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RED MEN IN TROUBLE

Another Delegation of Mooseshide Indians Convicted Today

OF DEALING IN INTOXICANTS.

Chief Silas' Son, Billie, Goes to the Woodpile.

JOHN L. LABBE ARRESTED

For Supplying Indians With Liquor —White Woman Assaults Man "Wid a Dus' Pan."

In the police court yesterday afternoon Eugene Rush was fined $50 and costs for assaulting Eva Williams, a dance hall girl, several days ago. It was claimed the girl's nose was broken by the blow she received. As the assault was not without some provocation, Judge Macaulay ordered a warrant issued for the offending Eva.

Magistrate McDonell occupied the bench this morning and was greeted by a full house, another delegation from Mooseshide being up in addition to the installment disposed of yesterday by Judge Macaulay.

Fat John, a thin, cadaverous looking Indian who looks as though he is bilious and has night sweats and ringing in the ears, was charged with having given Indian Louisa whiskey on December 17th. Fat John said he gave her two drinks. He was sentenced to 14 days at hard labor.

Billie was the next Indian called. He was charged with having furnished Fat John with the whiskey that he in turn gave to Louisa. Billie is a son of Chief Silas, a stout, skookum young buck of perhaps 18 winters. He pleaded guilty and when asked where he got the whiskey said:

"Fat John put in 50 cents, I put in 50 cents, I buy him whiskey from white man sitting there."

"Sitting where?" asked the court.

"Sitting there with fur overcoat on," said Billie, at the same time pointing a finger that knows not Pear's soap at John L. Labbe, proprietor of the Labbe hotel and saloon on Queen street, Labbe having been arrested yesterday evening on information obtained by the police from the Indians. Billie, the son of the great chief, only looked into space when his honor said fourteen days at hard labor.

John L. Labbe was next called into the prisoner's box. The charge against him was of supplying to Billie the whiskey that he transferred to Fat John that he gave to Louisa that she drank that made her drunk that caused her arrest that resulted in conviction that lead to her sentence for 30 days but not to the house that Jack built.

There were two charges against Labbe, one of having sold whiskey to Fat John on December 17th and one of having sold whiskey to Billie on January 1st. To both charges he pleaded not guilty and asked that the cases be enlarged until Friday to enable him to prepare for trial. The request was granted and Labbe was released on $1000 bail.

The next case was that of Maggie Cookson a young white woman who was charged with having assaulted Samuel Cropper, a full-blood negro. Maggie looked like 30 cents and in a porcuuine husky tone of voice pleaded guilty. Samuel informed the court that he had loaned Maggie a $35 pin and she had refused to return it when he asked for it; instead "she welt me on de head wid a dus' pan."

Maggie admitted having had Samuel's pin but said it was lost. She was given an option on paying $1 and the court costs, total $6, or of performing hard labor for two days, boarding and room at the jail in the meantime. The court also instructed her to return Samuel's pin but she declared it was lost. She paid her fine in legal tender.

Eva Williams was called to answer to a charge of assault but was not in court.

Edwin L. French was in court charged by Joseph Cooke with theft by misappropriation of $200 on April 6th, 1900, at which time French was in charge of Cooke's business. Cooke took the witness stand and when he had told his story the case was promptly dismissed, the magistrate remarking that it was a matter for the civil court to adjust.

DOUBTLESS FALSE REPORT

Rev. D. A. McRae's Death Reported at Vancouver.

Roderick Chisholm, with the McLennan, McFeely Co., today received a telegram dated December 30th from McRae, Hall & Co., of Vancouver, which read:

"Rev. D. A. McRae reported dead; wire particulars."

Mr. Chisholm thinks the report an error. Rev. D. A. McRae left here for up the river on November 27th. He was to stop at Whitehorse and later go to Atlin, and Mr. Chisholm is of the opinion that if he was not on his way out when the wire was sent he probably is by this time. Had death overtaken the reverend gentleman at either Whitehorse or Atlin Mr. Chisholm and other of his friends here would certainly have heard of it.

Back From Dominion.

