

MINERS UNION IS FORMED

Four Hundred Men Fleet at Forks and Perfect Organization.

Officers Elected and Committees Appointed - Another Meeting to be Held Saturday Night.

On Saturday evening pursuant to a call a meeting of miners was held at the Gold Hill hotel at Grand Forks for the purpose of organizing a miners' union. About 400 men were present at the meeting at the conclusion of which a number approximating seventy-five came forward and paid their initiation fees thus forming the nucleus of what promises to become a permanent organization.

The objects of the meeting were set forth by A. Brecken who issued the original call for an assembly of miners in Dawson on Victoria day. That meeting not being a success on account of the fact that the Victoria day sports were in progress at the same time, an adjournment had been taken to the time and place indicated above.

D. Dick was selected to act as secretary of the meeting and at the conclusion of the chairman's opening address Joe Clarke was called upon. Other speakers followed and much enthusiasm was manifested among the assembled miners. Committees were appointed to perfect a plan of organization and officers were elected to serve the first term as follows:

Arthur Wilson, honorary president; A. Brecken, president; Joe Clarke, vice-president; D. Dick, secretary; Arthur Wilson, treasurer.

An executive committee was appointed consisting of the following: Messrs. Newhall, Barlow and Blonden. It is the intention to enlist the other creeks in the movement and for this purpose vice-presidents representing every working creek in the district will be appointed. When the business of the meeting was completed an adjournment was taken to admit of receiving members, and as was noted above some 75 men placed their names on the records as members of the organization.

Another meeting is called to take place at the Forks next Saturday night upon which occasion it is anticipated that representatives will be present from all outlying creeks.

In speaking with a representative of this paper a miner was present at the meeting on Saturday night declared it to be the intention of the miners to take such action as will serve to protect in every way possible the interests of the working miner.

"We have not combined," said he, "to work injury to anyone but merely as a self protective measure. We want to do what we can to secure a fair wage for the man who works for a living and to insist that when he has performed his work he shall receive the money he has earned. It we are able to accomplish these two results we shall feel that the union has been a complete success."

Twice Wedded.

Vandalia, Ill., May 16. - Charles Maunien, of this city, and Miss Minnie Reed, of Greenville, Bond county, procured license papers here to marry. Instead of having the ceremony performed here they went to Greenville and secure the services of Rev. W. W. Hopkins, of Kirkwood, Mo., who married them there. It appears that the officiating minister, as well as the newly wedded couple, was ignorant of the fact that such a marriage was illegal, as the license permits the ceremony to take place only in the same county where the papers are issued. When it became known, another license was procured, this time from the county clerk of Bond county, and Rev. Mr. Hopkins was again called upon to tie the nuptial knot, the ceremony taking place at the Christian church in Greenville.

Flower Pickers of Grasse.

The peasant women and girls of Grasse, in the south of France, are kept employed in picking and sorting flowers for perfume, Grasse being the center of that industry.

Violet gathering begins in March, Jasmine, orange blossom, rose and tuberose in May, the mignonette in August and the cassia in September.

The work of picking is done between 5 and 11 o'clock in the morning, the remainder of the day being spent in sorting and picking apart the flowers. The perfume making begins with spreading the petals upon layers of pure lard that cover plates of glass, and the flower layers are renewed three or four times before the fat has become thoroughly saturated with the perfume. This perfumed lard is the "pomade" of commerce, out of which are made extracts and fine pomades.

Perinet R. Pils Extra Sec Champagne, \$1. Regina Club hotel.

Canned spring chicken, Selman & Myers.

Rubber gloves for sluicing, Cribbs & Rogers.

Holland herring, Selman & Myers.

Latest Kodak finishing at Goetzman's.

NEWS OF WATERFRONT

Many People Preparing to Leave Dawson.

Unusual activity is manifested today around steamboat offices owing to the exodus of a large number of the gambling fraternity as well as many dance hall girls who are arranging for departure on the different boats, both up and down the river. The down river boats will carry the greater number of these people, however, as is shown by the tickets purchased on down going steamers.

On next Wednesday the steamers Louise and Monarch will leave for St. Michael, the former boat having been substituted for the Leon which boat will follow the Louise about June 10th. The Louise will sail to the mouth of the Koyukuk stopping at way points and the Leon will connect with the river boats City of Paris and Luella at that point.

