

SPECIAL MEETING WAS HELD

By Council of Board of Trade Last Night

When Proposed Miners Lien Law Was Discussed and Recommendations Made to Yukon Council.

The council of the Board of Trade held a special meeting last night to approve the proposed amendments to the miner's lien law. The committee having the matter in charge presented the amendments and the reasons therefor, which were read and thoroughly discussed and with a few changes in minor points were adopted and ordered sent to the Yukon council tonight.

The principal change over the amendments as proposed on Monday night was made by Mr. Joslin who submitted an additional amendment to the B clause of section 20, placing a limit on the costs in lien cases, and providing for a settlement of the lien by the person whose property is attached, by paying the amount of the claim and the costs of the action before judgment is rendered.

Mr. McGowan was appointed a committee to properly draft the proposed amendments and state the reasons why they are asked and forward copies of same to the council.

Mr. Timmins, as chairman of the committee to investigate the transient traders and the amount of revenue the city had derived from them during the past year stated that out of 150 scows which had come in during the last season only three had paid any tax. He also stated that he had spoken to several members of the council with regard to the subject and they were all of the opinion that something should be done and had requested that the Board of Trade make some suggestions to them upon which they would be pleased to act. The legal adviser had also been asked his opinion on the matter and he advised that a communication be sent to the council stating what the board wished to have done. The committee presented a communication requesting the council to provide for the ensuing year a transient traders' license which it was thought would be the fairest and most equitable system for all parties concerned. The communication was discussed at some length but was finally adopted and will in all probability be considered at the council meeting tonight. And adjournment was then taken.

Ancient Cities.

Paris, April 20.—The French government has published the first volume of the memoirs of Jacques de Morgan, which deal with his explorations for the site of the City Susa. M. de Morgan ran a series of tunnels into a mound at various levels and found traces of five distinct settlements. One of these he found to be the site of the Graeco-Parthian city which existed between 300 and 200 B. C. Beneath this he found the Persian city of Achaemenian kings, which existed between 500 and 300 B. C., and beneath this the older city, which had been almost wholly destroyed in 640 B. C. He proved that the city, although wrecked, had not been totally destroyed by the Assyrians, Achaemenian (Achaemenian-Sardapanalus).

In the debris he found a cylinder of Nebuchadnezzar the Great, showing that the city had been occupied during the Jewish captivity, and possibly that Daniel had visited it, for tradition says that he was buried there. The memoirs go on to say that the discovery of brick records and charters of the Kassite rulers show that this city probably dated from the year 1800 B. C., or about the time when the Kassite rulers conquered Babylonia. One inscription supplies the whole details of the Corvee system in Babylonia.

Inscriptions of much older date were found in one chamber, the most important of which was a fine stele of Naramsin, son of Sargon, who reigned in 2300 B. C., proving incontrovertibly the historical character of the ancient rulers. The king is represented as wearing a horned helmet, carrying a bow and spear and wearing a long beard. His countenance was of the Semitic type. He has a foot on a dead foe, while another is falling, wounded, while trying to draw an arrow from his breast. The work is most spirited.

Further down M. de Morgan found traces of a wooden city which had been destroyed by fire. This contained stone maces, a flint sickle and hand-made pottery. There was no metal of any kind and no inscriptions.

Still lower, 30 feet above the virgin soil, there was found an older settlement containing rude flint instruments and pottery. The date of the two primitive settlements M. de Morgan is unable to determine.

Filipino for Gunboats.

New York, April 2.—According to a special from Washington to the Herald, instructions have been cabled by Secretary of the Navy Long to Rear Admiral Kemy, commander-in-chief of the

Asiatic squadron, authorizing him to enlist five hundred natives of the Philippines for service on board the former Spanish gunboats and other small vessels which are to be maintained exclusively in the Philippines. These men will form the nucleus of an important service, composed solely of enlisted men. Rear Admiral Crownshield, chief of the bureau of navigation, believes that besides the advantage in the government obtaining efficient service, the employment of natives will spread respect for the American flag and create a strong feeling of loyalty.

Ravages of Famine.

