

A MINER'S MEETING

Was Held With a Big Crowd at Grand Forks on Last Saturday Night.

ORGANIZATION OF UNION COMPLETED

Councilman Wilson Writes a Letter to the Miners.

HE HAS HAD EXPERIENCE

In the Matter of Labor Unions—Joe Clarke Does Not Love the Nugget a Little Bit.

From Monday's Daily.

The miners' meeting at Grand Forks last Saturday evening was well attended. The house was crowded and much business of importance was transacted.

At 9 o'clock Mr. Brecken, president of the Miners' Union, called the meeting to order. Councilmen Barwell, Newell, Jennings and Clarke were called for came forward.

Mr. Fitzgerald sang a song appropriate to the occasion, which was loudly applauded by the audience.

The declaration of principles of which a thousand had been printed and distributed on the creeks was then called for in order to be read at the meeting, but no one present could produce a copy and the reading had to be dispensed with. The minutes of the former meeting were to be read but were not at hand. The president then made an impassioned appeal for members.

He said in substance:

"You supply corporations with means of living; you men produce the necessities of life; you should have preference. Every industry is monopolized by great trusts. One-half of you succeed in getting the wages you have earned, and worked hard for; you are beat out of your wages when there is plenty to pay you. Assert your rights, no man will, if you do not. Mr. Brecken then gave quotations from great leaders, after which he again called for the declaration which had not yet arrived.

Secretary E. H. Dick then made a report of the finances. Total receipts, \$47; expenditures, \$27 for printing and \$15.20 for books. Bills payable, \$17.50 for circulars, \$4 for distributing same; ordered paid. A communication was then read from Councilman Wilson who had been elected honorary president and treasurer in a former meeting.

Mr. Wilson, who has had much experience with labor unions, gave the miners some good advice which was loudly applauded. Joe Clarke read the letter after which he announced that he had drawn up a constitution but before reading the same had a few remarks to make on things in general.

The first matter that received his attention was the newspapers. Joe does not like the Nugget because the Nugget is opposed to "platform" miners. If there were no "platform" miners allowed in the miners' union Joe would have to stay outside. Consequently Joe waxed exceedingly wrath in referring to the Nugget. The news does not satisfy the Joseph taste, but is better to his liking. He also paid his respects to the council, declaring the miners' lien law was not Wilson's, but the council's, etc., etc. Another matter which Joe thought needed attention was taking gold out of the country by individuals; so Joe wrote to the gold commissioner and received a reply that full information on the matter could be had at the gold commissioner's office. Joe said, "That's all the information I got." It could not quite be understood if Joe wanted the gold commissioner to call on him and give him a private audience or not. Joe said he heard a mine owner's union was to be organized. He said, "I have 27 claims, and I would like to see them put the entrance fee so high that I could not get in."

For an hour or more Joe shot right and left at everybody and everything, and then sat down to the great relief of his hearers.

The constitution was then read and adopted.

The initiation fees were placed at \$5 and quarterly dues at \$2.50.

A motion was then made to send representatives to Caribou Friday evening, and to Gold Run on Saturday evening. The motion carried and committees appointed.

Al Smith of the Journal was then asked to address the meeting, but "Al" said he was no public speaker, and thanked the miners for the honor of being called upon and gracefully sat down again.

A big rush was then made to the tables by those who desired to join the Miners' Union. A large number joined and the secretary was kept busy for an hour.

It was also announced that union tickets would be printed and ready for use at the next meeting which was called for next Saturday evening, and an adjournment was taken to that time.

The Finest Yet.

J. L. Sale & Co., the manufacturers, are now exhibiting the gold souvenir presented to Gov. Ogilvie. It is considered the finest piece of workmanship turned out in the Yukon territory.

DROWNED SUNDAY

Andrew Lee Loses His Life in the Treacherous Klondike.

Another victim has been claimed by the treacherous water of the Klondike river—Andrew Lee by name, a native of Norway, where his father and mother reside but a resident of Dekora, Iowa, where his brother and family live.

The tragedy occurred yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock while Lee and his partner Olof Anderson were coming down the Klondike from the mouth of Hunker creek on a raft.

The story of the ride down the river as told by Anderson is one of thrilling interest and of narrow escapes for himself and of death for his partner Lee.

He said: "We have been working on Tom Kirkpatrick's claim on No. 1 above discovery on Hunker since the middle of March and Saturday we quit our work and were preparing to go down the river on a prospecting trip. We started from the claim Saturday evening and got down as far as the mouth of Hunker, where we put up at a roadhouse for the night. The next morning we tried to get the boatmen to bring us down but they would not come until they made up a load.