Mr. Chas. S. W. Barwell returned Saturday after an absence of ten days on lower Dominion, where he had been engaged in surveying a large block of creek and bench claims extending from 234 to 245, belonging to a local syndicate. Mr. Barwell states there is a great deal of work being done this year on that portion of Dominion, many of the claims taking out large dumps. The pay located runs uniform and is generally proving quite satisfactory.

Job Printing at Nugget office.

BEATEN BY HIS WIFE.

A man in Dawson who insisted that the cheap groceries so extensively advertised were just as good as the good groceries sold by F. S. Dunham and against his wife's remonstrances continued to buy them, acknowledged after eating a meal which consisted entirely of groceries his wife had purchased at Dunham's, that he was beaten, that the cheap goods were not in it.

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THE "KIDS" ARE MIXED IN A GENERAL ROW.

KID COMMITTEE COMPLETELY DEMORALIZED

The Kid Committee is on the run; that body politic of Beardless Beauties is all shot to pieces by internal dissensions and about half of the staunchest supporters of the gang have climbed out of the band-wagon of the infants and are now affiliating with the taxpayers. The split has been in sight ever since the election last Thursday, but the widening breach did not develop into a bottomless abyss until last night. The great difficulty the Kids have experienced was in cutting up the pie so each one of the gang could have a slice, there being but seven offices to fill by election and a half hundred or more applicants for the places, each out with a mit as big as a ham. The infants since last Thursday have held caucuses innumerable but all to no effect, the committee appointed to size up the available political timber being unable to agree upon any one candidate for mayor. There were plenty of names mentioned—men who were willing to sacrifice their time to serve the dear people, but a unanimous choice could not be made. Charles Macdonald, Dr. Alfred Thompson and Thomas Adair all signified their willingness to stand, but those who were in favor of one would not support the other in case their own candidate was defeated in the nomination at the convention. And so matters stood for several days. The ringleaders of the Kids would not go back on their old warhorse, Dr. Thompson, the more conservative element who had voted with the Kids in the election but who held more or less aloof from the bunch refused to allow Charles Macdonald to be sidetracked, while the peacemakers in the interests of harmony proposed Tom Adair and Jeff Davison as possible dark horses.

Tom Chisholm was perhaps the most obdurate of the committee. He would stand for Charles Macdonald and no one else. The Kids were in despair, as it would not do to have Tom bolt the ticket, so as a sop to his vanity and to hold him in line it was agreed to accept Macdonald as the Kids' candidate providing he would prior to the convention SIGN AN UNDATED RESIGNATION and place it in the hands of the infants ready to be mailed to the commissioner any time the mayor refused to do the Kids' bidding. The proposition was made to Mr. Macdonald last Saturday afternoon and for once the silver-tongued orator lost not only his presence of mind, but his power of speech as well. That any man or body of men should have the brazen effrontery, the colossal audacity to seek to make a public office a matter of barter and sale was so astounding that words failed to express the indignation felt. The matter amounted to this: Put your resignation in our hands so we can always hold the whip over you and dictate your policy and, above all, your appointments, and we will elect you mayor, otherwise you will not be considered.

Was ever a more dastardly attempt made at the prostitution of an office secured at the hands of the electors? And these are the people, this the gang of political highbinders, the proteges of the News, whose editor associates with and speaks from the same platform and who appears to view the government pap in sight with equally greedy eyes, this the outfit which is endeavoring to stand sponsor for and act as godfather to the infant Dawson so recently christened. A more consummate, more daring, or more heinous attempt at securing control of municipal affairs was never known in the darkest days of Boss Tweedism or during the Tammany reign of Richard Croker.

Mr. Macdonald did not for the moment reply to the proposition made, but asked until Monday to consider the matter. Yesterday he was again waited upon by the committee and they received his answer, not verbally, but typewritten so there could be no mistake as to his intentions. His reply to the infamous thing proposed to him was a refusal couched in such stinging words that the paper upon which it was written fairly sizzled.

