

WILSON'S LIEN LAW WAS UP

Before the Council Last Night But Was Laid Over

Until It Could be Further Discussed by the Members and Before Board of Trade.

The discussion of Wilson's miners' lien law occupied a considerable portion of the time at the council meeting last night. This ordinance passed its first and second readings at the meeting a week ago and was postponed for final action on the advice of Acting Legal Adviser Pattullo to give the new legal adviser, Mr. Congdon, an opportunity to consider it. There are certain sections concerning the retroactive nature of the ordinance which was considered advisable to go into in the fullest possible detail.

At the meeting of the Board of Trade Wednesday the ordinance was discussed and in view of its retroactive character, which was considered by the board as being dangerous to the interests of the business men who have been supplying the mine owners with provisions and machinery on credit during the winter, the secretary was instructed to address a communication to the council requesting the postponement of the final passage of the bill for one week and to furnish the board with a copy of the ordinance.

The communication from the Board of Trade was read by Territorial Secretary Brown and Mr. Girouard moved that the communication be received and the ordinance be laid over one week.

Mr. Wilson made an amendment to the motion to the effect that the communication be laid on the table and the discussion of the ordinance proceed. In support of his motion he said that the ordinance had been pending for four months and had been before the council for about four weeks and that ample time had been given for the discussion of the ordinance and a special request had been made through the press for such discussion and that unless the ordinance should receive its final hearing then and there he would take no further responsibility in it. His motion was seconded by Mr. Prudhomme. He withdrew his motion on a suggestion from the commissioner that he was out of order and that the discussion should properly come under orders of the day.

The communication was accepted and when the ordinance came in its proper time, Mr. Girouard again requested a special favor that Mr. Wilson allow the ordinance to be postponed for another week in order to give himself as well as the Board of Trade an opportunity to consider it. Mr. Wilson said that he was sorry that he could not accede to his friend's request as the bill was an important one and if it was to protect the men whom it was designed to protect, it would have to be considered then, for as it was a lien on the dumps there was a possibility of the dumps all being washed away before another week had passed.

Mr. Girouard said that he had asked his learned friend as a special favor to postpone action but as he seemed inclined to be arbitrary, he would take advantage of his rights under the rules and prevent the ordinance being considered, and in that case it would have to go over.

After a further debate on the subject it was agreed to go into a committee of the whole and Mr. Wilson was given the chair.

Mr. Girouard immediately moved that the committee arise.

Mr. Ross asked if it was the intention to kill the bill which would be the result of the committee arising without reporting progress.

Mr. Girouard replied that if Mr. Wilson was willing to adjourn for a week he would amend his motion by reporting progress and have the matter brought up again in a week.

After further debate on the point Mr. Girouard withdrew his motion on it being agreed to simply discuss the

merits of the bill and leave the retroactive sections for further consideration.

Two sections were read but it was found that the legal adviser had made so many amendments that it was decided to leave the whole ordinance to be discussed at the next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Prudhomme, the committee arose and reported progress.

Another Transportation Co.

John J. Healy, late general manager of the North American Transportation & Trading Company, is in London, where upon being interviewed he made the statement that he had gone there in response to the invitation of certain capitalists who desired to consult him upon the probabilities of remunerative business for another transportation line in the Yukon river. Among other things Mr. Healy said that there was an immense volume of business which could be obtained, independent of that required to sustain local companies which owned their own boats, and he expressed himself as favorable to the proposition.

Seeks Separation.

Charles O'Brien, a pioneer packer of Skagway and later a member of the city council at that place, is now defendant in a divorce suit in Seattle. His wife alleges cruelty, inhumanity and non-support. She asks for half his money which is \$15,000. All old Skagwayites remember big, coarse, but kind-hearted Charley O'Brien and his dainty little wife who had the reputation of having more fine clothes than any woman in the "Gateway" city.

Patterson Improving.

