

WORK ALMOST COMPLETED

The Board of Equalization Is Making Rapid Progress—Appeals Bring Out Knowledge of Good Paying Property—The Actions of Assessor Are Generally Confirmed.

From Saturday and Monday's Daily.

The board of revision met again last night as usual, disposing of practically all the cases yet remaining with the exception of the big corporations and some half dozen others which for various reasons have not been placed at the foot of the list. In several instances the board, after having confirmed an assessment through the default of the appellant, has expressed a willingness to reopen the case on a proper showing being made. There will be no session this evening. Monday evening will be devoted to the cases of the N. C. Co., N. A. T. & T. Co., B. Y. N. Co., Palmer Bros., Elgin, Shott, and possibly one or two others. The hearing of the N. C. Co. appeal will be postponed until a number of witnesses will be examined and a large amount of documentary evidence will be introduced. Should that case occupy the entire evening the other cases enumerated will be taken up the evening following. The N. C. Co. is assessed at \$3,000.00.

George de Lion was the first to be heard last night. The south-33rd feet of lot 8, block B, upon which stands the Monte Carlo, and the north half of 7 adjoining occupied by the Martony, carry a total assessment of \$45,463, of which amount \$22,000 is on the improvements. The fractional portion of lot 8 Mr. de Lion declares he had bought for \$8,500; it may now be worth \$13,000, but he didn't believe it. The Martony lot he purchased a year ago from George Apple for \$7,500. It is assessed at \$10,000, to which he did not object. His principal kick on the assessment was that of \$22,000 against the improvements. Asked as to the income derived from the property it was found that he received \$1500 a month from the Monte Carlo, \$375 from the two jewelry stores and \$250 from the Martony, a total of \$2125 per month in rents, \$25,500 yearly on an investment of less than \$40,000; in fact, Mr. de Lion solemnly declared he would take \$35,000 for the entire property. What a vision for eastern capitalists who are content to receive six per cent per annum on preferred security! Lot 15 on Second avenue, also the property of Mr. de Lion, is assessed at \$11,000. \$9000 for the land and \$2,000 for the improvements consisting of three cabins. It was purchased three months ago for \$9,000. Only one of the buildings on the lot is occupied and it brings in a rent of \$265 per month. Mr. de Lion also stated that he had just that day bought another lot from Tom O'Brien for \$10,000 which was assessed at \$12,000. When asked concerning the assessment of contiguous property, Mr. Smith said he had placed the same valuation on all the lots immediately adjoining. Those on Front Street he had assessed at \$400 per front foot. The opinion in each of Mr. de Lion's cases was reserved.

C. W. Thebo gave notice of the withdrawal of the appeal against the assessment of his individual property.

The case of the Trading and Exploring Company was taken up. Their property consists of lots 7, 8, 9, and 10 in block D, which bear an assessment of \$54,400. The property was bought during the high prices of '98 for \$52,000, since which time it has greatly depreciated in value. But one store room is occupied and it is leased only until May at a rental of \$125 a month. The property is not good for business purposes and it was for some time for sale at a much less figure. Even Morrison, broker, who has had an experience of three years in Dawson realty, appraised the property at \$30,000. Reserved.

A. E. Deberly appeared for the McDonalds, whose assessment of \$50,000 on personal property he considered more than double what it should be. The invoice taken July 1 of tools, material, stock on hand, and everything else taxable as personal property amounted to but \$18,000. Since that time \$18,000 or \$19,000 has been added in stock and their total valuation, including everything, buildings as well, is not over \$38,000. The greatest amount of personal property ever on hand at any one time did not exceed \$25,000. The commissioner asked the assessor how he had arrived at the valuation he had placed on the property, and he replied that Mr. Waltenbaugh, foreman of the machine shop, had told him the property was worth fully \$50,000. Reserved.

The Dawson Daily News, which is taxed at \$25,000, withdrew its appeal.

