

# CONTRACT NOT LET

For Erection of Several Proposed Government Buildings Here

OWING TO SIMILARITY IN BIDS.

Work on Postoffice Building to Go Rapidly Ahead

UNTIL CONTRACT IS GIVEN.

450 Miles of New Telegraph in Operation—Nothing Tangible Regarding Extension Down River.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Among the Canadian passengers leaving today were Superintendent of Public Works J. B. Charleson and his secretary, J. E. Gobel. Mr. Charleson explained the brevity of his stay here by saying that his presence was needed in other places, and concerning the public work here, all had been done that could be done for the present.

Regarding the construction of the buildings Mr. Charleson said: "Bids have been received and examined, but two of the offers were so near together that I do not feel like taking the responsibility of accepting either. Therefore I have kept the matter in reserve. I will telegraph to Ottawa from the most convenient point on my way out, and on the answer received will depend the success or failure of the bidders. Concerning the new postoffice building I will say that while it is included in the list of public buildings, and is subject to the same conditions governing the letting of contracts, I have this morning put a force of ten men to work on it, and the work will be pushed as rapidly as possible. This will in no way interfere with the awarding of the contract to the successful bidder, as both the offers contain a clause which enables them to take up the work during any stage of its progress, at a figure proportionate to the amount of work already done. In other words, the contractor will begin the work where I leave off, and the present work is being done to hasten the building's completion as much as possible."

When asked about the progress thus far made in the construction of the telegraph line to Quesnelle, Mr. Charleson said that all told 450 miles of the line was up and in operation.

Concerning the continuation of the telegraph line from here to the boundary line, Mr. Charleson said he had nothing to say at present.

**Picket Off Duty.**

"What is home without a night key?" is a time-honored expression, but not more so than "What is the approach to the barracks square without a sentry?"

There was something out of order to the daily police court habitue yesterday morning as he entered the square without sight of the familiar sentry, who, like a graven image, has never been for a second out of sight. Through all kinds of weather, hot or cold, wet or dry, clear or cloudy, foggy or otherwise, the sentry has been there like a fixed star in the firmament above him. But this morning he was gone, never to return. He belonged to the Y. F. F. and left last night. Although he always attended to his own business and was not what could be termed a hale fellow well met, he was looked upon as a fixture and will, therefore, be greatly missed.

**Beef Famine.**

There is just one reason why the price of beef did not jump skyward this afternoon, beyond the reach of anyone not owning a gold mine. That reason is that there is no beef on the market. True, there are ten head of live cattle in town, owned by a man named Elker, and it is also true that they are for sale. But even if they were bought and killed they would have to hang in the storage house for 24 hours before they could be dispensed to the public, and then there would be barely enough to last one day, as Dawson consumes daily a little more than ten head of cattle. So Mr. Elker's

little beef corner availeth not.

There is plenty of pork and mutton, and this has come down a trifle since the last report was made, but owing to the non-arrival of beef today, those will probably advance again.

Since yesterday there has been no change in the market. Potatoes are quoted at 7c; onions at 25c and eggs at \$22. Beef very firm at 75c, 80c and 85c, with a strong upward tendency. This is due to the non-arrival of a large consignment of beef which was reported this morning.

**He Was Willing.**

Seeing an advertisement yesterday, "Press feeder wanted at the Nugget office," an old gentleman called at the office to apply for the job. When asked as to his experience he said:

"I never fed no printin' press, but I reckon I can do it all right. I was raised on a farm and have fed horses and cattle all my life, and when I was 20 years old I was considered the best hand at feedin' a threshing machine there was in Montgomery county, Iowa, so I'm not afraid to tackle the job."

Not being desirous of seeing the old man wearing a smashed hand in a sling for the remainder of the summer, he was not employed.

**POLICE COURT NEWS.**

"Old things have passed away" is a portion of a biblical quotation which now applies to the building which formerly served as a temple of justice in which the police magistrate meted out the law to those who were before him. What was is no longer, as the old building has been torn down today and only the site on which it rested remains of all things once familiar.

Capt. Scarth had the honor this morning of dedicating the new police court room which is located in the building immediately south of and across the alley from the guard house, the entrance to which is a new door opening from the sidewalk just back of the sentry box of the former sentinel whose appearance always betokened a diet of ramrods.

