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BOARD OF TRADE

Meeting Tonight Will Grapple With Questions of Grave Importance

THE BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION CHARGES

And Prospects of Combination of Lower River Fleet.

MAY FORCE DECISIVE ACTION

On Part of Independent Dealers Who Insist Handwriting on Wall is Ominous.

A special meeting of the Board of Trade will be held tonight at 8 o'clock to discuss questions pertaining to freight traffic and transportation. Every member who has at heart his own interests and those of the people to whom he looks for support should be present. The general intention is to get at some idea of what the merchant

dise will stand in the way of transportation charges and at the same time make the business legitimate.

There is a feeling that upon the commercial horizon is a cloud the size of a man's hand, which may in time enlarge, expand and cover the entire situation. Heretofore Dawson merchants were not dependant upon the up-river boats, as they had an alternative of patronizing the down river ones. Now, however, a different complexion is placed upon the matter. In face of the proposed combination of shipping interests, it is difficult to comprehend just what the effect will be locally.

From the early days when the transportation facilities were limited to one company which had no room for other than its own freight, until now, the country has been singularly free from entangling combinations. Upon the opening of the up-river route, the establishment of separate and independent sources from which to draw supplies became possible. The growth of the country owes much of its progress to the rapid development of transportation facilities. If the rates were regarded as high, they were not absolutely prohibitive and the down-river alternative was always open.

Now, however, a new era is dawning. Dawson is betwixt and between two fires. She may jump from the frying pan into the fire. With high rates up river and a combination in existence down river what is to be done?

The meeting tonight is to determine this and discuss the situation in all its bearings. Prominent merchants state that if it is a fact that the reported combination will remove any relief now afforded by the down-river route, that steps will be taken to place on the route independent boats and they will not patronize existing ones.

Dawson appears to be commercially situated at the bottom of a bottle, which may be approached from two diverging points. There is no other outlet or inlet and the grave importance of the points involved has apparently been realized by the independent merchants who, in the aggregate represent an immense amount of the total business transacted in a season.

It has been stated that the Dominion government has interposed and prevented the extension of exorbitant rates when charged by the Canadian Pacific, but the Nugget is of the opinion that the government has power to control traffic charges only with respect to such lines as are subsidized by the government. If this is the case the merchants must apply their own remedy.

Under these circumstances the time is ripe now to act, and to act intelligently and with purpose before it becomes too late. Is it possible that in this remote place we are already under the shadow of a grasping trust? Time will prove.

STEAMER AGAIN SOLD

The Eldorado Will be Used as Collier On Upper Yukon.

Capt. Syd Barrington failed to raise the purchase price of the steamer Eldorado and yesterday the boat was resold by Chris Sonnisk to Geo. E. Ames, the Dominion miner, and Capt. Miller of the coal mines at Five Fingers.

Capt. Miller has made arrangements with the W. P. & Y. R. to furnish them with coal for the trains as well as their steamboats, provided that the quality of the coal is sufficiently good to run boats. The captain says he has as good a quality of coal as the New Castle or Nanaimo mines are producing and the farther in they go the better grade they are getting.

The steamer Eldorado as well as the Clara will be used in carrying the coal from the mines to Whitehorse and it is expected that a large amount will be shipped to Dawson during the coming season.

HIS PATIENT IMPROVING

Says Dr. Richardson Who is Mrs. McConnell's Physician.

Mrs. McConnell's name was again called in police court this morning by Magistrate Starnes. The lady was represented by her physician, Dr. Richardson, who told the court that her health is improving and that he thought she will be able to appear in another week. The magistrate remanded the case for one week from today at 10 a. m.

Yesterday afternoon Dave Perry seeing the telling effect of the sun on the snow, became jubilant at the thought of the near approach of the breaking up of the river and proceeded to celebrate the event in a manner fitting the occasion. So jubilant was he feeling that he lost control of himself and became obstreperous, creating a disturbance on First avenue. He pleaded guilty this morning to the charge of drunk and disorderly and stated he had nothing further to say. The magistrate imposed a fine of \$5 and costs together with some good advice relative to his future conduct.

In court this afternoon the case of Joseph A. Clarke, charged by Mrs. Chisholm with libel, was continued until Saturday afternoon.

For harvesting ice out of season Geo. Hanberry was fined \$15 and costs.

Territorial Court.

The case of Ogilvie vs. McDonald which has been on trial in Justice Craig's court before a jury yesterday and today has attracted considerable attention. The case involves the ownership of No. 2 above on Bonanza, which is one of the best producers on the creek.

Mr. Ogilvie says that an agreement was entered into between himself, a Mr. Kearnes and Alex McDonald to purchase the claim, the price to be \$125,000, in '98. Mr. McDonald was to furnish the money and he and Kearnes were to work the claim. Alex was to have a half interest and the other two a quarter each. Their part of the purchase money was to be paid out of the first gold taken from the claim and after that the profits were to be divided according to the interest each held.

Mr. McDonald denies the agreement and claims that the men were simply hired to work the claim. A number of witnesses on both sides were examined and this afternoon the case was given to the jury. Attorney Pattullo is conducting the case for the plaintiffs and McKinnon & Noel for the defendant.

Neat and Durable.

