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All the News — The Day It Happens

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EQUALIZING ASSESSMENTS

Board Held Meeting Last Night in the New Court House for the Purpose of Hearing Kicks From the Tax Payers—But Little Comfort Received.

T. A. Shindler, assessment confirmed.
J. B. Patullo, appeal withdrawn.
H. Hirschberg, assessment confirmed.
Barrett & Hull, assessment confirmed.
Boyd & Calderhead, assessment confirmed.
Klondike Concession Co., decision reserved.
Chas. Reichenbach, decision reserved.
Nicholas Condageorge, withdrawn.
Tyer & Tuckey, struck off.
Merrimont & Bayliss, decision reserved until this evening.
E. B. Craig, assessment confirmed.
Chas. Farrar, assessment confirmed.
British Yukon Navigation Co., adjourned for affidavits.
Binford & Smith, assessment confirmed.
Rev. Le Prenx, assessment confirmed.
Hotel McDonald, decision reserved.
Dawson Warehouse Co., adjourned or production of books.
J. P. Lilly, assessment confirmed.

The foregoing was the result of the labors of the Board of Equalization last night. It was the first session, and the cases were taken as they came on the list, no favoritism being shown to the big fellows, most of whom were well represented among the appeals from the assessed valuation of their Dawson property.

The meeting was called for the old court house, and just as a goodly crowd had assembled there the electric light went out. A long wait in the nipping air and it came on again, and there was a rush into the court room. When all were comfortably seated it was announced that the board would sit in the new court house, and there was another hurried scramble for good seats.

Although the business in hand was of a somewhat serious nature, as being calculated to affect the pockets of the business man, yet there was a good deal of joking as one leading business man recognized another among the appealers, and there seemed to be a general expectancy of some amount of fun at the expense of some other fellow when he was called upon to swear to the amount of his assets. Colonel Reichenbach, the last man, was heard to remark that $26,000 was not a large assessment for a city like Dawson, yet he had a seat among the kickers, and kicked vigorously when his turn came.

Governor Ross, Councilman Prudhomme, and Advisory Counsel Newlands, forming the Board of Assessors started with the first assessment roll over half an hour after the time announced, owing to the lights having gone out. The new court room was brilliantly illuminated when Governor Ross announced that the board would take the first fifteen names on the roll for that evening's work. He had them read out, so that those not called "might find some more enjoyable way of spending the evening," he observed.

But barely was the announcement made when the lights again went out. After a long wait in the black darkness, Assessor Ward Smith, with the aid of a match, set off in his usual energetic way to procure a lamp. The match burnt his fingers and he dropped it.

With a dim lamp, minus a chimney, the board half-heartedly proceeded, not seeing how they could do business with such a light and yet loth to adjourn. Between the lamplight, however, and the fitful electric, they managed to continue until 10:30, when an adjournment was taken to this evening.

The most notable appeal case heard last night was that of the White Pass & Yukon railroad which appeared under the alias of the British Yukon Navigation Company, with a clever lawyer in the person of Mr. Davey to protect its innocence against the rude inquisitiveness of the government officials. The assessment upon the, before mentioned company was $45,000, and to prove that this was too high altogether Mr. Davey had sworn Mr. Moncrief, the builder, who assessed the two warehouses, the docks and the other premises of the company at $26,000. Mr. Newlands ask if he knew what they had cost, but he could only say what it would cost to build them now.

Then Mr. Davey introduced his star witness, travelling auditor of the company, I. W. Dudley. He employed Mr. Moncrieff to make the estimate that gentleman had sworn to. He said the buildings had been acquired from the Canadian Development Co., so he had no knowledge what they cost.

"Was there no estimate made of their value?" asked Mr. Newlands.

"Not that I know of."

"Was there nothing to show what your company was buying from the C. D. Co., and its value?"

"I do not know."

"And you are the auditor?"

"No, only the traveling auditor."