A meeting was hastily called last night, a secret sort of star chamber affair, which was held over the Madden house. Up to this time, be it said to the credit of many of the Kid Committee, there were less than a dozen who knew of the attempted delivery of the mayoralty nomination to Mr. Macdonald for a consideration but at the meeting the cat came out and there was such a scene and commotion as is sometimes read of but rarely witnessed. One of the first to repudiate the gang was D. Donaghy, who has been one of their most earnest workers and eloquent speakers. Mr. Donaghy denounced the actions of the committee as the most barefaced knavery he had ever heard of and said he would not for one moment stand for a gang who carried the resignation of their mayor in their vest pocket ready to use it at any time as a pistol pointed at his head. Mr. Donaghy openly charged A. D. Williams with being the author of the conspiracy and denied the claims made by The Other Fellow as to being the duly appointed organizer of the incorporation committee. Williams sprang to his feet and in the choicest English said:

"You're a liar!"

"You're another," said Donaghy, "and I've got the documents here to prove it."

Hot times, and don't you think to the contrary. Tom Chisholm was attacked, and being sick in bed was not present to defend himself. Alex. Macfarlane, The Man With the Pipe, secretary to the Kids, denounced the proceedings in the bitterest terms but it is understood that he has since been placated. Jas. F. Macdonald was present at the meeting, but said nothing; only listened with an unmistakable look of disgust on his face. He, too, has climbed out of the Kids' bandwagon; the work of the gang is too coarse for him.

When seen this morning and asked for his version of the affair which has raised such a row, Mr. Williams stated that he did not care to be interviewed, but would make a statement over his own signature if the Nugget would publish it. His statement is as follows:

Editor Nugget: In order to set the public mind aright regarding the article in the Sun this morning, I will place the matter truthfully before the public.

At a meeting of the executive committee the day after the election there was a committee appointed consisting of Tom Chisholm, Thos. Adair, J. E. Binet, H. M. Boulais, Joseph Clarke and A. D. Williams to pick out available timber for mayor and aldermen.

At the first meeting held it was found almost impossible for the committee to agree. Tom Chisholm insisted that only one name should come before the convention, that was Chas. Macdonald. The others of the committee explained that they had no authority to name one man for mayor, but their business was to select several men and let the executive deal with them. Tom Chisholm insisted that no other man would suit him, saying that Dr. Thompson was opposed to his interests and he did not want his business ruined.

As a solution to the difficulty it was agreed that as both Dr. Thompson and Chas. Macdonald had friends on the committee that both of their names should be dropped and Thomas Adair substituted. When Mr. Adair consulted his own interests he refused to allow his name to go for mayor. This is where the trouble arose.

Thomas Chisholm was out again strong for Chas. Macdonald, not consenting to allow any other name before the executive, protesting against Dr. Thompson as being opposed to his business, saying that he argued against gambling at the hospitals and with him in his rooms.

Now at this second meeting of the committee there were present besides the regular committee Arthur Wilson, Col. McGregor and D. C. McKenzie. When it was seen by these gentlemen that there was no solution to the difficulty between Thos. Chisholm's candidate and the others—Chisholm positively refusing to allow any name to come before the convention but his nominee.

Arthur Wilson said that he thought that Dr. Thompson or any other that came before the executive would be liberal minded enough to see what policy would best serve the interests of the people. Continuing, he said that when he was elected to the council there was a policy laid down by the executive to guide him, and thought the same might well apply herehere. On this suggestion I, as secretary, drew up three questions to be submitted to the three candidates, which were as follows:

Will you allow your names to come before the convention of the incorporation committee and support the nominee of the convention?

2. Will you pledge yourself to the policy or platform laid down by the executive committee?

3. As a guarantee of good faith to Thomas Chisholm, would your place your resignation in the hands of the chairman of the executive?

Now, Thomas Chisholm read this over twice and got the secretary to read it over and he said: "Now, that's what I call business, that suits me." "You get Chas. Macdonald, Dr. Thompson and Jeff Davidson to sign that and I will allow Chas. Macdonald's name to come before the convention."

All this was done for the sake of having Chisholm stay with the incorporation committee.

The result of the mission of myself to each of these gentlemen was, as I thought, an insult to their intelligence. Dr. Thompson said: "You tell your committee that I will allow my name to come before the convention, but I will pledge myself only to do what is best in the interests of the whole city."

