likewise, he is heavily interested in Dawson realty. Mr. Williams is a miner who is working a lay on Bonanza creek. Mr. Sturgeon is a miner who has resided in this territory for nearly two years. Mr. Proudhomme is a capable contractor and builder. Messrs. Woodworth and Noel are lawyers, each of whom enjoys a large professional practice.

In these gentlemen is reposed the confidence of their fellow citizens. A reporter for the Nugget requested the opinions of several business men today; and all of them united in commending the character of the committee.

Mr. Hansen, of the Parsons Produce Company, said: "I am personally acquainted with Col. MacGregor, Messrs. McMullen, McDonald and Williams, and these gentlemen certainly have the welfare of the community at heart. I do not know the remaining members of the committee, except by reputation; but my opinion is that they, equally with my acquaintances, are representatives of the people of this territory."

Dr. Cook, manager of the Ladue Company, replied: "I consider the committee to be representative. If Messrs. McDonald and McMullen are not representative citizens, then there are none in the city."

Dr. Yeamans, of the Empire Line, replied: "I know personally Col. MacGregor, Messrs. McMullen, McDonald and Williams, and certainly they enjoy the confidence of their fellow-citizens. The rest of the members of the committee undoubtedly are as representative as those gentlemen with whom I am acquainted."

Tom Chisholm said: "The committee is representative of the people; and it is capable of accomplishing its purpose."

Dr. George Duncan replied: "I have only a casual acquaintance with the different members of the committee; but they seem to be capable gentlemen, who are well known and popular with the people."

A number of other business men were interviewed; and none were found who expressed an unfavorable opinion respecting any member of the citizens' committee.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

In Captain Starnes' court this morning a meek and lowly appearing individual who gave the name of Alex Anderson was charged with having been drunk and disorderly on Fourth street yesterday, and while in that condition of having broken a pane of glass. When asked as to his business he said he was a water carrier and the court opportunely suggested that he had carried something more than water. A fine of $15 and costs was imposed; also the cost of the window pane; and with a look of pain Alex meandered from the court. If some of his customers had no water this morning in which to make their ablutions, the above will explain as to the cause of Alex's non-appearance.

While Dr. Gillis does not do business in a balloon, yet his office towers above the roof of E. Bartlett's office, and the doctor was before the court this morning on the charge of throwing slops on Bartlett's roof. As evidence that the slops differed from light liquids such as soda water, it came out in court that their weight had broken in the roof. A fine of $1 and costs was imposed, and an order issued that the offender clear off and repair the broken roof.

Patrick Carroll drove an ox team from Bennett and while en route claims to have performed cooking and other labor to the amount of $35 for Messrs. Dinner and Ripstein, which bill the latter assert is not owed, as they hauled 350 pounds of freight for the aforesaid Carroll. As the defence was not ready to go ahead with the case until certain witnesses are found, it was continued until next Thursday morning.

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TO NEW FIELDS

Mr. Stewart Menzies Made the Round Trip to Koyukuk Since January.

BOTH ROUTES OVER RUGGED HILLS

Thinks Chandelar Trail Preferable for Summer Travel.

COUNTRY IS OF VAST AREA.

But Nothing Yet Discovered to Stamp It a Second Klondike—Many People Going.

Now that scores of people have determined to go from Dawson to the Koyukuk country early in the coming summer, the question of how to get there is the all important one. As stated in yesterday's issue of this paper, it is possible to make the entire trip from Dawson to the diggings by water, but as that trip is long, circuitous and necessarily quite expensive, many persons of limited means are anxious for information regarding the cutoff routes of which there are two.

Perhaps the only man now in Dawson who has recently made the trip over either of these cutoffs for some time, if at all, is Mr. Stewart Menzies, of the A. C. Co. Mr. Menzies has had charge of the company's business at various points on the Yukon from Dawson to St. Michael for the past several years, and is probably the best posted man regarding the big river and its many tributaries now in the district. For some time previous to the past winter he was stationed at St. Michaels in the interests of his company, but in December started up the river on a post inspecting trip.

On the 21st of January he left the Yukon at the mouth of the Dahl river, 250 miles below Fort Yukon, and went over the divide to the present scene of operations on the headwaters of the Koyukuk, or rather to the mouth of the Slate river, which empties into the Koyukuk, the present mining operations being conducted on Slate river and one of its tributaries, the Metal river.

Mr. Menzies estimates that he traveled about 180 miles between where he left the Yukon and the gold fields. The route, he says, is a very mountainous one and travel over it is very hard and necessarily slow. Pack horses might be operated on the route, but not to good advantage. The tops of the ridges are rocky and very rough, while the sides are both steep and rough.

From the mouth of the Chandelar river, about 25 miles below Fort Yukon, is another possible route to the same country, and Mr. Menzies thinks that it may be a better summer trail than that from the Dahl river. From the Chandelar the route is also over high, steep and rugged ridges; but there are numerous valleys in which are found plenty of timber and evidences of good grazing in the summer season. The country abounds in wild game of all the varieties indigenous to the Yukon valley.

