

YUKON COUNCIL

Met in Regular Session Yesterday With All Members Present.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

New Roads Along Various Creeks Proposed.

LICENSE REBATES REFERRED

The Inspector Is Directed to Ascertain the Number of Licenses Issued Recently.

(From Friday's Daily.)

A meeting of the Yukon council was held at 4 p. m. Thursday. Those present were Messrs. Ogilvie, Girouard, Dugas, Clement, Senkler.

A petition was received from the Dawson Electric Light & Power Co., Ltd., praying for the passing of an ordinance respecting incorporation.

A petition was received from the residents of Menzie's addition, praying for the extension of the sidewalk which is now being constructed on Mission street to Seventh avenue. Referred to the public works committee, with power to act.

A petition was received from the residents and property owners on the east side of Second avenue asking that a ditch be dug from the corner of Fifth street North to Fourth street, connecting with the ditch now existing from the intersection of Fourth street and Second avenue to the Yukon river. Referred to the public works committee with power to act.

A petition was received from the proprietors of the Cascade Steam Laundry asking permission to lay a box sewer from their place of business along Second avenue to the intersection of the same with Fifth street, connecting with the drainage ditch into the Yukon river. Referred to the public works committee.

A petition was received from D. A. Gore, of Thistle creek, asking to be appointed a commissioner for taking affidavits. Referred to the commissioner.

A communication was presented from the board of managers of the Good Samaritan hospital, acknowledging the recent grant of \$3000 to that body.

A communication was received from the officer commanding the Yukon garrison asking for authorization to purchase sufficient lumber to put in a box drain in order to drain a slough lying behind the barracks. Referred to the committee on public works for report.

An account was submitted from the British-American Corporation for provisions supplied to an indigent at Senkler. Ordered that this account be not paid.

A communication was received from H. E. Rogers asking for the payment of accounts submitted by Dr. T. N. Rogers for the treatment of indigent patients. Referred to the finance committee.

A communication was presented from J. S. Baron praying for a reduction in the license fee of pawn brokers. Referred to the committee on civil justice.

A communication was received from the comptroller asking as to the necessary forms to be submitted by hospital authorities in regard to patients treated under the provisions of ordinance No. 7 of 1900. Referred to the hospital committee.

The finance committee then presented the following report:

The committee on finance, to whom was referred several matters at the last regular meeting of the council, beg to report:

In respect to the accounts from Dr. Bury for medical services rendered on Dominion creek, in the opinion of this committee this is a charge against the federal government, and it does not recommend the payment of same from the local funds.

In respect to the importation monthly of half a dozen bottles of diphtheria anti-toxin, anti-strepto-coccic serum and 50 vaccine tubes, the committee recommend that this be done.

In respect to the resolution of the board of health that the members be paid, the committee recommend that the board of health be composed of two or more members of the council and the

Dawson medical health officer, and that no payment of service be made.

In respect to the petition from the merchants and victuallers asking for a rebate for the unexpired portion of their licenses, or in lieu thereof an extension of their licenses, the committee requests that action be deferred thereon, and that the license inspector be requested to prepare a statement as to the number of licenses, date on which the licenses are due, and the extension of time each licensee would be entitled to under the amended liquor ordinance. Report adopted.

The commissioner reported that the fire commissioners had gone through the draft of the consolidated fire ordinance and that the same was now ready for introduction.

Mr. Justice Dugas asked if the boats which some party or parties are taking possession of and moving on the government ground near the slough have been taken possession of and moved under proper authorization.

The commissioner reported that this matter had been called to his attention and that he was now in communication with the officer commanding the N. W. M. P., as to the matter, and if such were being done without proper authorization the procedure would be stopped.

Mr. Justice Dugas asked under whose jurisdiction the clearing of the town of the tin cans came, and moved that measures be taken to have private properties, vacant properties and streets cleared of them. Referred to the public works committee.

