

COUNCIL MEETING

Brief Session Was Held Last Night

His Worship and Alderman Wilson Both Absent—Work Begun on Street Numbering.

The city council broke the record yesterday evening for quick action in the disposition of the business before that august body. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 and at 9 Police Commissioner Macdonald, who was occupying the chair in the absence of his worship, announced that that was the end of the order of business. There was barely a quorum present, Alderman Wilson being absent as well as the mayor. The latter is confined to his house with a sprained knee.

There were but few communications and petitions received. Several eastern houses acknowledged receipt of the reports of the chief of the fire department and the city engineer relative to the condition of the streets, such having been distributed rather generously with the hope that a lower rate of insurance could be secured. License Inspector Worlock sent in a communication pertaining to the petition of Palmer & Peterson for a refund of the \$100 they had already paid into the city treasurer as a license fee for dealing in second hand goods. The inspector stated that at the time that the license was issued to the firm in August they had a large number of second hand bikes on hand and they hesitated about taking out a license, not having at that time fully decided whether they would continue in that line or not. They finally decided to continue as before and took out the license of their own volition. It is recommended that their request for a refund be granted.

J. H. Thomlinson and other petitioned the council for the removal of a small cabin that is partly in the alley near the Red Cross hospital. It impedes traffic as it prevents an entrance to the rear of the lots in the block in which the cabin is located.

A lengthy petition signed by C. W. Tennant, E. D. Putnam, C. J. Larsen and a couple dozen others was presented protesting against the presence of the undesirable element that has taken up residences on Douglas street and the immediate vicinity. The petitioners aver that they are ratepayers, heads of families and that where once their neighborhood resounded with but the peary prattle of innocent children night is now made hideous by the disgusting talk and boisterous conduct of the women of the half world and their consorts. It is not a welcome sound to fall upon the ears of parents who are endeavoring to raise their children in the paths of rectitude and virtue, and it is desired that the objectionable features be removed at once.

The following new bills were presented: Klondike Mill Co. \$21.00 Klondike Mill Co. 40.00 Klondike Mill Co. 122.50 Northern Commercial Co. 9.50 Northern Commercial Co. 12.00 Northern Commercial Co. 13.00 Dawson Water Co. 40.00 Dawson Water Co. 15.00 Electric Light Co. 52.20 Branch & Tarr 8.00 E. L. Myer 4.00

None of the standing committees had a report to make. Police Commissioner Macdonald presented a resume of arrests made and fines collected by the chief of police during the month of September. License Inspector Worlock filed his report covering the past three months. It shows that during July 37 licenses of various kinds were issued bringing in a revenue of \$3150; in August 29 were issued which brought in \$1975 and in September 15 which gave returns of \$925. The total number of licenses that have been issued is 81 and the amount received is \$6050. No transfers of any of the licenses have as yet been made.

Alderman Adair inquired if any of the apparatus ordered for the fire department had arrived. Chief Lester had been present and replied that nothing had been received though notices of the shipment had come to hand. Murphy stated that Agent Rogers had written the White Pass agent at Whitehorse to give the city shipment of fire apparatus precedence which would be done and he had no doubt but that the consignments would arrive before the close of navigation.

Adair moved that the police committee take up the matter referred to in the petition from South Dawson and deal with it immediately, which was unanimously carried. Macdonald wanted to know what was delaying the numbering of the city in accordance of the arrangement already agreed upon. City Clerk Smith stated that the matter was in the hands of the city engineer and that he had started out yesterday. Murphy was of the opinion that if nothing was done by next week it was time for the committee to take

the matter up and complete it at once. The numbering should be all completed by the freezeup.

Firing in City Limits

C. Miller, of the Five Fingers coal mine, was up in the police court this morning charged with firing a gun within the city limits. He purchased the gun at Hamilton's second hand store and Hamilton told him to fire it in order to test it. He did so and was arrested.

