

ALL IN SHAPE

For the District Nominating Convention Tomorrow.

DELEGATES ARRIVING FROM CREEKS.

Committees' Way Made Easy by Previous Work.

ARE POSSIBLE CANDIDATES.

Grand Banquet at McDonald Hotel Will in Due Form Celebrate Work of the Day.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Nothing now remains to be done in connection with the district convention which convenes in this city tomorrow for the purpose of placing in nomination two candidates for seats in the Yukon council, but to quietly await the hour named for its convening and opening; after which there will be but little to do other than the main work for which the convention is called, namely, the selection of the two candidates. The committee on credentials will not be taxed with onerous duties, as there will be no contesting delegations; the man from whose brain emanated the memorial presented to Lord Minto made the way easy for the committee on platform and resolutions as the memorial has already been accepted as the platform of the convention and all delegates were selected as standing fairly and squarely upon it.

Already a number of delegates from the creeks have arrived and, like those who have been most active in the city, are cocked and primed for the good work they have undertaken. By dark tonight all the creek delegates as well as many from points up the river will have arrived and from tomorrow will date the birth of a new era in the Yukon—a date on which the octopus, whose tentacles have so long held in crushing embrace the people and the interests of the district, will hear the solemn warning: Thus far shalt thou go, and no farther.

In addition to the Dawson delegates elected last night and whose names appear in the account of that meeting published elsewhere in this paper, the following are the delegates so far reported, a few of the upper river points not having yet been heard from:

Hootalinqua—George Black.
Lower Bonanza—Dan McGillivray, Harry Mackay, Jos. Thibedeau.
The Forks—Skiff S. Mitchell, Geo. E. Gibbs, Jack Tremblay, Dr. Edwards, Ernest Rivard and Louis Hazlewood.
Eldorado—C. S. Cameron, G. N. Williams and William McPherson.

Upper Bonanza—R. Davis Colley, Henry Willett, A. McCrea.
Gold Bottom—J. McLeod, A. H. Hebert and H. N. McDonald.

Upper Hunker—Louis J. MacFarlane and John McCrimmon.

Hunker, mouth of Last Chance—McCormack and Nadeau.

Upper Dominion—Mr. Chisholm and Clark.

Center Dominion—W. F. Smith, Tim Donovan, Napoleon Hart.

Lower Dominion—Jack McDonald.

Gold Run—D. Ennis, J. Burke, A. E. Sola.

Sulphur—Chas. Garbutt, R. Morrison.

Quartz—A. Tallamash and C. Johnson.

On the list of candidates mentioned for nomination appear the names of the following well known gentlemen:

C. M. Woodworth, A. D. Williams, Barney Sugrue, Col. Donald MacGregor, Ronald Morrison, Wm. M. McKay, J. B. Proudhomme, Alex McDonald, R. P. McLennan, Dan Matheson, Skiff Mitchell, Thos. McMullen, Dr. Duncan and Dr. Thompson.

It has been arranged that after the convention tomorrow night a banquet will be served at the Hotel McDonald where covers will be laid for 110 persons, delegates to have the preference, afterwards their friends. The rate per plate will be \$5.

Dog Ordinance Off.

The dog pound ordinance is not in force these days, it having been declared

off yesterday morning. All dogs on hand, however, will be sold at auction. This will be joyful news to many who have done little else for two months but herd and worry about their dogs. At the same time the poundmaster will get a much needed rest from work, curses and abuse.

A Body Found.

The remains of a human body were found in the river ten miles below town yesterday afternoon by a party coming up stream in a small boat.

John Sherman and three companions named Schuman, Wilson and Dugan were poling up the river from the Forty-mile coal mine yesterday and when a point about ten miles below town had been reached, something which resembled a human body was seen, partly afloat at the edge of a bar. Upon investigation it was found to be the body of a man, the head and shoulders aground; the body and limbs afloat.

Only the vaguest kind of conjecture points to a possible solution of the mystery which in all probability will always surround the identity of the body, as decomposition has advanced to such an extent that it will be difficult, if possible at all, to bring the body to Dawson.

