DOINGS OF YUKON COUNCIL

Matter of Sanctioning People's Petition Now at Ottawa Asking for Wholly Elective Council Insisted Upon by Councilmen Wilson and Prudhomme—Much Business Is Transacted.

Instead of holding its session in the evening, as was formerly the practice, the Yukon council met Thursday afternoon in its regular monthly assembly. The change proved a wise one on the part of the commissioner, as at 6 o'clock in the afternoon the accumulation of business in the council's hands had not been entirely gone over and it became necessary to continue the session in the evening. A great deal of the time of the council was occupied in considering the miners' protection ordinance section by section, it finally being passed and now stands as one of the laws of the territory. The incorporation ordinance did not come up, though it was unofficially stated that with the exception of a few minor details it was ready for presentation.

At the convening of the council Commissioner Ross occupied the chair, there being present Mr. Justice Dugas, Gold Commissioner Senkler, Major Wood, Legal Adviser Newlands, Councilman Wilson and Councilman Prudhomme, all the members excepting Registrar Girouard. The commissioner notified the members that Mr. Newlands had been sworn in as legal adviser, received his commission and was now a regular member of the council. Councilman Wilson expressed pleasure in welcoming to the council one so well and favorably known for his learning and erudition. Mr. Justice Dugas likewise extended his felicitations.

Under the head of petitions, Mr. Senkler presented one from Mrs. Ferguson asking for payment of the sum of $2,500 to her for street numbers, signs, etc., which she has caused to be erected throughout the city. Referred to the committee on public works.

Mr. Justice Dugas presented a petition from the citizens of Whitehorse asking aid in the establishment of a free library. The estimated cost of maintaining the same is $175 per month for rent, care, etc., and $50 per month for literature. Referred to the finance committee.

Mr. Newlands filed a petition in behalf of the Hadley stage line, asking that an ordinance be passed granting them the right to increase their capital stock to $60,000. It was stated that by reason of a combination of interests recently made the assets of the company were now over $50,000. The legal adviser suggested that as the company had incorporated under the joint stock ordinance, he would move instead of granting the prayer of the petitioners to pass a new ordinance having in effect the same purpose. Such action was taken, the increased capitalization being divided into 600 shares of $100 each.

Mr. Prudhomme asked if any reply had ever been heard from a memorial forwarded to Ottawa some months ago, and if so, what was the nature of such reply. He stated the memorial referred to requested the amendment of certain provisions in the mining regulations. A formal receipt from the deputy minister of the interior was read by the commissioner announcing the arrival of the memorial and adding that it would receive respectful consideration.

Mr. Wilson again asked the council for its endorsement and recommendation on two petitions which had been forwarded to Ottawa, one praying for two representatives in parliament and the other asking for a wholly elective council. The request of Mr. Wilson was the same made by him at the last meeting of the council, at which time the objection of the council's endorsement was made by Justice Dugas on account of the petitions or copies thereof not having been produced so it could be seen who were acting as sponsors for them. As on the previous occasion, Mr. Dugas asked if the petition bearing the signatures was present. Mr. Wilson replied that the originals had been forwarded to Ottawa some time ago and he regretted very much that he could not produce a list of the petitioners in full. He, however, had one of them and portions of another, and stated that the petitions sent were the largest and most extensively signed of any that had ever been forwarded from the Yukon. Mr. Prudhomme seconded the motion of Mr. Wilson, but before putting it to a vote, the commissioner suavely remarked, his suggestions acting like oil upon troubled waters:

"I am sure that every member of the council will endorse to a certain extent the sentiments expressed in the petitions referred to. The desire for representation in parliament is only in keeping with the natural sequence of things, but as to the question of a wholly elective council, there may be some difference. There is no question as to the destrability of representation, but to give us a wholly elective council without any increase of powers I do not consider judicious. Then, too, I consider when legislative enactments are desired a reason for the same should be given, and I would suggest that in lieu of the proposed endorsement a committee be appointed to draft a memorial setting forth what changes may be desired, funds needed, etc. I make this suggestion merely because I do not believe our resolution of recommendation would have any effect or avail. You will understand, gentlemen, I have no desire to place elective members of the council in a false position, as I realize perfectly well that they being elected as the choice of the people certain things are naturally expected of them."

Mr. Wilson—"I would be pleased if the council would see fit to form a committee, similar to that in existence last winter, for the purpose of preparing a memorial as suggested. I am sure that while in the past we did not get all we asked for, yet much good was accomplished by placing the matter before parliament in the proper manner. I am pleased to move that the commissioner be asked to name a committee from the council for such purposes."