Mr. Justice Macaulay said had the dealer been brought before him he would certainly have imposed a fine upon him, but as Mr. Miller had no intention of breaking the law he would dismiss the charge.

Athletic Association.

The first meeting of the shareholders of the Dawson Amateur Athletic Association takes place in the reception room of the association building at 8 o'clock this evening, and there is sure to be a very large attendance. Secretary Burns says he has a glad surprise in store for the shareholders as to the amount of money actually paid in within the past few days.

CABLE CONNECTION

Now From Canada to Australia

It is Expected That the Great Work Will be Completed Tomorrow.

Vancouver, Oct. 7.—The cable steamer Colonia has reached Fanning Island where upon the arrival of the sister ship Anglia, the Canadian-Australian connection will be completed, probably tomorrow.

LA BELLE RESTIVE

Shows Results of Confinement

Is Under the Physicians Care But Ailment is Not Very Serious.

Ed. La Belle, alleged to be one of the murderers of Boothillette and his two companions, is said to have developed a streak of yellow in the past week that shows him to be an arrant coward of the most craven character. He has lost the sang froid that was one of his chief characteristics shortly after his arrival, and as the time approaches for his trial he becomes more nervous and apprehensive each day. He complains considerably of the close quarters he is compelled to occupy and deprecates the lack of exercise. Since the middle of last week he has been under a physician's care; his ailment, however, being of a nature that yields readily to a liberal application of oleum tigli, which has been administered with very fetching results. It was rumored that La Belle's condition was due to a determination on his part to commit slow suicide in a manner that has not been duplicated since the days of Bocaccio de Decameron, but information of that character is proverbially hard to get at police headquarters and the truth or falsity of the rumor will probably never be known.

Unlike his partner, Fournier, who maintains a stolid indifference to his fate as far as any outward manifestation is concerned, La Belle spends much of his time in writing letters to his eastern friends and relatives, his communications being all in French. He has but little to say to his guards and asks no favors other than a plentiful supply of writing material. His brother-in-law, M. Leonard, M.P., who is expected from his former home in the province of Quebec, to defend him will doubtless arrive this week and a bitter fight will be made to prove La Belle's innocence.

Ordered to the East

Washington, Sept. 26.—Orders were issued from the war department directing the headquarters band and six companies of the Eighth infantry, now in the department of the Columbia, to proceed to the department of the east. The headquarters band and the Second battalion will take station at Fort Columbus, N.Y., Company K at Fort Wood, N.Y. The formal order was issued by the department today, directing that Capt. Wilds P. Richardson, Eighth infantry, proceed from Seattle to Haines Mission, Alaska, and assume charge of the construction of public buildings at that post, relieving Capt. Charles P. Summerall, of the artillery corps.

COMPLAINT AMENDED

Golden Case Takes a New Phase

Convicted of Selling Liquor Without License and Fined \$50.

The trial of Frank Golden for having possession of a still was concluded in the police court this morning and resulted in an amended complaint being sworn to which changed the charge to attempting to sell intoxicating liquor without a license.

To this the accused, under the advice of his counsel, pleaded guilty and was fined \$50 and costs or in default two months imprisonment with hard labor.

The first witness called by the prosecution was D. G. Neill, bookkeeper of the Ladue Company, who had known the accused for some time and testified to an order from him for 300 pounds of sugar, to be delivered to McIsaac. The contention of the prosecution was that this sugar had been ordered for the making of "hooch," and that the order being given and the money paid by the prisoner it showed his complicity in the manufacture.

Preventive Officer McKinnon was recalled and testified as to the still. He testified that there was no vat, but held that there was nothing missing to make what was seized workable. He was cross-examined at some length by Mr. Gilliam and admitted that he did not see the still in operation but the filter was in operation at the time he made the seizure and there was liquor there in various stages of manufacture.

