LAST NIGHT'S MEETI

Of the Four Candidates for Election to Seats on the Board of Yukon Council

WAS LARGELY ATTENDED AND A HUMMER FROM BEGINNING TO END

Nearly an Hour Spent in Circus Discounting Performance in Securing a Chairman.

Various Candidates for Support Express Their Views Regarding Vital Issues -Wilson a General Favorite-Prudhomme Magnetic and Pugnacious-Noel Does Considerable Explaining-Says 50 Cents Is Too Much for Whisky-O'Brien Believes in Education-is Fernist Taxation.

From Monday and Tuesday's Daily. dian politics or politics of any civil- which compels a laborer to take out a his lucky and left the citizens' comized or christianized people was an miner's license before he can secure a more cheerless, comfortless, cold, damp, of working. He deplored that the dusty, dirty, musty, murky, ill-smelling, foul-aired, conglomeration of filth than last night when the union meeting liament and made the humiliating conof the four candidates for election to seats on the Yukon council was held in the Orpheum theare, the building son pledged himself to see that the offiago, since which time it had lost no affairs. He favors competent inspecof old hats, and other defunct stage he favors the incorporation of the city property were on every hand and the of Dawson as the thing commensurate only wonder was that any enthusiasm to her prospects. Having spoken the whatever was or could be manifested amid such surroundings.

It was 8:45 o'clock before any of the candidates appeared on the stage and fully 15 minutes later when Barney Sugrue called the meeting to order and moved that Jefferson Davidson be elected chairman of the meeting. The motion was seconded, put and carried when F. C. Wade, doubtless thinking it would require two chairmen to preserve order, moved that H. T. Wills be elected to the chair. The motion likewise received a second, was put and carried. Then began a pandemonium which the infernal regions in all their satanic revelry have never excelled. As there wo factions on the stage, so were there two factions in the audience and for the next 40 or 50 minutes every man who attempted to speak was Clark, Noel, O'Brien and others went down like nine pins. After a long time things quieted down sufficiently to permit of each speaker uttering from four to half a dozen words before the howling would begin. Both Davidson and Wills declined the chairmanship. Can-Eilbeck take charge of the meeting, but later suggested that a chairman be "choosen" from the audience.

Woodworth said, "We didn't comhere to howl," and Dr. Catto told the audience they had no sense.

Joe Clarke finally came to the rescue and brought order out of chaos by moving that Louie Coste be elected to the chair. The motion prevailed and the audience gracefully accepted Mr. Coste was declared duly open for the purposes for which it was called.

Mr. Arthur Wilson, one of the nominees of the citizens' convention, was the is no representation. The public adfirst speaker. Mr. Wilson is not an ministrator system is wrong and should orator but he is a plain, logical and be abolished. Royalty should be aboleffective talker; he is, he said, a ished and an export tax imposed; for miner and was there to talk to his fel- by the time the miner is ready to go lows; he took up the platform on which out he never has much money, anyhow. he was nominated and explained his Public schools are a good thing and position as to each of its planks. He ought to be established wherever needmade a strong argument in favor of a ed. " Mr. O'Brien declined to discuss observation a few days ago, a case in closed by congratulating himself that told to whistle for his money. He cheers. strongly favors public schools and the granting of them at every point where nominee of the citizens' convention, 21/2 per cent sufficiently high. He election of himself and his colleague, favors the construction of roads and Mr. Wilson, and paid a glowing tribute bridges wherever needed not only on to the latter as a miner and the posthe Klondike creeks but all over the sessor of mining experience. Mr. district where the country is being Prudhomme is a fiery talker of con- riedly dressed himself. His face was female leeches out of public places.

Perhaps never in the history of Cana- his opposition to the nefarious law fession that he had no information refull 45 minutes which was allotted to plained that he left the citizens' comhomme, Mr. Wilson gracefully yielded famous petition to the governor genthe floor.