"We then saw some logs lying on the bank and thought we could make the trip in safety on a raft, so we proceeded to tie and nail together four of the largest and made quite a substantial raft. We tied our bedding and such other articles as we had with us on the raft and started out about 12 o'clock.

"We were getting along nicely until we met a man some distance from the mouth of Bear creek who shouted to us to look out—the mouth of Bear—the water at that place was very treacherous.

Lee turned to me just before Bear was reached and asked if we had not better go to the other side of the river and get ashore and walk the balance of the way. I agreed and we crossed, but could not find any place to land and as we were right in the middle of the current we were taken down the river at a very rapid rate.

"We were carried right into the Skookum rapids and were nearly upset; but managed by hard work to keep the raft righted. As we came opposite the cliff roadhouse the current took us very close to the shore which was lined with protruding brush and sweepers and our raft was continually striking them and sometime they turned us clear around. We worked hard to keep the raft from the bank but to no purpose as the current was too strong.

"We continued to drift for some distance among the overhanging bushes until finally we reached a big birch log lying right across our path and it was an impossibility for us to steer away from it. It was fully a foot in diameter and held in place by the roots which were upturned and in falling had come straight over the center of the current. It was probably 18 inches above the water. We had noticed it some distance up the river and I had prepared to meet it. I was on the front part of the raft as we came under it. I gave a jump over and landed again on the raft. I was not watching Lee, but as I came down I turned my head; I heard Lee give a yell and heard him fall into the water. By what means he fell I do not know. Whether he was swept off by the log or in attempting to jump over he tripped I did not see. I tried to get my pole to him, but without success. He came up once and started to swim, but suddenly gave a cry and disappeared.

"I then lost all control of the raft and it kept hitting the bank and brush and turning around and around and I let it go and took off my rubber boots and prepared myself to jump in providing I saw a good chance to get to shore.

"My opportunity came shortly when I came close to an island. The raft struck a root projecting in the water and turned again around and I jumped into the water and swam ashore. The raft went about 30 yards farther down stream and turned over.

"I was on the island about an hour when some men came along in a boat and picked me up and brought me and the baggage which we rescued from the raft into town."

Such is the story as told by Mr. Anderson to Magistrate Wroughton's court this morning was a police examination occurred.

Mr. Lee was according to Mr. Anderson a young man of good physical proportions, medium height and light complexioned; about 26 years of age; a man of good moral character and well liked among his fellow workers.

Last winter he worked a lay on Eighty pup masza with a friend of his whose name Mr. Anderson could not remember and one of the objects of the trip down at this time was a contemplated visit to that friend who is now at work on upper Bonanza.

Lee had with him about \$50 in cash besides some nuggets and he has coming from his work something over \$300.

The police have taken charge of the effects of the drowned man and will turn them over to the public administrator who will settle up the estate.

Turn for Better.

Master Finan Delaney whose life was despaired of two days ago as the result of his being torn and lacerated by a savage dog, took a turn for the better Saturday night and is now believed to be in a fair way to recover. He is being carefully nursed at St. Mary's hospital and news of his condition having so materially improved will be thankfully received all over Dawson.

Making It Clear.

A newly appointed French mayor inaugurated his regime by a notice to the following effect:

"On the feast of our patron saint the fire brigade will be reviewed in the afternoon if it rains in the morning and in the morning if it rains in the afternoon."

Soothing.

He-look here, Matilda, I'm not quite such an idiot as I look!

She (soothingly)—No, dear; I'm sure you're not!

O'BRIEN'S TRIAL BEGINS

Less Than Two Hours Devoted to Selecting Jury—Evidence Being Heard This Afternoon—May Require Week.

From Monday's Daily.

WILFRED DE LAGE, Contractor.
T. ROSS MOULTON, Laborer.
WM. R. KING, A. C. Co. Store, Clerk.
FRANK J. DIXON, Bank of B. N. A., Clerk.
GARREN REED, Miner.
ARTHUR F. ROLPH, Dawson Merchant.

The above are the six good and true men who will try George O'Brien for his life on the charge of having, near Minto on the Yukon river, on Christmas day of 1899, murdered Lynn Relfe.

Less than two hours were consumed in empanelling the jury, 15 names of a special venire of 24 being consumed in its formation.

Every available inch in Judge Dugas' court room was occupied and dozens were craning their necks through windows this morning when court was called at 10:15 o'clock, the occasion being the beginning of the trial of the case of Rex vs. Geo. O'Brien charged with murder alleged to have been committed near Minto on Christmas day of 1899, when Fred H. Clayton, Lynn Relfe and Ole Olsen were murdered and their bodies thrown into the Yukon river through an opening in the ice, they being found, bullet perforated, several months later when the ice went out and the cruel Yukon gave up its dead claimed by it the previous winter.