Mr. Justice Dugas gave the following notice of motion:

Notice is hereby given that a motion will be made at a meeting of the Yukon council to be held on Thursday, April 26th instant, by Mr. J. E. Girouard and Mr. Justice C. A. Dugas that this council do immediately proceed and according to the funds at its disposition, to have a survey made according to law, of Bonanza, Eldorado, Hunter, Dominion, Gold Run, Sulphur, Quartz and any other creeks which may be considered of sufficient importance, as well as of the ridges which may lead to Indian river, with a view of establishing a road allowance thereto, or any of them, as may be deemed most necessary, as soon as the same shall be ratified by the surveyor general, and that a memorial be sent to the Ottawa government representing the necessity of making such roads for the better development of this territory, and asking that the necessary proceedings under the law be taken as soon as possible.

Mr. Clement begged leave to introduce a bill incorporating the Dawson Electric Light & Power Company, Ltd. He accordingly introduced the said bill and the same was read a first time and referred to the committee on private bills.

Mr. Clement begged leave to introduce an ordinance to amend ordinance respecting the public health. The same was introduced and read a first time. It being a matter of urgency, this ordinance was read a second time and referred to a committee of the whole council.

Mr. Clement introduced an ordinance for the prevention of fires and the same was read a first time. It being a matter of urgency, this bill was read a second time, and referred to a committee of the whole council.

Mr. Clement begged leave to introduce an ordinance to amend the ordinance respecting sidewalks in Dawson. The said bill was accordingly introduced and read a first time. Ordered that it be immediately read a second time. The said bill was accordingly read a second time and referred to a committee of the whole council.

Ordered that an ordinance to amend rule 385 of the judicature ordinance of the consolidated ordinances of 1898 respecting attachment of debts be now read a second time.

The said bill was accordingly read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole council.

Adjoined until Monday, the 23d, at 8 p. m.

The Ball Tonight.

Great preparations are being made for the firemen's ball tonight. Golden exchange, the new building on First avenue, is almost completed and ready for occupancy. Tarpaulin has been secured for the night of the dance which will completely enclose the front of the structure, as that part of the building will not be completed on the 20th.

Elaborate decorations are to be put in the hall, and the adjoining building is to be connected with a door way. This will give ample room for serving refreshments and for the safe-keeping of cloaks and hats. There will be five pieces of music under the leadership of Prof. Jacobs. The floor is to be thoroughly saponated by a force of men, making it as smooth as glass. The best people in town have evidenced their desire to attend, consequently the affair will, without doubt, be an assured success.

CLARKE VS. SUN

Was Continued Today for One Week---Woodside Appears By Counsel.

THOMAS DRANK SLEEPING HOOCH

Alleged Stabber Goes Back to Jail Until Monday.

COFFEY TOO SICK TO APPEAR

Judgment By Default for Non-Appearance---Carelessness in Vancouver Customs House.

The room was crowded this morning when Police Magistrate Starnes' court opened.

The case of Joseph A. Clarke vs. Editor-Henry J. Woodside, of the Yukon Sun, for libel, was next on the docket. The defendant was not present in person when the case was called in court, but was represented by Attorney Hulme, who asked that the case be continued for one week. Clarke, who is conducting his own case, interposed objections to a continuation of the case until some sort of plea is entered by the defendant. Attorney Hulme gave as his reasons for asking a continuation that the service papers had been in the hands of his client and himself less than 24 hours and that not sufficient time had been allowed for the preparation of defense. Clarke again urged that the defendant be required to plead before any continuation was granted. The court, however, gave the defence until next Friday in which to prepare for a hearing.

The usual charge, "drunk and disorderly," was varied in the first case, that of drunk and asleep being substituted. The prisoner was John Thomas, a miner who arrived in town yesterday from the creeks and, as he admitted began at once to fill up. Now, there are various brands of hooch - fighting hooch, dancing hooch and singing hooch; but John took none of these. He poured deeply of sleeping hooch, with the result that after trying to wind a jeweler's modern advertisement clock and saying so to an imaginary friend, he proceeded to go to bed on the sidewalk in front of the Orpheum.