Corporal Piper was also recalled and said he had had a good deal of experience in the capture of illicit stills. The odor where "hooch" was made lingered around the premises for a long time, perhaps for a year or eighteen months. This still was like the one seized in operation up the Klondike. He would think it was that one did he not know the other was in the barracks.

Mr. Gilliam objected that the prisoner was comparing it with a still which the court had never seen. Mr. Congdon responded: If the witness said this was a horse, and he knew it because it was like other horses, would those other horses have to be produced in court to make the testimony admissible?

In cross-examination Corporal Piper told his experience of distilling general, both licensed and illicit. "Did you ever manufacture any?" asked Mr. Gilliam. "Oh, that's a little too strong," said the corporal; "I am not going to tell you that." He joined in the smile that went round the courtroom.

This closed the evidence for the prosecution and Mr. Gilliam moved that the case be dismissed on the ground that his client had not been connected with the still directly. He argued the matter very closely and ably, the court interrupting with damaging points several times and finally the court said he thought the defence had better be proceeded with.

Mr. Gilliam still argued that his client had not been connected with the still directly. The charge was having a still in his possession without a license. It had not been proved that he had been possessed of it, and, further, it was for the prosecution to prove they had no license.

Mr. Congdon said if a license was produced signed by all the ministers of Canada it would be useless, as no licenses for operating a still in the Yukon would have the slightest force. The court said he would under no circumstances discharge the prisoner under any such technicality, and ordered the defence to be proceeded with.

Mr. Gilliam then called his client, Golden, to the witness stand, and his testimony was in part incriminating, as was that of Cohen. He said he had been in the territory for four years and in the bakery business since '99. He was running the Yukon bakery until August 1st. He quit a loser by \$3000. He knew McIsaac and supplied him with bread. McIsaac was going out and he saw no chance of getting what he owed from him. McIsaac was running a boarding house. When he went away he said Cohen would pay the bill, that he had turned some goods over to him. The goods were liquor, and Cohen was to pay when he had sold it.

McIsaac left his wife without any money at all, but some bills to collect. She handed them to him and upon them he guaranteed her rent to Mr. Roberts. Between August 1st and Sept. 8th witness had no connection with the Yukon bakery. He never gave Cohen any permission to use his cart. He did not know where McIsaac's liquor was. He had never seen the still before or any of the liquor in court.

During the month of August he worked as a carpenter, put up a building on Church street. He was busy working on a debt he owed Mr. Ate. He never collected the \$300

COMPLETED

TOMORROW

The West Dawson Ferry Road Exposes Minerals

Heavy Blast of Saturday Evening and What Was the Cause of It.

J. H. Sutton, superintendent of construction on the road leading from the ferry landing on the opposite side of the Yukon around the bluff to a connection with the trail leading to the Sixtymile district, stated this morning to a representative of the Nugget that the road would be entirely completed by tomorrow noon. Though the estimated appropriation for the road has been exceeded by about \$2500 it was through no fault of anyone that such has occurred, unless it could be blamed to Nature who placed a ledge of rocks in the way so difficult to handle.

Ordinarily, in building a roadway whether for wagons or rail when a solid formation is encountered blasts can be so arranged that when fired the debris will be thrown aside out of the way, but in this instance the shattered rock refused to act in the manner described. A heavy blast would shatter the ledge but would not leave the wall intact and instead of it being possible to leave a perpendicular wall a slope of 150 feet had to be made to prevent the side from constantly sliding, all the rock removed having to be handled by hand.

When asked about the site of the blast that was set off Saturday evening that was reported to have broken several windows on this side of the river, Mr. Sutton said that the blast was a small one but on account of a peculiar condition of the powder it was one of tremendous force. Judson's black powder was being used to move the rock and that which was employed in the blast spoken of was taken from the bottom of an old keg that had been standing in stock for a couple of years. Judson's powder is heavily charged with nitro-glycerine and it seemed that in this particular keg the glycerine had settled to the bottom making the powder so damp that the powder-monkey when he delivered the charge remarked that it appeared so wet that he did not know whether it would go off or not, little suspecting that of the six or eight pounds in the shot probably three-fourths of it was the deadly nitro-glycerine. It proved to be the one thoroughly effective shot put in during the entire work as nothing whatever was left of the spot except a bare, empty hole. In the construction of the road it is estimated that 5000 cubic yards of rock were removed.

