

LAI D AWAY ON THE SHELF

Railway Franchise Bill is Passed up to the New Council in Spite of the Solemn Assurances Given of Its Passage by the Old One.

After weeks of fretting, fuming and puttering about on the franchise bill which included the getting out this morning at the unearthly hour of 9:30 and the convening of a special session of the council for the express purpose of giving the bill its third reading before the departure of Alderman Murphy for the outside, the out-going council which is now a thing of the past at last passed up the bill to be dealt with by the new council. All the work of the past weeks will have to be gone over again, a new bill will have to be drawn up and go through the various stages the old one has already reached, and what the ultimate result as far as the city franchise is concerned it would be hard to state. As for the railroad, it will make no difference, as they intend to come to Dawson franchise or no franchise and will build up First avenue as far as they choose—despite any protest on the part of the property owners. The action of the council this morning in failing to pass the bill after pledging themselves on more than one occasion to do so, has, according to the ideas of the representatives of the road, relieved them of any promises made with reference to the location of their tracks conditioned upon the franchise being granted. They hold the whip hand and are in a position to take the bit in their teeth if they so choose and build to King street or even Albert without asking of the city as much as by your leave. That is the substance of an interview had with Mr. Davey, counsel for the road, this morning.

morning if a special session would be called at which all the members would be present. He did not want to accept the franchise and have it voted upon by a bare quorum; he would much prefer to have the full vote of the council and if they would have a meeting in the morning and agree to take action at once he had no objection to letting the matter stand over the night. His wish was "I will be very happy to conclude the matter if it is the wish of the council." So it was agreed to wait until 9:30 this morning before bringing the bill up for its third reading. At that hour all were assembled in the council chamber with the exception of Alderman Macdonald, who is still up the creeks. The minutes of last night's meeting were read and approved and then like a thunder clap came the motion of Norquay to adjourn, seconded by Murphy, sidetracking the bill completely and taking it out of the hands of the present council as it was known that the new council would be sworn in today at 11 o'clock. The motion was put and lost. Seeing his motion lost Norquay at once got up and left the room though not the building. Murphy arose and stretched himself and then followed nearly an hour of hickering over provisions already agreed to and to which the word of the council had been pledged. Murphy opined that if the council passed the bill they would regret it. Seeing the futility of securing an unanimous vote a compromise was effected and Adair offered the following resolution which was passed:

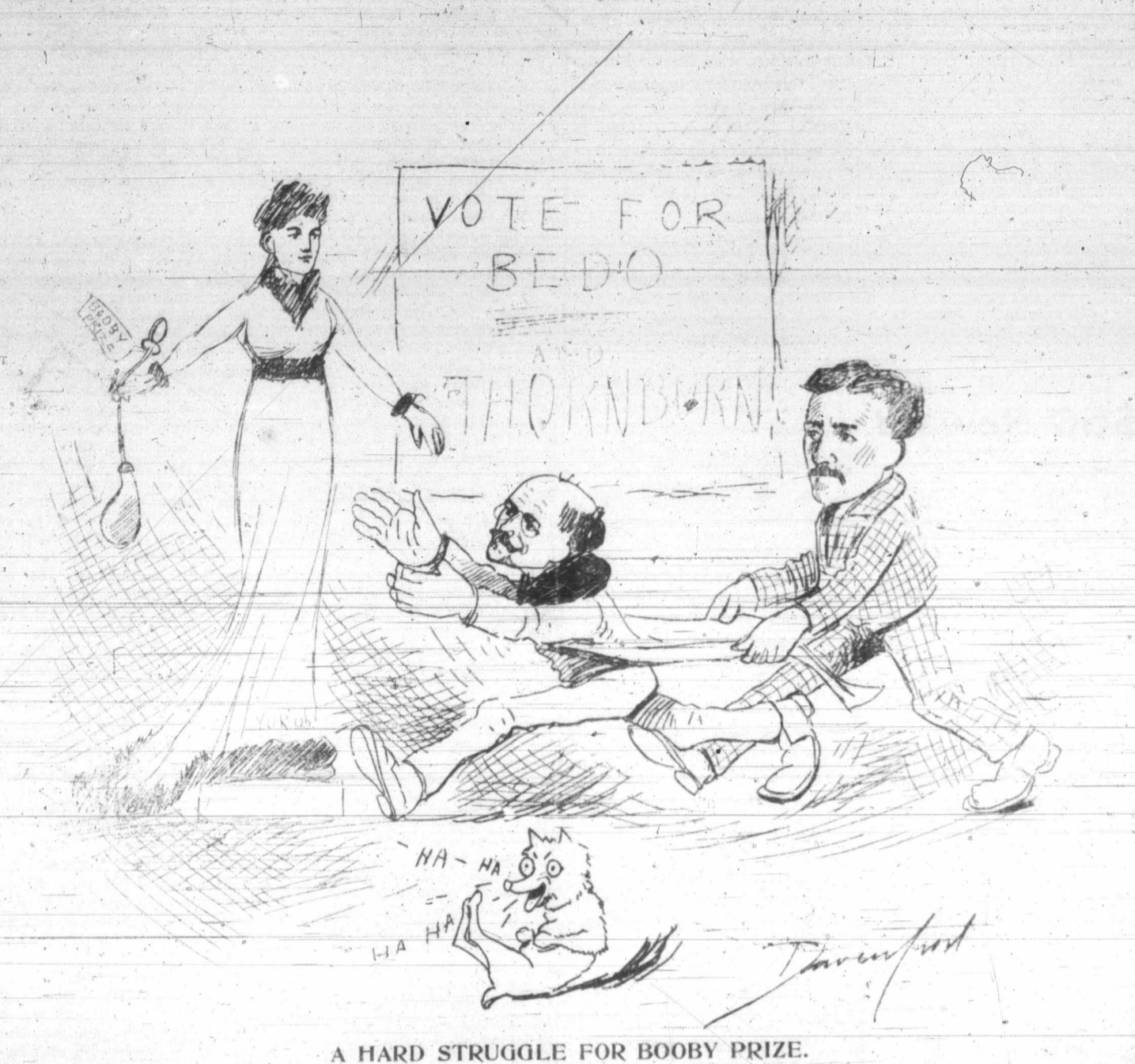
"That in the opinion of this council it is deemed advisable that the bylaw regarding the franchise to the Klondike Mines Railroad Company be referred or laid over to the incoming council to deal with, and it is the express wish of this council that the franchise be granted and recommend that the new council give the matter their immediate attention and put the bylaw through with despatch."

