

# YUKON COUNCIL.

First Open Meeting Is Sparingly  
Attended by the  
Public.

THE COUNCIL'S PUBLIC BOW.

Many Communications Are Re-  
ceived and Acted Upon.

GONDOLFO'S FRUIT PETITION.

Transportation of Insane Arranged—  
Minutes of the  
Meeting.

From Saturday's Daily.

Viewed from either a dramatic or spectacular standpoint the first open meeting held by the Yukon council was not a drawing card, and the public, with its ever keen discernment in such matters proved the soundness of its judgment when it failed to appear en masse at the court room last evening. Of course the meeting marks a new era in the conduct of public affairs, but its dawning was not heralded by pomp or ostentation. The members of the council were not arrayed in purple or fine linen for the momentous occasion of their debut in public sight and bearing as an official body.

Councilman Senkler wore his golf stockings as upon every day occasions, and it looked odd to see Judge Dugas in the court room sitting at the barristers' table without his black robe on. In fact, the council went about its business very quietly and without any reference to the world whose eyes were upon them. The council ignored the fact of publicity completely and the handful of people who had come to the meeting out of curiosity soon dwindled down to the representatives of the press, who against their wills and desires were chained to the spot, and Joe Clark, the irrepressible, and it was whispered among the newspaper men that Joe's sole reason for remaining was to rest in peace and quiet as a preliminary to the climb to the dome which he was intent upon later in the evening.

The councilmen were all present with the exception of Legal Adviser Clement. The measure most heavily charged with public interest which came before the council was contained in a petition from Mr. Gandolfo respecting the licensing of auctioneers, peddlers and hawkers. This petition was passed to its third reading and was discussed in a desultory manner, chiefly regarding articles which may be disposed of in the manner suggested, exempt from license requirements, and the amount of cost of such licenses. The petition was finally left for future consideration without a decision being reached concerning either particular.

Attorney Robertson was present during the discussion of the proposed measure and asked permission to address the council on the subject, but Commissioner Ogilvie objected, and Judge Dugas said he did not think it wise to encourage the habit.

Numerous communications were received and considered. Judge Dugas asked if any steps had been taken to secure the transportation of the insane patients to the outside, and Councilman Ogilvie stated that he had arranged with the field force and the N. W. M. P. to attend to the matter. The field force will take the insane patients out with them, and a member of the police force who is accustomed to the care of the patients will be sent to assist in their care. Communications from two women had been received, tendering their services to the council as attendants upon the female insane on their outward journey. One of these tenders was for \$10 per day and expenses, both going and coming, and the other asked but \$5 per day, together with expenses both ways. The tenders were referred to the finance committee.

Following are extracts from the minutes of the meeting as officially prepared:

A petition was received from H. L. Douglas calling attention to some needed sidewalk construction between First

and Second streets and an obstruction at the crossing of First street and Third avenue. Referred to the public works committee.

Communications were presented in behalf of two indigent patients who ask for assistance to get out of the country.

A communication was presented from J. D. McGregor, chief license inspector, asking for instructions in respect to a license fee in West Dawson. No action.

A communication was presented to Mr. Justice Dugas in respect to the payment for the construction of a fence near the courthouse. Referred to the finance committee to consider as to whether such accounts should be met by the local or federal funds.

A communication was presented from the rector of St. Paul's church containing a resolution of the congregation of that church respecting the widening of Mission street, and the proposition the council had made to the bishop respecting a change in the site for the church. Action was postponed pending a reply from the rector to a communication of the commissioner in answer to this communication containing the resolution.

A communication was submitted from the manager of the Dawson City Water & Power Company, Ltd., offering to place the hydrants at prominent places through the city, and to negotiate with the council for the supply of water for fire protection purposes for the city. Referred to the board of fire commissioners.

A communication was presented from the chairman of the board of assessors asking for an amendment to the assessment ordinance to allow the assessors an extension of the time for the completion of the assessment roll.