The beginning of the case, as will be remembered, was set for Monday of last week but after the hearing of a number of motions submitted by O'Brien's attorneys, Messrs. Bleeker and Donaghy, was postponed until this morning, a venire for a jury having been issued and served in the meantime.

When O'Brien was called into the prisoner's box this morning, Attorney Bleeker raised a question as to the charge against his client, the commitment papers from Major Wood, the magistrate who conducted the preliminary hearing, one of the persons alleged to be murdered was designated as "Olsen." The attorney also insisted that his client be tried on the counts separately instead of on the three counts collectively. The judge granted the last motion and Crown Prosecutor Wade elected to proceed with the trial on the charge of murdering Lynn Relfe.

Attorney Bleeker then moved for a dismissal of the charge on the ground that the depositions taken at the preliminary hearing do not sustain the indictment for murder and therefore it should be quashed.

In ruling on the above motion his lordship stated that the act of the committing magistrate in holding the prisoner over to trial was guarantee that there were evidences of charges that warranted the investigation before the territorial court, and the motion was therefore disallowed and the clerk was ordered to call the names of the jury-men summoned, 23 of the 24 answering when their names were called. The work of selecting six jurors to well and faithfully hear the evidence and a verdict render at once proceeded, and to those present who have witnessed such things outside when a venire of perhaps 1000 names would be exhausted and weeks spent before the panel was completed the work this morning certainly commended itself. Here as elsewhere business men have an antipathy to performing that duty which belongs to citizenship, but the shirking tendency was not predominant this morning. The defense challenged every man called for cause, but on trial before "triers" in many cases no cause was found to exist. The defense exhausted five of the peremptory challenges of the six to which it was entitled. Crown Prosecutor Wade exercised his challenge privilege in but one case.

The members of the venire called and challenged for cause or peremptorily and dismissed were:

R. P. McLennan, James H. Falconer, Chas. Williams, Donald MacGregor, Richard Wignmore, Peter Vashon, Chas. Milne, John D. McMurray, Albert H. McGridge, Fred J. Carskeller, J. Percy Bell, John K. Campbell, Henry B. Perkins and P. R. Ritchie, the latter being allowed to stand aside, but not dismissed, on account of weak eyes.

The six jurors chosen are all comparatively young men, none of them having evidently passed the 40th milestone, and at least six of them being under 30. They are an unusually intelligent sextette and there can be no doubt that they will try the case as sworn to do, well and truly.

Early in the work of selecting the jury his lordship stated in unmistakable terms that any avoiding of jury duty from other than honest conviction would not be tolerated, and misrepresentation to enable the citizen to shirk would be dealt with.

Corporal John S. Piper and Constable David Moyne were sworn in as bailiffs and placed in charge of the jury with instructions from the judge to keep them in the courthouse at all times other than court hours when they are in the box; to permit them to converse with no one and to see that no papers came into their hands. Arrangements will, therefore, be made to feed and quarter the jury in the building.

An adjournment was taken until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

At the reconvening of the court the room was crowded and many who failed to get in stood at the windows and watched the proceedings from without.

The afternoon was devoted by Crown Prosecutor Wade to stating the case to the jury which he did in its minutest particulars; first calling the attention of the jury to the evidence which would disclose one of the most diabolical crimes in the history of the continent. He then described the finding of the bodies of the three men. Attorney Bleeker made an objection to any reference being made to the other men not described in the indictment. A warm argument ensued but the objection was overruled by the justice and Mr. Wade proceeded with the account of the finding of the bodies with all the gruesome particulars concerning the position of each together with the manner in which they were killed. Relfe with two bullet holes in him, one through the trunk and one in the head; Clayton with two bullet holes in him, in much the same manner and Olsen with his rifle fracture and his head shot to a pulp. Mr. Wade then continued with a description of the evidence which would be produced to prove the guilt of the prisoner. Mr. Wade's address is still being heard as we go to press and will be given in detail in tomorrow's issue.

THEY PLAYED LIVELY BALL

Fully 1000 people attended the baseball game Saturday afternoon between the Gandolfo and Forks teams at the barracks grounds.

The game was rather too one-sided to be considered a rattling good one, the score at the end of the first half of the ninth inning standing 24 to 8 in favor of Gandolfo. A number of good plays were made on both sides, but were outnumbered by a succession of poor ones.

The Forks team say that their defeat was owing to a lack of practice as a number of them have not had a bat in their hands this season and they have no practice grounds. A diamond is being put in shape on Gold Hill now and when they get into practice they will be able to put up a much stronger game.