The first case to be heard in the new room was that of John Melbourne, who was charged by Wm. McKane with having stolen gold dust to the value of \$17.00. In the evidence it came out that McKane owes Melbourne money and that when the latter asked for it, McKane said, patting his pocket: "Here it is; take it!" Melbourne, who is a large man and who was equal to the occasion, took McKane at his word and forcibly took the money, hence his arrest on the charge of theft. As the court did not hold that it was a case to which the term "robbery" could be properly applied, a reprimand was given the defendant and an order made for the return of the gold dust, which order was obeyed.

With five tiers of ruffles on the bottom and four terraces of Old Point Comfort lace on the sleeves of her neatly fitting dress, Alice Stone whose place of business has been opposite the mouth of Lombard creek on Dominion, was in court on the charge of selling liquor without a license, the complainant being Constable Chas. Duffus, who had arrested and brought the festive Alice to the city. The prosecution was not able to prove the sale of intoxicants, although it was proven that Alice's domicile has been the scene of much drunkenness and misbehavior. Alice admitted keeping whisky in her house which she said she frequently partook of herself and also treated her friends, but that from the bottom of her heart she could swear she never sold it. As the charge was not sustained, it was dismissed; but ere Alice could point her slightly turned up nose toward the door her attention was called to another charge, that of supporting herself by prostitution. With a "That's where you've got me" look she acknowledged her guilt. As her fame has become notorious on Dominion the court ordered her to pay a fine of \$50 and costs, and to never be seen again on Dominion. Alice pleaded to be allowed to go back for her trunk and other articles, and such permission was granted, one week being the time allotted in which she may return to Dominion, set her house in order and "git." She was also informed that if, in the impenetrable depths of the misty future she is ever again before the court on a similar charge, she will be ordered to leave the country on short notice. Alice said "Yes, sir," and looked a look that said "I want to go home." She laid a \$100 bill on the clerk's table, with the request that her fine be taken out of it, and while the court orderly hustled out for change she looked hard and wickedly at the floor of the new court room.

**Steamboats.**

The steamer Canadian sailed at noon today for Whitehorse. She was billed to leave at 10 o'clock but was detained owing to a trip having to be made to the shipyard to put on supplies. She carries eight sacks of mail.

The Flora leaves for Whitehorse this afternoon. She has a remunerative passenger list and carries considerable treasure, not a small part of which is gold dust consigned to Macdonald Potts, the manager of the Klondike Corporation, Ltd.

The steamers Bailey, Yukoner and Eldorado are all due to arrive today, but owing to the wires being down, no definite information is obtainable about their movements.

Carbon paper for sale at the Nugget office.

# CROWN COLONIES

Is the Scheme for Civil Government in South Africa.

PREPARATIONS ARE NOW BEING MADE.

Sir Alfred Milner to Be Made Commissioner.

TO SUB-DIVIDE TRANSVAAL.

Advisory Committee Will Meet in Cape Town Very Soon to Complete Details.

London, June 12.—It is learned by the Associated Press that the government has at last decided upon a plan for the civil settlement of South Africa. The details are kept secret, but it can safely be said that the Orange River Colony and the Transvaal will become crown colonies, the latter probably being named the Transvaal Colony. Sir Alfred Milner, it is declared, is to be high commissioner of South Africa, in spite of the opposition that has incurred. The crown colony form of government can best be understood by reference to the system in vogue in the West Indies, Sierra Leone and Ceylon. Endeavors will be made to put this in force as soon as possible in the Transvaal and Orange River colonies, though it is scarcely expected that the details will be announced, or some part of the work be begun for a few months yet.

While the civil government will be drawn up so as to be equally independent of military enforcement, it is realized the initial step must be effected with the co-operation of troops. Sir Alfred Milner appears to believe that civil re-organization and military pacification can proceed simultaneously and that a possible scattered rising will seriously retard the progress of reorganization. The colonial force is said to be of the opinion, however, that the maintenance of good sized garrisons at such centers as Bloemfontein, Kroonstad, Johannesburg and Pretoria will be necessary for a long time after the crown colony system gets in working order. For this reason, and others put forward by Sir Alfred Milner, the idea of granting an autonomous form of government has been abandoned. It is believed, though it cannot be verified, that a portion of the Transvaal will be partitioned off to Natal.