London, April 6.—The depopulation of India through famine and cholera is assuming alarming proportions. The latest advices from Simla says the census returns of the central provinces show a decrease of over a million since 1891, when an increase of a million and a half might have been expected. It is stated that five millions have died in India since 1896 from causes directly due to the famine.

In western India things are even worse. The Oodeypoor state return show a decrease of 84,000 or 5 per cent of the population. The state of Bospaul shows a decrease of 344,000 and so on.

In Bombay city the population has diminished 50,000.

The localities which escaped the plague show a satisfactory though un-compensating increase. For instance Madras has gained 8 per cent over 1891.

Women to Emigrate.

New York, April 8.—A rather unexpected result has followed Mr. Chamberlain's recent speech in support of the scheme for sending women out to South Africa at the conclusion of the war, says the London correspondent of the Tribune.

An enormous number of letters have been received from women eager to emigrate, and reluctant to wait till hostilities are ended. One woman, who wrote direct to Lord Salisbury, said she was prepared to go out at once, with her mother and sisters, but she indicated no particular sphere of usefulness. Another letter to the colonial secretary is in behalf of herself and a few other "First-class lady barbers."

Naturally the colonial office authorities are doing their utmost to discourage applications from women other than those who are self-dependent, and girls of the servant type are urgently advised not to go out at all. It is very doubtful whether there will be any openings for them, and the public funds cannot be used for the purpose of granting free passage to the Cape.

COMING AND GOING.

The libel case of Mrs. Chisholm vs. Joseph Clarke will be brought to trial after the first of May.

Andrew Hill, of Dominion, and Capt. T. Whelan, of the steamer Victorian, are guests of the McDonald hotel today.

The public works committee of the Yukon council will hold a meeting this afternoon in the office of Commissioner Ross.

The nights still continue cold. Last night the thermometer dropped to 12 above while the maximum was only 33 above.

The body of Richard Sullivan who died last Sunday from opium poisoning will be interred at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Joseph Drew has returned from a visit to his parents in Illinois. He left Dawson for the outside on the last steamer up the river in October.

The A. E. Co. have practically suspended operations in their coal mines until after the arrival of their diamond drill which is expected to arrive any day now.

Henry Baatz an old timer, arrived in Dawson yesterday. Mr. Baatz has interests on Dominion creek to which he will devote his attention during the summer.

The reports of the finance committee which met last night, the civil justice committee which met Monday and the public works committee will be read at the council meeting tonight.

The case of D'Avignon vs. Jones, Davis and Rutledge which involves the ownership of claim No. 13 on Gold Run has been occupying the attention of Justice Craig yesterday and today.

Dr. Grant is personally supervising the moving of the Presbyterian church from its present location preparatory to the erection of the new and costly edifice which is to be built upon the same site.

The water on lower Dominion creek and Indian river has raised rapidly in the last two days and it is reported today that travel to Eureka creek has been suspended. Two men started from Gold Run to Eureka yesterday but had to turn back.

The suit of Doering vs. Giesman for the recovery of \$533, claimed by the plaintiff to be due him for grading the street in front of Giesman's property at Grand Forks and also amounts due on other accounts, was occupying the attention of Justice Dugas this morning.

Latest stamp photos at Goetzman's.

Great Men Are Smokers.

King Edward has never attempted to hide the fact that he enjoys his "whiff." Once a certain well known society lady, a violent anti-smoking nuisance, said to his (the) royal highness: "Sir, as the leading gentleman in England, do you not think that you ought not only to refrain from smoking yourself, but encourage others to give up smoking?" "Madam," frigidly and emphatically said the prince, "many years ago I commenced smoking. I have smoked ever since. I enjoy smoking. In all probability, madam, I shall keep on smoking as persistently as 'Charley's' Aunt keep on running."

The Duke of Connaught, on being asked by an American beauty whether he approved of smoking, answered: "Yes, indeed. There are two things which I trust I shall never lose—my honor and my tobacco pouch!"

