

FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

To Come Up Again This Evening

Doubtful if It Will Pass Even
Though Amended—Impos-
sible Conditions Asked.

Whether the council at the meeting tonight takes decided action on the railway franchise bill or not is a question, with the odds decidedly against it if the opinion of one of the members is to be taken as a criterion of that of the whole. It has been absolutely stated that unless those for and against the bill come to an understanding, the present council, which meets this evening for the last time, will pass the matter up to be dealt with by the incoming board, and the question now stands, as near as can be ascertained, in practically the same position it did when the petition against the franchise first was presented. It was generally understood that there was no objection to the road coming up First avenue on the part of any of the property owners except in the block between King and Queen streets, but at the special meeting held Saturday afternoon an individual bobbed up who was much exercised as to whether or not the road would pass under the ferry tower.

Another peculiar thing that transpired was a new amendment to the proposition, made by the opponents, to the company at a previous meeting by tacking on a number of entirely different provisions. It was agreed that if the bill were amended so that the franchise extended only as far as Queen street those against the bill would withdraw their petition, an offer that Mr. Davey on behalf of the company accepted. Now it is demanded that if the company does traverse that particular block they shall not build within 100 feet of the westerly side of the street. It is said that the company has one card up its sleeve which it is reserving to the last and will not play it unless compelled to and then only as a last resort. It is a well known fact that between the westerly side of First avenue and the easterly side of the buildings situated on the water's edge there is a twenty-foot strip of government land over which the city has no jurisdiction. The company has its charter from parliament to build over federal land and they claim that they can build on that narrow piece without asking permission from the city or anyone else. The buildings referred to butt squarely up against the strip and should not infringe upon the sidewalk already laid the tracks would pass within twelve feet of the doorways of the bank and the steamer offices.

At the meeting D. A. Cameron, H. G. Wilson and Curley Monroe were a committee representing the property owners while Mr. Davey, Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Parsons looked after the interests of the road. Mr. Cameron announced that his committee had a report to make which upon the request of his worship was read, and was as follows:

"Provided that the roadbed of the railway company shall not be constructed at any point between the south line of Queen street and the north line of King street at a less distance than 100 feet west of the westerly line of said First avenue."

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(as shown on Gibbon's plan of the city of Dawson).

"Provided that any application to this or future councils of the city of Dawson to change the terms of the privilege now granted shall constitute an abandonment and forfeiture of the franchise now granted excepting the railway company obtain the consent of the owners of two-thirds (2-3) of all the real property on the east side of said First avenue and the owners of two-thirds (2-3) of all the real property and the lease holders representing two-thirds (2-3) of all the leasehold property on the west side of said First avenue in said city of Dawson between King and Queen streets."

When finished Mr. Davey at once raised objections to the conditions imposed upon his company stating that it was a matter of physical impossibility to fulfill them. The proposition submitted and accepted at the Wednesday meeting was referred to and the speaker did not hesitate to state point blank that the road could not accept the provisions suggested by the committee. They had met every demand of the committee that was at all within reason, but this last was something that could not be considered for an instant.

Mr. Cameron replied by stating that the 100 foot proviso was made without considering whether the company could secure the right to run over the docks and he did not think the tracks should approach too closely to the westerly side of the buildings.

Mr. McRae considered that the property owners in the other blocks had not been used right in the matter when they had not been consulted, to which Mr. Monroe reminded the reverend gentleman of the fact that the first meeting of the property owners had been advertised in the papers for two days.

Another thing that the road objected to was the demand that a bond be given by the company. Such was generally the procedure when a road was entering a city as a competing line or a valuable bonus were given them in aid of their enterprise, but in this instance the city was doing nothing whatever in the way of assistance, but on the contrary many of the citizens were placing in the way all the obstacles, apparently, that it was possible to find. The planking of the roadway between the rails was also contested, that is concerning such being done the entire length of the road in the city limits, but that demand was finally conceded to.

As stated, the matter will come up again tonight and it may be disposed of and it may not, the uncertainty depending somewhat, perhaps, upon whether or not the electorate has shown sufficient confidence in the old members by re-electing them today.

