ANOTHER SESSION

Yukon Council and Its Work Last Night

Many Bills Taken Under Consideration by the Committee of the Whole.

It was nearly 11 o'clock last night when the Yukon council adjourned for the evening. No session was held in the afternoon owing to a number of committee meetings that had been arranged. At the evening session the time was almost wholly devoted to the consdieration of bills by the committee of the whole. Two new ordinances were presented. Henning, the toll road man, filed a petition asking for exclusive privileges on a road to the Sixtymile district he wishes to build and the right to exact toll thereon from all who traverse it. The petition was received but judging from expressions made by several of the members it will never get beyond the consideration of a committee.

A committee also reported favorably on the communication of Alex. McDonald concerning the assistance it is thought the government should render in developing the mining industry of the territory.

Prudhomme, chairman, brought in the following report re the memorial he desires sent to the governor-general in council pertaining to the proposed reduction of the wood fees :

The commissioner of the Yukon territory in council to His Excellency, the governor-general in council,

Humbly sheweth :

That the fee for cutting wood on crowd lands in the Yukon territory is 50 cents per cord while in other parts of Canada such fee does not exceed the sum of 25 cents per cord.

And, whereas, the procuring of wood is becoming more difficult by reason of the fact that those requiring it have to go further up the stream and further away from the banks thereof to obtain supplies than formerly.

And, whereas, the coal mining industry in the Yukon territory is not sufficiently advanced to allow of that article of fuel to be used to any extent as yet.

We would therefore ask that the fee for cutting wood on crown lands be reduced from the sum of 50 cents per cord to 25 cents per cord.

The report was favorably received and the memorial will be forwarded to Ottawa.

Senkler introduced two new ordinances, each of which was given its first reading. One was a bill to amend the liquor license ordinance and the other was respecting chemists and druggists.

The bill respecting the summoning of juries was considered by the committee of the whole and stands till the next session for its third reading. The same disposition was made with the bill respecting the amendments to the Northwest Territories ordinances.

The rules were suspended to allow Wilson to present a petition which he found on his desk and was inadvertently overlooked. It bore the signature of Wilfrid Vincent and 70 others and is self-explanatory :

"We hereby petition you for a winter trail to be cut from this place (Hootalinqua) to the nearest point on the new trail between Dawson and Whitehorse. We have a good winter trail by river and road from here to the Big Salmon and Hootalinqua mining districts and feel sure that the extension of our trail to the Dawson trail will be a great benefit to all the country in this vicinity. We estimate the amount necessary to cut the trail at about $1,000. We have the opinion of Mr. W. Thibaudeau that the distance from this place to the Dawson trail is between 20 and 25 miles. Hoping this will receive your immediate attention, we are yours respectfully."

The petition was referred to the committee on public works.

The bill respecting public health was considered by the committee of the whole, the third reading being deferred until the next sittings.

The ordinance amending the Dawson City charter was taken up by the committee of the whole and after considerable aegument passed its third reading and became a law. There was quite a difference of opinion expressed with reference to several of the sections in the bill, particularly to that clause which gave to the city the right to enter into a contract covering two years for the lighting of the city. The matter was argued pro and con and was finally allowed to stand as originally drafted.

The school bill which many thought would be a bitter bone of contention passed the committee of the whole without a single amendment being offered. Its third reading was deferred until probably today as was also the bill consolidating the Yukon ordinances, which likewise had passed the committee of the whole.

The slaughter house ordinance came up for its third reading and was passed without any additional amendments.

The council will again convene today at 4 o'clock and will also have a night session this evening. The members hope to be enabled to finish up their work by tomorrow evening.

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Both Passed

New York, Sept. 1.—Both branches of the Cuban congress have passed resolutions calling for the release of all convicts now confined on the island of Cuba who fought in the Cuban army, says a Havana dispatch to the Tribune. The resolution proposes to be general and irrespective of the crime the ex-soldier is guilty of. The proposition met with some opposition by some of the most conservative members of the congress, but the revolutionary members succeeded in getting it through. The two branches of congress have appointed a committee to wait on President Palma asking him to take the action desired.

The resolution proposes that all of the convicts be released on October 1

B. C. Quartz Prospects.

Vancouver, Aug. 30.—Mining men have recently frequently predicted that Victoria would be in close proximity to several prosperous mining camps in the near future. This prophecy seems liktly to be realized. Capital has turned its attention to the mines of Malahat mountain near Shawnigan lake, and indications are that this camp will rival Mount Sicker in activity before very long.

