

EQUALIZATION GOES ON

Long Session Held by the Board Last Evening at the New Courthouse—Many Claims Presented for Adjustment—Some Are Taken Under Advisement.

With no intention of appearing before the board, it must be confessed that Commissioner Ross, now sitting as the chairman of the court of revision on appeals taken from this year's assessment, is quite the smoothest and most accomplished diplomat the assessors, which ex-Governor says are indignant to the point of having a complaint as long as the law against what they term an over-assessment after one interview with the board come away smiling and contented faces, being they have not been unfairly assessed after all. In fact, some assessors who could have been persuaded to admit an under valuation, are an unwary irresistible force that the complainant is made to experience that his case is of importance and that under no condition shall he be imposed upon, and in fact, a perfect knowledge of human nature and how to handle all classes of individuals. There is no friction, no bitterness or hard feelings are shown, and often the monotony of the session is relieved by a passing jest, as to be at the expense of the assessor as anyone else. Taken as a whole, but very few reductions have so far been made, the assessments having been found to have been made upon a very equitable basis, however, when one is shown to be in error, the error is rectified with a delay.

In last night's session practically the entire evening until half past 11 was occupied by Emil Stauf, who himself not only one of the largest individual property holders in the city, but represents other large interests. The session opened a very peculiar anomaly in respect and at its conclusion Mr. Stauf found himself richer in taxable assessments on his property by several thousands of dollars that he did not know he possessed, yet when he was poorer by an amount equally large, improvements on real estate, such as buildings, are taxed on the ground upon which they stand, and the land is responsible for the amount assessed. In Mr. Stauf's case it is the owner of probably half the lots upon which are located

cabins claimed by others under a squatter's rights. In some instances he has so far not received his patents, consequently can not dispose of his tenacious tenants until he can show title to the lots in question. He can not collect ground rent from the squatters, because they won't pay it, nor will they purchase the lot occupied, because they consider they have an equal if not a better right to it, and often the cost of ejectment proceedings would amount to more than the lot is worth. The tracts which subsequently were subdivided into lots having been purchased from the government and the title being in Mr. Stauf's name the taxes are necessarily assessed against him. The result of which he finds himself in a position where he is compelled to pay rates on possibly a hundred cabins from which he receives not a cent revenue, can not establish his ownership except at the cost of a lawsuit and can not even sell the lot upon which they stand, as the same proceedings would have to be undertaken by an intending purchaser other than the squatter himself, and he will not buy because he can not be made to.

The assessment of Mrs. H. A. Anderson, F. W. Arnold, and Walter Wensky was confirmed. Like action was also taken in the case of N. A. Fuller and William Leake, though at the close of the session John H. Joslin appeared in behalf of both gentlemen and asked that their assessments be reconsidered, he having been out of the court room for a moment when those particular cases were called.

The assessment against Hamberger & Weissberg was transferred to Simon Lazurus, he being their successor in business.

When Mr. Stauf took the stand he was sworn and before taking up the individual assessment slips he made a general statement regarding his assessments. He considered it much too high and thought a truer valuation could have been ascertained by the assessor had he called at his office and learned the prices at which the lots were being sold. A price list was submitted which he said governed the sale of the lots and which in nearly every instance was from \$20 to several hundred dollars less than their assessed value. Surely it was unfair to assess a lot at a greater value than that for which it was being offered for sale in the open market every day. Mr. Stauf admitted that a great deal of his property was unimproved and in reply the commissioner stated he was not disposed to look leniently upon those who hold lots for a rise in value and do nothing toward improving them. The first bunch taken up was the lots 2, 3, 4, 5 and the south half of 6 in block I.E. They are assessed at

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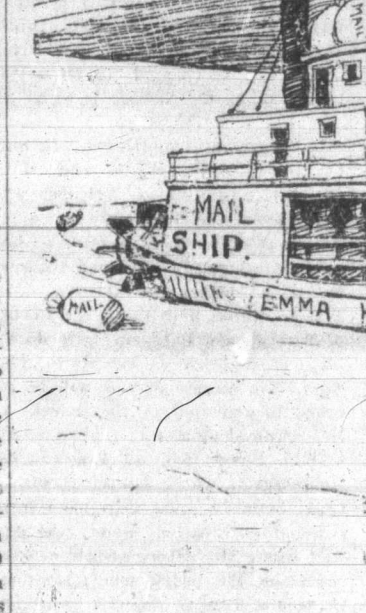
Skagway, Oct. 24.—The old collier Bristol is in port here for the first time since '97, when she was chartered for one trip by the Victoria board of trade. Old-timers will remember that she was libeled here at that time on account of customs irregularities.