Sergeant Wilson happened along about the time the third snore was emitted with the result that John's nap was finished in the guard house. This morning he entered two pleas: First, of guilty, and second of ignorance of the sleeping properties of the hooch. In view of circumstances surrounding the case, the court, in a kindly tone, imparted a few words of good advice and imposed a fine of \$5 and costs for three days in the full factory. All of John's money having been expended in sleeping potions, he went to the factory.

John Merchant, the man who is alleged to have stabbed Charles Coffey during an altercation yesterday, was called before the justice and remanded back to jail until Monday forenoon, or until such time as Coffey may be able to appear in court; it being stated that he is quite sick today and unable to be off his bed. Merchant asked to be allowed to give bond for his appearance, but owing to the conditions of the injured man, the request was denied. The court informed him, however, that he is entitled to the services of an attorney.

Capt. Starnes again gave voice this morning to his very laudable intention of having his court and papers issued from it duly respected. The occasion was the case of Robert H. Riddle vs. James Matthews for \$60 alleged to be due for labor performed. The defendant was not in court. Constable Allmark was questioned as to the service of the papers, and reported having served them on Matthews in person, and that there could be no mistake as to his understanding this morning. Judgment was therefore rendered for the full amount, with costs added and an order made that the judgment be paid within five days.

The carelessness of incompetent customs officials at Vancouver was commented upon by the court this morning, and for very good cause. Some time last year, when Col. Steele was acting as police magistrate, tobacco to the value of \$300 was found in Dawson on the premises of a man named Fidler. As the tobacco was without Canadian revenue stamps, the natural supposition was that it was contraband goods, and therefore, subject to confiscation. The goods were taken in charge by the police, the owner protesting that he had paid the requisite duty at Vancouver.

In the correspondence that followed a letter was received from the collector of customs at Vancouver, which letter states that the duty was regularly paid; but that on account of inexperience on the part of clerks in his office, and the

rush of business at the time the tobacco was entered, the matter of placing the revenue stamps on the caddies had been overlooked. The court ordered an immediate return of the goods to their owner.

Several Insane Patients.

Mention was made in these columns some days ago of the necessity of a separate prison ward or asylum for the many insane persons who from time to time have to be cared for at the barracks, and for whom there are now no quarters than in the general guardhouse. At present there are half a dozen insane persons in custody, one being added to the list only a day or two ago, and conditions and accommodations are such that it is necessary to keep them in apartments adjoining those occupied by common prisoners, with the result that the latter are kept awake for nights at a time by the ravings and shrieks of the insane.

Capt. Starnes, the police magistrate, spoke this morning in the presence of a Nugget representative of the very urgent need of a ward for the insane, separate and apart from the guard-house, and where the unfortunates can be given the care and attention which the cases demand.

As the number of insane persons continues to increase with surprising regularity, it is very probable that the question of their better care will be considered at an early date by the executive branch of the local government.

He Still Lives.

A man who arrived in the city yesterday stated in the Nugget office this morning that he had left Bennett with 25 cases of eggs; that a runaway horse had ruined ten cases; that seven cases had fallen into the water and floated away near Stewart river; that the case he used for a seat on his sled had hatched and, having no feed, the chickens starved; that he reached Dawson with the other seven cases to find the market very much overstocked. "In fact," said he, as he edged over close to the door, "I have had some eggstraordinary eggs-perience."

Carpenters Are Busy.

Every man in Dawson who possesses a saw and hammer and the know edge to use them can now find steady employment. Many new buildings are going up and dozens of old ones are being repaired, refitted and improved. Several miles of new sidewalk are being contracted for. Steamers are being refitted and enlarged; new ones are being built, and, in fact a general revival in the line of improvements of all kinds has been inaugurated, and carpenters are in demand at good wages.

Happy As a Clam.

Ben R. Everett is in the city from his claim, 34 below discovery on Dominion, where he says they have a dump that towers heavenward like an Egyptian pyramid and from which bright yellow, golden nuggets as big as pineapples stand out in bold relief. Ben is in town just for the sake of seeing the place once more as a man in medium circumstances. Immediately on his return to his claim the work of sluicing will begin, and by his next visit to Dawson he will have become a magnate of the oriental nabob order.