The whole arrangement may be roughly described as coinciding with the views advanced by the Progressives as opposed to those held by the Bondites. The final steps in this decision have been taken during the last few days. Mr. Chamberlain sent for Mr. J. P. Fitzpatrick, author of "The Transvaal From Within," who is well known in connection with South African affairs, and spent a whole day in consultation with him. Mr. Fitzpatrick will sail for Capetown June 16, to join the advisory committee, which Sir Alfred Milner is forming.

**Mongol Immigration.**

Ottawa, June 14.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier introduced a bill to restrict Chinese immigration in the house today. The premier gave a history of the whole question, dealing with Japanese immigration as well. He said that British Columbia had grievances from both classes, and it was the intention of the government to issue a royal commission to investigate Japanese and Chinese immigration and lay the whole matter before the imperial authorities so that it could be properly dealt with.

The question was an imperial one. He was prepared to deal with the Chinese question, but he recognized that agitation in British Columbia included Japanese as well and should be dealt with. He was not prepared now to put the Japanese on the same footing as the Chinese, thereby probably involving Britain in war in the east.

The government had been asked to put legislation similar to the Natal Act in force, but that would include the Japanese, and he was prepared to deal with the Japanese now.

In respect to the Chinese the bill would raise the poll-tax from \$50 per head to \$100 per head.

**A House-Warming.**

It having become necessary for Editor Geo. M. Allen, of the Nugget to increase the capacity of his mess-house on Fourth avenue near Sixth street, he has just had completed a 16x18 addition which was dedicated in due and ancient form last night with dancing and feasting, the latter serving to counteract the warmth produced by the former, ices being abundant.

Excellent music was furnished by Messrs. Kalenborn and Cantwell and until 1 o'clock this morning dull care remained in the background and joy was unconfined. Not caring to pass up such an opportunity for being "taken" in heaven's broad light at midnight, the party was grouped and looked pleasant while Photographer Cantwell exhibited the little bird. Those present were the host, Mr. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Calderhead, Mr. and Mrs. Beeremarck, Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. White, Mrs. Lancaster, Mrs. West, Mrs. Noble, Miss Comer, Miss Fitzpatrick, Miss White, Messrs. Kalenborn, Cantwell, Buck, Hemen, Storey and Filbin.

**Seen at Circle.**

With his nose pointed toward the North Pole and a look that betokened a determination to get there or remove a suspender button in the attempt, ex-Constable Jimmy Allmark is reported as having passed Circle City. As Jimmy was in good flesh and rather mellow, it is feared that he will have some uncomfortable experience with mosquitoes before he smells salt water.

**Autopsy Being Held.**

The jury empanelled by Acting Coroner Scarth to examine and hear evidence regarding the body brought here from Selwyn yesterday morning, and which is supposed to be that of Lineman Olson or Graves, has not yet reported, but is again in session this afternoon. Dr. Thompson is conducting an autopsy on the remains in which he is assisted by local practitioners; but owing to the advanced stage of decomposition, the work is slow and laborious. It is certain from the examination thus far made that there is a bullet wound in the back and possibly one in the neck, and it will be determined by the autopsy.

As the body is that of a large and robust man, there is little doubt but that it represents all that is mortal of Lineman Olsen.

**Pick the Winner.**

The people of Dawson who have sporting proclivities will be treated to an interesting exhibition of the manly art, to-night at the Orpheum theater.

Kid O'Brien and J. W. Daly will don the mitts and strive for supremacy in a ten-round go. Both men are evenly matched and are crackerjacks at the business. A hot go is expected.

**BRIEF MENTION.**

The Yukon council meets tonight. Joe McQuill is stopping at the Regina.

R. E. Rehden and I. Lowell are registered at the Criterion.

A number of Dominion creek people are in the city today.

E. B. Shaw and J. H. Joslin, of Victoria, are at the Fairview.

Rev. J. A. Sinclair is down from the creeks on a brief visit to the city.

H. T. Whitley is opening a general commission store on Second avenue.

The man who recently arrived with a cargo of felt shoes and fur caps finds that time hangs on his hands somewhat heavily.