AND THEN HE WEPT

Judge Macaulay Makes Mr. Porter Feel Ashamed.

H. B. Porter stood in the prisoner's box this morning, surrounded by his whisks. He escaped the night before from the Nirvana of Dr. Brown's cabbage patch, and during his long solitude at the garden across the river he had come to the conclusion that he was as good as any man and thought better. He expressed this much very loudly in the Monte Carlo saloon to a man who held a different opinion and a big fist to discuss it with. In the heat of the noisy

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BIG RUSH OF WINTER WORK

Being Prepared for on at Least Three Creeks. Never in the history of the Klondike has so much winter work been done on two creeks, Hunker and Eldorado, as is now being arranged for the coming six months. On nearly every claim on Hunker wood is being dragged in from the adjoining mountain sides and as soon as severe weather comes and freezes up the surface water, work will be inaugurated. Nearly every claim on Hunker and tributaries both above and below discovery. All the big claims on Hunker including Johansson's and Kirkpatrick & Munroe's will be worked, cold weather all that is required to enable them to start up.

PROSPECTING FOR COAL

Two Tunnels Started in Bluff on Hunker Road. A gentleman whose name is withheld for the present has begun the work of prospecting for coal in the bluff by the Hunker road about a thousand yards east of the Cliff house, which is about six miles out from Dawson. Two tunnels have been started within the past two days, one of which is now in about 10 feet. It is proposed to go in from 50 to 75 feet and as the side of the bluff presents a promising "coal blossom" there is a likelihood of striking a vein before that distance is attained.

Perishable Goods Dispatched.

B. F. Downing, the lower river mail carrier, dispatched a scow of freight, mostly perishables, down the river Tuesday for Fortymile, Eagle and Circle. The consignment amounted to 20 tons and consisted of eggs, potatoes and onions. As a protection from the frost the entire scow was tented over and two stoves were placed inside. The river being very low and the current correspondingly slow it is thought fully a week will be required to reach Circle.

RECEIVED BY WIRE. ATTENTION! POSTMASTER GENERAL WM. MULLOCK.

The following provisions are contained in an excerpt from the mail contract held by the White Pass Route—

"During the season of navigation mails to leave the Postoffice at Bennett AT LEAST TWICE A WEEK, and arrive at Dawson WITHIN FIVE DAYS. To leave the Postoffice at Dawson at least TWICE A WEEK and arrive at Bennett within six days. The above services are to be performed and the stipulations observed by the said contractors in consideration of \$64,000 per annum in payment for the said winter months, and \$15,000 per annum for the season of open navigation."

This is the manner in which the British Yukon Navigation Co. conforms to the contract from which they derive an income of \$75,000 per annum. The last mail from Whitehorse for Dawson left on October 18. The previous mail left Whitehorse for Dawson October 9th.

Steamer Nora left Whitehorse October 13th, and mail which could have been dispatched on her was held until the 18th at that point and placed upon the Steamer (?) Emma Knott, which up to date has not arrived in Dawson. The Emma Knott is said to be owned by Captain Sanborn, port captain of the B. Y. N. Co., which may account for pressing her into service.

At the present writing the river is entirely free from ice and no provision is made for dispatching the mail up stream until after the river closes, which may not and probably will not occur for two more weeks. The British Yukon Navigation Co has not a single boat in commission at this point today, and know they cannot fulfill the provisions of their contract.

TEN DAYS HAVE NOW ELAPSED SINCE THE ARRIVAL OF THE LAST MAIL.

RECEIVED BY WIRE. TOPEKA'S FULL LOAD

Sailed From Skagway for Lower Points Last Night.