Mr. Justice Dugas asked what arrangements had been made in respect to the transportation of the insane prisoners. The commissioner reported that arrangements had been made to send these prisoners out under guard of the Yukon Garrison, a policeman familiar with the management of the patients to be in charge of them during transportation.

## WATER FRONT.

The steamer Columbian sailed from Whitehorse this afternoon with the first through freight of the season. This is practically the opening of navigation as far as the shipment of goods is concerned, as no other freight cargo has been sent down the river by the steamers this season.

The Canadian will probably follow the Columbian in a day or so as the river is rising rapidly at up river points.

A general rain storm is reported all along the river with the temperature getting warmer at up river points. The highest point reached by the mercury today was at Big Salmon, 52 degrees. At Bennett the thermometer shows 45 but gradually rising. A wire has been received from Hootalinqua stating that the river is raising rapidly at that point.

Owing to the rains the trees along the telegraph line are causing a great deal of trouble as the branches are sodden with moisture and hang over the wires in many places, grounding the circuit. Linemen are now out from all stations making repairs and clearing the wire from the overhanging trees.

The Tyrell is rapidly making all improvements necessary for the St. Michael voyage and when she pulls out from the dock Monday will be in excellent shape. She will carry a very large passenger list.

No news is good news, particularly in steamboats, consequently the steamers Ora and Flora are probably, as usual, crowding on to their destination and their welcome whistles will be soon heard again in Dawson.

## MEN OF MARK.

Lord Salisbury is increasing in stoutness and recently tipped the beam at 165 pounds.

Archbishop Ireland is a man of many tastes, chief among which is that for law which study he has pursued for several years.

Ex-Congressman John Davis, of the Fifth Kansas district, has gone totally blind. He was one of the founders of the Populist party and served two terms in congress.

Salvini, the famous Italian tragedian, now 72 years old, is acting in St. Petersburg, his first appearance there for 20 years. He is said to have created great enthusiasm.

Brislin Skiles, of Gap, Lancaster county, Pa., though 84 years old, still makes good his claim to the title "the king of fox hunters," which was bestowed upon him many years ago.

Senator Hoar's jokes take a classic turn. He recently declined a dinner invitation on the ground that after dining he only spoke Greek, while he knew his host understood only Persian.

Ex-Senator Philletus Sawyer, of Wisconsin, recently sold his last piece of property in Washington and now owns only a trifling bit of suburban acreage. He takes a keen interest in Washington affairs and is extremely well posted on what is going on.

# SOGGS GUILTY.

Jury Returns Verdict "Guilty  
as Charged," Recom-  
mending Mercy.

LITTLE SURPRISE AT THE FINDING.

Attorneys Argue Case During the  
Whole Forenoon.

MR. NOEL'S ABLE PLEA

Crown Prosecutor Wade Is Wittily  
Sarcastic in His Argument  
Before the Jury.

The jury in the Soggs attempted murder case has returned a verdict of guilty as charged with a strong recommendation of mercy.

When the afternoon session of court commenced yesterday, the prisoner was placed on the stand in his own defense, and then began one of the most tiresome incidents of an already wearisome case. Mr. Soggs persisted in relating verbatim all the details having the remotest connection with the case—every conversation he had held with anyone of the 26 laymen or owners of claim 34, was told of, notwithstanding the frequent objections raised by Prosecutor Wade and the oft-repeated instructions of the court to stick to facts and leave out conversations excepting where they had a direct bearing on the case.

No new direct evidence was given by the prisoner and nothing which could in any way improve his case was said, beyond the establishing of the fact in his own words—a fact pretty clearly demonstrated previously namely, that at the time of the shooting, and just previous to it, he was, to quote the prisoner's words, "frightened almost to death."

When the prisoner came to relate the actual story of the shooting he did so in exactly the same way as it has already been told by preceding witnesses. Speaking of what took place when he arrived at the sluice boxes where Rogers was, he said after Rogers had asked him what he was "rubber-necking" around there for and told him to mush out of this or take a bath, "Rogers, please don't talk to me. I used the word please so as not to anger him. Mr. Rogers made a lunge at me, and grabbed at me, and I stepped over the sluice boxes to keep away from him. I am given to walking with my hands in my pockets, and I put them in my pockets then. My gun was there. Then I must have lost what little sense I thought I had, and pulled the gun and shot."