DECLINES TO ACCEPT

Roosevelt Will Not Act as Arbitrator

Matter Will Be Referred to Tribunal—Cabinet Advises President.

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Washington, Dec. 26, via Skagway, Jan. 5.—President Roosevelt has announced that he will not act as arbitrator in the Venezuelan difficulty. This determination was reached at a meeting of the cabinet held today. In all probability the matter will be referred to the Hague arbitration board.

London, Dec. 27, via Skagway, Jan. 5.—When word to the effect that Roosevelt would not act as arbitrator in the Venezuelan case arrived much discussion ensued. Many felt that England has been disgraced by joining with Germany. People here and also the papers did not think that matters were so complicated that Roosevelt would fear act. Many of the leading papers thought take sides with America, saying that the president undoubtedly was wise in making his decision thus.

Barrett on 3rd ave. has plenty of Rolled Oats, Bacon, Hams, New Dried Fruit, Lord, Tomatoes, etc., at the proper figures for cash—bring it in and see what you can do.

Hooty and Kelton—Auditorium.
The best man is elected—but Barrett carries the best Hay and Oats. Send a copy of the Nugget's Christmas edition to your outside friends.

LOST.—Saturday, roll of bills amounting to \$40. Finder please return to Nugget and get reward.



WHY THE NEWS KNIFED JIMMIE MCKINNON.

URNS OVER THE GUSHER

Matheson Reports Completion of Contract

Twenty Sluiceways of Water Which May Be Sold to Miners at Nominal Rates.

D. Matheson came in late on Saturday night from the Forks, and this morning went up to the Administration building to report that he had finished his work on capping the gusher. Mr. Matheson reported to Acting-Commissioner Wood, who delegated Assistant Territorial Engineer McPherson to take over the work on behalf of the government. Mr. McPherson left with Mr. Matheson this afternoon for that purpose. As to what will be done with the water from the gusher nothing definitely is yet known. The matter is not covered by any of the existing regulations and it therefore had to be laid before the authorities at Ottawa. This has been done and pending a reply the Acting-Commissioner may give the waterman at the Forks permission to use the same for the town on condition that he keeps up the necessary fires to prevent the pipes from freezing.

Mr. Matheson says he has sealed up the gusher as tight as if it were in a bottle, and that it has been evidently flows through a large gravel bed and the action of the powerful pumps displaced more water than would naturally flow and so reduced the water at the bottom of the shaft. He pumped the water out of the shaft so dry that the men had to dump water into it when filling it in to make the gravel-pack. The normal pressure can only be obtained when the gravel bed is again filled with water, and this will take eight or ten days. He thought the course of the government would probably be to have one man watch it until the spring, to keep the pipes from freezing, and then to sell it to the miners at a nominal rate.

It is according to the normal pressure, he said, what the flow will be. He thinks the pipes will carry about ten sluiceways each. If the normal flow at the present depth of the shaft does not give this, it would be easy for the government to put a diamond drill through the pipes and sink to another 100 or 150 feet.

McLENNAN A SURE WINNER.

The old police court began to be a scene of bustle after half past two today. Despite the raw weather there was quite a crowd of ticket peddlers and candidates and their friends standing outside and cutters and stages kept coming and going as hard as they could go for the next hour. When as many as 500 votes had been tallied and there were only a hundred or so to be divided among the four candidates for mayor, the politicians began to be excited. At half-past three the total who had voted was 564, and it seemed to be generally conceded by those who were keeping tally that McLennan had then a good majority. As his strength comes from the property holders and substantial citizens who are not liable to be influenced by such election tricks as Mr. Davison attempted, it is reasonable to conclude that Mr. McLennan will be a winner when the vote is counted. Mr. Davis is said to be running well and to be a good second. As to the aldermanic candidates no one seems to know if any are running much ahead; in fact all the interest seemed to be centered in the race for the mayoralty.

MORE DAVISON DIRTY WORK

Another Attempt to Secure Votes Dishonestly by Publishing False Statements. McLennan Leads in Spite of Them. D. W. Davis Probably Second.