"We were very much disappointed at the action taken by the council, particularly after so many assurances had been given us that all differences had been arranged and that there would be no further trouble or delay. Aldermen Adair, Wilson and Yachon were ready to stand by their word, but the others repudiated it entirely. Norquay went out of the room after losing his motion to adjourn in order that there might be a less number of the members present when he must have known it was the desire of the road to have a full vote on the proposition if possible. Murphy, though against us all through, I must say has acted consistently which can not be said of some of the others. His only objection to taking the immediate action that had been agreed upon was owing to the fact that the new council had been elected and were ready to take office. We were promised time and again that our application would be acted upon favorably and the council was pledged to pass the bill as amended, yet no consideration has at all been given us. The bill might have passed last night but I did not choose to accept it at the hands of but four of the seven members, and consented to its being put off until this morning upon the understanding that a decisive action would be taken one way or the other. We are asking, but very little in comparison with some railway franchises. Our right of way does not cover the entire width of the street. It is but ten feet wide and we could not lay more than one track if we wanted to. We have given up everything the people opposing us have demanded, though some of the provisions exacted have worked a hardship. And what have we received in return?"

"We have the assurance that the new council will put the bill through with despatch, but a new one must now be drawn and the whole business gone over again. We consider that we are entirely relieved from the promises made in regard to building no further than Queen street and other demands exacted by those opposing us, and the position of the road is this: We have a charter from the Dominion government to build anywhere we choose over Dominion lands and if we care, to we can build over the twenty-foot strip alongside the westerly edge of First avenue and will have to ask no man's leave. We made every concession demanded and got nothing but promises in return. Now we shall adopt a different course of action."

"Explosion in a Prison. Philadelphia, Jan. 13.—One man was killed and half a dozen were injured in the women's wing of the house of correction which was wrecked today by an explosion. Several sticks of dynamite had been left in a shaft of the new filtration plant at Holmesburg, a suburb of the city."

"Floods in Washington. Seattle, Jan. 13.—Floods have done much damage in Washington state, and the farmers have suffered severely. Many railway and county bridges went out. To Redeem Coinage. Washington, Jan. 12.—The house passed the senate bill for the redemption of Hawaiian coinage. PLAGUE IN ARIZONA. The Municipal Authorities Protest Against Exaggerated Reports. Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 13.—The town board of Nogales, Arizona, and Nogales, New Mexico, protest against the saffron reports of the plague in Sonora towns. The government of Sonora asserts that the plague situation at Mazatlan is grossly exaggerated. Held Up and Robbed. Des Moines, Jan. 13.—W. R. Sullivan, paymaster of the Buzzi coal mines, was last night robbed of \$1800 by masked highwaymen. After the hold-up Sullivan received a shotgun and pursued the robbers, killing one. The others escaped with the spoil. Wants to Get Home. Hamilton, Jan. 13.—Corp. F. C. Cantrell, of the South African constabulary, has engaged lawyers to obtain his discharge from the constabulary and return to Canada. He estimates that he and his comrades have not been treated right by the authorities. To Punish the Emir. London, Jan. 13.—Great Britain will punish Emir Kanov with a firm hand. A punitive expedition consisting of 1200 men is en route to his territory. Shot Dead. Chatham, Ont., Jan. 13.—Joseph Jenkins, employed near this city, was accidentally shot and killed by Geo. S. Chowder today.