The Gandolfo team clearly had the advantage from the start, playing on their own ground and having their team strengthened by three of the best players from the Townsend & Rose team. They played a very strong game.

In the toss-up for innings the Forks won and took the bat.

Long, catcher for the Forks, went to bat and struck a straight ball to third. Randall, third baseman, got the ball and made a wild throw to first, allowing Long to reach home.

Lane then came to the bat and struck to second but a good, straight throw to first by Hill put him out. Powles got his base on balls, but the next two batters got fanned out ending the inning with only one score to their credit.

Doyle, left fielder for the Gandolfos, took the first bat and knocked the ball to the left field, making two bases. McCormick hit a two-bagger to left field and brought Doyle home. McFate struck to center and reached first, bringing McCormick to third. Long, catcher, threw a wild ball to Murphy, third baseman, which allowed McCormick to make the home base, and brought McFate to third. Hill and Stevens went out on strikes. Randall made a safe one base hit bringing McFate home. Randall stole second, but Traub made a fly hit to center which was caught by Layton ending the inning, making the score 4 to 1.

In the second inning Steele got his base on a dead ball and Turner struck to shortstop, but a wild throw to first brought in Steele and Turner both. Layton made a safe first base hit but before he could reach home Fee and Long were struck out and Lane was caught out on a fly.

Briggs knocked the ball just over the second baseman's head and made first safely. Doyle knocked a two-bagger to left field and McCormick followed suit to the same place, bringing in Briggs and Doyle. McCormick stole third and was brought in by a good

hit by McFate. Three outs followed by Slaght, Hill and Stevens and McFate only got as far as third.

The third inning marked a cipher for the Forks, Powles being struck out. Murphy struck a safe base hit; Gardner took the bat and struck a bel liner to third which caused Randall to turn a back somersault. Steele and Murphy were put out on strikes and the Forks failed to score.

Randall struck to third and was put out at first. Traube made a good hit to left field and reached first. Briggs was put out at first; Doyle made a good two-base hit to left field bringing in Traub, which was the only score made as McCormick was caught out on a fly to the left fielder.

The fourth inning was a repetition of the third for the Forks team. Layton struck out; Fee got his base on balls; Long struck to second and reached first; Lane was given first on balls, making three men on bases. Powles took the bat and struck to left field, but the ball reached the home plate before Layton did and put him out. Murphy struck out, so that the inning ended without a score being made. In the last half of the fourth Gandolfos made five runs. McFate struck over third base but in trying to reach second was put out. Slaght struck to third but reached first safely. Hill struck a straight ball to pitcher but a wild throw to first gave him his base in safety. Stevens struck, to shortstop, who fumbled the ball and gave Stevens first. Randall got his base on balls which brought in Slaght. Traub got his base on balls which brought in Hill. Biggs sent a straight ball to shortstop who got it home in time to put out Stevens. Doyle made a three-base hit to center field which brought home Randall, Traub and Biggs. McCormick fanned out which ended the inning.

In the fifth inning the Forks scored three runs, made by Gardner, Steele and Layton, while Gandolfo made only two by McCormick and Slaght.

In the sixth Fowles made a run for the Forks, getting his base on balls, he stole second, and was brought in by a two-base hit by Gardner. The Gandolfos scored three by Briggs, McCormick and Slaght. The seventh marked another cipher for the Forks, but brought up the Gandolfo score by 2.

The eighth was another cipher for the Forks while the Gandolfos scored four runs.

Gardner scored a point for the Forks by hard work in the first half of the ninth, which was the only score made in that inning. The score then standing 24 to 8 in favor of the Gandolfos, the last half of the inning not being played.

At the beginning of the fifth inning it was announced that the Gandolfo team wished to give the Forks boys a banquet and a donation was asked for that purpose from the audience. Collectors were distributed throughout the crowd and quite a sum was raised and Saturday evening a banquet was tendered the Forks team at the McDonald hotel.

The following players made up the Gandolfo team: Doyle, I. F.; McCormick, I. B.; McFate, C.; Slaght, J. D.; Hill, J. D.; Stevens, C. F.; Randall, A. A.; Traub, R. F.; Briggs, P.

Grand Forks: Long, C.; Lane, P.; Murphy, J. D.; Gardner, A. S.; Smith, I. B.; Turner, I. F.; Layton, R. F.; Kee, C. F.; Fowles, J. D.

The score by innings:

Inning	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Gandolfo	4	1	2	3	2	1	2	1	2
Grand Forks	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0

THE CRIMINAL CUCKOO.