Mr. Prudhomme—"I agree fully with the gentleman, but fear the memorial as suggested may not be presented in time for the present sittings of the house of commons. The people have already forwarded the memorial and they should have their hands strengthened by our endorsement."

Mr. Dugas—"You speak of the people; I insist on knowing who the petitioners are."

Mr. Wilson—"I regret I can not supply the list in full, but insist it is the largest ever sent out from Dawson."

The motion for the appointment of the committee as suggested by the commissioner was passed.

Mr. Prudhomme gave notice of a motion concerning the wood upon concessions and asked the council to amend the regulations so the wood can be cut and used by bona fide miners. His motion was as follows:—

"Whereas, The present regulations regarding the cutting of wood on hydraulic concessions is causing much trouble and litigation; and

"Whereas, None of the hydraulic concessions are being worked, and as there is no assurance of their being worked in the near future, this council respectfully recommends to the honorable minister of the interior to amend the present regulations so that any bona fide miner be allowed to cut wood for the working of his property on grounds covered by the hydraulic concessions, under the same conditions and regulations as if such ground was vacant Dominion lands."

The commissioner stated, in reference to the wood contained on the concessions, that he had had Inspector Beaudette make a number of examinations and in instances where miners could not procure wood except by hauling it a long distance, he had issued permits allowing them to cut and take wood from the concessions. Such permits would continue to be granted where it was shown they were made in good faith.

Mr. Wilson introduced the ordinance providing a sub-section to the ordinance already in force respecting the medical profession. The purposes of the section, it was stated by Mr. Newlands, was merely to provide for such Canadian physicians who had received their education in countries other than Canada, and who under the present ordinance are disqualified from practice. He instanced a case here in the city where a gentleman highly educated in the practice of medicine and surgery, a Canadian, yet from having received his education in the United States he was barred from practice. The sub-section as passed reads as follows:

"All bona fide medical practitioners practicing in the Yukon territory at the date of the formation of the college of physicians and surgeons, who can produce evidence of having attended a recognized college or school of medicine for a term of three years, and a diploma of qualification for the practice of medicine, surgery and mid-wifery, obtained from such medical college or school, shall be eligible for admission to the college of physicians and surgeons of said territory upon payment of the sum of $100."

Mr. Newlands introduced an amendment to the fire ordinance which, after considerable discussion, was passed. By it the fire limits are extended from Third avenue to Ninth avenue. A change was also made in the size of the thimbles used through which stove pipes pass. The former ordinance requires the air chamber should not be less than four and a half inches in diameter and as a great many now in use are but four inches and numbers of insurance policies have been written subject only to the full compliance of the building insured with the fire ordinance, it was thought best to reduce the diameter to four inches in order that there might be no forfeiture of insurance due to a slight technicality.

As to the question of better protection from fire caused by electric light wires, in the provisions added to the ordinance requiring more perfect insulation, the matter of the liability and where it falls came up, whether on the tenant or the owner of the building where changes were ordered made and not complied with. Mr. Dugas suggested that the wires of any house not complying with the provisions of the ordinance should be cut off. The provisions effecting the wiring of a building are as follows:

"(a) Whenever a connection is made between a larger and a smaller conductor at the entrance to or within a building, some automatic device must be introduced in the circuit of the smaller conductor whereby it shall be interrupted whenever the current passing through it is in excess of its safe carrying capacity;

"(b! The wires passing through the exterior wall of a building should be firmly encased in substantial tubes of non-conducting material, not liable to absorb moisture;

"(c) Whenever wires are carried through walls, floors or partitions in buildings they must be surrounded by a special insulating tube of substantial material;

"(d) Exposed wires must be covered with at least two coatings, one of insulating material next the wire, and another outside of this, of material calculated to protect the former from injury;

"(e) In running along walls and the like, wires must be rigidly attached to the same by non-conducting fastenings and must be placed at a distance from each other of eight inches for arc lights and two and one-half inches for incandescent lights, and whenever they approach any other wire or conducting body capable of furnishing another circuit or ground connection, they must be rigidly secured and separated from the same by some continuous solid non-conductor of at least one half inch in thickness."

The following penalty is provided for tampering or interfering with the fire alarm boxes:

"Anyone interfering with any fire alarm box in the unincorporated town of Dawson except for the purpose of giving a bona fide alarm of fire or unless authorized by the chief of the fire department, and everyone tampering with, injuring or destroying any such fire alarm box shall be guilty of an offense and liable on summary conviction to a fine of $50."