Ruth Howard, assignee of O. W. Hobbs, appeared in his behalf. The Hobbs property is assessed at \$24,000 for the realty and \$10,000 personal. A statement was submitted from Emily Staaf to the effect that the property had been for sale by him for some time for \$20,000. Mrs. Howard stated she had an option on everything formerly owned by Hobbs, including the fine kiln, brickyard,



THE MAIL WILL NOW BE BROUGHT TO DAWSON.

"KID" WEST IN TOWN

Arrived by Scow From Whitehorse Yesterday Morning.

George A. Wenzel, known in Dawson, and, in fact, all over the north-west as "Kid" West, arrived in Dawson some time night before last on a scow from Whitehorse. He spent most of yesterday aboard the scow which was beached near fire hall No. 2, but last night he was out noting the improvements made since he perambulated Dawson's streets in '99. While he has been here since a time his opportunities for studying the progress of the city were somewhat handicapped.

It was his conduct while here at the assistance he rendered the government in convicting Murderego O'Brien that enables West to be welcomed here now, as on re-commendations to Governor Ross.

Washington, based on the "Kid" conduct while in the Yukon in the capacity of a loan to the government from the state of Washington, his pardon was secured, he having served less than one year of a five year sentence to the Washington penitentiary on conviction of gratuity committed in Seattle in 1899.

Just what "Kid" West proposes doing in Dawson is not known, but he is intent on carrying out a resolution said to have been made by him on his release from Walla Walla, namely: "To reform and lead an exemplary life, he will be assisted in his noble purpose by the people of Dawson and the Yukon. On the other hand, if he came here to play his former practices, he will realize the flowers bloom in the spring than he exercised poor judgment in selection of a seat of operations.

Since the foregoing was put in type it is learned that "Kid" West came to Dawson as cook on one of Liu, strom's scows and that he will continue his journey on down the Yukon tomorrow. He has a small roll of blankets and grub sufficient to last him a week or ten days, or until he reaches Circle, which place he hopes to reach before navigation closes.

Know All About It.

London, Monday, Oct. 7.—Viscount De Mafelha, formerly consul general and special plenipotentiary for Portugal in the Transvaal, has issued a pamphlet reviewing the administration in South Africa during the last quarter of a century. The viscount throws little light on the political intrigues of the Boer government. He states that Conyngham Greene, the British representative at Pretoria, was kept well informed of the doings of Mr. Kruger and the preparations that were being made by the Boers for war. Mr. Greene was also supplied by friends with the correspondence and agents in Europe at Pretoria, detailing their interviews with different foreign ministers on the European continent, besides copies of official and secret correspondence that went from Pretoria to Europe. It is only fair to assume that Mr. Greene forwarded all the documents that came into his hands to the British government, so that it becomes more difficult than ever to understand England's unpreparedness for this war. Copies of the secret correspondence are, says the viscount, still in existence for all that is known to the contrary. Before hostilities broke out one of the parties who held the information sent the particulars out of the country for safe and future use. On the arrival of Lord Roberts at Pretoria an order was given to send the papers back to the Transvaal capital. Directly afterward it was deemed fit to countermand this order, but lest the papers should be lost the ciphers were confided to Major Moore, provost marshal at Pretoria.

Send a copy of Grotzman's Souvenir to outside friends. A complete pictorial history of Klondike. For sale at all news stands. Price \$2.50.

CONTRACTORS ARE SCORED

For Violating Their Mail Carrying Contract.

Editor Nugget:

How much longer is the Yukon to be rotten and ground down by the dictatorial policy of the W. P. & A., which, now that it has no more right to carry down the river at exorbitant rates, has practically, so far as effectiveness is concerned, discarded its mail service entirely or until it can get a cargo of express matter at three prices; then, if there is room, the mail may be put on the sleds with the express freight. And yet for the winter season the contractors receive \$65,000.

I venture the assertion that in no other part of Canada are the citizens so grossly mistreated as in the Yukon and in no other part of Canada is half so much money paid for the service received as is paid here, and yet the service given is reeking in rottenness and the principle being in the language of Vanderbilt, "the people be damned." The octopus is to pay no attention whatever to the rights, wishes or desires of the people.