P. C. Pearson, who arrived in the city yesterday, says that Clermont Livingstone, manager of the Tyee mine, Mount Sicker, has received news that it is the intention of the Tyee company to expend $50,000 on the development of the Jumbo, Ogama, Quamichan and Eagle claims on Mount Malahat. These claims were staked by Mr. Pearson some four years ago. The driving of tunnels and other development operations conducted by him since then brought to light very valuable ore and an examination by an expert on behalf of the Tyee syndicate led to them taking over the claims.

The ore is copper, but also carries good values of both silver and gold. Assays have run as high as $35 to the ton. This is exceptional, however, the average being $15 to the ton. These figures speak for themselves, and show the properties to be most promising.

Mr. Pearson says that at present there are some 22 locations at the new camp. From $11,000 to $15,000 has been expended on the development of their claims by the Tyee people. He also added that he believed it was the intention of the new owners to commence work immedigtely. Machinery would be installed, and the new camp opened up as rapidly as possible.

A. F. GWIN RETURNS.

After making a prospecting trip through the country in the vicinity of Clayoquot Sound, A. F. Gwin returned yesterday. He said there was little doing in the country at present very few mines being in active operation.

The Seattle mine, on Bear creek, was doing some work when he left, but nothing of an extent. The district needed capital and energy as the ore was of fairly good quality.

Referring to Quatsino, he said that work was being actively conducted there. The further the men investigated the better indications were and the company had every confidence in the success of their vrnture.

The June group of claims near the Comstock mines, now being worked by the Clarke, Gwin & Lea Company, he said, were also showing up surprisingly well. Miners had been working there for some time, and a large quantity of ore was in sight. A trail was being cut to this property from the beach, a distance of two and a half miles.

At Auditorium—The Senator.

TURNIP MUST BE PRODUCED

Is no Evidence Against Andrew Nelson

Charged With Stealing Same From Lee Pate Above Ogivie Bridge.

"The turnip must be produced," said Magistrate Wroughton this morning at the conclusion of the case of Andrew Nelson, a resident of Seventh avenue, who was summoned to appear in the police court to answer to the charge of stealing and carrying away from the ranch of Lee Pate situated above the Ogilvie bridge, one turnip with a valuation placed on it by the owner not exceeding $1.

Mr. Pate prosecuted his own case and when called to the stand stated that he had seen the accused come out of his garden with the turnip in his hand but that upon being detected the accused had thrown it away. He did not have the stolen turnip in court but he had it located so that he could get it if needed as evidence.

Chas. Larsen, a young man evidently an assistant to Mr. Pate, testified to seeing the accused deliberately crawl through the fence, pluck the unsuspecting vegetable from the ground, crawl back through the fence and proceed leisurely along the highway. Mr. Pate had told him to keep watch on the man while he got his coat, saying that he was going to have him arrested.

He identified the accused as being the same party who had taken the turnip and he had also seen him throw it away and run down the road when he saw Pate following.

In his own behalf Nelson testified that he had gone up Bear creek yesterday on important business and that it was about 6.30 when he passed the ranch on his return to town. It was getting dusk and raining and the road was muddy and slippery and as he was walking along by the garden he stumbled and fell. He got his shoes and trousers covered with mud and had picked up some leaves and grass and brushed off the mud. He did not go through the fence nor did he take a turnip. Pate had followed and catching up had walked with him to town and he had taken Pate to his house and showed him where he lived, saying upon being told that he was to be arrested that he would report at hegdquarters any he would report at headquarters any as the evidence was directly contradictory that the turnip should have been produced, upon which Pate stated he could produce it and a constable was detailed to go with him and the case was enlarged until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Mission Work in Africa

New York, Dpet. 1.—Bishop Joseph C. Bartsoll, of the Methodist Episcopal church, who has just returned from his sixth episcopal tour as a missionary bishop for Africa, has left this city for Chicago.

"I am much encouraged over our mission work in Africa," he said. "In each of our missionary centers, on both coasts, we are developing industrial schools and churches among the natives, mastering their languages and developing efficient teachers and preachers. In Umtali, in East Rhodesia, we are making a special effort to found on a large scale industrial missions among the natives.