Early last spring just about the time the ice was breaking up and traveling on it was becoming both difficult and dangerous, the Indians were telling a story about the drowning of some man whom they did not know, some six or seven miles below Moosehide. That, so far, seems to be the only clew which might be followed with any hope of establishing the identity of the body found yesterday.

The men who found the remains anchored them with a rope to a log and last evening upon arriving here reported the matter to the police, and this morning a detail of police were sent to bring the body up.

Mr. Ryley Informed.

The Board of Trade held a special meeting last evening for the purpose of conferring with Mr. Ryley, of the interior department at Ottawa, who is here to look over the mining situation and examine into the workings of the present system of mining regulations. Mr. Ryley was furnished by the department, shortly before leaving Ottawa, a copy of the mining regulations, drawn and adopted some time since by the Dawson Board of Trade, and these regulations formed the principal theme of discussion during the meeting last night.

There were numerous differences between the regulations as submitted to the government by the Board of Trade and those in use, and upon these differences the visitor wanted information. Mr. Condon, as chairman of the committee which drafted the regulations, was able to answer the questions asked in what seemed a very satisfactory manner, as Mr. Ryley did not dissent from any of the articles explained, and, although he did not, of course, state what his attitude would be toward the adoption by the government of the regulations, it was inferred from his manner that he would approve of the adoption of the regulations as recommended.

The discussion was long, as each article contained in the draft was taken up and explained separately and in detail, and Mr. Ryley showed himself to be a man of ability and experience in such matters by the thoroughness of his questioning.

The matter of the granting of concessions to irresponsible parties also came in for a large share of the evening's time, and different members of the board took pains to explain the evils growing out of that practice, which the visitor agreed with fully.

Regarding the throwing open of ground which has from time to time reverted to the crown from different causes, and which was held as alternate claims, Mr. Ryley stated that it had practically been decided upon by the department, and there was little reason to suppose it would not be done within a very short time.

The proposition that the government establish an assay office here was discussed and many reasons why such action would be well advised were advanced by different members of the board.

That the visitor was favorably impressed was plainly seen, and there is every reason to believe that the results which will develop from last night's meeting will be beneficial to the territory generally.

Florence S. Victim Buried.

The body of Walter L. Monastes, who lost his life in Thirtymile river last July, in the brave endeavor to save the lives of other of the party, and which was brought here for burial, was on Sunday consigned to the grave in the Skagway cemetery. There were a large number of relatives and friends present at the funeral, which was conducted by the Rev. G. Cameron, of the Episcopal church, and the many floral emblems decorating the bier showed the high esteem in which the young man was held in this city.—Alaskan, Sept. 4.

HARMONY REIGNED

Supreme at the Meeting Last Night in McDonald Hall

WHERE 20 DELEGATES WERE CHOSEN

To Represent Dawson in Tomorrow's Nominating Convention

WHEN 2 MEN WILL BE NAMED

As Candidates for Election to Seats in the "Sanhedrin" of the Yukon District.

There were upwards of 200 men present at the meeting held last night in McDonald hall for the purpose of electing delegates to tomorrow's nominating convention, and of that number less than a dozen were other than British subjects and qualified voters. It was apparent while the crowd was yet gathering that there was harmony of purpose and unity of spirit.

At 8:45 o'clock, every seat being filled and every available inch of standing room crowded, Col. Donald MacGregor called the meeting to order and stated the purpose for which it had been assembled, namely: The selection of 20 delegates in harmony with the memorial to his excellency to represent the British voters of Dawson in the district nominating convention to be held in this city on Saturday (tomorrow), the 8th.

Two or three names were proposed for the chair, but that of Dr. Duncan being the only one to receive a second, he was unanimously chosen. In assuming the position he said that in his professional capacity he has presided many times when new life was brought into the world; that on such occasions there is usually more or less growling and objections interposed; that he believed the result of the convention to which last night's meeting was a preliminary step would be productive of the birth of an era of better times in the Yukon; that there might be some growling and griping on the part of some who are opposed to good government, but that no attention would be paid; that the child will be a vigorous one and his name will be R. E. Form.

Montague Martin and Horace Dagenais were selected secretaries.

