

# COUNTER REQUESTS

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THE "PROS" BEING FILED LAST NIGHT

When John Grant Could Tell Them  
How to Run Things.

FAST DRIVING MUST CEASE.

Police Court Stenographers Will Still  
Be Paid—License Law Will Be  
Strictly Enforced.

From Friday's Daily.  
The Yukon council met in regular session in Justice Dugas' courtroom last evening with the following members present: Commissioner Ogilvie, Justice Dugas, Major Wood, E. C. Senkler, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Prudhomme.

Bids for the government printing from the News and Yukon Journal were received, but not opened. February reports from the registrar of births, deaths and marriages were received and laid over for one week.

A statement was received from Comptroller Lithgow to the effect that the territorial account was overdrawn \$20,400. In the matter of the violation of the ordinance respecting liquor licenses in hotels it was decided that proper means should be taken at once to see that the ordinance be strictly enforced and after three infringements the license be cancelled.

Commissioner Ogilvie stated that the stenographers in the police court were now working without salary, as orders had been received from Ottawa stating that the federal government would not further pay them. A motion made by Justice Dugas to retain the two stenographers and pay them out of the territorial fund was carried.

At this point in the proceedings Councilman Wilson stated that there was a committee present who had a petition which they wished to present to the council, and upon motion the council went into a committee of the whole for the purpose of giving the committee a chance to address them.

C. M. Woodworth acted as spokesman for the committee with Joe Clarke and Mr. Grant behind him acting as prompters. He first introduced to the council the other members of the committee present, composed of John Grant, Dan Rose, Joe Clark and James H. Falconer.

Mr. Woodworth started his speech by stating that the committee had been selected at a mass meeting where about 400 had been in attendance, held January 7, said mass meeting being unanimous in its support of incorporation.

At a subsequent mass meeting at which 1200 to 1300 people were present, with the exception of perhaps three or four votes, the meeting had been unanimous in its support of incorporation.

"Now," continued the speaker, "the committee are before the council to find on what terms incorporation will be granted them. We would like a statement from the council as to what revenues could be expected in the way of franchises and liquor licenses."

He then recited the same figures used before in support of his theory of the benefits to be derived from incorporation and leaving the city with a snug balance in its favor at the end of the year. He recited instances from other cities where they had received their license revenues and stated that ex-Mayor Grant, of Victoria, could tell them how they run things there.

Mr. Justice Dugas made a side remark which brought down the house, that he understood Mr. Grant had already been appointed mayor of Dawson.

Commissioner Ogilvie stated that the council had received all the money from those sources of revenue, very little of which had been expended outside of the city of Dawson and that the council was now in debt. That he did not see how the city, left to itself with a limited revenue, was going to exist.

Justice Dugas, speaking on the question, said: "The territory is large and the revenue is small. The revenues accruing from licenses do not belong to

the city, but belong to the territorial government and should be used in the development of the territory. I am opposed to giving any proportionately large amount of the license revenue to the city. If the city incorporates all the money spent by the council in improvements, including the fire brigade, will have to be paid back to the territorial fund."

Mr. Woodworth, in reply to that, thought that the city had paid in fines more than enough to cover those items. To which the justice replied that all fines as well belong to the territorial government.

The committee asked the council to prepare a statement of what revenues could be expected and were told to draw up their own statement of what they wanted and then the council would see whether they would grant them or not, but in no case was the committee to forget that there was a petition already before the council against incorporation. The committee then took their departure and will present their petition next week.

A regulation regarding furious driving on the street was passed prohibiting either horses or dogs being driven at a speed exceeding six miles an hour and imposing a fine not to exceed \$50 in violation thereof.

Owing to several clauses in the Bar Association ordinance, which Justice Dugas thought might be looked upon unfavorably at Ottawa it was decided to defer sending it for the time being and allow Justice Dugas a chance to confer with the Bar Association with a view of modifying or amending them. The last appropriation of \$30,000 being nearly exhausted and as more money is needed to complete the Klondike bridge and other improvements under construction an over-draft on the bank was ordered for \$20,000. An appropriation of \$250 was asked for the Yukon Public Museum which was voted. The council then adjourned to meet in one week.

## U. S. SURVEY PARTY

En Route to Arctic Ocean Via  
Koyukuk.

F. W. Peters, G. P. Phillips, F. M. Hunt and C. H. Stuver arrived in Dawson yesterday afternoon and are now at the Regina. They form an exploration party headed by Mr. Peters who will go up the Koyukuk and journey to the Arctic ocean. Mr. Peters, when seen this morning, said:

"Our party is formed for geological and topographical exploration and is working under an appropriation made by congress to make a journey up the Koyukuk and down the arctic streams to the Arctic ocean. A record will be kept of our journeying and the course of the streams we meet will be mapped and such information as we may gather relative to the country will be published by the U. S. government. Our supplies for the expedition are now at Bergman where they were sent last fall. In traveling on the streams emptying into the Arctic we will use canoes. At Bergman we will meet F. C. Schrader with two additional men who will join our party. Mr. Schrader mapped the Koyukuk two years ago. We leave tomorrow morning by dog team for the lower river."