The prisoner stated that he was of a very nervous temperament, and was frightened almost into a state of insanity. That he was nervous was evident from his efforts to control himself while on the stand. He moved about from one foot to the other constantly, and his hands were never quiet for an instant.

Among other witnesses called and briefly questioned concerning the general character of Soggs, a very large, dark complected gentleman—Mr. Sullivan—was called by the defense and asked if he considered Mr. Rogers a dangerous man. Witness said he didn't know. He and Mr. Rogers had once had a little difficulty but both had been looking on the "wine when it was red" and—well the trouble was soon over any way.

"Is it not a fact, Mr. Sullivan," asked Prosecutor Wade, "that on the occasion you refer to, you gave Mr. Rogers a sound thrashing?"

Mr. Sullivan smiled a smile that was child-like and bland, and said that at the time he had spoken of he had had no flail with him.

Mr. Noel then asked for an adjournment, which, after some little consideration, Judge Dugas granted, and the case went over till 10 o'clock this morning.

Attorney Noel addressed the jury in behalf of Soggs this morning, going over the evidence of the case in review. The pith and marrow of his argument

was that Soggs had been harried, bullied and terrorized for a long period of time by Rogers, who sought to drive him from claim 34. That in this effort Rogers had been seconded by Cahill.

Mr. Noel said that although all the witnesses for the crown examined had been cognizant of Rogers' intent to administer a bath to Soggs by violence—by throwing him in the creek—none had attempted to prevent its culmination or to save Soggs.

All the way through the argument the attorney strove to convince the jury that there was no intent to commit murder on the part of Soggs, and that the prisoner had been justified in the means he had adopted to protect himself; was justified in view of the fact of the manifest difference of physical strength between Mr. Rogers and the defendant. Mr. Noel made a very able plea in behalf of his client.

The court room was more completely filled than at any other time during the trial which one or both of the attorneys in the case might take in the light of a compliment as it was generally understood when court adjourned yesterday afternoon that the morning session would be devoted to the arguments of the attorneys.

Crown Prosecutor Wade made his argument on the ground that the claim owners, Rogers, and the laymen, had been justified in their evidenced desires, for a long time to get rid of Soggs.

The argument of both attorneys were marked by more or less quibbling on unimportant points.

Prosecutor Wade's address was sharp, concise and filled with the sparkling gems of sarcasm for which he is justly noted.

## BRIEF MENTION.

Sam Bonfield is enjoying a prosperous business at his new place, the Juneau. He reports entire satisfaction with the change which he has made from the Dominion.

Mrs. Roberts, wife of O. V. Roberts, foreman of the Yukon Iron Works, was among the passengers to arrive on the steamer Victorian, and "Bob" is all smile today.

A fight took place Sunday night between E. L. Miller, layman on Frank Phiscator's No. 2 Eldorado claim, and an Irishman who was employed by Miller. The layman is said to have received a most severe beating.

Miss Annie Clayson, sister of the late Fred H. Clayson, was an arrival from Skagway on the steamer Victorian. She is here to look after several mining interests which were owned by her brother.

Dr. H. B. Tweedie, post surgeon at Circle City, is a late arrival in the city. He is now en route to his station at that point. Owing to the fact that a steamer will not leave this port for way points for several weeks, the doctor will go down the river in a small boat.

Mr. A. Bouillon of Bouillon & St. Laurent, co-owners of claim No. 19 below discovery on Dominion creek, has been in town for several days on business. He returns today to join his partner and continue the washing of their immense dump.

Attorney Feraud De Journal has again begun the practice of his profession. Mr. De Journal is associated with Mr. Henry Bleeker, a lawyer of wide experience and the new firm is certain to forge to the front in Dawson's legal circles. Their offices will be in the Joslyn block on Second street.