A HARD STRUGGLE FOR BOOBY PRIZE.

HOW THE ELECTION IS GOING

Voting Quietly and Steadily—Tabor Believed to Be Well in the Lead at Three O'clock—Wilson and Landreville Are Leading on the Creeks.

The election for two members of the Yukon council from this district is progressing quietly and up to three o'clock there had been no incidents of any kind worth chronicling. The streets looked gay and full of bustle from the number of rigs engaged in hunting up dilatory voters and taking them to the polls, and in front of old Pioneer hall were some fifty "workers" ready with instructions to tell the voter for which candidates he must vote. Some of them also pretended to know how the vote was going, at one time this candidate being ahead and at the next moment another. It was wonderful with what avidity these guesses were accepted and discussed, for a very brief reason would have shown anybody that with conditions such as they are it was impossible even to approximate the number of votes cast for any candidate. For all that when someone whispered that Thompson was losing ground every ear was craned out of its curls to catch, and the same when a few minutes later someone else would whisper "Thompson's away ahead now." Every voter having to be interrogated and take an oath and sign a paper, the conveniences for taking the vote seemed to be as inadequate as they possibly could be, and it was expected that just before the closing time there would be more than could be voted and that much confusion and perhaps disorder might prevail. The voters, however, came in with much steadiness during the whole day. At eleven o'clock 597 had voted. At twelve o'clock 812 had voted. At one o'clock 1068 had voted. At two o'clock 1194 had voted. At three o'clock 1384 had voted. At four o'clock 1530 had voted. A conservative estimate of the probable vote is 1600, so that with a full hour it now seems probable that everyone will have the opportunity of casting his vote without much difficulty. Advice from the creeks are to the effect that the election is proceeding very quietly there also, and there is not a deal of interest shown anywhere except at Gold Bottom, where the heaviest vote will be cast that has ever been polled there. The general impression this afternoon is that Wilson and Landreville are in the lead. At the Forks at half past three 300 votes had been cast, and the two candidates just named seemed to be well in the lead there. At Gold Bottom and on Hunker Pringle seems to have great strength, with Wilson close behind him and Henderson next. At Caribou and Dominion Henderson is strongly in the lead. He has probably all of one vote and the second vote is divided among Wilson, Pringle and Landreville. At Last Chance the vote will be tight, Landreville in the lead and Wilson second. At Gold Run not much interest is being taken and Wilson is in the lead. changed, not even a nail to be driven or a bolt to be tightened. There is only one thing that is troubling the boys now. They are afraid they cannot get enough dumping ground on American gulch to keep them going all winter. They certainly have good cause to fear, judging from the number of large dumps in that vicinity now. Water is doing lots of damage on upper Bonanza, and the stream continues to run from the gulch as it has the last few days; residents of Grand Forks and lower Bonanza will have to be piling their things on the shelves lest they get wet. That's so josh. The miners on Irish gulch are feeling very lousy over the prospects found recently. This gulch is being worked on Nos. 1, 3, 6 and 8. Thos. McMillen, proprietor of the Star road house, No. 23 below Bonanza, purchased a driving horse a few days ago. Tom is without exception, doing the best business of any one of the creeks. He has fourteen regular boarders and has a very good transient trade. The Grand Forks Social Club will give another of their popular dances next Wednesday night, Jan. 14th, in their hall at that place. Died From Cat Bite. Albany, N. Y., Jan. 13.—Mrs. Louisa Greenback of Lyons, N. Y., is dead from the bite of a cat. She was threatened with lock jaw and an operation was performed, from the effects of which the old woman, who was seventy years of age, did not recover. Steel Trust. New York, Jan. 13.—The Steel Corporation today announced its profit sharing scheme to the workmen. Barrett has the best equipped egg-special inducements in large lots.

LET LOOSE THE BULLS

Wild Scene at a Bull Fight

Three Persons Were Killed and Fifty-Two Injured—Manager Arrested.

To Redeem Coinage

PLAGUE IN ARIZONA

The Municipal Authorities Protest Against Exaggerated Reports.

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ALL KILLED AND EATEN

Congo Expedition Invaded by Cannibals

Lieutenant De Magnac and Party in Charge of Point on Uganda Frontier.

Will Steal No More

GUSHER BREAKS OUT.

Water Seeps Past the Concrete and Reaches the Surface.

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