

EX-MAYOR WOOD OF SEATTLE

And President of Seattle-Yukon Transportation Co.

Late Arrival in Dawson—Believes Consolidation of Dawson Companies Will Benefit Consumer.

Among the arrivals on the steamer Bailey was Judge Wm. D. Wood, president of the Seattle-Yukon Transportation Company, the interests of which concern were recently purchased by the Northern Commercial and Northern Navigation companies. Judge Wood comes to Dawson to complete the final arrangements pending the formal transfer of the S.-Y. T. Co.'s interests. The sale so far as Dawson is concerned affects only the transportation and commercial interests of the company, the store buildings not being included in the transfer. In referring to the fact that the S.-Y. T. Co. is no longer in the field for the Klondike trade, Judge Wood expressed himself as being highly gratified at the treatment which his company had been accorded while in business in Dawson. "For some reasons," said he "I regret the fact that we have withdrawn from business. The S.-Y. T. Co. was securing its full share of business and particularly during the past year we have done surprisingly well.

"We are sorry to terminate our pleasant relationship with our representatives and employes at our stations and upon our boats. Our success has been largely due to their ability and fidelity.

"When the consolidation idea was broached we agreed to sell our interests, not because we were dissatisfied with the outlook for business or that we were doubtful as to the future of the country. We disposed of our holdings because we did not desire to oppose a movement the prime object of which is to decrease the cost of living in this northern country.

"I am convinced that the ultimate result of the consolidation will be a material saving to the consumer which means, of course, a reduction in the cost, and an increase in the extent of mining operations. The new company has a splendid opportunity to foster the growth and development of the country and I expect to see the utmost advantage taken of the situation."

"Judge Wood will remain in Dawson for a period of about two weeks when he will leave for down river points, inspecting all S.-Y. T. posts and making the final transfers of the same to the new company. It has been nearly two years since he visited Dawson, and naturally he is greatly surprised and highly pleased with the progress which the town has made along metropolitan lines.

As to his personal plans for the future Judge Wood has not as yet reached any definite determination. When he has completed the business upon which he is now engaged he will avail himself of the opportunity presented of taking a long needed rest.

HAD BETTER TURN BACK.

Bad Crowd at Skagway En Route to Dawson.

The Skagway Daily Alaskan of May 23rd says editorially:

"The first evil fruitage of the influx of an undesirable element in consequence of the prevailing cheap rates manifested itself Sunday night in two burglaries. While the booty obtained by the thieves was inconsiderable, the event should serve to convince everybody of the danger which the citizens of this place will be subjected to if fares are kept at the low figure. We should interpret these tricks as harbingers of a grand carnival of crime which is sure to follow unless stern measures are adopted at the outset to let the lawlessly inclined know that they cannot operate here without imminent danger of being apprehended and severely punished.

"We have had occasion heretofore to refer to quite a number of ex-convicts who have arrived since the rate war commenced. They are still in our midst. Other criminals will undoubtedly come—no doubt are here now. Probably most of the crooks come here with Dawson as an ultimate destination, but they have very little money any they will be our unwelcome guests all summer if we do not impress upon them that they are not wanted and they may go back to the States.

"While there is no cause for alarm, it would be the part of prudence for everyone to exercise every precaution they can, such as having doors and windows securely fastened at night and during the absence of occupants at day time."

J. G. Hunter, G. W. Fraser, J. T. Yeager and Dr. R. Cabbage, of the Parks, are registered at the McDonald hotel.

Skagway friends, \$5.00 Goetzman's.

Savoy to Reopen.
The Savoy theater is to be remodeled and refurnished and made into an attractive legitimate playhouse where first-class plays will be produced. The partition is to be moved back about 10 feet and an extension of the balcony is to be made. Six hundred opera chairs for the parquet have been ordered by wire and will arrive here in about three weeks.

Four new people for the legitimate plays and eight vaudeville artists are now at Whitehorse awaiting the departure of the boat and it is expected to have a troupe come in during the summer.

NO RESPECTER OF NAMES

Plan With a Jag Prevents Arctic Queen From Sailing.

The steamer Arctic Queen will sail sometime today for the Stewart river. That is, she will sail if harmony can be brought to prevail among the epauletted officers of that noble craft. The Arctic Queen last season sailed under the plebian name of the Emma Not, but this year things are different. Her passenger accommodations are now greatly in excess of her last year's capacity as a new stateroom was added last night to the craft while she was held to the dock by an inebriated creditor who demanded payment of money claimed to be due him.

A lengthy and excited argument followed the demand and a cordon of police gathered around her during the progress of hostilities, but the boat sailed nevertheless, she casting off from the scow to which she was tied, which proceeding met with the disapproval of the gent with the jag, who as a mark of his antagonism to the contemplated voyage, boarded the craft and wound his arms around the captain who was seated on the capstan, he thinking by that means, in all probability that the boat was effectively blocked from any further progress. However, he reckoned without his host for the doughty captain shouted an order to the crew (the man in the stern) who put the vessel in motion and steered her out to the stream. With his arms entwined around the captain the creditor and the Arctic Queen sailed up stream as far as the Aurora dock where, by this time the captain, nearly strangled, gave an order to land, and the boat was again tied to the dock.

It is understood that an amicable settlement has been made with the inebriated creditor and that the Arctic Queen will continue today on her journey.