"Do you know if the buildings have any value?"

"Yes, some value."

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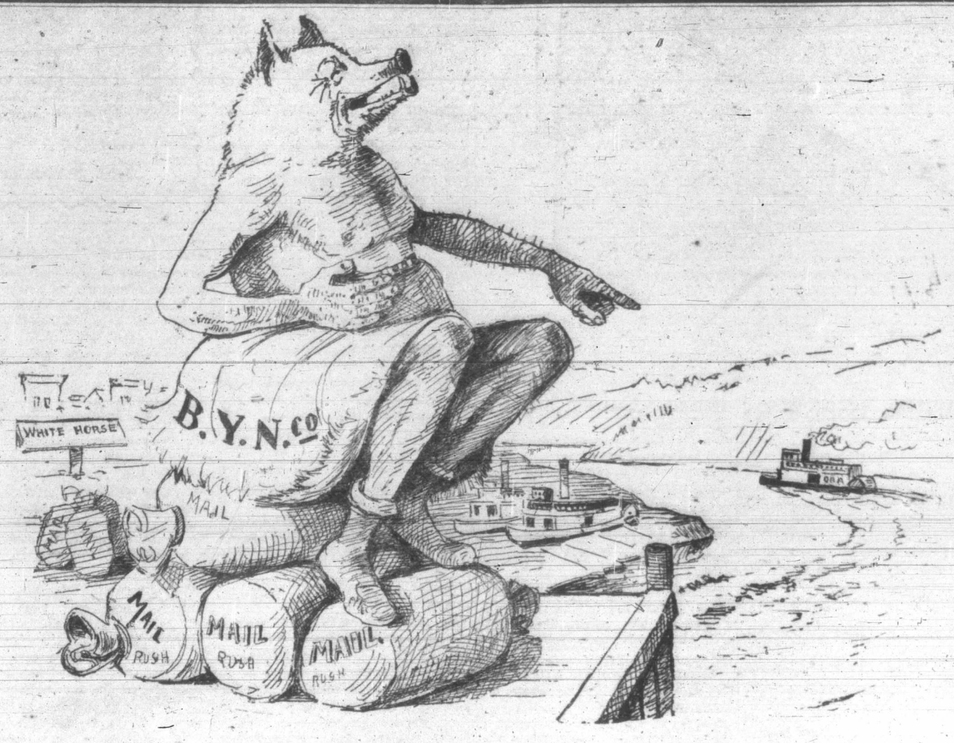

HOW IT HAPPENS THAT THE MAIL DOES NOT ARRIVE.

SPLENDID VAUDEVILLE

Manager Jackson of New Savoy Enthusiastic.

"Some people may like a dark house," said Manager Jackson while looking on at an act in the comedy-drama now being produced at his theater, "but for me give me the full glare of the electric lights. I never could get hold of any money in the dark. The show, to my notion," he continued, "commences with the first act in the vaudeville. I have better people in that end of the show than were ever gathered together in any one theater in Dawson, and many people leave here not knowing the character of entertainment we are offering.

"This week we have Helen Jewell the operatic vocalist as well as Cecil Marion, Noel, the female impersonator, Cordero in costume dances, Carroll in equilibrium feats, Ray Southard in new songs and Del Adelphia, the greatest magician on the American stage today. If that show alone does not beat anything ever presented to a Dawson audience, I have got to think again."

STREETS RENAMED

Meeting Today of the Committee on Public Works.

A meeting of the committee on public works, consisting of Messrs. Dugas, Senkler, Wood and Prudhomme, is being held in the office of the commissioner this afternoon. The principal subject to be considered is the renaming of some of the streets now possessing a numerical appellation. The matter has been before the council before but no decided action was taken beyond transforming Third street into King street.

Today's meeting will doubtless result in the final disposition of the question in such manner that the nomenclature of the streets will become more intelligent. Under present conditions confusion over the streets and avenues is constantly arising.