Mr. Auguste Noel, one of the two independent candidates, was the next canine howls.) The speaker attempted speaker. Mr. Noel is something of an to illustrate a point by telling a story orator and many of his gestures are of a wolf and lamb drinking from the plainly Delsarte. He opened by say- same pool when some one in the audiing that Wilson and Prudhomme had ence gave vent to a regular cotswool forgotten the interests of the miner in bleat and so far as further enlightentheir platform. (Malamute howls and ment was given, the wolf and lamb are cries of "No, no"). The chairman still drinking at the pool. Mr. Noel Noel respectful hearing and the speaker as much about mining as Mr. Wilson, proceeded. He favors entire abolish- but that assertion was not a winner on some concessions and it would be agreed last night that his second admonopoly of dead men's estates to and graceful speaker. settle and report on at pleasure. He Mr. Wilson again spoke and reiterated for whisky and the \$2 per gallon tax an kon in the Dominion parliament. outrage. Mr. Noel spoke 30 minutes and, like Mr. Wilson was very frequently cheered.

Mr. Thomas O'Brien, the other independent candidate, followed. He was dience. confident of election and glad he had only ten minutes in which to speak. He has spent 14 years in the country and favors turning everything over to he fully sustained himself in the the miner free of cost. (Voice from high position in which his first speech as its chairman and the union meeting the audience, "Don't advertise your placed him in the opinion of the ausaloon,") "As for taxation," said Mr. dience, which was probably the largest O'Brien, "I never was in favor of it; it is a bad thing, especially where there miners' lien law and elinched it with the Yukon liquor system further than a pathetic story that came under his to say he advocates free whisky. He which a young man after working seve in his little speech he had not hurt eral weeks on a claim is discharged and anybody's feelings. He retired amid

The fourth speaker was the other ten children can be convened. As to Mr. Alex J. Prudhomme, who opened royalty, if such must exist, he thinks by expressing his confidence in the

siderable magnetism. As Mr. Wilson pale and his hands trembled, but he had fully disposed of the platform, the shut his lips with a determination to speaker, after heartily indorsing what sell his life dearly. He heard footsteps his colleague had said, devoted a few moving in the hall, and presently his minutes to the personnel of Mr. Noel door was burst from its hinges and a who he said had but recently refused to dozen men burst into the room. They stand on the platform on which he is found him standing with a revolver going before the people as a candidate; in each hand and the light of battle in further, that only last spring Noel had his eyes. opposed agitation of the royalty question. He agreed with Noel that a great low, tense voice, "but twelve of you deal of money is invested in concessions, but the money was invested in me." schemes to acquire title and not in the development of the property. (Deafening cheers.) The public administrator system came in for a scoring, and the speaker strongly condemned the fact men. You have recognized me and that the mining laws of the Yukon are have come for revenge." made at Ottawa on representations made by local officials, members of the present council. He charged that don't want to. You live in Missouri, O'Brien has made money and lots of it don't.you?" out of liquor permits granted him by the very men he now pretends to oppose. With the loudest applause of the evening up to that time, Prudhomme retired, according to Barney Sugrue the remainder of his time for

That Sugrue was a favorite with the audience goes without saying. He said wanted to settle it." the preparation of the platform adopted by the citizens' convention had required several months, while the copying of the other platform had required but a few minutes. "Why is it," he said, "that all the government officials settled. Mr. Wilson is flat-footed in and government boosters are supporting Noel and O'Brien? Why had Noel 'cut mittee' if he was serious in his desire day's work in a mine. He denominated for reform? Mr. Noel is known to be attempt, made to hold a meeting in a day's work in a mine. He denominated this as fining a man for the privilege hand and glove with two of the present councilmen, Girouard and Dugas, and prime minister of the Dominion of do the miners of the Yukon want any Canada had stood upon the floor of par- more councilmen who pay their men 10cents on the dollar? Ask the miners on Dominion if this is the kind of garding the Yukon. If elected Mr. Wil- councilmen they want. Mr. Noel has been in the country but a short time being occupied just as it had been left cial at Ottawa do not longer remain in and is too new." As to O'Brien the by the variety people a month or more such pitiable ignorance of Yukon speaker admitted that he has been in the Yukon for 14 years, but he further time accumulating dust, dampness and tion of mines and mining machinery stated that last night was the first time very foul odor. Beer bottles, remnants in protection of human life; and lastly, in the 14 years that O'Brien had ever appeared on a public platform and raised his voice for reform.