Governor Ross and Major Wood are in the right in ordering the mail taken from the worst than wood scow—Emma Knott—and brought to Dawson by the police, who, like Young Lochinvar, "stop not for rivers and stay not for stone."

The contractors having so grossly, flagrantly and inexcusably forfeited their contract, it is to be sincerely hoped the authorities whose timely intervention will be the means of yet delivering a mail in Dawson by way of water will continue to keep the mail from the hands of those who put their contract without blushing.

The old saying, "God helps those who help themselves" will be verified in the good work inaugurated by the taking of the mail from the care of the contractors.

DAWSONITE.

To ure t'irs men.

New York, Oct. 7.—Delegates from 13 Irish societies in this city have appointed committees to perfect arrangements for the reception of John E. Redmond the leader of the Irish party in the house of commons, who, with several other prominent Irishmen, is expected to arrive in this country on the Germanic on November 3. Mr. Redmond will be accompanied by Thomas O'Donnell, member of parliament who is serving a six month term in prison for publishing an offensive article in his Dublin paper.

Roderick J. Kennedy, who has arrived announced that Justice Morgan J. O'Brien had signified his willingness to act as chairman of the reception committee. Justice O'Brien will make the speech welcoming the Irishmen to this country and he will also preside at a meeting in Carnegie hall in a few weeks in behalf of the Irish cause.

DEDICATION OF NEW CHURCH

Will Be Held Second Sunday of November.

The new Presbyterian church building is nearly completed, and it was decided at a meeting of the board of trustees held during the week to open the doors to the public on the second Sunday of November.

A special dedicatory service will be held on that date in the morning, and in the afternoon there will be a praise service.

The arrangements for the services have not as yet been completed, but will be announced some time next week.

The Sunday school library has been augmented by the addition of three hundred new books, which Dr. Grant brought with him when he returned from his recent trip, and they will be put in the library for circulation tomorrow. These books include works of fiction, literature biography and travel, besides those of a religious character, making the whole a very choice selection and one which will be appreciated by everyone.

THE MAIL IS COMING

N. T. V. N. Knott, But by the N. W. M. P.

At last there seems to be a chance of Dawson receiving another mail before Christmas. Yesterday that chance was so remote as to be infinitesimal. The Emma Knott with its two tons of letters and papers exhausted by the herculean efforts put forth during the three previous days in traveling less than 100 miles, poked her nose on a bar a few miles below Selwyn—and there she remains apparently as serene and happy as a clam at high tide.

The delay in the arrival of the mail yesterday became so exasperating that Governor Ross determined to take matters in hand. He at once had a conference with Major Wood, which resulted in the latter wiring the Selwyn detachment to proceed at once to the Emma Knott, secure the mail and hasten it down the river in canoes with all possible speed. In the police force an order given is as good as executed, and the bags now so long overdue are by this time being rushed down as fast as brawn and muscle can bring it. At 3 o'clock the fleet had not reported at Stewart, but at the postoffice it is expected they will arrive some time tomorrow evening.

Fire in Chicago.

Chicago, Oct. 8.—Fire early today destroyed the McElhannon-Cracker and Biscuit Company's factory at 18-50 Green Street, causing a loss of \$100,000; damaged Brew and Hoffman's brewery adjoining, to the extent of \$30,000, and drove the guests of several hotels near-by into the street in their night clothes.

Becoming a Citizen.

New York, Oct. 8.—Robert Fitzsimmons, the pugilist, has made application in Brooklyn for his final naturalization papers. The former champion of the ring was born in Australia. He took up his first citizenship papers three years ago in New Orleans.

QUARTETTE OF STAKERS

ettle Diff. renc. in the God Com-m-s-one's Court.

A decision in a four-cornered plot over No. 5 on Sixty pup, Henderson creek, was decided yesterday by Gold Commissioner Seakler. Four men staked the same piece of ground, one of whom, Jay C. Johnston, and who is made defendant in the three actions, secured the grant.

From the evidence in it observed that though he was duly served with the notice of appointment he failed to appear from which the commissioner arrived at the conclusion that he did not stake the ground in question upon the day stated in his application and his grant is ordered cancelled.