A. D. Williams, of the citizens' committee and one of the treasurers of the expense fund, was called upon for a statement as to the progress made by the committee to which was assigned the work of preparing for the approaching convention. His report of the meetings held and delegates chosen at various points on the creeks were such as have been already given publication by the Nugget. Regarding the financial part of the committee's work, Mr. Williams said they had met with most encouraging assistance from the business men of all branches in the city; the big companies have contributed handsomely and the smaller ones in proportion; the saloons, banks, butchers, bakers, in fact, each and everyone called upon, had done what he could to further the cause that promises relief from existing wrongs. He stated in behalf of his committee that all delegates selected last night must endorse the memorial of the citizens' committee presented to his excellency, the governor general. Mr. Williams read the basis of the platform from the Daily Nugget of August 14th, during which reading he was frequently interrupted by cheers and applause. Mr. Williams closed his remarks with the request that, as the mining interests are to be well and strongly represented by the delegates from the creeks, that the business and commercial interests do not be overlooked in the selection of Dawson's delegation.

Nominations being declared in order there was some talk as to the manner in which they would be made, it finally being decided to submit the names in writing to the secretaries who would in turn read them aloud. Messrs. Williams, Cowan and Dr. McLennan were elected tellers.

On motion of Joe Clarke each candidate, as his name was called was required to answer two questions affirmatively; otherwise his nomination would not be entertained; the questions being: First, do you endorse the platform embodied in the citizens' committee memorial to his excellency? Second, if chosen as a delegate will you attend the convention?

A motion to allow all British subjects present, whether or not they have been in the country 12 months, to vote was amended to permit the Americans present to vote in the selection of delegates. The amendment was ably championed by Jefferson Davison and several others, the opposition being led by Dr. Catto. In behalf of the Americans present E. J. White said he believed he expressed their views, and he was certain he expressed his own, when he said the Americans present did not want to vote. The amendment was voted down and the original motion prevailed.

After names to the number of 35 or 40 had been submitted and those named had pledged themselves to the platform above mentioned, the work of voting by ballot began, when fully a half hour was given in order that all might have ample time in which to write down the names of the 20 men of their choice. When the tellers had collected all the votes the work of the evening began, namely, that of counting nearly 200 ballots containing 20 names each.

While the tellers were thus engaged short and happy addresses were made by Barney Sugrue, Dr. Thompson, Jefferson Davison and others. It was long past midnight when the count of the ballot showed the following to have been chosen as delegates:

(Barney) J. F. Sugrue, Rev. Dr. Grant, Dr. Duncan, Wm. M. McKay, Dr. Catto, Dr. Thompson, Dr. McDonald, Frank P. Slavin, James McKinnon, P. R. Ritchie, J. R. Malby, F. L. Gwillim, R. P. McLennan, Joseph Cadieux, Geo. McKinnon, S. T. Remington, Peter Black, Jeff Davison, F. C. Liddle, Dr. Gagnon.

The announcement of the list was greeted with applause, and the meeting adjourned with the same spirit of harmony and good feeling with which it had assembled.

Quit Poisoning Dogs.

A number of dogs, some of them valuable ones, have been killed by poison lately, and this has resulted in a movement to form a kennel club, having for its principal object the adoption of such measures as will put a stop to dog poisoning. The club formed will at once offer a reward sufficiently large to make the prosecution and conviction of any one caught putting poison out an object, and it is hoped this will have the desired effect.

It is generally supposed that most of the poisoning is done by chechakoes who do not know or appreciate the value of a dog in this country, and who find their slumbers disturbed by nightful malamuting.

The prospective members of the club are sour dough dog men, and have blood in their eyes, and promise to make it interesting for anyone they can catch poisoning dogs.

Another Case of Smallpox.

John Chisholm, a miner from discovery on Hunker creek, reported himself day before yesterday to Health Officer McArthur, and was promptly sent to the island. He had been broken out with the rash five days when he came down, and as near as is known regarding his movements previous to that, he had been working on a claim in the vicinity of No. 6 Bonanza some two weeks previous.

Dr. Glendinning, who is now in charge of the patient went to Hunker yesterday and vaccinated all hands on discovery. The patient had never been vaccinated.