The Victorian left today at 1 p. m. Early this morning all staterooms were sold on the boat. She will carry a very heavy passenger list.

Steamer Ora of the Klondike Corporation Company sailed yesterday for Whitehorse, carrying her full complement of passengers, every berth having been sold. She is making an effort to beat any record made on the river by any boat leaving here at this time of the year. The Bonanza King also sailed yesterday for Whitehorse.

The water is still falling rapidly in the Yukon and all apprehension of a flood at present has passed.

But two boats remain on the ways at the shipyard - the Mary Graff and Lightning. Both will probably be launched within a week from date.

The Bailey is reported coming down the river carrying the mail. She is due not later than Wednesday.

COMING AND GOING.

Wm. McIntyre of the News was a passenger out on the Victorian.

M. H. Anderson and wife, Mrs. McKinney and J. C. Davis are registered at the Regina today.

The Yukon is still receding and now it is considered that all danger from high water has passed.

Capt. and Mrs. D. B. Olson left this afternoon on the steamer Victorian for a trip to the outside.

The telegraph line went down yesterday afternoon between Stewart and Selwyn and had not been repaired up to 3:30 this afternoon.

The steamer Bailey left the foot of Lake Lebarge yesterday morning at 10:30. It is thought that she brings mail and will arrive tomorrow.

Saturday afternoon a baseball match between the Gandolfo and Townsend & Rose teams resulted in a victory in the tenth inning for the former team the score being 12 to 15.

Mr. E. W. Payne is back at his old place in charge of the Monte Carlo poolrooms and bowling alley. He will be pleased to see all his old friends who will be made welcome.

A general meeting of the members of the Zero club will be held at the club rooms on Tuesday, the 4th of June, 1901, at the hour of 9 p. m., at which matters of importance will be discussed.

F. W. Lloyd, a hunter and prospector, who spent the last winter up the Klondike hunting and trapping brought to Dawson with him on his last trip a rare specimen of a pair of Caribou antlers owing to their immense size. The animal from which the antlers were taken was a fine buck weighing in the neighborhood of 400 pounds. The antlers will measure three feet in breadth and have 45 points.

The first fire alarm for a number of days sounded about 3 o'clock this afternoon the call coming from McCormick's Cafe on the corner of Third street and Second avenue. A kerosene lamp under the coffee pot exploded making it look for a time as if a disastrous results would follow. A few well aimed buckets of water together with generous supply of salt succeeded in putting the fire out before any serious damage was done.

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ALLANBY TOOK WATER

But Not Voluntarily Was as a Chaser.

With two large sails spread to the breeze Tom Allanby was greatly enjoying his canoe ride Saturday evening when he by some unlucky accident found his boat broadsides between the current of the river from the south and the strong wind which was blowing from the north and before his eye could twinkle his boat had been upset and Tom found himself in the icy water of the Yukon.

Tom hails from Australia and is a sailor of long experience so that instead of losing his head and standing a good chance of losing his life as a land lubber would have done when thrown so suddenly and forcibly into the icy water, Tom kept cool and taking hold of his canoe he drifted down the river. The canoe rolled from side to side and once turned clear over as it drifted with the current with Tom hanging on to the side. Some times it looked to the spectators who were watching him from the beach as if he had gone on top and again it looked as if he had gone down perhaps never to rise again.

When the canoe rolled over he would let go his hold and grasp it again as it righted itself. By this means he was able to keep himself above water.

The little steamer Marjorie, when the mishap occurred, started right out to the rescue and after a few unsuccessful attempts succeeded in getting a line to Tom and got him aboard together with the canoe, but not, however, until he had rounded the point below West Dawson, and had nearly reached the winter quarters of the steamboats.

CASES IN COURT

Precaution Taken Against Any More Skipping Out.

When the territorial court convened this morning the first prisoner called was Chas. Knight charged with having stolen gold dust to the value of \$130 on claim 42 below on Bonanza. He entered a plea of not guilty, and as the O'Brien case was set for today the trial of Knight was deferred, but will probably be called this week. Attorney Hagel asked that Knight be admitted on bail. The judge fixed the amount at \$400, the object of the large amount being, he said, to preclude further skipping down the river of persons out on bail.