George A. Thompson, one of the plaintiffs, is found to have staked the ground June 16, and is entitled to the grant for the claim. The plaintiffs in the two other cases, R. McVicar and Curtis C. Crooks, staked subsequently to Thompson and their cases are dismissed without costs.

None Too Soon.

London, Oct. 7.—A dispatch to the Times from Tangier, dealing with the announcement that the Sultan intends to reform the Moorish prison system, says anything more pitiable than the present state of the prisons it is impossible to imagine. Any Moroccan subject is liable to be seized and incarcerated at any moment, often without the pretense of a trial. The rumor that he has saved a few dollars is sufficient excuse for his imprisonment.

The state of affairs in the prisons in the city is bad, says the Times correspondent. That of the prisons in the country baffles description. Many of them consist of high walled yards, with no shade, no shelter, no water supply and no sanitation. To add to the horror, the prisoners are chained by their necks to a long heavy iron chain, sometimes as many as 50 to one chain, without a yard between each. Heavy shackles are also riveted to their legs. The conditions in the subterranean dungeons are even more awful.

The Sultan intends to change all this. He will overhaul the prisons, sending inspectors to report upon their condition. The prisoners are to have sufficient rations supplied to them by the local officials.

Killed at Wilkeson.

Wilkeson, Oct. 8.—William Sullivan was killed in McDonnell & Jackson's camp here yesterday. He was formerly employed at Currie's mill, at Edmonds, Wash., and his friends there have been notified of the accident.

E. E. JESSUP'S DISAPPEARANCE

Threats to Evolve Something Interesting.

As yet no news has been learned of Elliott E. Jessup, the Dawson club waiter who disappeared mysteriously about four weeks ago, but it is reported that one of his friends, who has been untiring in his search for information of the missing man, has secured clues which will probably result in one or more arrests, being made in the near future. The friend is firmly of the belief that Jessup was murdered—on or near the Klondike foot bridge the night of his disappearance. The police, however, have different theories and do not believe the missing man met with foul play.

Serious Accident.

This morning while starting from his home near the head of King street on the old A. C. trail to his store, Jeweler J. L. Sale had the misfortune to slip and fall, breaking one of the bones of his left shoulder. As the fracture is quite a serious one Mr. Sale will be incapacitated for the next several weeks.

Young Herdian Ill.

New York, Oct. 8.—Phil Sheridan, only son of Gen. Phil Sheridan, is reported to be seriously ill with typhoid fever at the West Point military academy. He is in the cadet hospital. Young Sheridan was with the West Point battalion at Buffalo, and it is thought that he contracted the disease while there.

FOUND—Vest memo book with papers, belonging to D. H. Holder. Apply Nugget.

WAS SUMMARILY DISMISSED

Judge Macaulay Rules That Captain Miller Had No Cause for Criminal Action Against C. H. Barnwell, Agent for Steamer Eldorado—Partnership Affair.

From Saturday and Monday's Daily.

In Magistrate Macaulay's court this morning C. H. Barnwell, who was charged by Captain Miller of the steamer Eldorado with the theft and misappropriation of \$277, was dismissed on Miller's own evidence. Barnwell was put to his own defence, Judge Macaulay ruling that there were no grounds for criminal action. During the past season Barnwell was the local agent for the Eldorado.

which was doing an independent business, the captain and Barnwell were both interested in the value of the business transacted by the steamer, and in the settlement of a partnership business Miller thought he had "something coming." Barnwell was put to his own defence by Miller's action against him, and had it not been for the fact that he had friends who stood by him he would have been forced to remain in custody pending his trial.

PLEASURE IN SELF-DENIAL

Indestructible lass.

The old maxim which tells us that "people who live in glass houses should not throw stones" is well repudiated. This was said in a reason that every one knew that a stone or any other hard substance came in contact with the construction of silica and alkali earths which the glass would break.

