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OUT WITH A BIG MITT

The News Offered To Sell Its Support To O'Brien For \$2500.

CAN ITS AFFIDAVIT MEN SWEAR AWAY THE LATEST CHARGE?

News Manager Told O'Brien The Wilson-Prudhomme People Offered Him \$1500.

Weldy Young and Many Others Were Present When Offer Was Made and Refused—Would Not Come Out Flat-Footed For The Independents But Would Pledge Silence and Neutrality—Can The News Explain?—Let The Galled Jade Wince.

It is not in the line, neither is it the policy of the Nugget to thresh over old saws; but when the Nugget of last Sunday stated that the News was bought by the managers of the Wilson-Prudhomme campaign and paid for the same as any other commodity is bought and paid for, it knew whereof it spoke, and was in position to prove and did prove to the eminent satisfaction of every thinking man in the city, even to the News' affidavit men, that the statements made were the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. The Nugget stated then, without giving names, it now states, giving names, that the committee in charge of the campaign of Messrs. Wilson and Prudhomme, which committee is composed of Messrs. A. F. George, Alfred Thompson and A. D. Williams, came to the office of this paper and submitted the following proposition:

- I. That the editorial utterances of the Nugget during the balance of the campaign should be in accord with directions issued by them.
- II. That the front page of the Nugget should be turned over to a paid writer of the committee, whose articles would not be subject to any amendment or alteration from the proprietor of this paper.
- III. That a certain number of copies of each day's issue should be furnished for free distribution.
- IV. That such printing and advertising as the committee desired should be furnished.
- V. In consideration of the foregoing of one thousand dollars was tendered.
- VI. In denial of the truthfulness of the foregoing was embodied in the committee's affidavit as published in the News of yesterday, and why does not the same

odium and stigma attach to the attempted purchase of the influence of a newspaper as to the deal which is successfully consummated by the payment of money and the delivery of the goods which is known to almost a certainty to have been the nature of the deal in the case of the News sale.

Will the trio of committeemen deny its offer of one thousand dollars to the

will henceforth attach to the paper whose support, it has no influence, is on the market for sale to the highest bidder. Let us see what the reputation of that paper is—that paper to which "no money has been paid nor has been contracted to be paid" for its support of Wilson and Prudhomme.

If the affidavit to the effect that the News is giving its support gratuitously to the Wilson-Prudhomme ticket is true, perhaps that same trio of affiants can get the News out of the box into which the precipitates it:

The affidavits need no comment at present. If anything further is needed to substantiate the statement of the Nugget of Saturday that the News was in the open market with its columns and all that should be sacred to an honest paper for sale to the highest bidder, it can be produced. The Nugget knew whereof it spoke when it said the News was bought, and it is able and willing, if needs be, to further substantiate that statement. Let the galled jade wince.

Water Front.

For the first time in many moons the Yukon between Dawson and Whitehorse is free from boats with the exception of one, the Ora, which passed Stewart river at 9 o'clock this morning. Barring the ice and the scows the Ora now has the right of way and collisions need have no terrors for the pilots. She should arrive here sometime during the afternoon and will start back up the river again tomorrow, and this time there seems no doubt that she will be the last boat to make the Whitehorse run this year.

The Zealandian reached Whitehorse at 11 a. m. yesterday, and the Anglian will sail this evening, probably about

TURMOIL REIGNED

At the Joint Meeting of The Four Candidates Held Last Night.

THE UBQUITOUS DRUNK PRESENT.

Considerable Sweetness Wasted On the Desert Air

OWING TO MALAMUTE HOWLS

Which Drowned the Voices of The Various Speakers—Many Undelivered Addresses.

The joint meeting of the two local factions which have put forth candidates for election to seats on the Yukon council, which was held last night in the Orpheum theater was probably the most densely crowded meeting of the kind ever held in Dawson, the building being crowded from the orchestra pit to the dome, and a more frenzied, howling, consolidated mass of misbehavior was never before assembled on Canadian soil. It was a typical Dawson political meeting in that it had all the component features of the average Dawson meeting of that character. The ubiquitous drunken man, without whom a public meeting in Dawson would be lacking, was, of course, there and was located near the front, from which vantage point he continued to empty himself of drunken splutterings and invectives during the entire meeting. The "briny pessimist" was there but was not allowed to inflict himself upon the meeting further than to inject a few invectives while others were speaking or attempting to speak. The young man who resents any and all left-hand compliments to the Irish, was there and the way he raved and ranted revived recollections of the bull dog department of a bench show. The speaker who was given respectful hearing, allowed to finish his speech and take his seat without being howled down was the very rare exception.

Yet, strange and incompatible as it appeared, this audience applauded every time the matter of self-government in the Yukon was mentioned.

At 8:30 o'clock Ben Ferguson stepped on the stage, and in behalf of Theatrical Manager Alex Pantages, announced the reopening of the Orpheum in a grand sacred concert next Sunday night to be followed during the week with a first-class vaudeville show. Immediately following Ferguson's announcement Candidate O'Brien moved that H. T. Willis be seated as chairman of the meeting. Candidate Wilson seconded the motion, which was put by O'Brien, and Mr. Willis was unanimously chosen. After a few opening remarks the chairman turned at once to the business for which the meeting was called and introduced the first speaker in the person of Candidate Thomas O'Brien.

The candidate was loudly received, many cheering, others howling, as was the case all through the meeting when anyone appeared on the stage to speak.