K. of P. Social.

The K. of P. Social Club held its regular monthly smoker in McDonald hall last evening. President D. B. Olson called the meeting to order and appointed Brother J. L. Timmins master of ceremonies. He immediately called on Brother Olson, who called attention the good work already accomplished in the case of sick and injured brothers who have received aid and encouragement from the club. Brother Cowan gave one of his dialect stories, "The French Canadian candidate for office." Mr. Cowan is master of dialect stories.

Brother Saires sang several songs, and Mr. Ben Davis gave us a number of coon and rag-time songs, the very latest from the outside. Then our Rudy Kallenborn took his place on the platform with his guitar and you know what happened. Brother Tom Rockwell always has a good story; and Brother Geo. Noble, in his usual good voice, sang "The Heart That Is Beating for Thee," and several others. Mr. E. B. Condon, who can tell a good story and tell it well, gave one of his best, and it was heartily enjoyed. Brother Tom Rockwell stated that while he was at his home lodge, Seattle 51, a resolution was passed that all members of their lodge who are in the Klondike are to be kept in good standing until they return home.

An excellent time was enjoyed, for both members and visitors contributed. A vote of thanks was extended to Brother Knabell who provided the lunch, and as Brother Timmins had charge of the punch everyone knows it was good. KNIGHT.

Carbon paper for sale at the Nugget office.

RECEIVED BY WIRE EASTERN CAPITAL

Is Heavily Invested in a Hydraulic Proposition on Fortymile.

WILL CHANGE THE RIVER CHANNEL

Company Will Ship From Bennett in Its Own Steamer.

LIEUT. ADAIR AT SKAGWAY.

More Evidence in the Clayson Party Murder---Dynamiting Ice---Prospective Copper Smelter.

Skagway, April 20.—A party of five men, Messrs. E. Peterson, John Peterson, H. Becker, L. Price and H. Knusson, all from Chicago, is now here en route to the interior with eight tons of hydraulic mining machinery and material with which to construct a steamer. The latter will be built at Bennett and will be 40 feet in length, 10 feet breadth of beam and 15 inches draught. The machinery will be taken on the steamer to a point 80 miles up the Fortymile river where the company owns nine claims, and where a canal 80 feet long, 60 feet deep and 40 feet wide is being dug at enormous expense for the purpose of changing the channel of the river. Members of the company say the canal will be finished and the machinery in operation by the 25th of June.

Adair Party Out.

Skagway, April 20.—Lieut. S. E. Adair, Capt. Mathew and T. G. Wilson arrived last night from Dawson, the former en route to Boston to report on various copper properties.

The party reports the finding of a receipt near the scene of the murder of the Clayson party which bears the name of Olsen one of the murdered men; also a pair of bicycle nippers, supposed to have belonged to Clayson.

Lieut. Adair supplied the workers who are removing ice from the river with search of the bodies with powder with which to enable them to blow it out.

Dispute Over Location.

Skagway, April 20.—A party of copper capitalists is here which will decide in a few days upon the point at which a smelter will be located for the handling of ore from the Whitehorse copper mines. There is some dispute among the members of the company as to where the location will be. Lord Hamilton, who is heavily interested in Atlin property as well as at Whitehorse, contends that the smelter should be at Bennett or Caribou, while other members will hold out for Whitehorse as the location. Whitehorse will probably win out.

Mail Delayed.

Skagway, April 20.—The mail from Dawson which should have arrived several days ago has not yet been reported.

Decision of Gold Commissioner.

Yesterday afternoon, Gold Commissioner Senkler rendered a decision with regard to the notice of appeal which had been filed in the case of *Malone vs. Potter*. The ground, concerning which the litigation occurred, is described in the hillside claim, left limit, opposite the lower half of No. 2 above lower discovery on Dominion creek. The text of the decision is as follows:

"Upon hearing Mr. Ridley on behalf of the defendant and Mr. Woodworth in answer, I hereby declare that the notice of appeal to the minister of the interior, No. 10,481, be struck off the record of the claim in question."

Special Power of Attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.