He Is the One Exception to the Kindly Nature of Birds.

Bad temper and cruelty are perhaps the most obvious signs of mental degeneration in the beasts. The larger monkeys, for instance, become as bad tempered as a violent man when they grow old, and many in their treatment of other animals are cruel as we use the word in regard to man. Among the carnivorous beasts the cat amuses itself by torturing a mouse, and the weasel tribe kill for sheer love of killing. No such cruelty is seen among eagles or falcons. Fierce as their tempers are, they do not torment other birds which they catch or kill for killing's sake. Good temper is general among birds.

Except the cuckoo, such a thing as an ill tempered wild bird is unknown. Nowhere in the race can a temper like that of the Tasmanian devil or the wild hunting dog or the Cape buffalo or the baboon be found. Even those which in spring are thieves and egg robbers are not mauvais coucheurs at other times. Good temper and good fellowship fit society, a personal affection to each other to which the beasts offer no parallel, industry and independence, intense devotion and foresight in tending their young, with other very human and engaging traits of character, must all be credited to the race of birds.

Among these kindly and simple natures the cuckoo is a monster. Let there be no mistake on this subject. He unites in his life and character, from the egg to the adult bird, practices and principles to which the whole race of warm blooded animals offers no parallel. He is an outrage on the moral law of bird life, something so flagrant and so utterly foreign to the way of thought of these kindly beings that if he did not exist he would be inconceivable. It is not merely that he is a supplanter and a changeling. His whole nature is so evil that in the world of birds he is an incarnation of the principle of ill, an embodiment of vice which would if understood or adopted by other birds put an end to the existence of the race.—London Spectator.

RECEIVED BY WIRE.

MANY ARE COMING.

Dawson People are Returning in Large Numbers Via. White Pass & Yukon.

160 PEOPLE LEFT SKAGWAY TODAY

Jim Flannery is Bringing a Lot of Fine Horses

CATTLE GALORE EN ROUTE

Antone Standard Takes a Fall out of the Skagway Gambling Houses—Henry Bringing in His Bride.

From Monday's Daily.

Skagway, June 10.—One hundred and sixty people left on the train today for Dawson. Among them are Thos. McMullen of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Attorney Ridley and wife, John P. Clum, chief inspector of American mails, Eugene Leddy, with American military supplies, Frank M. and Leon Smith, of Bonanza creek.

Jim Flannery is coming with 45 horses, some of which are the best ever taken into the interior. He will bring the horses together with a big shipment of buckboards and other vehicles, using scows from Whitehorse to Dawson.

Thirty carloads of livestock were shipped for Bartsch, Handley and Purdue, also a number for Shaw & Thebo. Antone Standard and wife start for Dawson tomorrow. They have been here a week. Standard says he cleaned up \$3000 from Skagway gambling houses.

Failure

ANNOUNCED

British-American Corporation Goes Into Liquidation.

London, June 4, via Skagway, June 10.—At a meeting of stockholders today it was announced that the British-American Corporation, which is heavily interested in the Yukon territory, will go into voluntary liquidation. The chairman of the meeting, amid howls and hostile demonstrations, announced that this was due to defalcations which occurred in connection with the London, Liverpool and Globe Company which failed some time ago.

Death of Captain Cox

Former Popular Skipper Dies Suddenly at Victoria.

Mr. Thomas Shaw, of the Marine Iron Works, yesterday received from his wife who was at Skagway a telegram announcing the death of their son-in-law, Capt. Clarence N. Cox, a former well-known and popular Yukon mariner. His death was evidently very sudden as Mrs. Shaw had left Victoria only a few days before for Skagway en route to Dawson to join her husband. The steamer Islander left Victoria 48 hours later and in the meantime Capt. Cox's death had occurred. On hearing the news at Skagway Mrs. Shaw telegraphed it on to Dawson but returned to Victoria on the Islander. His death occurred on June 24.

Captain Clarence N. Cox first navigated the Yukon in 1899 when he brought the steamer Sybil up the river from St. Michael for the C. D. Co. He was master of that steamer that season as well as last year and was considered one of the best as well as one of the most popular men on the upper river. When Yukon navigation closed last fall Capt. Cox went to his home in Victoria where he shipped as master on a sealer for the winter, returning only a few days before his death. He had intended starting north in a few days to take command of the W. P. & Y. R. Co.'s steamer Cleaver, which will ply this year between Caribou and Atlin on the upper lakes.

Capt. Cox leaves a wife but no children. His wife, who has been an invalid for many years, was in Dawson a year ago, but becoming very sick, was sent by her husband out to their home in Victoria. The wire received by Mr. Shaw did not state the cause of the captain's death.