A. B.'s at Whitehorse.

May 23d a new camp of the Arctic Brotherhood was instituted at Whitehorse by the grand camp from Skagway. The following are the charter members of Whitehorse camp, No. 12: Major A. S. Snyder, J. C. Tache, J. P. Whitney, E. Levin, J. Barteau, Capt. Wm. Turnbull, Thomas McGuire, Geo. C. Mallott, J. R. Shaw, R. D. Pinneo, F. B. Turner, R. A. Corbett, F. W. Walter, John C. Phelps, Joseph C. Morton, A. M. Rosseau, Spencer Coats, H. L. Peavy, J. P. Nirsch, A. D. Lewis, Maj. Wilson, Wallace Langley, Dr. Pare, J. West.

The following are the officers of the new camp:

Past arctic chief, Major Snyder; arctic chief, J. P. Whitney; vice-arctic chief, Major Wilson; arctic chaplain, R. D. Pinneo; arctic recorder, R. A. Corbett; keeper of nuggets, Geo. C. Mallott; trustees, J. C. Tache, Gilbert H. S. Sprout, F. W. Walter, Dr. Pare, J. West.

Case vs. Carr at Savoy Saturday night.

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DEEP SHAFT ON FIFTH TIER

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The most successful deep shaft mine which is being worked in this country is located on the fifth tier of benches on the left limit of Bonanza creek opposite 7 below discovery. This location brings the claim on top of Adams Hill where a shaft of 154 feet was sunk before bedrock was reached. When bedrock was finally reached the white channel pay streak was discovered which upon drifting was found to cover nearly the whole claim making it a very rich property. Immediately upon proving the value of the ground Mr. James E. Lewis and those associated with him in the ownership of the claim, ordered and put into operation a large and complete thawing and hoisting plant which will carry 1000 buckets from the bottom of the shaft and put it on the dump every 24 hours, so that an immense amount of dirt all of which is said to contain pay is being taken out.

The elevation of the claim above Bonanza creek is 450 feet and water for sluicing purposes is pumped by Reed & Newman's pumping plant which has an immense pressure and throws the water clear over the dump.

This claim is said to be the first claim to be successfully operated at such a great depth and it is also claimed that only one other shaft has ever been sunk which is deeper and that put down on the left limit opposite 86 below on Bonanza by Clark and others. The depth of their shaft was 210 feet, but it could not be worked successfully and was abandoned.

COMING AND GOING.

The river is still falling. C. P. Reilly, of 26 Eldorado, was in Dawson yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Johnson are guests at the Regina today.

R. E. Misener, of Grand Forks, is a guest at the Yukon hotel.

Frank P. Slavin returned to Dawson after a visit to his claim on Sulphur creek.

A. L. Brown and wife, of Dago Hill, who have been spending a few days in Dawson returned to their claim yesterday.

Mr. J. Langstedt, who has been confined to the hospital for some time past leaves today for the outside where he hopes to recoup his health.

Senator Lynch, the Chechako Hill magnate returned to Dawson yesterday on the steamer Bailey from a trip to his home in San Francisco.

David A. McFarlane, Ed. Vannart of Gold Run, A. J. Nelson, of Gold Run and Peter O. Ksoig, of 17 above on Bonanza are registered at the McDouald hotel.

Mr. J. R. Gandolfo is considering the advisability of erecting a handsome two story building on his lot, the southwest corner of Third avenue and First street.

Mr. Ed. Lilly, of Lilly Bros., who is now in Dawson for the first time, is so pleased with the outlook that he has decided to remain for some time instead of for only a few days as was his intention on arriving.

Police Court.

For having lingered long with the flowing bowl when its contents stood straight and were red, Thos. Palmer paid \$5 and costs in police court this morning.

Fred Clauson had also cultivated a hilarious, the aftermaths of which were, first a dark, brown taste, and second a fine of \$5 and costs.

Holland herring, Selman & Myers.

Local Sports.
The lacrosse team will have to suspend operations for a while owing to having lost the only lacrosse balls in the country in the slough last night, while playing a practice game. New balls have been ordered and will be here on the first boats and then the public may look for some interesting games.

The cricket team is getting in some good hard practice these days and it is expected that a match game will be forthcoming in a short time.

It is announced that a return match game between the Eastern and Western Canada association football teams will be played next Saturday.

Just Like Home.

Mrs. M. C. Noble, who for nearly three years presided over the destinies of the Nugget messhouse with great credit to herself and to the greatest satisfaction of all the boarders, has now started a private boarding house; which she will have fitted up ready for the reception of guests by next Monday. She has just built a house on Second avenue near Fifth street, where her business will be conducted and that she will meet with deserved success in her new venture is the wish of her many friends.

Juneau Wins.

Skagway will not become the home of the United States land office if the recommendations of the special agent for the interior department who recently investigated, as to the advisability of the proposed change are followed by the officials at Washington City and it is very likely they will be. That individual has reported in favor of moving that office to Juneau, as its location there would be of greater convenience to miners and others having business with it.

Juneau, however, makes greater pretensions to being a city than Sitka and office rents are higher there, so high in fact, that the change will not be made now and may never be unless cheaper rates for quarters can be obtained than those quoted.

The matter has been again referred to the special agent and he will see what can be done in the way of obtaining suitable rooms and then report back to the interior department.

On the question of taking the office of surveyor general to Juneau the special agent reported adversely. He believed Sitka, the present home of it, the better place. This action will no doubt be final.—Alaskan.

His Earthly Possessions.

"I am taking this up to my room to pack therein all the property I have accumulated during the past 20 years," said a well-known and well-liked sporting man who will leave for St. Michael en route to Nome tonight, and as he spoke he held up a small telescope grip that would probably hold a shirt and two pairs of socks. However, his heart was as light and airy as a "furnished front room to let," and there is no denying that a much worse man than he may take his place in Dawson.

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