

### LENGTHY COUNCIL MEETING

Was the Special Session Held Last Night.

Klondike City Residents Object to Toll Bridge—Lengthy Report of Public Works Committee.

The Yukon council held a special meeting last night with all members present with the exception of Gold Commissioner Senkler.

A petition from the residents and property holders of Klondike City asking the council to purchase the slab bridge connecting the island with Klondike City which the toll bridge proprietors had attempted to remove was referred to the committee of public works.

A communication from residents of South Dawson calling attention to the insufficiency of the fire protection to that portion of the town and suggesting that arrangements be made with the McDonald Iron Works for the establishment of a fire engine at its place of business, was referred to the board of fire commissioners.

A petition from miners on Adams creek and Chechako Hill for the construction of a road up Adams creek to Chechako Hill was referred to public works committee.

A petition from miners on Quartz creek and tributaries for the construction of a road from 30 Eldorado to the mouth of Chief gulch up Chief gulch to the top of the divide, thence along the ridge to Twelve pup, a tributary of Quartz and thence down Twelve pup to Quartz creek was also referred to public works committee.

The finance committee submitted a report recommending the payment of the account for \$20 from Dr. McLeod of Grand Forks for attendance on J. Carlson an indigent and F. Williams a suspected smallpox case.

In reply to the committee from the Board of Trade relative to the transient traders it was decided to inform the Board of Trade that the ordinance respecting the transient traders would be enforced and further that any citizen has the right to prosecute any transient trader for violation of the ordinance. It was recommended that the collection of taxes be proceeded with in accordance with the law, the collector to hold a conference with the commissioner.

The committee recommended that \$125 per month starting from the 1st of March be allowed the Rev. A. S. Grant for the care of an indigent child "Gates" until the opening of navigation.

It was also recommended that the bar license on boats be fixed at \$200 for boats having a carrying capacity of 100 passengers or less and for boats, having a capacity of more than 100 passengers \$300 be the license.

The public works committee submitted the following report which was adopted:

In response to the widening of the lower end of Mission street by arranging for the removal of the English Church building, your committee begs to report that a communication has been received from the vestry clerk stating that the church authorities are prepared to receive and consider any proposal that council may have to make in this matter. Your committee, however, is of the opinion that the proposal should be made by the vestry clerk as to what the church is willing to do in the matter.

Regarding the claim made by Charles Caulfield, through his solicitors for damages sustained by the loss of a cabin through the construction of the wagon road along Bonanza creek, your committee is of the opinion that the council is not responsible for this matter, and recommends Mr. Caulfield to look to the contractors for damages.

In respect to the application of Fred Thoenner to be permitted to place a small stand in front of the old courthouse, your committee recommends that this application and all similar ones be refused.

With reference to the proposed removal of the Yukon Sun building on First avenue, your committee recommends that ex-Commissioner Ogilvie be communicated with as to what rights the owners of the Sun have to the ground on which the building stands.

In respect to the proposed negotiations looking toward the removal of the Salvation Army from their present quarters, your committee recommends that action be deferred.

With respect to the occupation of the public thoroughfares by pedlars occupying more or less permanent stands, your committee recommends that no further permission be given to anyone to erect or sell from such stands.

Your committee after considering the request of the manager of the Klondike Mill Company to be allowed to establish a ferry at the mouth of the Klondike by which to transport lumber between the island and the mainland, recommends that this petition be granted. The construction of the ferry to

be approved by the engineer with the understanding that this council will have the right to have the ferry removed at any time without any claim of compensation.

Regarding the proposal to purchase the Howard and Robert bridge at the mouth of the Klondike river, your committee recommends that a report be obtained from the engineer as to the condition and value of the said bridge.

In respect to the complaint of the condition of the government road between Jo-Jo and the mouth of Gold Run, your committee recommends that the attention of the foreman of roads be called to the matter.

With reference to the petition from certain residents of Dawson for the improvement of the roadway on Third avenue between Seventh and Ninth streets, your committee recommends that the petition be referred to the engineer.

Consideration was given to a communication from J. A. Green, calling attention to the almost impassable condition of the trail leading up to the cemeteries, your committee recommends that the engineer examine and report on the condition of this road.

Your committee also considered the communication submitted by the officer commanding the Northwest Mounted Police, in which he had been addressed as to the possibility of occupying a portion of First avenue on which to place boilers, etc., and is strongly of the opinion that no person should be allowed to obstruct the streets in any way.

Your committee after consideration of the question of the enforcement of the ordinance relating to the inspection of boilers, recommends that the said ordinance be not enforced at present, owing, among other things, to the lack of the necessary instruments required by the boiler inspector with which to make the proper inspection of boilers. In reply to the communication of B. E. Axe, calling attention to the ditch along the north side of Mission street, and the absence of a sidewalk in front of certain properties, your committee recommends that the attention of the engineer be called to this matter.

### SUCCESS AND FAILURE.

The Higher the Purpose the Rarer the Achievement.

If by success we mean the full accomplishment of an end, the actual reaping of a harvest of results, then it is undoubtedly true that the higher and nobler the purpose the rarer will be the success. If we aim to relieve a man's hunger, we can quickly succeed in the easy task, but if we aim to inspire him with a desire to earn his own bread the work is more difficult and the success far more problematical. If we would restrain a thief from robbery, the prison bars and locks insure success, but if we would make an honest man of him our task is a complex one, and success may be afar off. We undertake to teach a child to read. If with requisite effort we follow up our task, we are successful, but if we aspire to raise the educational standard of our community how arduous the task, how uncertain the result, how questionable the success!

The low man sees a little thing to do, sees it and does it; The high man, with a great thing to pursue, dies ere he knows it.