An ordinance was presented by Mr. Newlands defining the limits of Dawson and Klondike city. The bill was prepared from notes of a survey made by the superintendent of survey, the description being by meters and bounds. It was advanced to its final reading and passed.

The council then resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the miners' protection ordinance, a verbatim copy of which was published in yesterday's issue. At the evening session the taxation ordinance and other matters pertaining to the assessment and levy for the current year came up. The present is the last regular meeting of the council which will be held in the court house. The next session, the first Thursday in December, will be held in the council chamber in the new administration building.

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THE NORA BRINGS MAIL IN SPITE OF FACT THAT WHITE PASS BOATS WERE TAKEN OFF RIVER THREE WEEKS AGO

APPEAL FOR MISS STONE

The Second One Has Been Made to American People.

Boston, Oct. 11.—The misunderstandings existing in various parts of the country, indicated especially in private advices received here, as to the progress of the fund to ransom Miss Stone, the missionary, are considered to be sufficient reason for the issuance of another appeal for funds by the clergymen who signed the first one. The idea is to impress upon the people of America the danger that still threatens Miss Stone. The second appeal is as follows:

Boston, Oct. 11, 1901.

The People of America: The promptings of our hearts compel us to issue a second urgent appeal to the people of America to come to the rescue of Miss Ellen M. Stone, the missionary now held captive by the origands in the Balkan mountains for a ransom of $110,000. Nearly one-half that sum is yet to be raised.

Private advices received yesterday were to the effect that it was absolutely necessary to raise the full amount at once. The story of 30 days' respite is absolutely discredited in the best-informed circles.

Today's information from Washington is that the outlook is far from being so reassuring as was hoped yesterday.

The public should not deceived by the idea that the American board as such, will pay any ransom. It has officially declared that it could not, although its members have unanimously expressed sympathy with the movement.

Will not pastors, tender-hearted women, patriotic men and representatives of commercial and financial activity everywhere—will not everyone aid by giving and soliciting until the entire fund is in hand?

A life is at stake, and the life of a Christian missionary, patriotic and a noble American.

All contributions should be sent direct to Kidder, Peabody & Co., 115 Devonshire street, Boston, or Baring, Magoun & Co., 15 Wall street, New York. All money contributed will be returned to the donors in case its use is not necessary, or in the event of its being hereafter returned by or through the United States government.

(Signed)

John L. Withrow, Park Street Congregational Church.

George C. Lorimer, Tremont Temple Baptist Church.

John Galbraith, Broomfield Street M. E. Church.

Caused a Sensation.

Denver, Oct. 11.—A sensation was caused tonight by the arrest of Mrs. Vallie, widow of U. Vallie, whose body was found near his home, Jefferson, Park county, Colo., last Wednesday. Vallie was station agent for the Colorado & Southern railway at Jefferson. His head had been beaten to a pulp with a club. The coroner's verdict charged the crime to Charles Baker, a man formerly employed by Vallie on a ranch. Charges were made that Baker's motive for the crime was love for Mrs. Vallie, who was much younger than her husband. Mrs. Vallie was arrested in Denver tonight upon the request of the Park county authorities.

E. E. JESSUP IS NOT DEAD

Club Waiter Who So Mysteriously Disappeared Some Weeks Ago Stopped Two Days at a Roadhouse—Gave the Roadhouse Man Important Papers—Letter Received.

From Saturday and Monday's Daily.

Did Jessup, the man who disappeared so mysteriously and suddenly on the 26th of last month, meet with foul play or did he shake the dust of Dawson off his feet and make his way to other parts quietly and unostentatiously? This is the question which has been agitating the public mind since the date of his disappearance.

New circumstances have arisen in the course of the investigation which leads to the belief that the latter is the case.

A few days after Jessup's disappearance a man who is operating a road house on the Yukon arrived in Dawson and told a story which if proven to be correct will solve the mystery at once.

The keeper of the road house has a partner on one of the creeks in the vicinity of Dawson, and to him told the story. He said that one evening shortly after the date of the disappearance a man appeared on the opposite side of the river from his house and called him. Taking a boat he brought the man across and he stayed with him for a couple of days. The man gave his name as Jessup, and told him upon his departure that he was short of funds but in return for the accommodation he had received would give him his papers, which were of no use to him, as he could never return to this country, stating that he was compelled to leave owing to some trouble he had had in the gold commissioner's office with regard to making false affidavits and for which he was liable to criminal prosecution. For this reason he had to leave and did not dare to draw the money that was coming to him from the place where he had been at work, as he was afraid that the police, who were hot on his trail, would arrest him if he should attempt to get the money.