## BLANKET CHALLENGE

From a Pug Who Now Eats  
Three Meals Daily.

A certain young man who has pugilistic aspirations and who appeared in a few glove exhibitions here early in the winter, sends down from where he is at work on a claim a sort of blanket challenge to any and all pugs, to meet anyone of them some time in May for the gate receipts and a side bet of \$784, which latter amount the fellow says will be due and payable to him the first of May provided he does not lose any time between now and that date. He says: "None of dem guys could put me out when I was there early in the winter, and all dat time I was only eatin' once a day. Now I am gettin' three squares every day and am willin' ter bet all my winter's wages dat I can lick any 150 pound man in Dawson after I git my money."

If any one entertains an idea of accepting the challenge he will do well to get in shape to eat regularly, as three square meals a day is an innovation among fourth-rate pugilists.

J. L. Sale has written that he will return to Dawson about the middle of next month.

## THE QUEEN'S FUNERAL

As Witnessed by a Dawson  
Man.

Emil Mohr, well known to all old timers in Dawson, is on his way back to this city after an extended tour covering the chief cities of England and the continent. Mr. Mohr was in London during the ceremonies attending the funeral of Queen Victoria, and writes to the Nugget a very interesting letter descriptive of that event. The following extracts are taken from the letter in question:

"I herewith send you two envelopes containing one paper each and giving an account of the queen's funeral."

"The funeral of the queen differed in many respects from an ordinary one; there were no flowers, the mourners were not dressed in black—those we could see."

"The king was dressed in red. The people, however—the ladies and nearly all the men were dressed in black. The decorations were purple and white and most gorgeous in many instances. It was very impressive. All through the day the crowd must have numbered into the millions, but very orderly I must say."

"Lord Roberts looked superb and the crowd in many places could hardly keep from cheering him, but others would quickly remind them that this was not a day for cheering and then all would be satisfied with simply raising their hats when he was passing."

"Whenever the music played (the funeral march of Chopin) men would stand with heads bared and out of many a woman's eye you would see the tears drop, and not the least, there were men as well."

"Again when the gun carriage came along bearing the dead queen, all the men stood with bared heads and then followed one of the most impressive moments I ever experienced. Such a crowd and such a quiet."

"The German emperor looked well and everybody was very anxious to see him."

"The papers here are not up-to-date like you are; there was not even an 'Extra,' and we had to wait till this morning to get a paper. I mail it at once."

## AUTOPSY WAS HELD

Over the Remains of John  
Gschwindt.

An autopsy was held on the body of John Gschwindt, the man who was found dead in his cabin yesterday afternoon near the Klondike bridge, and traces of poison were found on his stomach. The coroner's jury will bring in a verdict this evening.

Dr. Thompson, who, with Dr. Hurlman, conducted the postmortem examination, is of the opinion that the man's death was caused from what is known as ptomaine poisoning. This form of poisoning results from certain vegetable life, which appears in canned meats when the latter are exposed to the atmosphere while still in the can.

Tests were made of the contents of the man's stomach and clear traces of the presence of ptomaines were found therein.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

Will Be Appointed by Yukon  
Council.

The formation of a board of education to consist of the members of the Yukon council with two appointed members was discussed by the council last evening.

The legal adviser was instructed to prepare an amendment to the Northwest territorial act governing educational boards to that effect and present it at the next meeting.

Considerable discussion arose as to the number of members to be appointed, but it was finally decided to limit the number to two, one Roman Catholic and one Protestant.

Discussion then arose as to whether they should be chosen among the clergy or laymen.

Father Gendreau and Dr. Grant were mentioned in connection with the appointment, but it was finally decided to lay the appointment over for one week.

Tom Davies and Manager Meed, of the Yukon Dock are out on a still hunt for some valuable property up the creeks.

## Weak Human Nature.

"Talk about the frailties of human nature," said a well known insurance agent the other day. "No one else has so good an opportunity to discover them as an insurance man. An incident occurred a few days ago that showed me a side of a neighbor's character which I had never suspected to exist. A fire broke out in his home, and, do you know, that man went three blocks to a telephone to report it when there was a phone right in his house."

"I saw the fire soon after it started and rushed to give assistance. It was while helping to pack things up that I discovered the phone and turned in the alarm. Now, it takes a strong stretch of the imagination to believe that the owner had forgotten there was a telephone in his house. That he should have acted as he did undermines one's faith in people in general."

"Think of it. There I was sweating and endangering my life to save his property, while he was anxious, evidently, to have it burn. Such conduct doesn't encourage one to exert himself for others."

"By the way," interrupted a listener, "did any of your companies hold a policy on that house?"

"Now you are asking a leading question," replied the insurance man, with a guileless smile. "What I am saying is that the actions of that man are a sad commentary on human nature."—Ex.