Jeff Davison's answer was about the same as Dr. Thompson's. He would allow his name to go to the convention, but refused to pledge himself to any one. Only to do what he saw was best for Dawson as a whole.

The questions were submitted to Mr. Chas. Macdonald and I told him that this was done to please Thomas Chisholm. He said that he would want time to consider it and said he would give his answer Monday, and he gave his answer, as was expected, that he would not allow his name to go before the convention nor be pledged by nor to anyone. A. D. WILLIAMS.

Mr. McDonald Talks.

Mr. Charles Macdonald was seen this afternoon and regarding the coersive measures attempted to be worked on him by the more rabid members of the Kid Committee said:

"I have been shown the proof of a letter signed by A. D. Williams which will appear in the Klondike Nugget. I know nothing of what took place in the various committee meetings. I was not am I the candidate of any party or cliuqe. When the matter was first broached to me I utterly refused to consider it. Finally it was pointed out to me that if I was in favor of an elective council I should not shrink from any duty or responsibility imposed upon me.

"I then and most reluctantly said that if the view which I with others favored was approved of by the people I would forgo my wishes if desired by the citizens generally. Mr. Chisholm never approached me nor was he one of those to ask me to stand. No one asked me what policy I should adopt if I became a candidate and was elected, did not apprehend that party lines would be so closely drawn after the voting took place, but as I publicly stated that the citizens generally would then assume all the responsibilities. What led up to the question propounded to me being formulated I do not know but today I am told that Mr. Chisholm denies being a party to them. He is quite able to answer for himself.

"On Saturday night last on my return home I found a note from Mr Williams stating he was appointed a committee of one to wait on me, on a matter of importance and asked me to meet him on Saturday night, which I did. He read to me from a book 4 questions, as from what he termed the slate committee. Those questions are set out in detail in my letter to Mr. Williams. There could only be one answer to them from any right thinking person. I told Mr Williams my views but as the invitation to me was in writing, the questions written down by him, I said I would write my answers. The reasons are obvious. Here is my letter to Mr. Williams, giving the questions and answers:

Dawson, Y.T., Jan. 13, 1902.

A. D. Williams, Esq.,
Dawson, Y.T.

Dear Sir,—In response to your note of Saturday evening, I waited upon you, when you, acting on behalf of a sub-committee of the incorporation committee, submitted to me questions along the following lines:

1. Ask Dr. Thompson and Charles Macdonald if they will allow their names to go before the convention of the incorporation committee to decide who will contest for the mayoralty?

2. Will each of them agree to adopt the policy to be laid down for them by the executive committee of the incorporation committee?

3. Will each of them place his resignation in the hands of such executive committee to be handed into the council at such time as the executive committee sees fit?

4. Will each of them agree to be bound by the action of the convention in nominating a candidate?

First: Your committee as an organization is in no way bound to me, and apart from yourself and say some 8 or 9 others, I do not know who its members are. While Dr. Thompson having been chairman of the committee, will be entirely conversant with its different members.

In justice, therefore, to my friends I do not think it would be prudent for me to submit my name to your convention in the way you ask.

Second: I could not consent to adopt the policy to be laid down for me by any committee. It might be wholly at variance with what I considered right and would simply leave me in the position of a voting machine.

A candidate for office should always reserve to himself the right to exercise his best judgment on matters as they come before him and to do what he considers is in the interests of the constituency he represents. No candidate should tie himself hand and foot. Therefore I answer this question in the negative.

The above answers also negative to questions 3 and 4.

You will quite understand, my dear Mr. Williams, that I say this with no hostility or unfriendliness toward you or any of the members of the incorporation committee. I trust we all desire nothing but what is best for the city in which we live, and I will at all times be only too glad to join hands with my fellow citizens in promoting the welfare of Dawson.

Yours very truly,
CHAS. MACDONALD.

Mr. Chisholm's name was not mentioned in connection with question 3 or any other. Mr. Williams asked me to treat the matter as one of confidence. I have faithfully done so until he has removed the seal from my lips and in justice to my friends I have given this interview.