"I think confederation of the different colonies in South Africa will come," he added. "Cape Colony probably will move slowly, but Orange colony, the Transvaal and Rhodesia are very much in favor of confederation with a central parliament. The population in this territory, south of Zambesi not counting the Portuguese of East Africa and German Southwest Africa, is more than 800,000 white people, and perhaps 7,000,000 of blacks. The increase in population among both races will be rapid from this time forward.

Defends American Army.

Berlin, Sept. 1.—A correspondent of the Frankfort Zeitung, writing from Manila, replies to the charges of cruelty on the part of the American army appearing in European newspapers. He says :

"Perhaps no other nation except the United States would have the patience to meet the stubborn resistance of the Filipinos in Samar for two long years with such humanity, as, on the whole, has been the case. It is not to be wondered at that the American leaders finally let their gall run over at the treacherous tricks played upon them and adopted sharper measures. Of course some excesses occurred, but it is highly inadmissable to select these few cases and serve them to the public as typical of American war-making."

The correspondent also emphasizes the injustice of expecting America to observe in every case the rules of civilized warfare while fighting such a foe.

The writer praised the political shrewdness, combined with moderation, of making surrendered insurgent officers governors of provinces.

The Typical Printer.

The typical printer came along to a country printing office and of course went in and claimed a job. Said the boss : I'll tell you what I'll do, I havn't much money, don't get much, but I need a printer. That is my house over there, when you are hungry you can go over and get sonlething to eat. There is a bed in the room overhead and you can sleep there. On that box is a can and you see that corner saloon down there ? Well, I have an account there and whenever you want to you can go down and get a can of beer there. As I said before, I havn't much money and don't get much, but I'll give you $3 a week."

"Look here, old man," said the printer, "did you say I could eat at your house ?" "Yes." "Sleep overhead ?" "Yes." "Get a can of beer whenever I want it ?" "Yes." "mell, then, boss," said the printer, "what in thunder do I want with that $3 a week."

No Such Intention

East Northfield, Mass., Sept. 1. — The attention of the president having been called to the published statement that Attorney General Knox's name was being considered with the view of appointing him to a justiceship on the supreme court, to succeed Justice Shiras, it can be said on the authority of the president himself that not only does he not contemplate such a move, but Justice Shiras has not resigned.

The same published statement also credits him with having reached the conclusion to place the construction of the isthmian canal under the jurisdiction of the army, with General Leonard Wood as chairman of the canal committee. The president likewise is authority for the statement that he has no intention whatever of changing the civil nature of the commission.

Leaves This Evening

Mr. Frank Mortimer, manager of the Aurora Dock and Warehouse Co., and agent of the steamers Clifford Sifton and Casca, will leave on the latter boat this evening taking with him the remains of his wife, who died at St. Mary's hospital on Wednesday of last week, to Seattle for interment. Mr. Mortimer is one of Dawson's most popular young men both in business as well as social circles and the sudden death of his wife, who was equally popular among her large circle of acquaintances, was a shock to them all. The sympathies of all his friends will accompany him on his sad journey.

African Immigrants.

New York, Aug. 23.—A special cable to the Herald from London says : "Americans seeking fortunes in foreign lands are finding difficulty in getting permission to go to Johannesburg and other towns in the interior of South Africa. Regulations have been issued stipulating that the applicant must have at least $500 in his possession, or be able to prove that he is in a position to maintain himself on arrival in South Africa. Many applicants for permits have presented themselves at the colonial government office here."

The Feat of a Guide.

Another story of a guide's strength and presence of mind is told by Mr. Horace Walker, an ex-president of the Alpine Club.

Mr. Walker was with Peter Andereggg somewhere in the Engadine. Roped together they were cutting steps up an ice slope, Peter leading. They came to a point where a huge boulder was embedded in the ice. Imagining it to be firmly fixed, Peter trod on it. To his consternation it began to move. It came straight for Mr. Walker, who, standing in the steps cut for him, could not possibly get out of the way. He thought nothing could possibly save him. But Peter met the emergency by a wonderful feat of strength. In an instant he shifted himself back into the ice step he had just quitted. Then, with a mighty effort, he jerked Mr. Walker out of his foothold, and, sustaining his weight by the rope that linked them, swung him out of the way of the rock. The rock thundered down in the very place in which Mr. Walker had been standing, and then Mr. Walker swung back again and resumed his foothold safely. There has seldom been a narrower escape in the history of climbing.—Outing.