LIBERALS' LOVE FEAST

Meeting Held Last Night In Pioneer Hall.

The Liberal Association held a love feast in Pioneer hall last night attended by a large number of the faithful. There were no political dissections made and not much of any consequence transpired. There is some talk of the club giving a social smoker at a date in the near future which shall have for its effect not only the entertainment of the friends of the club members, but also the cementing more firmly of the political bonds of the Liberals, some of whom have long been considered as having "kicked over the traces."

Fresh Lowney's candies. Kelly & Co., druggists.

ANOTHER PRECEDENT

Although Represented, Miller Failed to Renew His Claim Within the Year.

LOSES HALF OF IT IN CONSEQUENCE

An Innocent Purchaser Receives Proper Protection.

HAS A LIEN FOR SUM PAID

Must Be Reimbursed Within Two Weeks or His Interest is Declared to Become Valid.

Gold Commissioner Senkler yesterday rendered a decision which in a way establishes a precedent and from which it may be assumed that protection and relief will be afforded those falling under the head of innocent purchasers. The claim in question is a hillside adjoining the upper half, left limit, of 69 below Lower on Dominion. It had been represented but the owner had neglected to renew it within the year as provided by the regulations. After the year had expired the ground was relocated by George Fenwick, who upon obtaining a record sold an undivided one-half to F. B. Alley for a consideration of $1,000. It is held by the commissioner that when Fenwick staked, the claim having been represented though not renewed, was not open to relocation, and the acceptance of Fenwick's application and the issuance to him of a grant was an error. On account of the original owner, John P. Miller, not having renewed his claim within the year as he should have done, Alley, the innocent purchaser, is declared to have a lien against the claim for the $1,000 he paid, and if it is not returned to him within two weeks from the date of the judgment his half interest in the ground is recognized as being valid. Miller is also required to pay the costs of the action as a penalty for his negligence. The decision in full is as follows:

"It is clear from the evidence in this case that the ground in question was represented, but owing to the neglect of the plaintiff in not renewing his claim within the proper time, a grant was issued to the defendant Fenwick upon a re-location made on the 30th day of July last. At the time Mr. Fenwick staked this ground there was nothing upon the surface to indicate that the representation work had been done, and from the evidence it appears it was performed very shortly after the issuing of the original grant to the plaintiff. After obtaining a record the defendant Fenwick sold an undivided one-half interest to the defendant F. D. Alley for the sum of $1,000. The ground having been represented it was not open for re-location at the time Mr. Fenwick staked.

"Mr. Alley states that he paid $1,000 to Mr. Fenwick for an undivided one-half interest. Owing to the neglect of the plaintiff in not seeing that the claim was renewed, and owing to the fact that there was nothing on the ground at the time the re-location was made to indicate that the representation work had been done, I must hold that Mr. Alley is entitled to a lien against the property for the amount of his purchase price, and unless this amount is paid to him within two weeks from the date hereof, he shall be allowed to retain his undivided one-half interest in this claim.

"The grant to the defendant Fenwick must be cancelled, but owing to the plaintiff's neglect as above stated, he is responsible for this litigation, and should pay the defendants' their costs of the action."

WILL GIVE A CONCERT

Musical Club Makes Its Initial Bow Sunday Evening.

The music lovers of the city are promised a rare treat next Sunday evening at the Old Savoy. Last week the professional musicians in Dawson organized a musical club, it being their intention to give a series of concerts throughout the winter every fortnight. The organization embraces 16 instrumentalists over which A. P. Pirmouth will wield the baton. An exceptionally choice program has been arranged for the initial concert in which several numbers not previously heard in the city will be given. Mr. Sidney Stewart will play the flute solo in Tit'l's serenade, Messrs. Lopez and Hobbs will render the "Miserere" arranged as a duet for cornet and trombone and Mr. Ernest Miller will give a cavatina by Donizetti as a clarinet solo. The vocalists are to be Miss Katherine Kreig, Miss Beatrice Lorne and Mr. Ray Southard. Each will be heard in a solo number and all will appear in a trio, "Ad Verum," which has often been referred to as the most beautiful trio ever written.

