

MINERS TO SECURE REPRESENTATION.

The Association is Requested to Take Steps in that Direction.

A Public Meeting Decides it Unexpedient to Form a Political Association and Refers the Matter to the Miners' Association.

The call for a public meeting on Tuesday evening at the Fairview hotel to consider the advisability of forming a political association to secure representation at Ottawa, comfortably filled the dining hall of that caravansary with interested citizens. Captain Galpin called the meeting to order and proposed Attorney Lisle for chairman. After taking his seat Mr. Lisle explained the objects of the meeting. He pointed out the extensiveness and coming importance of the territory we occupy and thought a representative at Ottawa would have but little weight in the councils of the nation unless he were a regular member of the house with a right to the floor. Past experience had shown "lobbying" to be an unsatisfactory method of reaching the ears of our lawmakers. He thought there was no room for party feeling and that we ought to forget entirely our part in politics outside. He was also convinced that the territory could only be properly represented by an independent man. The Miners' Association thinks the application should come from them. All right, but a week ago he saw that so far they had taken no steps in that direction. His own ideas were that the application for representation should come both from the association and a political body which would tend to show the government that we had a political organization ready to avail itself of any privileges conferred upon us. "Albion had an independent representative who had been of great benefit to his constituency. Our representative might combine with Mr. Oliver and the two with the two others representing British Columbia and the four would be a power in securing beneficial legislation for the whole north-west country. With a tribute to the mining industry on which we all subsist Mr. Lisle gave way to the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Eschwege drew down a storm on himself by thinking we ought to take no action of any kind without consulting first with the local representatives of the government. He believed if we took hold without first consulting them then the world would think we were divided into factions.

Mr. Ritchie explained why he had taken up the political association idea. Unless we got representation we would continue to get too much rule from Ottawa. The mining laws and many others were unsuited to the people and place and it was because the lawmakers didn't know exactly what we needed. We paid sufficient taxes to get any needed improvements but had no voice in the disbursement of the funds and therefore the money was used elsewhere and the improvements were not forthcoming. He thought also that a political association would handle the matter best for though the Miners' Association had great weight it already had too much to do. It was for the audience present to decide whether or not the Miners' Association should take the matter up. Mr. Eschwege thought if the political association was non-partisan its representations would have as little weight as a non-partisan representative. He said the officials here were sent to work with the people and we should go to Mr. Ogilvie and see what he thought about it.

J. Knight Smith thought we were premature in discussing representation before we had incorporation.

Mr. Turner thought representation was a vital matter indeed. He was in favor of the political association being formed and then we would have plenty of time to look around us.

Col. McGregor said he had been asked for the use of his name for a meeting to consider the advisability of an association. There were times and places for a political association but he thought Dawson not the place, and believed the time inopportune. The colonel then reviewed the history of the Miners' Association; how it had been born in a series of public mass meetings which had selected a miners' committee and then had endorsed the association idea. Whatever the attainments of that committee had been they had done all in their power had labored hard with more or less success. The miners' committee had informed the Yukon council of its existence, had also advised the government and ere this, the cables had carried the word to her most gracious majesty that here in the shadow of the pole, in the extreme corner of her possessions was a striving band of her subjects which in conjunction with their American cousins was prepared to inaugurate what would probably prove the most valuable and most loyal of her many possessions. (Applause) The committee was gone, but out of its ashes had risen the Miners' Association which was doing well and which he hoped ere long would absorb the whole mining district. It was taking an interest in even local incorporation and was by its spirit bound to ask for representation as soon as it was opportune to do so. Under the circumstances he thought that a political association would be of no use at the present time.

Mr. McDonald favored a political association. Rev. Alex. Russell made an impassioned speech and secured Mr. Eschwege on his disposition to tender to officials and men of money. He decried the ill-advised action of the officials in refusing to take gold dust any more for government fees and taxes as pawning the two tanks from whom our inflated amount

of currency must be bought at their own terms.

An exchange between Messrs. Russell and Eschwege was stopped by the chair.

Mr. McMillane suggested leaving the political association alone and remaining a miner's association. (Applause.)