Mr. Menzies says it is not impossible but a hard trip to reach the Koyukuk over either of the above routes, although he came out from Slate river to Fort Yukon in the dead of winter and made the trip in eight days.

When asked his opinion of the Koyukuk country as a future mining camp, Mr. Menzies said:

"I believe there is a great future for that country. Although it has not yet been generally prospected, gold in paying quantities has been found on many of the streams. Of course, no such big pans have yet been found as made the Klondike famous, but that fact does not prove that they are not there to find. In area the Koyukuk country is much more extensive than the Klondike, and if it turns out as many who are now there confidently believe it will, it will be a great country, one which will last for years and afford claims for a great number of people who have never been able to secure property in the Klondike."

Mr. Menzies estimates the number of people who wintered in the Koyukuk at 150, but says that number will be doubled many times before the approach of another winter.

Territorial Court.

The peremptory list of cases, the trial of which will commence in the territorial court on Tuesday, April 24th, is as follows:

McKenzie vs. Davidson (continued), Rogers vs. Reed, Meytyer vs. O'Connell, Matheson vs. Hamilton, Hamilton and Bodenman vs. Morrison and McDonald, John McDonald vs. Morrison and McDonald, Fearon vs. Morrison and McDonald, Ryan and McDermott vs. Ellis, Webb et al. vs. Ballard et al, McDonald vs. Miner.

The trial of the case of the Queen vs. Hill, accused of murder, has been fixed for May 1st.

The Fireman's Ball.

The grand ball which was given by the members of the fire department at Golden's Exchange last night, was an unqualified success. About 100 couples attended. An orchesta of six pieces rendered excellent music. The ball room was most artistically decorated, with appropriate articles of department apparatus, flags and bunting. The spacious floor was in the best of condition; and all of the guests enjoyed a very pleasant time. A delicious lunch was served at midnight. The program consisted of 22 numbers, and it was not till 4 o'clock a. m. that the concluding strains of "Home Sweet Home," dispersed the merry dancers.

A Brave Woman.

Nellie Cashman who is the defendant in a suit in the gold commissioner's office for a placer claim on Monte Cristo hill, is one of the most remarkable women in America. There is not a mining camp in the country where she is not known and loved, as her many deeds of charity have endeared her to the hearts of all who ever knew her. The writer met her in Kingston, New Mexico, when that town was the great color camp of that territory, Miss Cashman at that time keeping the Cashman house, the leading miners' hotel of the district. During the past 20 years this woman has supported and educated five children of a deceased sister, the youngest of whom is now one of the founders of the Bisbee bank, and acting cashier. Nellie has grubstaked many a prospector and knows more about mining in all branches than many a man who poses as an expert.

After her affairs are settled here she will lead the stampede, as she always does, not to Nome, that is to her a city of effete civilization, but to South Africa, where she has made up her mind to go. May good luck always follow her; there are but too few of her kind in the world.

Christian Science.

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LEGAL REMEDIES ARE HINDERED

By the Crowded Condition of the Docket.

THE VOLUME OF BUSINESS.

It Is Easier to Endure a Wrong Than to Enforce Its Remedy When Inflicted.

The Yukon judicial district is one of the most important in the Dominion of Canada. This branch of local government exercises jurisdiction over a multitude of cases, which involve property rights of inestimable value. Remedies in law, here more particularly than elsewhere, should be speedy in order that they may be adequate. Litigated interests, which pertain to mining ground, should be subjected to adjudication without delay; for dilatory legal relief may prove ultimately to be inefficacous, because the subject matter is continually decreasing in value.

In this territory, the volume of business is so great that it cannot be transacted by the judicial department as at present constituted. Actions which were filed months ago have no prospect of immediate trial; the crowded condition of the civil docket deters many individuals from seeking relief at law, for in some instances, it is less expensive and easier to endure the wrong than to enforce its remedy.

No blame can attach to the estimable gentleman who occupies the position of judge, nor to any of the court officers. He and they are performing exceedingly well their arduous duties. The cause of the difficulties which litigants are now experiencing may be attributed to the failure of the government at Ottawa to make proper provision for the constant increase of contested lawsuits. In the beginning, the judicial regulations comprehended the purpose which was intended; for some time past, however, they have been inadequate to meet the demands of justice.

For the year ending December 31st, 1899, there were filed 927 civil cases in the district court; of this number 105 were small debt cases. In addition to these civil suits, 63 contested criminal actions and 15 appeal cases were lodged in the territorial courtt. These actions aggregate the number of 1005. Since the commencement of the present calendar year, the record of cases which have been filed is as follows: Two hundred and sixteen civil actions, 40 small debt suits, 14 appeal cases, and 15 contested criminal actions. These amount to 285. From the first of January, 1899, to the present time, the files of the clerk dis-

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