Skagway, Oct. 24.—The steamer Topeka arrived Tuesday evening from Sitka, and sailed for lower ports at midnight with a full load of passengers.

CLOSE OF NAVIGATION

Ora Leaves Today, the Last Boat of the Season.

The valiant little Ora, the craft which with her sisters Nora and Flora may always be depended upon, Captain Bailey, master, arrived yesterday with four passengers, heavy cargo and one scow laden with feed and telephone-wire in tow. Captain Bailey reports meeting the Casca at the lower end of Thirtymile. She reached Whitehorse the same evening and was expected to return to Dawson, her sailing date having been fixed for yesterday, the 22nd. If she is sent back she will be the last boat to come down the river with the possible exception of the Anglian. It has been definitely decided that the Flora will not return. The Nora was passed last night near the mouth of

RECEIVED BY WIRE. TO SETTLE RECEIVERSHIP

Application Made to Alaska District Court by Receiver Hills of Jack Wade Claims to Sell Them to Satisfy His Demands—The Judge Declines.

Skagway, Oct. 24.—In the district court this morning Receiver Hills of the Jack Wade creek mining claims asked that four of the properties be sold to satisfy his demands against them for his salary as receiver, amounting to \$1500. Attorney for the claimants strenuously opposed the motion and Judge Brown stated that he will not order the sale if he can avoid it, but that the receivership must be settled at once.

IMMIGRATION STATISTICS

Uncle Sam Receives Many Unwelcome Guests.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 23.—The annual report of Thomas Fitch, commissioner of immigration at New York, has been received at the treasury department. The report shows that the number of aliens who arrived during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1901, was 453,496. There were also 113,056 citizens of the United States who arrived from abroad. From a comparison of the steerage immigration for the last two years it is shown that, nearly 30,000 of the increase of last year over the year before was in the immigration from southern Italy alone. The number of returning alien residents stands at 10.8 per cent. of the total immigration. In the amount of money brought per capita there appears to be an appreciable increase over last year, but the report says: "The conclusion unfortunately is unavoidable that our immigration is constantly increasing in illiteracy. Not only are we drawing more and more from the countries where illiteracy is high, but also the immigrants themselves are showing higher percentages of illiteracy. Nearly one-half of our steerage immigrants now present an illiteracy of from 40 to over 50 per cent."

THE FIRST SLUSH ICE

Began Running in the Klondike Last Night.

The rather severe freezing of the past two nights has started slush ice in the Klondike. The first seen of it being this morning. Ten miles up the river there was considerable ice running at 9 o'clock this morning, but by noon there was very little passing under the Ogivee bridge and by time the fimsy stuff got to the Yukon it was scarcely discernible. If any of the upper rivers are putting out ice it melts before reaching Dawson.

LOADS OF FINE BEEF

Aurora Dock Has a Fine Display Worthy of Smithfield.

The whole of the Aurora dock is hung with sides of beef, and a finer display of good quality has rarely been made. There were at noon today nearly 700 sides hung up, and drays were continually arriving with loads of more. All this has been killed in the Dawson's slaughter house by Gustavson.

AT LAST REPORTED

Emma Knott, With Mail, Reached Selwin This Morning.

The steamer Knott passed Selwin at 7 o'clock this morning and at the Aurora dock it is confidently believed that she will arrive in Dawson (accepting and the will of Providence excepted) before the close of navigation. It is comforting to know that she has mail on board, and that it will probably be distributed before Christmas. Some people who are anxious for mail think the Emma Knott ought to reach here by Saturday evening or Sunday morning. "The wish is father to the thought."

Instantly Killed.

Tacoma, Monday, Oct. 7.—H. S. Dickinson, a motorman employed by the Tacoma Railway and Power Company, was killed instantly shortly after midnight Saturday through his car jumping the track and running into the sidewalk. Dickinson, who was but 25 years old and unmarried, was thrown from the front end at the instant the car struck the sidewalk and as the car forged ahead the rear trucks ran him down, grinding and mangleing him in a terrible manner. He died within a minute after the accident. The accident took place at the Point Defiance car line, and there is a probability that the switch was left open. Coroner Brown is making an investigation today.

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