

IT WAS A DRY GATHERING

The Council Meeting Last Night Was Not "Hot Stuff."

Who Gave Authority to Ring Fire Bell to Announce Result of Elections—Trouble for Somebody.

A number of years ago an old Irishman named McCourt was persuaded to attend the Saturday afternoon prayer meeting of the little neighborhood in southeastern Ohio in which he resided. At its close a neighbor met the old man, shook hands with him and asked:

"Well, Mr. McCourt, what did you think of the prayer meeting?"
"Arrah sure," said the son of Erin, "I thought it was a dommed dry gatherin'!"

The council meeting held in the territorial court room last night was like the old man's prayer meeting in that it was a dry gathering.

All the members were present, the commissioner presiding.

A communication was read from H. T. Wills, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, which informed the council that its efforts to collect taxes from that institution are not legal and, if such efforts are persisted in, they will be resisted to the uttermost. The communication was laid on the table without action.

The Klondike Mill Co. presented a petition relative to a \$73 bill for lumber used in the locality of the barracks, which bill, the council contends should be paid from the public works funds, but Superintendent Fuller, of that department, says "Nay, nay." The commissioner agreed to look after the matter.

A bill of H. E. Rogers for aiding an indigent on Dominion creek a couple of years or more ago was referred to the finance committee.

A petition from Bartlett Bros. to be granted permission to finish putting in a pair of wagon scales on Third avenue, work on which was stopped by the police a few days ago, was, on motion of Judge Dugas, referred to the committee on public works.

The matter of providing for the payment of police court stenographers out of local funds, in conformance with an order from Ottawa, was laid over.

Nothing was done relative to providing for paying public vaccinators, the matter going over until the arrival of the expected virus.

A destitute man who applied to Commissioner Ogilvie to be passed to the outside, received rather chilly comfort in that he will be allowed to board at the police stations on the way provided he pays for such board by chopping wood. Whether or not the man will accept the winter's job was not stated.

An ordinance submitted by the water company as a substitute for ordinance No. 41, was discussed at considerable length and laid over until the next meeting.

The petition from the public school teachers presented at a previous meeting was brought up and referred to Messrs. Ogilvie and Wood who will obtain the desired information by the next meeting.

Judge Dugas asked by what authority the fire bell is rung on the occasions of receipt of election news, and in one voice the other members ejaculated "That is what I want to know!" Commissioner Ogilvie said no such permission has been granted by him. Chairman Girouard of the fire committee, said no such permission had been granted by him. Judge Dugas did not believe the fire bell should be a factor in politics, and Commissioner Ogilvie said he will investigate, and the fire chief will be asked to report concerning the matter.

The "small debts" ordinance was read a second time and referred to the ordinance committee with the request that it solicit the opinion of some of the leading attorneys of the city regarding it.

The matter of women drinking, box rustling and soliciting in boxes and in their rooms in hotels was discussed at length and was unanimously agreed to be the greatest evil, in Dawson, of the day. Messrs. Wood and Dugas were appointed to see what steps can be taken looking towards the suppression of the vice.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

BLEEKER OBJECTS.

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nearest telephone and sent word to the town police station of the affair. Constable Borrows said that he had received

the telephone message of the affair and had found the bodies of Pearl Mitchell and Slorah lying across the bed with the revolver between them. It was much stained with blood and lay a couple of inches from Slorah's hand, pointing slightly towards the woman.

He took the revolver and wrapped it in a napkin and laid it aside, after which he shook Slorah by the shoulder. He seemed somewhat dazed. He had seen a bullet hole in the blood-stained wall near the dead woman's head. H. J. Goetzman was called and identified the photographs offered in evidence as being correct reproductions of the objects in question. Mr. Bleeker objected to the photographs offered on the ground that they did not show exact relative positions.

Mr. Wade wanted to know if he, Mr. Bleeker, could give any process by which four sides, the floor and ceiling could be photographed at one and the same time, and Mr. Bleeker said that Mr. Wade was very clever.

The photographs of the wounds on both Slorah and the deceased were objected to as anything but secondary evidence. The photographs were admitted after some argument and were passed to the jury for examination. After which court adjourned till 2:30 p. m. The jury was instructed to visit the room where the killing took place, during their absence at lunch.

Painfully Quiet.

There was no police court this forenoon and only one wage case on the docket for this afternoon. Just how to account for the present quietness in police court circles is not apparent, unless the oft-repeated advice to put lemon in it is being heeded. Or it may be a general antipathy to sawing wood beneath heaven's broad canopy when the mercury is several degrees below Swede creek. At any rate, the fact remains that police court circles are painfully and disgustingly quiet these days.