Among the papers were transfers, grants, etc., all of which were transferred to the road house man, the endorsement being written on the back and signed by Jessup.

After the supposed Jessup had left the road house keeper came to Dawson and gave the papers to his partner, in whose possession they now are.

Another fact which might have a tendency to strengthen this theory is a letter which was received from Jessup by Mr. Diebold, who was interested with Jessup in some mining transactions. The letter reads as follows:—

Friend Diebold— left that grant and all papers with Black & Woodworth. They said that they did not think that they could do away with it so you can get it staked over again, the 29 feet. You can find out when it runs out.

The letter was anonymous, having no signature and bearing the date of the 28th of October, two days after Jessup's disappearance. It was written on the back of one of the Zero Club's order sheets, and was posted on the first of Novemeber. The theories regarding the letter are contradictory, some thinking it a blind while others think it to be genuine, as it is concerning a transaction which was known only to a few parties. The new developments in the case are now being looked into, and the corroboration or denial of the story will be ready by Monday, when the complete details will be given for publication.

RUMOR OF DEWET'S DEATH

Intrepid Old Boer General Said to Have Died From Wounds

Durban, Oct. 19.—Gen. DeWet's recent inactivity has produced the impression among military men that he is either dead or incapacitated through wounds. According to a letter from Pretoria, a prominent Boer recently wrote a friend there relating the terrible hardships suffered by the Boers in the field, especially from a lack of surgeons.

"DeWet, for example," wrote the Boer, "suffered the most terrible agony before he died. He was wounded in the shoulder by a splinter from a shell, and the wound gangrened in consequence of its being dressed with rags."

Five Boers captured at different places recently said DeWet was dead, but gave a different version of his death. Against these reports is a statement by Piet Devilliers, the field coronet taken prisoner in the northeastern part of the Orange River Colony, who said that on the morning of his capture he took breakfast with Gen. DeWet.

Victory for Revolutionists

New York, Oct. 11.—Advices from Ciudad, Bolivar, announces that the Venezuelan revolutionists, commanded by General Geronimo Rivas, have attacked and defeated the Venezuelan government troops under General Arostegui, near Barrancas, in the state of Bermudese, and that Gen. Arostegui has been taken prisoner. It is further announced that the Venezuelan troops have joined arms with the revolutionists. Government troops from San Felix, commanded by General Africana, sustained a defeat nera that town at the hands of the revolutionists.

LOST—Evening of the 8th inst., lady's small open-face silver watch, engraved on inside of case "Lady May." Reward for return to Miller, care N. C. Co. c12

Builds both brain and muscle, Pabst's Malt Extract.

Society is now awaiting patiently for the approach of the most important event of the year—the St. Andrew's ball. In all circles this topic is more largely discussed than any other and as nearly every one in town is expecting to attend it makes the approach of the event exceedingly interesting. The dry goods establishments and modistes are enjoying a very busy season owing to the preparations which the ladies are making for the ball and there is no question but what there will be a greater display of elegance of costumes this year than has ever before been witnessed in Dawson.

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On Thursday evening the members of the St. Andrews Society and a number of their friends met at the A. B. hall for an informal dance which might be considered as a preliminary event to the larger and more pretentious affair which is to take place on the 31st of this month. There were about 75 present to give the new hall its initiatory dance and all praised it in the highest terms. The occasion was greatly enjoyed by all present.

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On Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McDonald entertained the executive committee of the S. P. C. A. Society, at their beautiful residence on Seventh avenue. The committee decided to hold an open meeting for the benefit of the society at the Board of Trade on next Tuesday at which a musical and literary program which is now in preparation will be given. After the business of the meeting had been transacted the hostess served a luncheon which was thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed by all.

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Master Alex. McDonald, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McDonald, enjoys the distinction of being the only youngster who has made the round trip from Toronto to Dawson and return unaccompanied. Master Alex. made the trip in the summer after the close of the school term and left on his return in the latter part of September. A letter was recently received by his father notifying him of his son's safe arrival at the Upper Canada College of Toronto where he will remain throughout the winter.

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One of the most successful affairs of the season was the party given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Congdon, Thursday evening. The party was in the character of a surprise for Mr. Congdon, and was arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Captain Starnes and Mr. and Mrs. Greene. About forty of the elite of Dawson's society were present, and the evening was passed with dancing and music. At midnight a delicious luncheon was served, and about 2 a. m. the guests took their departure, all expressing themselves as having enjoyed a most pleasant evening.