Mr. W. P. Patterson, steward at the A. C. Co.'s mess house who was rather seriously burned about the face at the governor's banquet Monday night, is rapidly recovering although portions of his face will yet be very sore for some time to come. The accident was caused by burning rum being blown in his face during the preparation of the rum omelet.

Interesting to McCook.

The Whitehorse Star of the 12th published a special from Dawson announcing the death of U. S. Consul McCook in this city. Mr. McCook has been quite sick and is yet being cared for at the Good Samaritan hospital, but hopes to be out within a few days. The Star's publication, it is hoped, is premature by many long years.

The Bubonic Plague.

Detroit, Mich., April 7.—A special to the Tribune from Ann Arbor, Mich., says:

"A student of the University of Michigan, whose name is withheld, was taken to the pesthouse from the university to the contagious disease hospital today, and he has a mild attack of bubonic plague. He was under the care of Dr. Dock, and it was by his order that the patient was removed to the pesthouse. Dr. Frederiek Novy, the expert on this disease, who recently made a trip to San Francisco on behalf of the government to investigate the alleged plague cases there, has been called in consultation, but declines to state positively that the student is afflicted with the dreaded plague. He says that further tests must be made to ascertain the exact nature of the disease afflicting the student, which at present mystifies the attending physicians. Prof. Novy says there is no danger of a spread if it is the bubonic plague, and is inclined to avoid a discussion of the subject."

Oranges, Lemons, Selman & Myers.

CAPTAIN HANSEN.

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does he expect a large influx to the Nome country which, by the way, he thinks is fully as good a mining country as the Klondike, many new discoveries having been made in the country to the north of the Nome district late last season, and which country, says the captain is certainly a poor man's field. His belief that there will be light travel to coast Alaska this year is based on the fact that but few inquiries for transportation were being made at the San Francisco offices up to the time of his leaving there for Dawson recently.

Regarding the reported consolidation of the mercantile interests of the big companies Capt. Hansen says it is not so widespread as that of the transportation interests. He says the N. A. T. & T. Co. is not included in that combine, but only the A. C. and A. E. companies. Capt. Hansen is not able to state who will be manager of the new commercial company.

Since his return from the North last year Capt. Hansen has traveled quite extensively in Europe, and while not traveling he has been working in the company's interests in San Francisco.

He predicts a heavy travel via Skagway to Dawson this season and says that many persons bound for Nome and points further up the Alaskan coast will travel by Dawson owing to the U. S. customs order that no steamers will be permitted to leave Dutch Harbor for the North until June 15th.

Capt. Hansen arrived last night on the C. D. stage after a very pleasant trip. Today he is as free from "that tired look" as though he had been resting for a month.

COMING AND GOING.

Tomorrow morning a special mail will be dispatched to the outside. The mail will close at midnight tonight and any letters put into the office prior to that time will be forwarded.

On the first of May the ordinance compelling the licensing of dogs goes into effect and after that date all dogs will have to be licensed and tags will be issued. Tags are now obtainable from Constable Borrows at the dog pound.

Messrs. B. Ransom and H. Holmes, members of the staff of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Skagway, arrived in Dawson last night. Mr. Ransom came in on a pleasure trip and returns to Skagway in the morning. Mr. Holmes will assume a position in the bank at this place and remain here throughout the summer.

Prose vs. Poetry.

"There," said the hopeful young man as he placed his contribution on the editor's desk, "I wrote that poem with a pen the handle of which was made from a picket that was torn from the fence in front of a house in which Edgar Allan Poe once lived."

"Oh," replied the editor, after he had read the verses. Then he lifted up one foot and, pointing to it, said: "Do you see that shoe? The leather of which it is made was tanned with bark a part of which may once have grown upon a tree that gave shelter to the heavy weight that struck Billy Patterson."

The young man took his manuscript and, having bestowed upon the base being before him a look of scorn mingled with pity, went out.

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