Yesterday two quart claims were staked on a three-foot ledge that was uncovered on the point most prominent in the road. The rock seems well mineralized, but what it contains will not be known until an assay has been made. Inquiry at the quartz location window in the recorder's office this morning shows that no application has so far been received to record the two claims, nor will such application avail the locators anything as the ground is already held under a location made a number of years ago. The ledge is on the same claim as that upon which the tunnel driven into the bluff near the water's edge and so plainly visible from the city is.

The road as completed is the best in the entire territory, having a gravel and broken stone bottom which should last almost forever and a day.

Roosevelt as a Soldier. If Theodore Roosevelt be anything he is a soldier. All these days he has been continuing a round of speech-making in addition to the arduous labors of his exalted office. The fact that the president has allowed no one to know of his pain and suffering until nature called him to a halt will endear him to his people—the people who elected him. It is strange that so recently a similar sacrifice of self was shown in England when the suffering King Edward waited until the last moment before disclosing his distress. To add fulsome or sentimental praise to the name of Roosevelt would be obnoxious. His patient endurance is what might be expected of a good soldier and can only add one more feather to one of the best men that ever filled a presidential chair.

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Makes Good Progress. Washington, Sept. 26.—The condition of President Roosevelt's injured leg shows steady and satisfactory progress toward improvement. There is only a slight perceptible change in the healing process, as it is naturally slow and tedious. The president spent the day very quietly. His principal visitor being Secretary Moody, who had some navy department matters to bring to his attention. Dr. Rives called for a short visit about 1 o'clock and Dr. Lung, the president's regular physician, was with him for a brief time during the evening.

None of the members of the cabinet called before noon, and no visitors were admitted to his room. The president is obeying strictly the injunctions of the physicians for absolute rest and quiet, although the inactivity is exceedingly irksome to him.

Much of the time of Secretary Cortelyou and the White House force is employed in explaining to committees in the places which the president was to have visited on the western trip, the keen regret which the president expressed on being obliged to abandon the journey. To some of these letters the president is giving his personal attention. Dreary rainy weather outside yesterday and today has not affected the president's spirits, and he is as cheerful as possible under the enforced confinement.

Protest in Argentine. Buenos Ayres, Sept. 26.—The Buzna (Press), a daily paper of this city, publishes today a very violent article, calling attention to the alleged tendency of the United States toward imperialism, which, it says, is illustrated by the landing of American marines in Colombia, and protests energetically against it. The paper says the United States "does not exercise any political protection over South America, which will never accept European nor North American intervention in its affairs."

The Prinz concludes with saying that the Argentine government should make an inquiry into the matter, and find out the real character of the aims of the United States, so as to inaugurate a diplomatic movement and programme for defense, and destroy the idea of the possibility of an intervention.

Queen in Fine Humor. The Hague, Sept. 26.—Queen Wilhelmina has gone to Castle Leo to spend the autumn. At the dinner which her majesty gave last night to the members of the American-Mexican arbitration court, United States Minister Newell, the Mexican minister, Dr. Vanlynden, Mr. Newell occupied the plate of honor on the queen's right. She conversed in the most friendly and animated manner with him and the other guests, and discussed with great interest, the subject of arbitration, showing appreciation of the work of the international court now in session here.

Notice to Klondikers of '97. The Pioneers of the Klondike will hold a meeting Thursday evening, October 9, at 8 o'clock, in Pioneer hall, and invite all men who were within the watershed of the Yukon river previous to January 1st, 1898, to be present. GEORGE H. BRIMSTON, At Auditorium—Sweet Lavender.

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