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On Thursday evening Capt. Starnes gave a box party at the new Auditorium theatre. The comedy "Niobe" was greatly enjoyed by all present, among whom were Capt. and Mrs. Starnes, Mrs. French, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ridley, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hulme.

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On Tuesday evening Capt. and Mrs. T. A. Wroughton entertained a number of friends at a card party given at their residence on Fifth street, between Church and Hanson street. During the evening an elaborate supper was served and the evening was a most enjoyable one to all present. Those in attendance were: Capt. and Mrs. T. A. Wroughton, Capt. and Mrs. Courtlandt Starnes, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Macaulay, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hulme, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ridley, Mrs. French, Major Z. T. Wood and Mr. George Wood.

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The smoker given by the N. W. M. P. last evening was a "feast of reason and a flow of soul." There were 130 present, including the members of the force and their friends, and the merriment was continued until an early hour this morning. A finely selected program was rendered, including some of the best singers and speakers of Dawson. Ray Southard of the New Savoy Co., Mr. Bittner of the Auditorium, and the renowned Freddie Breen, were in attendance and entertained the company with songs, recitations, etc. Included in the program were selections by the police band, songs by Const. Bell, Const. Wright, Const. Barwell, Capt. Hulme, Corp. Const. Shaver, Sergt. Sergt. Stillman, Corp. Cobb, Cosby; speeches by Mayor Capt. Starnes, R. P. McLennan, Sergt. Tweedy, Joe Barwell, Bell; selections by the fire brigade chestra and duetts by Messrs. Stevenson and Cowan. The occasion one which will long be remembered.

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Preparations are now complete the grand concert which is to be given by the choir of St. Andrew's church, on next Monday evening in the new church building on Church street. The program is one of best evere arranged for a concert in Dawson.

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One of the events which is looked forward to with pleasure for next week is the house social which which is to be given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Congdon on Friday night. This social is being given for the benefit of St. Paul's Episcopal church, and will doubtless prove a highly successful affair.

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The organ recital given under the auspices of St. Paul's Episcopal church last evening at the Pavilion hall was largely attended and was most successful from a financial as well as an artistic standpoint. The new organ upon which the recital was given is the latest improvement in organs, having two manuels and a compass of pedals, and is the nearest approach so a pipe organ ever heard on reeds. The following was the program:

Organ solo—"Lift up Your Heads" ..... Handel

Arthur Boyle.

Song—"For Ever With the Lord" ..... Gounod

Corporal Cobb.

Organ solo—Andante in G ..... Guilmant

Song—"Come Unto Me" ..... Coombs

Mrs. Heatherington.

Organ solo—March of the Priests ..... Mendelssohn

Arthur Boyle.

Song—"The Holy City" ..... Gaul

Madame Beatrice Lorne.

Organ solo—Romance ..... Lefebure-Wely

Arthur Boyle.

Song—"Nayareth" ..... Gounod

Mr. Long.

Song—"O, Rest in the Lord" ..... Mendelssohn

Mrs. Dr. Thompson.

Song—"The Bedouin Love Song" ..... Pinsuti

Mrs. Joseph Wilson.

Organ solo—"The Hallelujah Chorus" ..... Handel

Arthur Boyle.

Passes to Stand.

Chicago, Oct. 11.—Railway passes will not be abolished December next. The plan to wipe them out of existence was killed at a meeting today of the executive committee of western roads. They will not meet again until November 5. The scheme to abolish passes in all probability will be resurrected about a year hence. E. H. Harriman and other railroad magnates are firmly imbued with the idea that the officers and employes of railroads and members of their families should pay regular rates when they travel, the same as other people.

When a vote was taken on the question of abolishing passes on the big roads voted in the affirmative and all the smaller roads voted against it. The majority against abolishing passes was decisive.

Wayward Young Man.

Chicago, Oct. 11.—William Gibson, 19 years old, said to be an heir upon the death of his mother of a several hundred thousand dollars, is confined at the town hall police station on a charge of burglary. The police admit that the name under which the prisoner is booked is a fictitious one, but they refuse to reveal any of the facts concerning his relations. It has been learned however, that the boy's mother is a widow, is the owner of a saloon in New York, another in Los Angeles, where she now resides, and at a time she lived in Chicago her son in the most fashionable district of Hyde Park.

Gibson admits his guilt, and as a result of his confession much stolen jewelry stolen has been recovered at a pawn shop.

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