Mr. Davison, who all through the campaign has shown himself entirely unscrupulous in making false charges and venomous insinuations against other candidates, and particularly against R. P. McLennan whose public and private character he was unable to in any way smear, this morning went the limit. Believing that there would not be time to answer it he got out a handbill in which he said that Mr. McLennan had gone into another "deal," and that this time it was with Alderman Adair. He stated that in order to beat Davison Mr. McLennan was to give his support to Mr. Adair, but was to remain in the race for the mayoralty merely as a figurehead. Sunday evening Mr. Davison's heels had been spreading the rumor or that Mr. McLennan had been withdrawn; but no one knew where those rumors emanated so no one took any stock in them. But when he came out with the handbill this morning the contemptible trick aroused general indignation. It was rumored that Mr. Edwards, the chairman of Mr. Davison's campaign committee, had immediately resigned from that position. It is a fact that Mr. Phillips, the secretary of the committee, did so. The latter openly said for publication that Mr. Davison, in issuing the handbill attacking Mr. McLennan, had not only acted unwisely but in the face of the remonstrances of his friends and supporters.

As soon as possible the friends of Mr. McLennan got out a circular in reply, and with the hope of stopping the circulation of these Mr. Davison said he understood that the statement made in his name was untrue and that if the McLennan circular was not sent out he would see that the lying statement went out by his friends should be recalled. This was too thin a game for the friends of McLennan. They threatened a suit for damages, and they immediately issued the following:

To the Electors of Dawson—Any and all reports to the effect that I have withdrawn or made any deal or combination with any other candidate are absolutely false and without foundation. I am in the race to stay and assure my supporters that I have every confidence of victory.

A circular issued by J. H. Davison charging that I am in the field in the interest of Thos. Adair is false, cowardly and malicious. In order to escape a suit for damages Davison has sent out men to collect the circulars, which have been distributed.

R. P. McLENNAN.

The voting was slow during the morning hours, and there did not seem to be any definite way of forming an estimate of how the vote was going. After noon, however, the voting was more brisk, particularly between one and two. It was stated at half past two that 560 votes had been cast; Mr. McLennan well in the lead and Davis a close second. The circulars above, and the many contemptible actions of Mr. Davison, were much talked about and no doubt were a factor in this result.

TWO MAILS SAME DAY

First American Newspaper Mail Arrives

White Pass Beginning to Run Three Stages Each Way on Schedule Time.

Two mail stages got in yesterday, the "Merchants" line about three o'clock with eight sacks of second class mail and three passengers, and the White Pass at 5:30 p. m., with 13 sacks of letter mail and one passenger, Mrs. Bremner, from the Stewart crossing road house. The driver of the latter, Simon Sende, made excellent time, arriving here nearly eighteen hours earlier than he was expected.

The passengers on the Merchants' line stage yesterday were Colin MacDonald, James Goodman and G. C. Mitchell. Mr. Rogers has received on this stage a schedule which he will shortly put into force. It calls for three stages from here every week and three from Whitehorse. According to this the next stages to arrive here will be 10:30 Wednesday morning, at 5 p. m. Friday and at 4 p. m. Sunday, and this will be the mean time for some time, the whole trip taking a little over five days at present, with hopes of getting it down to four days as the trail improves and the travel gets brisker.

The three stages leaving here will be at 9 a. m. Tuesdays and at one o'clock Thursdays and Saturdays. Mr. Rogers has seen Postmaster Hartman and believes the mails in future will close at 8 p. m. Monday evening, and at 11 a. m. on Thursdays and Saturdays.

Of the eight sacks of newspaper mail arriving yesterday one was of American mail from Skagway, so that in all probability American newspaper mail will now continue to come in for the balance of the winter.

Barrett carries a complete line of size apples, including Baldwin and King, Burbank Potatoes, Australian Onions, etc. Drop in and get prices—it will surprise you. Not the largest importer, but there with the cost price all right.

Band Plays Tonight.
The police band will enliven the skating at the rink tonight, and as the ice is in first-class shape and the temperature not too low there is likely to be a good crowd.

ROYAL VISITORS

Prince of Wales, Duke of Cambridge and Little Bobs Coming.

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Boston, Jan. 3.—The honorable artillery company of Boston hopes to have a visit this year from the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Cambridge. Lord Roberts is to be a guest of the company in November.