Father Gendreau's Surprise.

Yesterday afternoon a surprise was tendered Father Gendreau by Sister Mary Edith and the pupils of St. Mary's school. After the schoolroom had been beautifully decorated, the inscriptions being "Welcome," "God Bless Our Father," "Happy Hours Attend on You," the father was invited over to the schoolhouse where, being heartily received by the teacher and pupils in their "best bibs and tuckers," the surprise was both genuine and pleasant.

After a song by the school, Father Gendreau made a happy and appropriate address by which he made himself a lifelong friend to the children. A festal song closed the afternoon's exercises.

St. Mary's school is in a very prosperous condition and under the guiding hand of patient and painstaking Sister Mary Edith, all the children are making rapid advancement in their studies.

Can't Keep Him Quiet.

Billy Thomas is going to have a high jinks at his West Dawson resort tonight and great preparations are now underway to accommodate the guests of the evening. His road across the river is an evidence of the originality with which Billy operates, and the probabilities are that several surprises are in store for those visiting the other side tonight.

Pugilists Meet Tonight.

Tonight the "big thing" comes off at the Club gymnasium between Caribou Sinclair and Coulter. It is to be hoped that a large attendance will greet the men as they enter the ring, for the go will be a hot one and the men are entitled to the patronage of the sports. Several other good meets are advertised and a duplication of the recent success at the Club is anticipated.

The Man Nearly Choked.

He is a canny old Scotchman who has recently visited a locality where fish is the principal product, and preparing them for market in the various forms is the chief industry. This morning he was telling his experiences to his friend Andy McKenzie, and among other things which he had seen he told of a machine which threshed fish.

"There's a long tube," he said, "which separates the bones from the meat. The fish is put into this tube in the middle, and the bones go one way and the meat the other."

"Now, Andy, you may not believe it, but its gospel truth. One day I saw a man eating fish from one end of this tube when the man turning the crank went away. Pretty soon along comes a left handed chap and he turns the crank the wrong way, and the man gets the bones instead of the flesh and nearly chokes to death."

Andy gulped down something he was about to say and looking at the patriarch asked him what he would have.

C. H. Lindemann, the jeweler, Dominion bldg.

WILD WEST WAIFS.

The population of Moscow, Idaho, is 3300, making it the fourth city in size in the state.

Thirteen Japanese have been rounded up at Fairhaven, Wash., charged with illegal entry into the United States.

Fifteen carloads of prunes were purchased in Wasco county, Or., by a Portland firm. The lot brought \$5717.67.

A bunch of steers off the range in the Burnt River district, Or., were sold for \$42 per head, the highest price known for years.

A pack of coyotes drove out of Mazza gulch, near San Rafael, Cal., five hounds that were running down a wounded deer.

Nearly a thousand bicycle tags have been sold at Walla Walla, Wash., and funds are now sufficient for construction of bicycle paths.

An effort will be made to have the United States fish commissioner send lobsters to be placed on rocky portions of the Oregon coast.

The Puget Sound Oystermen's Association has fixed the rate for oysters at \$3.50 per sack, and \$2 per gallon opened, for the season of 1900-'91.

A crew of fishermen engaged in a desperate fight with over 10 devilfish off Santa Cruz island, Southern California. The devilfish fought like demons, but were finally driven off.

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Kodak films at Goetzman's.

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Announcement of an Old Sourdough.

Chris Sonnikson, the oldest freighter on the Yukon, who has freighted two years, at Fortymile and two years at Circle City, and the last four years in Dawson City, and now a partner in the firm of Sonnikson & Henry, announces to his friends and customers that he has yet one sour dough story untold, which he has actually withheld for 16 long years for fear someone would not believe it, but now that he has telephone No. 68 in his office, which enables him to ring up the police on the first sign of any serious trouble, or if he should be called down too heavy, and as his office has just been fitted up in fine shape and is cozy and warm, with seven chairs, where listeners may rest in comfort and ease while listening to the wonderful tale, Chris cordially invites the public to a seat as he is liable to let loose very soon.

Sonnikson & Henry are engaged in freighting, buying and selling wood and hay; they pride themselves in being the pioneer freighters of the north, and particularly of having proven that farming is possible on the Yukon, of which their farm on Stewart river will bear witness. The firm claims to be able to haul, drag or pack anything from a nugget to a windmill, but positively limit their space of operation in the district between Whitehorse and Cape Nome. Their office is in Boyle's wharf on First avenue. Try them for luck.

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