When the khedive of Egypt visited England some months ago he suffered, it will be remembered, from some throat trouble which kept him on his yacht for a few days. After a careful examination, Sir Douglas-Powell, the great throat specialist, said: "I believe your highness does not smoke in any shape or form?" "You are right, sir. I do not smoke. Well indeed do I remember the first and only time I was ever persuaded to try a pipe. After the experiment I reclined in a most undignified position in a certain room in my palace, making most unkingly gestures and grimaces. You English people are, I believe, great smokers, are you not? Ah! well, you in England never do anything in a half-hearted manner."

During some recent internal disturbances in Turkey the sultan was very much worried. One day he sorrowfully said to his leading physician: "Ah, how awful are my troubles, to be sure! Life would be quite intolerable if it were not for my cigarette and my wives!"

The Duke of York is, as every one knows, a great cigarette smoker. He once said to the young czar of Russia: "A short time ago I had an idea that cigarettes were bad for me, so I determined to limit myself to five a day. The first day I was successful. The second day I smoked all five before lunch and felt very miserable during the rest of the day. The third day I smoked the five judiciously, but still felt a great 'wanting.' The fourth day I couldn't stand it any longer, and so smoked 15 cigarettes to make up for my self-denial during the other days."

A short time ago the queen regent of Spain was telling her son, the young king, how very poor his country was becoming and what need there would be of reform and economy in many respects. "Mother," said the young monarch, "I have quite made up my mind that we must all give up something for the sake of my country—some luxury. I, for my part, have determined to give up smoking."—Modern Society.

Another Railway Deal.

Salt Lake, April 6.—A statement telegraphed from New York last night by A. W. McCune, that the Oregon Short Line has bought the Utah & Pacific road, is confirmed by the principal stock holders of the Utah & Pacific. The road is 75 miles long, and connects with the Oregon Short Line at Frisco, Utah. The transaction has caused renewed rumors of a possible southwestern extension by the Harriman interests.

Farmer Terry.

Mr. F. M. Terry who for three years past has been engaged in mining in this district, returned a few days ago from Port Townsend, Wash., where he spent the winter with his family. In addition to a cargo of eggs and other provisions, Mr. Terry brought in with him a lot of agricultural implements and will engage extensively in farming in the Klondike this season, believing that the growth of hay and cereals will be remunerative.

Works of Art.

Goetzman, the enterprising photographer who has recently returned from the outside has received a fine line of fancy medallions which is now on display at his studio. The subjects selected by him have been chosen with the greatest care, nothing but absolute works of art being accepted by him. They are now offered for sale to the Dawson public and are an acquisition to the most elegant home.

Elegantly furnished rooms with electric lights at the Regina Club hotel.

Dawson Cricket Club.

At an open meeting held in the McDonald hotel on Wednesday evening, the 24th of April, 1901, the following gentlemen were present: Messrs. H. G. Wilson, in the chair, R. Cowan, G. Wilson, Seymour, Bell, Murray, Corporal Stewart and J. Newton Storry, secretary.

The secretary stated that he had written to a firm in Vancouver requesting them to forward some new cricket material for the incoming season, and had received a reply to same, which in effect inquires as to whether it would be advisable to forward the material as requested per the C. D. stage owing to the high rate of winter freight. On the motion of Messrs. Cowan and Seymour, it was resolved that the secretary wire immediately authorizing the firm to forward the material at once.

Messrs. Bell and Seymour moved, that Mr. H. G. Wilson and Corporal Stewart be appointed to select the material to be used for the season; motion carried.

Mr. R. Cowan kindly offered to take care of the material now on hand, and get everything in order for commencing play.

The meeting was adjourned till Wednesday evening, May 1st, at which time intending members are requested to send in their names for election, the meeting to take place in the McDonald hotel at 8:30 p. m.

Mahan Gets a Claim.

A letter just received by U. S. Consul J. C. McCook from the department of the interior brings the information that J. J. Mahan who had considerable litigation over No. 2 on Dominion and who was decided against at that time, will be granted another claim in lieu of the one lost.

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Notice to the Public.

The public will take notice that from and after this date the undersigned is the only person having authority to dispose of half interest in creek claim No. 5 above lower discovery on Dominion creek, owned by S. G. Kaufman, of Skagway. Neither Leroy Tozier nor A. J. Kronert has authority to negotiate any sale of said interest. HENRY BAATZ.

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