Now at this late hour I am willing to absolve my friends from any support they were good enough to make and let the people of Dawson, irrespective of party affiliation or whether they were in favor of an elective council or appointive commission to proceed to the election of a mayor and council who will do their best to promote the interest of the city. Dawson cannot afford to be governed by any executive committee.

THREE FUNERALS

Held This Afternoon From Brimston & Stewart's.

Three funerals were held at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon from the undertaking parlors of Brimston & Stewart on King street where all the bodies have been held for some time awaiting burial. The three bodies buried were those of Richard Jeffrey who died at St. Mary's hospital January 4th, Austin Spedan, who died at the Good Samaritan hospital January 4th, and George Harding, who was known in Dawson as James H. Slater, and who committed suicide in South Dawson December 16th.

A Kitchener Story.

London, Dec. 7.—A letter just received from an officer in South Africa says that a subaltern drew a caricature of Lord Kitchener as Rip Van Winkle leading a centenarian soldier up a hope. A staff officer showed it to Kitchener, and the chief gave one of his grim smiles and said: "It is an ugly prophecy, but if necessary we will hang on here until we are that age. Our duty is to win, and we will."

The subaltern was paralyzed with terror until assured that Kitchener had not asked for the artist's name.

Barrister Sworn In.

Mr. John Black, a distinguished looking gentleman of New Brunswick, uncle of Mr. George Black, of the legal firm of Woodworth & Black, was this morning admitted to practice before the bar of the Yukon territory upon taking the customary oaths of allegiance and that required from advocates coming from other portions of the Dominion. Mr. Black spent most of last summer in the Big Salmon district where he proposes to return in a very short time.

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

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Hot and cold lunch at the Bank Saloon.

RAILROAD CERTAIN

E. C. Hawkins Will Positively Carry Out His Plans to a Letter

SO SAY HIS FRIENDS IN SEATTLE.

Will Be Prepared to Begin Construction Work

EARLY THIS COMING SPRING.

All Arrangements Made and They Are Now Waiting Only for Spring and Good Weather.

Seattle, Jan. 6, via Skagway, Jan. 14.—Seattle financiers who are in close touch with E. C. Hawkins, and the Close Bros. assert positively that the scheme to build a railroad from Dawson to Grand Forks will be undertaken in the spring. The surveys will be made and actual construction work began as soon as the weather will permit.

CREDITABLE SHOWING

Canada Has Made a Marvelous Record in Last Year.

London, Jan. 2, via Skagway, Jan. 14.—Canada has made great progress during the last year. The public deposits in Canadian banks amounts to $100,000,000, which is considered a remarkable showing. The Morning Post looks forward to the time when the fertile acres of the Dominion will solve the question of British food supply.

CHIEF ISAAC OFFENDED

His Racial Blood Boils Over Treatment Avarded His Braves.

Indian Chief Isaac, high-muck-a-muck of all the Mooseshides living south of the "gutter" that divides his province from that of Chief Silas, is offended, more than that, he is deeply grieved to think that his braves, Fat John, Billie and Angus, should be sent to jail for drinking hootch, especially after telling big judge where Indian got hootch. Not only have his braves been put in skookum house but made to saw wood, ugh!

At the head of a score or more of his fragrant followers the chief called at the Nugget office today and requested:

"Paper say Indian much hurt by police. Three men, one woman in skookum house. No do bad, just put in skookum house. Paper say Chief Isaac make big talk to all white man tomorrow at 2 o'clock by A. C. corner. Paper tell all white man to come and hear Chief Isaac tell 'bout bad police. That's all."

And having thus spoken the simple child of nature who sees

"Tongues in Trees, books in the running brooks,
Sermons in stones and good in everything"

Led his followers out into the fresh air, but evidence of their presence lingered in the office from 15 to 20 minutes as there was union of sentiment regarding what Isaac had said and in union there is "strength."

Mail Arrives.

At 11:30 today a stage arrived from Whitehorse with 1200 pounds of mail and the following passengers: Frank Pitcher, W. H. B. Lyons, W. B. Sanford, N. Ward, A. W. Dunnock, Chas. Gibson, W. H. Howard and Miss V. R. White.

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