An Aching Void.

There was a silence about the police court this morning that was grave-like in its oppressiveness. Nothing was doing, not even a wage case to be heard; the ubiquitous drunk formerly so much in evidence is now becoming more conspicuous by his absence, and as Clerk Blankman dozed in his chair the police court editor mused upon the contrast between the good old days when the morning session was always good for a column of "hot stuff" and the present time which rarely yields over a "stickful."

Columbia Barley.

Dayton, Monday, Oct. 7.—Columbia county has taken the first prize on barley at the Washington State Fair, held last week at North Yakima. The samples were sent from farms near this city, and were very fine. Columbia county raises more barley than any county in Washington or Oregon, and the product of the hills this year is proving better than ever before. The prices received are very good, too.

PRACTICAL TEST

Made of "Kilfyre," a New Fire Extinguisher.

A practical test was made this afternoon, on the beach opposite the barracks, of "Kilfyre," a new fire extinguisher which is rapidly taking the place of liquid chemicals in use for putting out small fires. The test was made in the presence of Fire Chief Stewart, Capt. Starnes of the N. W. M. P., T. W. Fuller, Supt. of public works, a Nugget representative and several others, and was declared by all present to be most successful.

A large box about 4 by 10 feet was placed upright and several small timbers were placed inside and both box and timbers were thoroughly saturated with coal oil. When the blaze was the strongest a few applications of "Kilfyre" thrown in put it out completely and effectively.

"Kilfyre" is a dry brown powder put up in cylinders 22 inches long by 2 inches in diameter, which are so made as to hang on a hook or nail by a ring in the lid. When needed for use the cylinder is pulled down sharply so as to leave the lid still hanging on the hook. This leaves an opening in the top and the powder is thrown on the fire, putting it out with but few applications.

"Kilfyre" has several properties which make it more desirable than the liquid chemicals which have formerly been in use. In the first place it never freezes and is always ready for use; it is perfectly harmless to anything with which it comes into contact, except fire, and does not injure in any way clothing, tapestry or furniture.

Wherever "Kilfyre" has been introduced it has met with the best endorsement of the press, fire departments and the public generally.

Had it been in general use in Dawson in the past three years it doubtless would have been the means of saving considerable property which has gone up in smoke.

Mr. H. E. Ashelby is the Dawson representative of the manufacturers, the Monarch Fire Appliance Co. of Chicago, and will give another public test in a more central and conspicuous location tomorrow afternoon.

Ship Building Statistics.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 8.—The commissioner of navigation in his quarterly report shows that 393 vessels of all kinds were built in the United States and officially numbered during the three months ended September 30, 1901. Of this number 370 were built of wood and 23 of steel. The total gross tonnage was 68,395 tons. Of the whole number built, 261 were built on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts, one in Puerto Rico, 30 on the Pacific coast and 49 on the great Lakes and 52 on the Western rivers. This is an increase over the same quarter of the previous year of 85 in the number built and a decrease of 20,395 tons in the gross tonnage.

I. O. O. F. Notice.

The regular meeting of Dawson lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F., will be held on Wednesday evening, Oct. 23, at Masonic hall. Initiation of candidates and other important business.

J. A. GREENE, N. G.

We fit glasses. Pioneer drug store.

WHY THE MAIL IS DELAYED

Contractors Refuse to Give It to the Nora—Assistance Proferred the Emma Knott by the Ora Is Declined—May Arrive by Saturday or Sunday.