O'Brien took up the platform on which he is running and discussed it section by section. He was frequently interrupted by questions from the audience regarding tramways, whisky permits, etc., but to all questions he returned the soft answer that turneth away wrath. He stated that the laws of the Yukon as they exist are bad; that a person does not require more than three days' residence in the district to know that the laws are nefarious and unjust. He especially denounced the law that imposes a charge of \$10 on a man for a miner's license before he can even work one day in a mine, and said this law should be "rebolished." At this stage of the proceeding the electric lights which had previously cast a redish-tinted, wierd light over the vast throng, went out entirely and darkness such as we are told reigned in Egypt prevailed until with his characteristic movement in cases of emergency, Joe Clark came to the rescue with a convenient lamp, when the speaker continued his address, the gallery being still shrouded in darkness except for the fiery end of an occasional cigar which peered out through the darkness like a distant star. Mr. O'Brien continued to discuss the platform and proceeded to point out many defects in the present laws that should be remedied. He paid but little attention to such interruptions from the audience as "Why didn't you think of these things three years ago?" Once or twice he answered questions from the audience and answered them in a manner which left no doubt as to his conviction as to the subjects in question. He said he is opposed to the special permit system and that it is injurious to the interests of good government. O'Brien strongly condemned the present tax system of the Yukon and denounced the tax on the gross turnover of business as being unjust and unheard of in well governed countries. O'Brien spoke for 20 minutes.

Candidate Alex Prudhomme was the next speaker and he, too, was greeted with thunderous applause. He agreed with O'Brien that we want a general change of laws, but he gave it as his opinion, which was not contradicted, that the people do not want O'Brien to be the man who will be placed in position to bring about the desired changes. "Only three months ago," said the speaker, "Mr. O'Brien said that people of Dawson and vicinity were entitled to but one representative on the council, and now he tells you he is in favor of an entire elective board." The speaker declared that such lightning changes of expression are inconsistent and not becoming in a man who asks support at the hands of the people. "That gallery is falling!" shouted a voice, and as it really looked as though such was the case, Chairman Willis requested that the crowd sit thin on which was done for a few minutes. But as the gallery bore up last night, it is not probable that it will soon, if ever again, be so strongly tested, as there were fully 400 people on it last night. The gallery excitement having subsided, a dog fight took place, after which Mr. Prudhomme continued his address. He segregated the platform on which he stands and showed in what respect it is superior to the laws, as they now exist. He made a strong point on the nefarious concession system as it exists and was greeted with cries of "come off," the audience not thinking that such flagrant wrongs as the concession system needed condemnation. He pledged himself, if elected, to work hard for reform, and a voice from the gallery asked if he will endeavor to do away with the woodpile. The speaker referred scorchingly to what he termed "O'Brien's liquor graft," and closed by following the example set by O'Brien in that he asked the voters to take the Yukon party ticket straight, O'Brien having enjoined, his friends to vote for him and his running mate.

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Dawson, Yukon Territory, towit.

In the matter of an editorial in the Dawson Daily News, newspaper of October 15th, entitled, "Room for the Leper."

I, Thomas O'Brien, of Dawson, in the Yukon territory, merchant, a candidate for a seat on the territorial council of the Yukon, do solemnly declare as follows:

On or about the 25th day of September last, Mr. J. H. Caskey, business manager of the Dawson Daily News Publishing Company, came to me at the O'Brien Club and stated that, while his paper could not give Mr. Noel and myself an out and out support in the present contest, he could arrange that for a consideration of \$2500 his paper would remain neutral. At the same time he stated that his paper had been offered \$1500 to support the candidacy of Messrs. Wilson and Prudhomme. I refused to entertain the proposition in any way whatever. There were several other gentlemen present when this proposition was made and refused.

And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and of the same effect as if made under the criminal evidence act of Canada.

THOS. O'BRIEN.

Declared before me, at Dawson, in the Yukon territory, this 16th day of October, A. D., 1900.

H. D. HULME,
A Commissioner, etc.

Dawson, Yukon territory, towit.

In the matter of an editorial in the Dawson Daily News, newspaper, of October 15th, entitled, "Room for the Leper."

I, Weldon C. Young, of Dawson, in the Yukon territory, clerk, do solemnly declare as follows:

I have read the above statutory declaration of Thomas O'Brien, and the same is correct in substance and in fact.

And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and of the same effect as if made under the criminal evidence act of Canada.

W. C. YOUNG.

Declared before me at Dawson, in the Yukon territory, this 16th day of October, A. D., 1900.

H. D. HULME,
A Commissioner for Taking Affidavits in the Yukon Territory.

Nugget on the terms which the latter declined to accept, because it was not bartering its principle about the street ready to deal with the person who had the longest sack? Why did not the committee attempt to clear its own name by making another affidavit that it had never offered or attempted to buy the support and influence of this paper for \$1000 or any other sum? The question needs no answer.

The whole effort was to relieve the News of the odium; the stigma, the undying disgrace which time will not efface nor palaver obliterate, which

8 o'clock. Contrary to expectations she will carry passengers, who will have lost nothing by waiting a few days, as the fare, instead of going up as some thought it would, has dropped \$25 since it was quoted at \$100. The fare, as quoted this morning for the Anglian and Ora, is \$75 and \$60, first and second-class. Scows continue to arrive from above, but if reports are to be believed concerning the conditions governing the movements of scows, a great many of them are hopelessly stuck for the winter both on bars and in blind sloughs.

The ice flow increases every day and bets are now offered as to the date of the final closing up of the river.

- Furs of all kinds at Ladue Co. c20
- The Holborn Cafe for delicacies.
- Table dote dinners. The Holborn.
- The warmest and most comfortable hotel in Dawson is at the Regina.
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