Mr. Pelletier was surprised that any member of the miners' association knew so little of its objects as Mr. Ritchie appeared to when he proposed any other body to secure representation. He spoke highly of the association and thought the representative would have to be independent. "We organized for a great purpose and not simply to settle little grievances. A political association would be simply a fifth wheel to a wagon and a great mistake." (Applause.)

C. M. Woodworth regretted having to agree with Mr. Pelletier. He suggested further, that possibly we ought also to take steps toward securing representation upon the Yukon council. We ought to have one or two, or possibly more on that council. "Let us show by our municipal government and by our Miners' Association that we are fit and proper persons to be intrusted with a measure of self-government, and I think they will grant it."

Geo. J. Armstrong disclaimed any desire for a political association and scored Mr. Ritchie for thinking so lightly of the Miners' Association as to evidently desire to take from it one of its main objects.

Captain Galpin made a few humorous remarks and laughingly suggested that the way it had turned out the meeting might be accused of being simply a scheme to bring the Miners' Association more prominently before the people. He proposed the following motion and all others being withdrawn, it was carried unanimously.

"That it is the sense of this meeting that we want representation at Ottawa and that we ask the Miners' Association to take the matter up at once."

A note of thanks was tendered to Miss Mulrony and the management of the Fairview for the free use of the house. After a complimentary vote to Miss Faith Fenton, the only lady present, excepting Miss Mulrony, who had unexpectedly returned, the meeting adjourned.

Experiences on the Yukon.

Captain Hansen, manager of the A. C. Co., is not likely to forget his experience on the Yukon last Tuesday, which probably equals some of his previous navigating experiences. Word was received by the captain, that the Sarah, one of the company's steamers was aground in the Yukon, near the Martin river. With his usual energy, steps were at once taken to secure a boat that would convey him to the distressed steamer. Without question as to price one little steamer was secured; but as the hour for leaving arrived, something was found wrong with her machinery. Another was searched for and found; but again disappointment was rung up in the indicator, as her skipper concluded he couldn't go. At last, the Aquila, which had just come back with her propeller injured and repaired, was chartered. With the captain went J. F. Burke, proprietor of the Yukon Saw Mill Co., and J. A. Chute, who had business at Forty-mile.

At 3 p. m. the Aquila left Dawson, on her mission of relief. An hour later and some ten miles down the river, bumpety-bump went the little steamer over a bar of cobble stones, and piled herself up in the shallowest kind of a spot. Nothing could prevail upon her to leave her stony berth. The trio of navigators however undaunted, were soon in a canoe, and leaving the straggled ship, proceeded to paddle down the Yukon looking for Sarah. About 8 o'clock in the evening the up-coming Pingree was sighted and hailed, and informed that the Sarah had floated and was then ploughing her way toward St. Michaels.

Thus relieved, they had supper and proceeded to return to Dawson, where they arrived about three in the morning, fully satisfied with their experience in small boats on the Yukon. Captain Hansen says he has had all he wants of it.

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Two Round Trips.

"Cow" Miller called "Cow" to distinguish him from the hundred-and-one other Millers on the Klondike—has returned to Dawson with a scow load of live hogs which he started out to get about five weeks ago. He has disposed of 55 head and is preparing to return to the States immediately before ice blocks the road. This makes the second round trip he has made this summer, and he has really earned the title of "Banner Klondike stockman," from his unusual success in bringing live stock to the Dawson market. It is altogether probable he will be in again with turkeys, etc., for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Where You Can't Cut.

Timber Agent Willison is publishing a notice that though no surface rights are given to claim owners none else are allowed to cut the timber therefrom. This is but as it should be for each claim contains little enough fuel to work out the ground.

Dawson's Assay Office.

The NUGGET calls special attention of the miners, and those engaged in prospecting, to the card of Louis Seckels which appears in this paper. Mr. Seckels has the most complete assaying office in the Northwest, is a gentleman of long experience in the business, and known everywhere west of the Rockies as an expert analytical chemist and assayer. It pays to know what you are doing in rock and minerals and Mr. Seckels can tell you. He also melts gold into bars, and all who are interested in seeing a most complete assaying office, are invited to call and inspect it, adjoining the Regina Club Hotel.