INDIAN TRADERS

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The Moosehide Indians have of late been doing a thriving trade in baskets, canoes and other curios of their own manufacture. The material used is chiefly birch bark from which the squaws fashion all manner of clever devices which find ready sale in Dawson. Every day bands of the Indians may be seen on the streets and particularly in the residence districts where their principal patrons are women.

Some of the Indians demand cash for their wares and in such cases silver is the only kind of money they will accept. They decline to take bills the denominations of which they do not understand, but good hard silver coin which they can test with their teeth is what they demand.

Frequently, however, they trade their baskets for old clothes, blankets, canned goods or other groceries and it usually happens that the guileless daughters of the forest get the best of any bargain they may happen to make. They know the full value of anything they may have for sale and invariably insist upon every cent that they think they have coming.

The Moosehide tribe have had much experience in dickering and it requires the experience of a down east horse trader to secure any advantage over them.

Victim of Thugs

Seattle, Sept. 2.—Michael Kelly, a laborer, was knocked down with a club and robbed of a watch and chain by two masked men on King street between Eighth and Ninth avenues, at an early hour yesterday morning. The victim of the thugs lives at 447 Twelfth avenue south and was on his way home when the robbery occurred. His pockets were searched, but he had no money and his assailants were forced to depart with no booty, save the watch and chain.

According to the report handed in at police headquarters yesterday by Kelly, he knew nothing of the presence of the men until he was struck on the head with a club from the rear. He fell to the pavement in a dazed condition, though he realized that somebody was searching his pockets. Before the search was completed he recovered his senses sufficiently to notice that the highwaymen wore masks. They exhibited no arms but one carried a short, heavy club.

When the robbers failed to find any money they uttered a string of imprecations and removed Kelly's watch and chain from his waistcoat. They then walked away, turning up Sixth avenue. Kelly went directly home as soon as he was able to walk and did not report the affair until several hours had elapsed. He was unable to give a description of his assailants

Reclaiming Arid Lands

Cheyenne, Wyo., Sept. 1. — F. A. Newell, chief hydrographer of the government, has returned to this city after a tour of inspection in Northern Wyoming in the interest of irrigation. A number of sites for reservoirs have been examined. When asked of the extent to which investigation into the reclamation of arid lands by the government, through the storage reservoir system, had gone, Mr. Newell said the special service organized under the geographical survey was now working in Arizona on the Gila river and tributaries ; in California on the Colorado river, and in San Joaquin valley ; in Colorado near Sterling, on the South Platte, and near Montrose on the Gunnison river ; in Idaho, on the headwaters of Snake and Boise rivers ; in Montana, on Yellowstone and Milk rivers ; in Nevada, on Carson and Truckee rivers ; in Utah, on Bear river, and in Wyoming, on the Big Horn and North Platte rivers.

Mr. Newell said that all schemes would be considered in the light of full information as to practicability, cost, and probability of obtaining early repayment of cost.

Agent Ill

Ottawa, Aug. 23.—Word has been received here that C. R. Devlin, immigration agent in Ireland, is seriously ill. Mrs. Devlin and her son, Charles, left here today for Ireland. Mr. Devlin represented Ottawa in the Dominion house.

Escort of Soldiers.

Denver, Colo., Sept. 1.—The delegates to the annual convention of the National Association of Letter Carriers and visiting letter carriers, together with the entire force of the Denver postoffice, held a parade this afternoon for which the usual honor of an escort of four companies of infantry and two troops of cavalry from Fort Logan, with the post band, was accorded by order of Brig. Gen. Funston, commander of the Department of Colorado. The procession was headed by the New York Letter Carriers' band of sixty-five pieces, and the St. Louis Carriers' band was also in line. Over 1,000 men took part in the parade, after which the visiting letter carriers attended the labor day picnic.

Contests are expected in the convention, the opening exercises of which will be held this evening, over the election of president, and the proposition to hold biennial instead of annual conventions. The friends of President J. C. Kellar, of Cleveland, are working to re-elect him and A. J. Michener, of St. Louis, is the opposing candidate. Mr. Michener is in favor of biennial conventions, and will endeavor to have the next convention of the association held in St. Louis.

The opening session of the convention was held tonight in Coliseum hall. Welcoming addresses were made by Richard H. Griffith, of the Denver Commercial Club, United States Senator Thomas Patterson and ex-Postmaster John Corcoran. Responses were made by Postmaster Baumhauf, of St. Louis, Mo., and J. C. Killar, of Toledo, Ohio, president of the national association.

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