J. Pearl, one of Skagway's pioneer merchants, has arrived with a cargo of fancy goods. He has opened a store on Front street.

Mrs. M. Morrill, who has spent the winter on Sulphur creek, left with her little daughter on the Flora this afternoon on a visit to the outside.

Mrs. Severance, wife of Chas. E. Severance, the Chechako Hill water magnate, arrived with her four daughters on the Canadian this morning and will spend the summer in Dawson.

On the principle that the hottest weather is always selected in which to paint tin roofs, the covering of the brick warehouse on Third street has been treated to a coat of red paint this week.

J. & T. Adair are in receipt of a telegram dated Vancouver, June 21st via Bennett, June 26, which says the steamer Couquitan, plying between Vancouver and Skagway has been badly damaged by fire.

Among the passengers on the Canadian which left for Whitehorse today are Justice and Mrs. Dugas en route to their old home in Ottawa for a two months' visit. Many of their friends were at the dock to bid them goodbye.

J. S. Lancaster, of Lancaster & Calderhead, left for Whitehorse Tuesday on steamer Nora to look after the firm's shipments, which are now arriving daily at that point. He will probably be up and down the river all this summer as the firm has arranged for the importation of immense quantities of goods, necessitating the constant vigilance of some one at Whitehorse to forward them through.

# PRIVATE PERMIT

Which Required Only a Trip to Headquarters at Ottawa.

GIVES MR. CLARK FISHING MONOPOLY

Over His LeBarge Neighbor and Competitor.

DICTATES PRICE OF FISH

In Dawson and Enjoys Privilege Granted by Vacillating Government—Great Injustice.

The high prices asked for LeBarge fish, which, owing to transportation facilities, and the large extent of the supply, should tend to make the market price to the Dawson consumer low, has led to inquiry which developed some rather peculiar facts.

There has been considerable rivalry between the LeBarge fishermen, Clark and Humes. This rivalry has at last culminated in a practical monopoly of the business for Clark. Last year and previous to that, fish were taken with small mesh nets, and so far as Clark is concerned the same practice is followed. With Humes it is different. He can only take fish—if he can find them big enough—with a net of much larger mesh. All this, strange as it may seem is according to the law governing fisheries.

Mr. Clark, with a far sightedness peculiar to him, made a trip to Ottawa where he succeeded in getting a permit to use up his old, or small mesh nets, before complying with the requirement calling for the larger meshes.

Mr. Humes did not do this, but did use the smaller mesh nets for a time. Now, however, the nets have been seized, and it is said, burned.

The more numerous fish found in LeBarge are of a size which enables them to slip through the large meshes of the nets allowed by law, so that because Mr. Clark has a permit allowing him to use a net that will catch fish he practically dictates the market value of the same to the Dawson consumer.

The price of fish is naturally higher this year than they were during the same month last year, and there is no good reason under the existing circumstances for supposing that they will get any cheaper.

**A New Industry.**

The Yukon Plumbing, Heating & Engineering Supply Co., Ltd., the headquarters of which is Vancouver, B. C., has purchased from J. E. McAlpine the excellently located property extending all the way from the Nugget office to Third avenue, and has opened a general iron-working business in the log building adjoining the Nugget office. Mr. S. A. Wye is manager of the new industry. A large stock of goods in the company's line will be carried at all times and none but experienced workmen will be employed.

With the expiration of two leases now on the property a large and commendable business house will be erected.

**Five Finger Coal.**

Capt. Miller, who came down the river recently on the steamer Gold Star, brought with him a sample of the coal from his mine just above Five Fingers. The sample on display at the Yukon hotel weighs about 50 pounds and is a fine specimen of bituminous coal taken from a three-foot ledge. The coal will be given a trial on one of the steamers of a local company, and if successful will replace wood as fuel.

**A Musical Recital.**

A large crowd gathered in the Aurora saloon last evening to hear the musical oddities of Prof. Furgeson. All the sounds peculiar to a circular saw working its way through the length of a knotty log were produced with accuracy by the professor on his violin, and afterwards the Salvation Army music was reproduced with such startling precision that many thought the army band was carrying the house by assault. In the latter performance the recitalist uses a drum and harmonica in addition to the violin.