An old case was disposed of this morning that has been on since last December, the parties being Dinner and Saltman and the charge being of attempting to defraud creditors. Both have been out on their own recognizance and owing to some complication brought about by a statement of the case to Ottawa, both men were discharged today.

A man named Theis on the charge of stabbing was remanded until late in the week, an exact date for trial not being fixed this morning.

Skagway to Seattle Only \$5.

An error in Saturday evening's Nugget caused the statement to be made that steamer fare from Skagway to lower points is \$85 when it should have said \$5. The rate war is still on and late advices are that it is apt to continue for some time to come. As one result of the low rates it is stated that Skagway is filling up with a gang of hobos and petty larcenists from below, many of whom will attempt to extend their journey as far as Dawson.

Eagles' Social Session.

The F. O. E. gave another of its open sessions last night to which a large number of the members with their friends attended and a fine program, and a general good time was enjoyed by all.

The Savoy orchestra was present and played a number of their very choicest selections. Jos. A. Clarke presided and opened the meeting with some well timed remarks. Frank King rendered several songs and was followed by the Firemen's String orchestra who were compelled to respond several times to the encores they received. Nat Darling, the comedian, delivered a recitation, Tony Sala in songs, who was encored heartily; Remarks by Bert Collier; J. H. Hearde in coon songs; Larry Bryant, bass solo; a cornet solo by Fred Blank, and stories by John McCormick.

Mr. Bryant and Mr. McCormick were enthusiastically applauded for their respective efforts, and taken all in all the program was one of excellence, which together with the refreshments served during the progress of the entertainment, made an evening of enjoyment which was thoroughly appreciated by everyone present.

King Leopold's Gift.

Paris, May 16. - About a year ago King Leopold, with great flourish of trumpets, issued a decree that he presented to the Belgian nation, in token of his affection and regard for his people, all his extensive real estate possessions in the kingdom. Unstinting praise was lavished everywhere, both in his own dominions and abroad, upon him for his patriotic generosity, and the Belgian parliament was called upon to pass a law accepting the donation in the name of the people.

The law was passed by the lower house of the legislature. But before the senate had time to deal with the matter the startling discovery was made that the king had given away property which he had no right to dispose of, and that the entire gift was null and void. It seems that the major part of the property in question consisted of real estate inherited by Leopold jointly with his brother, the Count of Flanders, and his sister, the ex-empress of Mexico, from their father.

Leopold long since bought his brother's share. His sister has been crazy and under restraint ever since her husband, Emperor Maximilian, was put to death in Mexico in 1867. Leopold is by law the trustee and administrator of her property. But his rights are limited by the letters of administration, which he holds from the Belgian tribunals, to the mere management of her properties, and he has no power to give any of it away.

As regards the balance of the real estate, it appears that, according to the terms of Leopold's marriage contract, all property acquired by him since his marriage belongs as much to the queen as to himself, and that their children have a vested interest therein. Therefore the king cannot give away any property which he has acquired since his marriage without previously obtaining the full sanction, not merely of his consort Queen Henrietta, from whom he is virtually separated and with whom he is at dagger's drawn, but likewise of his three daughters, with one of whom, namely, ex-Crown Princess Stephanie, he is not on speaking terms, while another, Princess Louise of Coburg, has, like her aunt, Empress Charlotte, been judicially declared insane, and is as such unable to give a consent that possesses any legal value.

The gift, therefore, of King Leopold has been canceled, and he will remain in possession of all his extensive holdings of real estate in Belgium, while his subjects have once more discovered to their cost, as is the case of his offer to present them with the Congo Free State, that the gifts and donations of their canny monarch have a very long string attached to them.

A Pleasant Evening.

A very pleasant social dance was given at the Dougherty hotel last Friday evening, and a large number gathered to enjoy the hospitality of Mrs. Hering, who was assisted by Mrs. Webster in receiving the guests. Good music and a dainty lunch helped to turn a stormy evening into a most enjoyable one.

Among those present were: Miss Cora Sloggy, and Messrs. Reid, Peterson and Wall of Gold Run, Mr. and Mrs. Van Reister, Mr. and Mrs. H. Cotwell, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Randall, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hering, Mesdames Beayt, Webster,

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