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CITIZENS' MEETING

incorporation Ordinance Picked to Pieces and Many Amendments Offered

WITNERS OF THE PEOPLE IN LINE

the Gang' Presents a Nice Bunch of Resolutions

WHAT AM I HERE FOR?

old Joe F. Wilson When Asked What He Had to Say—Committee to Meet Today.

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there through the audience so as to not give the meeting too much of a sepulchral to a packed caucus. In a sense the meeting was truly representative inasmuch as the rank and file of the voters were there, but the heavy taxpayers, those who have to dig up the money to grease the wheels of the municipal machinery and who naturally are the most interested in the economical and business like way of administering the city's affairs, they were conspicuous by their absence. There was not a solitary representative of the big corporations on hand nor any of the leading First Avenue merchants. In fact, the principal if not the only heavy taxpayer present was an American who occupied the front seat throughout the evening, and had nothing to say. The apparent apathy shown by the leading merchants and property owners of the city concerning incorporation convinces one of two things: Either they are satisfied that the affairs of the city are in perfectly competent hands or they prefer to let matters take their own course rather than attempt to assimilate with the element that has dominated every public gathering that ever was held since the corner stone of Dawson was first laid.

Upon the meeting being called to order Dr. Alfred Thompson was placed in the chair with Alex. Macfarlane named as secretary. The chairman made a brief address concerning the objects of the meeting, stating that it was not a question of whether or not Dawson should incorporate or remain as it is; that has been settled and it now remained to be determined whether the city should be governed by a mayor and board of aldermen elected by the people or by a commission of three appointed by Governor Ross. Some discussion was indulged in as to how the matter at hand should be taken up, the secretary calling attention to the impracticability of reading the ordinance section at a time on account of its great length. It was pointed out by W. A. Beddoe that many sections of the bill might easily be passed over, such as applied to the speed of railroad trains within the city limits, etc., etc.; there were not over a dozen pages it would be necessary to discuss.

The first objection raised to the bill was that clause pertaining to the qualifications of voters. It was suggested that section 18 be amended by adding another clause to sub-section 2 which shall read: "All persons residing within such area who have resided therein for not less than six months previous to the day fixed for the revision of the voters' list, and who pay a yearly house, room, office or land rental of not less than \$300." Carried.

A. J. Gillis passed a few remarks about that provision in the bill by which it is arranged that the present assessor shall be made city clerk and moved to amend section 146 by substituting the following: "The city council shall appoint an officer who shall hold office during the council's pleasure. The person now holding the office of assessor and collector of the unincorporated town of Dawson shall be the city clerk during the pleasure of the city council and shall hold office until said council shall have appointed his successor. That section 148, relative to the appointment of a deputy by said city clerk, be stricken out." Carried.

Reference was made to the borrowing powers of the city, where and how such loans could be effected and the maximum rate of interest they would bear. It was pointed out by the secretary that by a recent amendment the city could borrow from any chartered bank in the territory an amount not exceeding 75 per cent. of the tax due for the current year. Mr. Beddoe stated that 10 per cent. per annum was the limit of the rate of interest. The suggestion was then offered that a lower rate of interest could possibly be procured on the outside and Mr. Cresswell offered an amendment that the words "any chartered bank in the territory" be



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changed to read "any chartered bank in the Dominion of Canada."

F. W. Clements asked what provision was made in case of the death of an official of the city while holding office and the secretary stated that in case such death occurred prior to the last three months of such incumbent's term of office another election would be held; if within the last three months a successor could be appointed by the commissioner or the office could remain vacant until the next general election, it being optional with the commissioner.

Mr. Clements also asked what percentage of the liquor licenses would belong to the city, to which the chairman replied that the commissioner had distinctly stated that the majority of such fees—probably 60 per cent., would be applied to the city revenue.

Then the question came up as to what would be the sources of revenue upon which the city could depend. Wm. Thornburn bringing the question before the house. He stated that it was a most vital question for the voters. The commissioner has decided that the city shall either be incorporated or be governed by a commission and the people should know what they can control and what they can depend upon. A commission appointed by the governor will not in any way be responsible to the people, whereas a mayor and board of aldermen elected will be. In either event money must be raised to carry on the expenses of the government, and the speaker considered that in the long run one plan would prove just as costly as another. The people should know where this money is to come from and how it is to be raised. Much would doubtless come from taxes levied, there would be licenses issued, fines imposed, etc., but the people should know just what revenue will accrue to the city when incorporation is effected. The following resolution was offered and passed:

"That the Yukon council be asked to declare by resolution at its next meeting what sources of revenue will be granted to the city when incorporated."

To a question raised concerning the (Continued on page 4.)

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A well defined movement is on foot among this element to take advantage of the apathy now existing among those who are most heavily interested in the community, the object being to secure control of the machinery of local government for their own personal advantage.

This movement can be frustrated and the municipality placed in the hands of reliable, responsible citizens only by united action on the part of the men who pay the taxes.

The question of the hour is simply this: Are the tax payers willing that their affairs should be dominated by a few irresponsible, political carpet-baggers or will they unite for effective action and take the control of affairs into their own hands?

The Nugget strongly urges that a meeting confined to tax payers be called and a policy outlined, which will prevent non-tax paying agitators from getting their clutches fastened upon the throat of the community.

The time for action has arrived.

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The schools of the city have very sensibly delayed the hour of opening in the morning until semi-daylight arrives. The Sisters' school now begins at 9:30 and the public school at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. Since the shortening of the days and until the opening hours were extended, had it not been for the street little tots would have had to carry lanterns to light them to school. Not at any other place on the North American continent do so many children go to and from school in darkness as right here in Dawson, where it is necessary to look almost straight up to see the North Star.

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Jim Thornton in charge of the N. C. Co.'s dry goods department, has arranged a most attractive and originally designed window for his company in which countless handkerchiefs are artistically displayed. The window is lighted with multi-colored electric lights which flash intermittently, making a striking and pleasing effect.

A handsome doll is swinging in the window, the name to be the property of the girl who comes nearest to guessing the number of handkerchiefs displayed. To the boy coming nearest a set of hockey sticks and a pair of skates will be given.

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Teacher—Johnny, how many different kinds of force are there? Johnny—Three kinds. Teacher—Name them. Johnny—Bodily force, mental force, and the police force.

Don't fail to see the cartoons at the Pioneer saloon.

Toys of all descriptions at Gandolfo's.

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SACK OF OUT-GOING MAIL DISAPPEARS

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