In the days to come the streets will no longer be paved with cobblestones, macadamized, the houses will not be built of brick or stone, the walls of tenements will not be plastered, the room doors will not be wainscot rails or pillars will not be made iron or steel, the boys may play basketball in the narrow streets and say "far" of being seen from the eye of a guardian of the peace, the steaming windows will not be made "people who live in glass houses" which they will usually not know as many stones as they would without any fear of harm to the houses from destruction.

All this may sound impossible, but it is a fact, for it is precisely what glass is likely soon to become, because of its resistance to pressure and its sensitive nature to heat and cold and it weals less under friction and purpury, that Egyptian rock and sculpture and better known as alabaster. It requires twenty-two tons as hard a blow to fracture it as it takes to break marble. Thus it can be used for the foundations and walls of buildings and it can be moulded into statues and anything else.

By coloring it can be made into any color, enamel or the closest imitations of precious stones. The glass can be made of glass held together with cooling iron and steel, and made into pipes for hot water, hot air, gas and electricity. The drains may all be made of glass. Verified glass can be tougher than the strength of oak or mahogany, tables, chairs, cooking utensils, plates, cups and saucers and handles, if not blades, may be glass. The glass house will be utterly indestructible.—Ex.

Brakeman Killed.

Castle Rock, Oct. 5.—Robert Supples, a brakeman on the Northern Pacific, met his death by falling from the cars about six miles from this town on Thursday night. He was employed on the local train which left here, south bound, at dusk. When the train arrived Kelso, Supples was missed and the train returned, searching for him. He was found on the track still living but unconscious. He was lifted into the caboose and taken to Castle Rock, where the unfortunate man expired on Saturday. The skull was fractured in two places and it is supposed that while passing the night signals he fell from the cars. Deceased was a married man about fifty years of age and was wife and family in Tacoma, at that point the body was shipped home.

Disturbance at Barcelona.

Madrid, Sept. 30.—The anniversary of the revolution of 1808 was celebrated at Madrid and other cities yesterday. At a meeting of Republicans and Socialists at Barcelona, the crowd proceeded to wreath upon the monument of Prim, the once famous insurgent leader in Spain. The mob called on the police, who fired in response a volley of stones. Three of the persons participating in the demonstrations and two police officers were wounded.

Addition to the Staff.

Mr. T. B. May is a recent addition to the staff of the Canadian Commerce, having arrived from the O. R. Mr. May is from Don, B. C., where for many years he was connected with the British North America. His position will be assistant to Acting Editor Stevenson.

REDUCED THE BILL

Northern Cate Prices Mat rially Reduc'd by Proprietors.

Lon Griffin, of the Northern Cate, has created consternation among the restaurateurs of Dawson by slash the prices on his bill of fare from start to finish. Mr. Griffin's time has come in Dawson when '89 prices are a thing of the past, for the cost of the different commodities has been materially reduced, he consequently purchasing the raw material at a figure which will allow him to serve a meal today fully 25 per cent less than could be done here last spring.

Mr. Griffin is now the sole owner of the Northern and consequently has taken the initiative in several innovations pertaining to his business which will be heartily appreciated by his many patrons.

MANY SCOWS COMING IN

Laden Principally With Hay, Oats and Feed.

Several scows have recently made their appearance on the water front, nearly all of them being loaded with hay and grain. Two arrived yesterday for Lilly Bros., making the total down in 10 days. Two others came in for Bartsch & Co., 12 days on the way. A number are said to be on the way, more than at any previous time during the entire season. Several are reported aground, one being loaded with beef.

We fit glasses. Pioneer drug store.

MISTAKE OF MAIL CARRIERS

Should Have Put Mail on Dog Salmon Scows.

When the steamer Emma Knott left Whitehorse in the faraway, dim distant past with two tons of mail for Dawson, mail now yellow with age, she had two scows in tow. When Hootalinqua was reached it was found that the mail had been put on the scow, deciding that if their cargoes consisting of dog salmon for mailmaitte food, reached Dawson in open water, they had better trust their own resources, cut loose and come on. Both scows reached Dawson yesterday in good shape. The mail contractors made a great mistake in not putting the mail on the open water, they had better trust, take in as even a fish scented letter, preferable to one made yellow by ravages of time.