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A ROW OF BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS

A Dawson Street Devoted to Churches and Similar Societies.

Married by the Rev. Bowen—Two Well-Known Dawsonites Unite Their Fortunes and Hands—Will Have a Doctor in the Family.

The government has shown a liberal disposition in the matter of donating lands on the government reserve for there is a whole street of buildings extending almost from the waterfront to the hills back of town which are occupying donated ground. First there is the Episcopal church directly back of the timber office; the parsonage adjoins the church, and though the buildings are modest they are snug and complete.

Directly in the rear of the church on another donated lot is the Good Samaritan hospital. Two wings are completed and the main building is up to the second floor.

The First Presbyterian church, which comes next along the row, is complete and occupied, and is about 25x50 feet.

Next comes the First Methodist church, which is now having the last finishing touches put on the roof. The building is 26x50 feet.

The ground donated to the Salvation Army comes next and is being extensively occupied by buildings. The barracks is 25x80, of peeled logs, and is already occupied. Alongside is the "Shelter" which now lacks but the roof.

The next piece of ground is occupied by Fraternity hall, a substantial two story building, which lacks but the roof and windows to become habitable.

The last building is the Miners' Institute, 18x24 feet, two stories high, and will be the nucleus around which other buildings are to be erected, as the needs of the association may require. It is well on toward the roof and the contract requires it to be completed by October 15th.

The street being entirely occupied by fraternal and religious institutions whose objects are all for the public benefit, it is altogether probable it will be given some distinctive name by which it will be known as long as Dawson lasts. "Government" street would be appropriate, though "Church" street has been suggested. That it will not be known by its official number goes without saying. As a compliment to the gentleman who donated the land for the various institutions it might be called "Walsh" street.

Bachelor and Spinster no More.

"Red" McConnell—everybody knows "Red" is married at last and the lady whose charms captivated the gallant Klondiker is Dr. Luella Day. Tuesday night the pair applied to the Rev. Bowen, who has the granting of licenses for this section, and that gentleman speedily tied the knot to the satisfaction of the interested parties. In former years the Rev. Bowen has not had much of this to do on the Yukon, but things have changed and those who ought to know declare that "twas scientifically done." "Red" McConnell is so well known it is unnecessary to introduce him to our readers. He owns Bonanza property, city property and a half interest in that prosperous and successful little steamer, the Willie Irving. Mr. McConnell is exceptionally successful in his business undertakings, as his investments are made with shrewd judgment.

His wife is an energetic and courageous young lady, a graduate of Chicago medical schools, an experienced nurse and a successful practitioner. She has become well known in Dawson from her being one of the American doctors debarred from practice by the enforcement of the Canadian Medical law. However, friends insisted in placing their sick in her hands and as a nurse she was able to give them her best attention.

The NUGGET congratulates the pair upon their joining the ranks of the married folks. With comparative wealth and much intelligence for their capital their friends wish them the prosperous married life which appears to be ahead of them.

A Correction.

In our last issue an error occurred in the article headed "Who Discovered the Klondike?" By an error the name of "John" Henderson was given while it should have read "Bob" Henderson. In the other particulars the article was entirely correct.

On Sulphur.

There is an uncommon degree of activity upon the creeks and this winter Sulphur is going to be made to show what she contains. On No. 41 alone there have been let five lays with provisions also made to work the balance; on 37 also six lays have been given. No. 42, in which Dr. McDougall owns a fourth interest, is also to be worked effectively, while all up and down the stream the same activity prevails. The gentlemen of sulphurous possessions have banded together to prepare a winter trail to Dawson and a route has been picked out and partly slashed, starting out from 75 and crossing over the divide to Gold Bottom and thence to Hunker.

A Busy Place.

One of the busiest places in Dawson is the store of the E. C. Co., Nos. 255 and 257 First Ave., whose card appears in another column of this paper. This house carries an immense line of clothing, underwear, hosiery, notions, gloves and fancy and staple provisions which are sold at the very lowest prices. The house enjoys a high reputation among the miners and residents of Dawson, and anything purchased at this establishment carries with it the guarantee of responsibility. The proprietors are hustlers and it always pays to patronize a hustler.

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