The windows of some of Dawson's progressive merchants are now decorated with handsome enameled white letters which are not only attractive but are of a lasting character. These letters were brought in by Lueders, who has a fine assortment of the same.

The Pacific Cold Storage Co. offers every facility for keeping frozen products.

Elegantly furnished rooms with electric lights at the Regina Club hotel.

COMING AND GOING.

Mr. Paul T. C. Dumais, from Forty-mile, is making Dawson a business visit.

Andrew Peterson, of 18 below lower on Dominion, has been in town for a few days.

J. Cameron, Sam Stanley, T. G. Drew of Grand Forks, are registered at the McDonald this morning.

"My Partner," which is being played at the Standard this week is one of the best dramas ever staged in Dawson.

Today the various committees in charge of the banquet affairs have been busy closing up and settling their respective accounts.

A. L. Smith, of 24 above Bonanza, and Lewis Fredericks and wife of 36 above on Sulphur are guests today at the Regina hotel.

Several Dominion hillside between the discoveries were staked on Monday by local people, who took a private conveyance to the scene of their operations.

Alexander Clark and Robert Foster, well known mine owners and prospectors from Dominion creek are in town. They have been visiting their quartz property at Cliff creek.

The C. D. stage left for Whitehorse this morning with 17 sacks of mail and the following passengers: J. H. Weiler, H. C. Macauley, S. J. La Barge, Mr. and Mrs. Ramussen.

J. J. Doyle, of the Doyle hydraulic concession, Fox gulch was in town yesterday. He has out a large dump upon which he expects to commence sluicing operations as soon as the water runs.

Byrne Brothers have returned from Quartz creek where they invested in some bench property. They are busy getting boxes in position on their Lovell gulch claims, preparatory to cleanup.

Mr. Layfield's Return.

Mr. George Layfield for three years a member of the staff in the crown timber and land office, who left Dawson on a leave of absence last October returned last Saturday from a trip to his home in Quebec. He visited several of the larger cities in Eastern Canada and the United States and also made a trip to the Island of Bermuda, where on New Year's day he regaled himself on fresh strawberries and cream. All the time he was there and enjoying the tropical climate and the fresh fruits he says he was thinking of the Klondike and contrasting the difference between the two zones. Like all the rest of the people who spend a couple of years in this country and then go outside on a visit he is glad to get back to the activities of the life in Dawson. He started from Whitehorse with a friend who is bringing in a load of freight but at Selwyn the horses became sick and from there he traveled on foot, making what he considers very good time and not laying himself up by over exertion.

Mr. Layfield will take a position in the gold commissioner's office in a few days.

Tribute to Mr. Ogilvie.

The government employees are making preparations to tender the retiring commissioner, Mr. Ogilvie, with a testimonial of their appreciation of his effort in their behalf during his term of office and also of the esteem in which they all hold him. Just what form their testimonial will take has not been decided. A meeting of all the employees of the government has been called for Friday night and it will then be decided whether a banquet will be tendered him or some souvenir of the country.

Missing People.

The following parties are inquired for by friends and relatives, through the N. W. M. P. town station.

Peter D. Palmer, Butler, Pa.; Augustus Wm. Hobbs, Brooklyn; Robert Fleming, Brooklyn; C. R. Wilson, San Francisco; Lee Parlin, Butte, Mont.; Charles Caesar, New York; John U. Jones, Peterhead, Aberdeen-shire; Charles J. Tweedie, Denman Island, B. C.; Frank Keenan, San Francisco.

Fresh oysters, Selman & Myers.

MINER INJURED

Albert Berger Severely Crushed by Falling Earth in Tunnel

OF CLAIM NO. 11 BELOW ON BONANZA.

Leg Broken and Body Much Mutilated.

DOCTOR AND POLICE CALLED

Another Case Where Mine Inspector Was Needed—Injured Man Can Not be Moved.

Albert Berger who is in the employ of Layman Johnson on 11 below on Bonanza, was seriously and perhaps fatally injured by a cave-in of a tunnel in that mine at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Berger had with others been employed at the further end of the tunnel, but for some reason the crew had been moved to another portion of the mine. Berger returned for a candlestick just in time to be caught beneath a mass of falling earth which pinned him to the floor of the tunnel, breaking and badly crushing one of his legs and it is feared, injuring him internally. He was soon missed by his fellow workmen and a search revealed him in the position as above narrated. Telephone messages were at once sent to the Forks notifying the police of the accident and calling Dr. Edwards to attend the injured man. Berger is still on the claim, being unable to endure moving. At 3 o'clock this afternoon his condition was reported as being quite critical. He is about 45 years of age.

MODERN HOTEL.

The Forks Possesses a First-Class Hostelry in The Northern.

Raymond, Jullien & Co. are operating a first-class hotel at the Forks. The house will compare favorably with any suburban hotel on the outside and is not excelled if indeed it is equalled in the city of Dawson. The building is a two-story edifice, illuminated with electric lights, heated by hot air registers with call bells in every room and handsomely furnished throughout. The lower floor is divided into a bar and billiard room, which vies with any metropolitan saloon in equipment and attractiveness; a dining room and kitchen. The dining room is cozy and tastefully arranged and the meals excellent.

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