Mr. Noel replied to Sugrue and exhimself and his colleague, Mr. Prud- mittee when it decided to present the eral, and that he had left for purely constitutional reasons. (Groans and requested the audience to accord to Mr. stated that he believed he knew fully ment of the royalty and the establish- with his hearers. When Mr. Noel had t tax, but is opposed finished his first address of the evening to a retroactive concession law for the he left a good impression on the audireason that much money has been spent ence, but his most ardent supporters howled down by the opposing faction. wrong to forfeit their titles. He be- dress was injurious to his interests and Sugrue, Wade, Davidson, Wills, Joe lieves in free schools and lots of them, aspirations. He closed his last speech and is opposed to the scheme of the in the French language, he having council to collect taxes before the peo- asked that privilege of the chair, which ple have representation. He strongly request was insisted on in Mr. Noel's denounced the law that provides for a behalf by Candidate Wilson. In his public administrator and gives him a own language, Noel is a neat, fluent

didate O'Brein suggested that Sheriff thinks 50 cents per drink too much his desire for representation of the Yu-

When Wilson finished it was apparent, as it had been all the evening, that of the quartette of candidates, he was pre-eminently the favorite with the au-

Mr. Prudhomme made a short address in the French language, but closed in English. During his closing address ever assembled in the Orpheum,

Chairman Coste, at the conclusion of Mr. Prudhomme's talk, declared the meeting closed; but the audience, although the midnight hour had been laid away on the shelf of eternity, called lustily for Barney Sugrue who stepped forward and started the national anthem, "God Save the Queen."

Thus passed into history the first meeting in the life of the Yukon at which candidates for the suffrage of

Wild West Scenes.

It was midnight as a thundering knock came at the door of room No. 48, Phoenix hotel.

"What is wanted?" asked the occupant as he sat up in bed with furiously beating heart.

"We want you! Open this door!

"You may hang me," he said in a will go into the other world before Pictures From All Over the World

"Who said anything about hanging?" inquired a voice.

"But you have come for that. Twelve years ago in this town I killed four

"Not much, stranger. We don't know anything about the four men and

"Well, what we wanted to ask was whether three of a kind beat a straight in your state."

"I do."

"They do not." "Then that's all, and you can go back to your snooze. Sorry to have disturbed you, but we had a dispute and

For fifty miles pursued and pursuer had kent at about the same distance as they flew over the trackless prairie. Now and then one had gained or lost, but the race had become one of endurance instead of speed. At last, an hour before sunset, the face of the pursued began to lose its hopeful expression as he felt his horse giving way under him. He pressed home the cruel spurs, and the beaten animal seemed infused with new life, but only for a few min-

"I am doomed!" he exclaimed in despairing accents, as his faithful horse staggered again.

From behind him came fiendish yells

of rejoicing. Another mile, and the horse of the pursued sank down in his tracks, and his rider stood with folded arms and a defiant look on his face to wait the other's coming.

"So I've got you!" said the pursuer, as he rode up and dismounted. "You have."

"You know me to be the sheriff of Cold Chuck?" "I do."

"And that I never let a man escape me. This forenoon as you rode through our town I shouted to you."

"Yes. You recognized me as Dandy brothers and sisters. There is the Jim, the road agent, but 'I hoped to family group and the single portrait outrun vou.''

"I did nothing of the kind. I asked you for a chaw of tobacco, and you was so durned mean about it that I've follered you 50 miles to show you what sort of a man I am. Do you chaw?"

"Of course I do." "And will you give me a chaw?"

"With the greatest of pleasure. As my horse is dead I do not see how I can go back with you."

"But didn't you follow on to arrest

"No one wants you to."

"Not by a blamed sight. I followed on to make you hand over that chaw I asked for, and you jest let this be a creek is all right and when met by warnin to you. Next time you ride was on the ridge between Barlow and through Cold Chuck and I yell for a Clear creeks and but a few hours' travel chaw you want to come right down with half a plug."

All at once two men each armed with two guns leaped into the middle of the street and began firing at each other. Pop! bang! pop! The street was cleared of pedestrians, and men looked from behind shelter with bated breath. Six shots, ten, fifteen, twenty.

"Are they both dead?" was asked in whispers. Pop! bang! pop!

"But they must be dead now."