Cold Storage Food.

Meats frozen and kept cold in storage for long periods do not undergo organic changes in the ordinary sense—that is, they do not putrify, soften, or smell bad, but they certainly do deteriorate in some intangible way. After a certain time frozen meat loses some life principle essential to its nourishing quality. Such meat, says the Sanitary Record, lacks flavor, it is not well digested or assimilated. Its savorless condition cannot be remedied or successfully disguised by the use of sauces or condiments. Those who eat cold storage food for any length of time develop diarrhoeal disorders, lose in weight, and would eventually starve to death unless a change of diet was made. The same reasoning applies to tinned fruits and vegetables. They should not be used after a certain period has elapsed. Especially should people be warned against using stale eggs and old milk and cream. Milk and cream are kept for days, rancid butter is washed and treated chemically, but all food, and especially cold storage food, is damaged by long keeping, and will not nourish the body properly.

ASSAY OFFICE

For Public Benefit and Private Use Will Soon Be Opened by A. E. Co.

WHO WILL ASSAY GOLD AT COST

Only Large Enough to Maintain the Necessary Plant.

A MOVE IN RIGHT DIRECTION

Will Have a Strong Tendency to Put a Stop to the Present System of Spoiling Good Dust.

At last Dawson is to have an assay office, and the troublesome question of the price of gold dust, commercially black sanded, and pure, and the many difficulties arising therefrom will, it is hoped, be disposed of for good and all.

The A. E. Co. is going to open an assay office for the benefit of their customers and the general public.

Mr. Fulda, of the A. E. Co., and president of the Board of Trade, has taken, and as evidenced by the foregoing announcement, is taking a very great interest in the gold dust problem, and the new venture is the direct result of that interest, the recent agitation for a government assay office, and the difficulties which beset all business concerns through the present system of unsound and unreliable circulating medium.

At the Board of Trade meeting Wednesday evening it was the general conclusion arrived at that either the signers of the recently circulated agreement concerning the price of gold dust would have to stick to the terms of that instrument and allow only \$15 for dust, or refuse to handle it at any price, thus throwing it, in a large measure, out of circulation, and thereby placing business on a currency basis.

The rumor to the effect that a government assay plant was on the way was found on reliable information to be without foundation, and Mr. Fulda said this morning that his company had decided definitely to establish a public assay office where dust may be assayed and turned into bricks at only a nominal charge.

"To such an extent," said Mr. Fulda, "has the gold dust abuse and fraud gone that some such measure as this has become an absolute necessity, as those handling large quantities of dust, a great portion of which has been tampered with."

"We have received dust before now in payment of bills, which contained so much black sand and other foreign matter that the loss would have been more than paid the cost of reduction."

"We propose now to receive dust at its actual value, if in small amounts, less the cost of assay, which will be nominal, as it is not our intention to place the assay office on a paying basis, otherwise than as a means of self-protection, and it will return us no further profit. It any of our debtors find it convenient, or the terms of their business arrangements with us call for the payment of bills in gold dust, the amount they have to pay is anything considerable the assay will cost them nothing."

Just what day will witness the opening of the assay office is so far unknown, but it is certain that it will be very soon.

To Carry the Mails.

Washington, Aug. 27.—The postoffice department has given a contract to the Canadian Development Company, Ltd., to carry letter mail from Skagway to St. Michael and Nome from December 1 next to March 1 next. The route will be via Dawson, Canada; Fortymile, Canada; Eagle, Star, Circle, Circle, Rampart, Tanana, Koyukuk, Nulato and Batoon, Alaska, a distance of 1,000 miles each way, with a branch from Eaton by Chennik to Nome, 240 miles each way.

On the main line there are to be two round trips a month, leaving Skagway on the 8th and 23d of each month, running time not to exceed 60 days each way between Skagway and Nome. Suitable relay stations will have to be provided by the contractor along the route.

The department has also made a contract for carrying letter mail on week trips from Batoon to Kotzebue, a distance of 400 miles each way. The mails will leave Batoon on January 1, 1901, and March 1, following, 30 days running time being allowed each way.