Is his life, then, a failure? No; let us never imagine that any high purpose, any noble thought, any generous emotion, any earnest effort, is ever lost. We may never witness its growth, we may not live to gather its fruit or even to see its blossoms, but we may safely trust that somewhere and at some time the harvest will be abundant, and success, long hidden, shall become apparent.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Wickedest Bit of Sea.

Nine out of ten travelers would tell financiers that the roughest piece of water is that cruel stretch in the English channel, and nine out of ten travelers would say what was not true. As a matter of fact, "the wickedest bit of sea" is not in the Dover strait, or in yachting, for example, from St. Jean de Luz up to Paulliac, or across the Mediterranean "race" from Cadiz to Tangier, nor is it in rounding Cape Horn, where there is what sailors call a "true" sea. The "wickedest sea" is encountered in rounding the Cape of Good Hope for the eastern ports of Cape Colony.—Shipping World.

Flight of Time.

Old Med—Well, old man, how'd you sleep last night? Follow my advice about counting up?

New Med—Yes, indeed; counted up to 18,000.

Old Med—Bully! And then you fell asleep, eh?

New Med—Guess not; it was morning by that time, and I had to get up.—Pennsylvania Punch Bowl.

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### THE ICE MOVED YESTERDAY

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It all depends on whose watch was looked at just what time the ice moved from the Yukon in front of about two-thirds of the city of Dawson yesterday evening. As the A. C. Co. kept closer observation than anyone else, the exact time stated by the manager of that concern as to the beginning of the movement of the ice is taken as official, and 4:12 o'clock is the exact time named. However, at the barracks the first movement was noticed at seven minutes and forty-five seconds past 4 o'clock, but it was 4:12 according to A. C. time when the moving of the flag planted by that company in the ice over the middle of the stream became perceptible and 4:12 goes. Less than half a minute after the flag began to move the stentorian whistle of the Yukon Saw Mill loudly published the fact as per prearranged signal, one long, three short and another long blast. The steamer Kerr likewise gave unmistakable evidence of having up steam.

The merchant left his counter, the accountant his desk, the blacksmith his forge, the printer his case, the "keeper" his case, the little ball took a much needed rest, 7 and 11 suspended, the Crummy Kid forgot to cash in two white checks, all joining in the mad rush. Nor was Dawson's male population alone on the water front. The meek looking housekeeper, the cook in her gingham apron, the dressmaker with forbidding looking pins protruding from all over her waist, the dance hall female who looks best at night, and the darker the night the better she looks, all were out and like the men, looking out upon the moving field of ice. But it didn't move far. Before the A. C. Co. flag, the staff of which still stood erect with the red emblem of the company flapping saucily in the wind, reached a point opposite the Sisters' hospital the moving mass of ice and trash of all kinds and varieties came to a standstill as quietly and silently as it had started, the lower end of the moving body having come in contact with the bluff north of the city; but the ice had moved and everybody including Hershberg paid their bets. A detailed list of the bets on the ice would fill a Sunday issue of the Cincinnati Enquirer.

The body of moving ice extended from up the river only to opposite the mouth of the Klondike. At the hour of going to press the congestion opposite the lower part of the city had not been broken, neither had the ice above the mouth of the Klondike shown any symptoms of moving.

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### TRAINING WATCHDOGS.

The Method That Is Used by a German Instructor.

Although it is generally believed that watchdogs are "to the manner born," it seems that a certain amount of training helps very much to turn out a really good one. This system of training has developed into a regular business in Berlin, where one Herr Straus has an academy from which watchdogs are turned out by the hundred every year.

His system is educational and is applied to almost every kind of dog. He first teaches the animal obedience by training it to perform certain "tricks" at command and then trains it to distinguish between a visitor and a burglar and what part of a man's body should be attacked to render the man helpless.

Outside of the gate the trainer places a dummy representing the burglar, and to the latch is attached a string. By means of the string the gate is opened slowly, until the head of the dummy becomes visible, when the dog is taught to fly at its throat. Herr Straus is very particular about this. He makes his dogs attack the throat or the upper part of the body always. Sometimes a real man well padded takes the place of the dummy, and of course he is well paid for his services.

All dogs, it seems, may be made good watchdogs, but the St. Bernards and the Russian wolfhounds are the best where property of great value is to be guarded. For dogs not so fierce as they are a different system of training is used. They soon learn to guard anything committed to their care, but are not so quick to attack an intruder as the fiercer dogs are.—Philadelphia Times.

### Indian Compositions.

New "composition" stories are furnished by two young Indians whose efforts in this difficult line are reported by The Southern Workman.

The subject assigned to the first boy was the life of General Armstrong. Referring to the general's boyhood among the idolatrous, ancestor-worshipping natives of the Hawaiian Islands, he wrote as follows:

"The people of the Sandwich Islands worshipped the idols of their aunts' sisters."

The second boy, a member of the same class, writing upon a different phase of the same subject, got the city of Washington confused with the man for whom the city was named. Referring to the retirement of General Armstrong from the service after the war, he said:

"When General Armstrong finished the war, he wrote to Washington and asked him if there was anything more he could do for him."

### Periodical Famines Expected.

Since the first great famine of which there are records devastated the land in 1770, when 10,000,000 perished in Bengal alone, India has scarcely passed a decade free from scarcity of grain in one district or another. The British government expects a drought about twice in every nine years, a famine once in every 11 or 12 years and a great famine about twice in a century.—Review of Reviews.

### Tobacco.

Numerous observations prove that the use of tobacco is a potent cause of disease of the eye. Total blindness from degeneration of the optic nerve has been traced to this cause. Recent observations point to tobacco and alcohol as the great causes of color blindness, and this accounts for the fact that it is much more common in men than in women.—Health Culture.

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