Fifty shots, 100, 200. Then a man who had been asleep in a distant saloon slowly awoke and shambled outdoors and down the street. When he reached the fighters, the four guns were still blazing, but he closed in and took both men by the ear and led the pair around the corner and gave them the boot and

"How many times hev I got to warn ye that it's agin the ordinance to shoot off fire crackers?"

A Disgusting Scene.

A most disgusting scene was witnessed this morning on Third street the citizens have appeared on a public when two women, one of whom is not by any means a stranger in Dawson police circles, one on either side of an old man whose hair is white as snow, were half carrying the childish but drunken old man along the street and into one of the local theaters. It is such sickening scenes as the one witsons with a spark of regard for the rules Merchants' Bank of Canada, and nessed this morning that cause all per-"Never! the consequences."

of even semi-decency to say amen to the report that Major Wood is soon to promulgate an order to keep these female leeches out of public shorts. He will be sentenced tomor

On the Wall Behind the Door of a Post Office.

Which Are Awaiting the Identi. fication of Owners.

On the wall, behind the door in the postoffice there is a collection of photo graphs which is not there to advert the business of any local photograph gallery, or anything of the Neither is it a collection of photo graphs representing the caste of theatrical company. It has a me more serious purpose, and there is side to it which may well be considen pathetic.

There are over 100 of the picture ranging in size from the carte de vise to the 8x10 variety on large white mounts, and it is safe to say that there is not one of the whole collection that was not mailed from some far off home with loving thoughts and kind solice tude, to the wanderer, whose dispos tion or necessities had carried so he from home that a glimpse of albumen paper and cardboard bearing the life. ness of some dear one, or family group, would come like the sight of green foliage and running streams.

These pictures have been mailed from almost every conceivable place covered by mail routes to people supposed to get mail in Dawson, and for a variety of reasons have been posted upon the wall for identification.

In some cases the wrappers have been destroyed or the addresses disfigured beyond deciphering in transmission, and in others the pictures have simply lain uncalled for so long that it seemed the only way offering any hope of final delivery was to post them upon the office wall in the hope that among those who visit for mail or stop to chat would by found the owners of the unclaimed po

To look over the collection is lie going through the family album of newly made acquaintance. They are all there and may be easily selected, from the infant of three months with the interesting expression, to the group of school children containing the small and while none of them are of any pur ticular interest to the stranger who looks at them without recognition w doubt there are many in the country who would give a great deal if the only knew what was waiting for then on the dingy wall behind the postofic

Slavin Party Alright.

J. A. Gerow, who returned yes evening from Clear creek, called at the Nugget office last night to report that the Slavin party reported in yesterday's paper as being lost in the fog on it ridge between Indian river and Car from discovery claim on the latter.

A New Warehouse.

Work was started today for the fourdation of a new warehouse on the vacant lot between the Nugget office and the brick warehouse on Think street. The new structure is being pu up by John Gilson, of the Dawson Wat-house Co. Being intended for coll storage the building will be erected of corrugated iron. It will be 100x40 less

A Rabbit Ranch.

W. A. Ryan, of Clark & Ryan, h started a new industry in Dawson, nucleus being eight full grown Belgia hares. As these animals increase ve rapidly and in a short time, Mr. Ry expects to supply the Dawson mark with fresh game from his 'bunnery. The hares are frisky and give evidence that the climate of this cou try is to their liking.

Brief Canadian News.

Peterboro, Sept. 14.—The Liberals West Peterboro have chosen J. H. M. Clellan, of this place, to oppose James Kendry, Conservative member, at the forthcoming general elections.

Dutton, Ont., Sept. 13.-In a speci ere last night Hon. Wm. R Mulock postmaster general, announced that temporary deficit due to the reducti in postage rate would be overcome by October 1st next.

Montreal, Sept. 13.-John Nap Fulton was found guilty yesterday of charge of having stolen from Mrs. J. Coristine the sum of \$12,541

An Ingenious D Inventor Ov

From Monday "It's odd," asoct of the L all great inventiby men. I supp always trying t scheme for minin there was old I the fwirling for they held the o county. He was ever set my pee can deny that he atomoroller ska "As a pitcher ten strike-outs halls pitched w for him. And y that the only rea to fan a batter o three balls to do should ever let would require a there'd be one of. When it ca all right there ers he froze on because he knew the ball he'd h up. Pure lazir

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