## POLICE COURT NEWS.

In Magistrate Scarth's court this morning the first case was one against Ike R. Johnson who, after indulging freely in Yukon river water, strychnine and venetian red, had bled himself to Fourth avenue where he failed to discriminate between respectable intoxication and beastly drunkenness. As Ike stood before his honor this morning his mind appeared to be in Hepzidam or some other distant port, as after the charge had been read over to him twice he simply replied "Umph." He paid \$5 and trimmings.

For following Ike's smoke, so far as libations are concerned, John Rogers also paid \$5 and costs.

According to Fred Sater's story he was the most valuable man Nichols had on his scow on the trip from Bennett to Dawson. Sater submitted that he worked hard all the way down; that he was on deck day and night; that he frequently hopped into the chilly waters to shove the scow off bars; that for 48 hours he never bobbed an eye and that the grub Nichols provided was simply awful. He, therefore, wanted remuneration at the rate of \$2.50 for the trip. As a Florida summer differs from a Klondike winter, so did the testimony of Nichol differ from that of Sater. According to the former's evidence Sater had come down more as ballast than as a helper on the scow; he slept almost continuously and was the most no-account man the witness had ever seen in all his life; that when Sater got his board he got several times more than he earned. In cross-questioning the witness Sater, had he worn a lunk meter, would have ran the register up to a high point. He insisted on Nichols defining the word "truth" and in other ways made dark insinuations. As it was admitted by both sides that no wages were stipulated and, at the start, none was expected, the case was dismissed and the voluble gentleman pointed up the costs and wished he had not so readily rushed to police court with his grievances.

## Constable Booth Fired.

For conduct unbecoming in a member of the N. W. M. P. force, it is now "ex-Constable" Booth, also "ex-Police man" Booth, that young man who has been this morning not only dismissed from the service, but also sentenced to 15 days at hard labor. The offence for which the constable was dismissed in disgrace might have been condoned had it been the first, but it was not, hence the severity of the sentence.

## A Descriptive Curio.

One of Orr & Tukey's passengers to the Forks wanted his valise called for at a hotel and gave them the following written description:

"Vaise painted black, 30 inches long, as big around as a five-gallon oil can at Klondike hotel bound with three cords."

## Death of Mrs. Telford.

Mrs. Telford, whose husband is manager for the Yukon Mining Co., died last night at the family home on Fourth avenue between sixth and Seventh streets. A three days' old babe survives its mother. Mrs. Telford was a young woman, this being her first child.

Best Canadian rye at the Regina.

Otis Sea Island Balbriggan underwear, silk finished. Star Clothing House.

Chloride of lime. Pioneer drug store.

Best imported wines and liquors at the Regina.

Best potatoes in town. Mohr & Wilkens.

We fit glasses. Pioneer drug store.

The warmest and most comfortable hotel in Dawson is at the Regina.

Short orders served right. The Holborn.

## He Will Return.

George Butler is about to leave us and make a pilgrimage to the effete East. He will remain in Dawson until the Fourth. When he returns he will bring in a stock of goods to replenish the Pioneer saloon. The large patronage which that resort enjoys has played havoc with the brands of wet goods to be found at that popular place.

Men's cambric shirts at 75c; as cheap as washing the old one. McLennan's.

## Notice.

We, the undersigned, have purchased Louis Golden's building, The Exchange, and business. Anyone having any debts due please present the same to EDWARDS & DRLONE, Props.

Shoff, the Dawson Dog Doctor, Pioneer Drug Store.

Private dining rooms at the Holborn.

Children's sailors and trimmed hats at McLennan's.

For the latest in clothing, hats, shoes, underwear, etc., Star Clothing House.

Table de hote dinners. The Holborn.

## For Sale at a Bargain.

The Popular lodging house and Popular restaurant, situated on Second street, opposite Aurora, doing a fine business; proprietor unable to attend to the business, owing to sickness; will sell cheap. Apply on the premises.

R. J. HILTS, Proprietor.

The Holborn Cafe for delicacies.

Potatoes, only the best. Mohr & Wilkens.

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