The Emma Knott passed Big Salmon yesterday morning with two tons of mail aboard, almost a full cargo. The Emma Knott passed Five Fingers this morning, after having made the phenominal run of 96 miles in 24 hours. The Emma Knott may arrive before navigation closes and she may slide in over the ice, much depending upon the kindness of Providence and the accessibility of wood piles. In the meantime several thousand disgusted people will patiently wait for their mail, and a little disjointed apology of a tub which should have been consigned to the boneyard long ago will slowly meander down the Yukon totally oblivious to the fact that her snail-like pace is hourly driving good men to strong drink, all of which leads one to believe there is something "rotten," not in Denmark, but in Whitehorse.

The fault does not lie with the postmaster at Whitehorse, but with the successors to the C. D. Co., who are the mail contractors, the White Pass people. Dawson should have had a mail on the Nora, which arrived Sunday, as at the time of her departure from the upper terminus there was mail lying in Whitehorse waiting for some one to call for it. But it didn't come, because the Nora is an opposition boat and the octopus would not throw anything her way even though the service were gratuitous. The people can wait for their mail, and the public-be-damned, anyhow.

The Emma Knott was started off with her nose poked down stream on the morning of the 18th. At the mouth of the Hootalinqua some of her machinery pulled to pieces and the crew and passengers enjoyed a two days' junketing while the needed patches were being applied. While lying there the Ora passed, and seeing the condition of affairs offered to bring the mail on to Dawson, but the tender of assistance was scorned. Give up that precious mail? Not much, not if we never get in.

The last mail received here arrived on the 14th, and according to the contract another should have arrived not later than the 21st, Monday evening. It is unsafe to prognosticate the arrival of the Knott (Knitt, she might more aptly be called,) but if the rate of speed made yesterday is maintained and her pilot does not try to climb a tree she may be looked for by Saturday.

Subscription Reduced

Beginning October 16th the subscription of the Daily Nugget will be reduced to three dollars per month, delivered by carrier to any address within the limits of Dawson. This reduction is made by reason of the facilities which we now enjoy for turning out a modern up-to-date journal at a minimum cost, the Nugget now possessing a plant which cannot be excelled in any city of the world of a similar size.

Our readers will notice that while we have reduced the price of the paper we have increased its size, and are now publishing an eight column metropolitan journal, equal in text, matter and typographical appearance to the up-to-date dailies on the outside.

The Nugget will be delivered to your door for $3.00 per month in the future.

Killed by a Log.

Waitsburg, Monday, Oct. 7.—The funeral of Chester N. Babcock occurred yesterday from the home in this city, a large number of old time friends attending. Mr. Babcock came to his death in a mysterious way.

Friday morning he went to the mountains for a load of wood. He secured a load of pine logs and was returning Friday night when his wagon ran into a hole and a wheel broke down. Mr. Babcock was thrown to the ground and a log struck him, having been loosened from the load. The next morning he was found dead, having been pinioned under the log all night. No one knows when he died.

Mr. Babcock had resided here nearly forty years. He leaves an aged widow and two children.

Notice.

All Elks register during the week, and meet Sunday next, 3 p. m., at the Exchange parlors. c23

SEE CUMMINGS IN "MYSTERIOUS MR. BUGLE" AT NEW SAVOY.

Gang Rounded Up.

Walla Walla, Monday, Oct. 7.—The gang of shoplifters that has been operating in this city has been broken up and three of them are in the county jail, while another made haste to leave the city when given fifteen minutes to find a trail leading south. Neah McKean confessed and was fined $95 on each three counts. His pals, Roy Anderson and Charles Carlson, were given fines of $40 each. Bundles of clothing were found in two or three places and it was identified by different merchants. The party would enter a store and one man would buy some small article while the others would carry off pantaloons and other valuable pieces of clothing. The trio will operate in the county jail yard for some weeks to come. Prisoners held under sentence are made to do a great deal of work about the jail and court house, although no chain gang is in existence.

HEAR RAY SOUTHARD, THE MINSTREL KING, AT THE NEW SAVOY THIS WEEK.

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