PREDICTS WAR

Max Nordau on the Growing Imperialism of America.

Special to the Daily Nugget.
New York, Jan. 3.—Max Nordau deplors the growth of military imperialism in the United States and predicts a terrific struggle between Anglo-Saxondom and France and Russia.

SULTAN SURROUNDED

Shut Up in the City of Fez by the Pretender.

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Rome, Jan. 3.—The Sultan of Morocco contemplates a sortie from Fez, where he has been shut up by the Pretender. The Christians in the city are safe so far.

LA BELLE FIGHTING

Still Making Effort to Save His Life.

His Counsel Makes Application to Mr. Justice Craig for Release Case.

Edward La Belle has not given up the fight for his life as was evinced this morning by the actions of his counsel. Mr. Hagel appeared before Mr. Justice Craig and asked that a reserve case be made of that of his client, incorporating in his application a number of reasons why such should be granted. His lordship has taken the matter under advisement and will not submit his decision until he has fully looked into the merits of the petition. In case the application should be granted the next step would be the issuance of a stay of execution of sufficient length to enable the supreme court at Ottawa to pass on the appeal. If the appeal were granted a new trial would be ordered and La Belle would have another opportunity to go into the horrible details of the atrocious triple murder. Should that be done it is highly probable that Fournier would also be granted a stay of execution as he would be one of the principal witnesses for the crown and his execution would deprive the prosecution of valuable testimony that could not afford to be lost.

The reason the application was not made before is on account of the necessity of waiting for the minister of justice to first file his review of the case comprising the findings of the lower court and ordering the execution. This has only arrived and the application is made at as early date as possible. Should Mr. Justice Craig deny the petition the executions will take place on the 20th as per the sentence passed and confirmed by the minister of justice.

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Morris and Walton—Auditorium.

VOTE FOR AND SUPPORT

The Labor Candidate for the Yukon Council, District No. 1.

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NOTES OF THE CREEKS

Pleasant Doings on Gold Run.

Several New Year's Parties Were Held—A Very Enjoyable Occasion.

A very pleasant evening was spent on New Year's evening at Central Hotel, No. 30 Gold Run. Mr. and Mrs. Benson who own the house had invited a number of friends to witness the christening of their infant child. Rev. Mr. Pringle who was to perform the ceremony was unable to attend and that portion of the program was necessarily postponed. The guests were very pleasantly entertained and a most enjoyable evening was the result.

On New Year's eve a dance was given on No. 28 Gold Run. The room was well filled with devotees of Terpsichore and the festivities continued until a late hour.

On the same evening a large party assembled at 244 Lower Dominion, the Grand road house being the scene of action.

Fine music was furnished and dancing and cards served to while away the hours in an exceedingly pleasant manner. Dainty refreshments were served at a late hour.

Mrs. Goodelle who has been running a laundry on the creek for several years has been quite ill for some time. Her friends are greatly pleased to know that she is rapidly improving and will soon be able to resume her accustomed work.

ANOTHER UNION

Yukon Stationary Engineers Are Now Organized.

The Yukon Stationary Engineers of Dawson have been organized as a union with the following officers:—Past chief engineer, T. D. Galloway; chief engineer, W. B. Sanford; assistant engineer, Stewart Menzies; secretary, E. M. Hutchinson; treasurer, J. W. Stingle. The trustees are J. Kellogg, Charles Bush and H. J. Tennant.

It is hoped that all qualified engineers will join at the earliest possible date, and so insure a strong union.

Hurried to Pay Taxes.
The city will be a little the richer for the election in any case. A large number of men paid taxes on income this morning, hoping still to be in time to vote although the law says that all taxes shall be paid before nomination day. The oath that the voter has to sign, however, is that he has paid his taxes and all arrears, and nothing is said about the date upon which such taxes were to be paid. This means that the taxpayers had the chance for some time work for their several candidates.

Swift's Winchester Bacon has no equal—call for it.
Mullen and Freeman—Auditorium.
After election try Swift's Winchester Bacon.

More Machinery.
A. D. Williams, of Homer, writes to his father from New York that he has added to his already large mining plant here by the purchase of two steam shovels, which he hopes to bring in with him on one of the first boats after the opening of navigation.