## Cheap Fuel.

Wood for fuel is now cheaper than ever before in the history of Dawson as the very best dry wood is now being sold at \$12.50 per cord. The decline in price from \$14 per cord is due to the indications that the snow may soon leave when the work of hauling will be much increased, and also to the further fact that there is a large amount of wood on hand which the owners are desirous of selling before the coming of spring and warm weather.

## MOLLY THOMPSON

On Trial Today on a Charge of  
Robbery.

Molly Thompson, proprietor of the Globe hotel at Grand Forks, is on trial before a jury in Judge Craig's court today on the charge of having on February 15th, in her own house, robbed Geo. E. Nichols of gold dust to the value of \$411. The jurors sitting in the case are Thos. W. Crow, J. A. Clarke, A. J. McFarlane, C. D. Grange, G. B. Steuart and G. A. Calvert.

Crown Prosecutor Wade recited to the jury a history of the case as adduced at the preliminary hearing. The prosecuting witness, George E. Nichols, was put on the stand and told practically the same story as told by him in police court except that he went more deeply into detail and explained more fully the drift of the conversation which took place between himself and the defendant when they met at Grand Forks on the day of the alleged robbery and recognized in each other old Montana acquaintances and when, to further establish her identity as the same hot tomale Nichols had known in Montana where she conducted a disreputable house, he testified that she said: "Yes, I am the lady who took Milt Henderson away from his wife." Nichols further testified that during the same conversation Molly told him that she had gone to Nome last year with a man named Ward, but had found that place too hot for her and had returned to the Klondike. Nichols then went on to tell how he had been asked by Molly to buy her wine at her own bar, but had thought straight whisky good enough for her, and at the same time more in accord with his means; that he had taken a little whisky himself and had, several hours later, woke in a bedroom upstairs with his face battered in and all his gold dust gone. On cross-examination witness testified to having seen two men, one named Graham and the other named Fowler, in the barroom at or about the time he alleges he drank the knockout whisky. The case is still on trial this afternoon and may be concluded this evening.

## Roadhouse Dance.

At the Arlington roadhouse last Friday night Mrs. Envolson gave one of the best and most select dances ever held on Hunker. There is a fine hall in connection with the roadhouse, where the large crowd in attendance tripped the light fantastic till the early hours of the morning. At midnight a delicious lunch was served.

Mrs. Thompson has received new ladies' furnishings over the ice. 2d st.

# SUITS GALORE

Are Filed in Police Court by  
Members of the Yukon  
Council

AGAINST MRS. LUELLA MCCONNELL

For Alleged Criminal Libel Con-  
tained in Letter

SENT MINISTER OF JUSTICE.

Messrs Senkler, Dugas, Ogilvie and  
Wood in Role of Complainants—  
Hearing Tomorrow.

From Friday's Daily.

The letter which Mrs. Edward McConnell wrote on December 29th to the minister of justice at Ottawa in which she referred somewhat "loosely" to the official acts of certain members of the Yukon council, and which letter was turned over to the minister of the interior and by him returned to Dawson directed to Commissioner Ogilvie and by the latter submitted to a meeting of the council Tuesday night of this week, has been the means of stirring up quite a commotion not only in official circles but throughout the city. The members of the council, who at the time the litigation which evidently prompted the writing of the letter was in progress, were active in their endeavor to enact such legislation as in their judgment would best subserve the interests of all parties concerned, very naturally feel that the charges made call for immediate action on their part. Of the five members of the council at that time, Mr. Stourard is now in the east, leaving here Messrs Ogilvie, Dugas, Senkler and Wood, all of whom have instituted proceedings against Mrs. McConnell, their papers having been filed with Clerk Blackman of the police court yesterday. Summonses have been served on Mrs. McConnell notifying her to appear to defend the charges against her, the time for her appearance being fixed at 10 o'clock tomorrow forenoon.

The cases are eliciting a great deal of interest owing to the prominence of the complainants, the gravity of the charges made in the letter written by the defendant and the further fact that she, being a pioneer, is one of the best known women in Dawson. The charges preferred against Mrs. McConnell are all that of criminal libel.

Mr. Senkler was the first member of the council to institute proceedings, followed shortly after by Judge Dugas and late yesterday afternoon the papers of Messrs Ogilvie and Wood were also filed, the affidavits of the four complainants being taken by Magistrate Courtland Starnes who will probably occupy the magistrate's chair when the cases are called tomorrow morning.

## THOUSAND DOLLARS

A Side Bet Made on the Slavin-  
Devine Go.

Jimmy Mackison of the Forks, dropped into the Exchange yesterday and deposited \$500 with Tom McDonald against an equal amount of Billy Devine's money the same to be a forfeit if \$500 more is not forthcoming as a wager on the Slavin-Devine go. The terms of the bet was that Devine would not stay seven rounds against the big Australian. Slavin said this morning that he would gather together all the money he could lay his hands on and put it up under the same conditions and expressed a regret that he had recently invested \$1000 in mining property. "For," said he, "it is like getting money from home." Both men are training at the Club gymnasium, Devine working from 4 to 6, Slavin starting in at 6:30 p. m. Both of the men are equally confident of success and a rattling hot go may be expected when the men meet in the ring.