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THEY ALL OBJECT

Residents of Klondike City Have No Use for Demi-Monde.

PETITIONED COUNCIL TO THAT EFFECT

Much Routine Business Transacted Last Night.

DOGS CAUGHT AT SO MUCH PER

Present System to be Abolished After May First—Inspecting Boilers No Sinecure.

The Yukon council met in regular session last night at the courthouse and transacted a large amount of routine business.

Albert Lamontine who runs a hotel at the upper ferry presented a petition asking the council to grant him permission to build an approach from his hotel to the bridge, which is several feet higher than his house. The council granted him permission to build steps from the bridge to the ground subject to the approval of the engineer, but refused the building of the approach on the ground of its liability of life.

Arthur Morrow who runs a store on

the other side of the bridge put in a similar petition which was granted under the same conditions. Mr. Morrow also applied for an opportunity to purchase the lumber and material left over from the new bridge providing the same is for sale. Referred to board of public works.

The property owners of Klondike City presented a petition calling the attention of the council to the removal of the demi-monde into that city and requesting the council to carry out its original intention and have them go back up on the hill or some where besides Klondike City.

Major Wood said there was a mistaken idea regarding the ordinance and its boundaries which he recited as originally passed. He also stated that the council had not specified any place for them to go, but had simply told them to get outside of those boundaries which it was believed would take them from the heart of the city.

Justice Dugas in speaking of the question cited the law with regard to houses of prostitution and said that anyone owning or even frequenting a house of prostitution is guilty of an offense and is liable to a fine or imprisonment. This is an evil which as long as men are men and women are women cannot be prohibited. Not only in this particular place but it has been tried in every civilized country on earth with the same result. Dawson has been more successful than many older and more settled communities in controlling this class of people. The law on the subject is plain and any citizen has a right to prosecute so let the citizens take the matter in their own hands and if these people become a nuisance let them be prosecuted.

Mr. Ogilvie said the matter is in the hands of the police, let them attend to it. On motion of Mr. Senkler no action was taken on the petition.

Mr. Wm. Babst presented a communication offering to sell his hotel near the upper ferry to the council for an insane asylum for a consideration of \$5000. The communication was referred to the board of public works.

A communication was read from Mr. Anderson the newly elected inspector of boilers and engines stating that in consideration of his services he would have to be paid the sum of \$400 per month and his expenses. On motion of Mr. Wilson a salary of \$400 per month with no expense allowance, except in special cases where a long trip is to be made and an expense account to be approved by the council was voted.

An account of \$50 from Mr. Craig the artist for preparing the address which will be presented to Mr. Ross by the council was ordered paid.

A petition was presented by the residents of Grand Forks for the continuation of the road up Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Eldorado on the right limit instead of the left. Referred to public works committee.

An account from the N. A. T. & T. Co. for \$136.75 and another from Mrs. Fancher for \$20 for decorations in the Savoy theater at the time of the memorial services of the late Queen Victoria was ordered paid.

Mr. Prudhomme, with regard to several complaints which had been registered to him of muzzles being taken off of dogs by the dog catchers and then being impounded, asked whether the dog catchers were receiving salary or working on commission. In reply Major Wood stated that the pound was in charge of a constable, but that small boys were hired to catch dogs and were paid 50 cents per head for all dogs brought in. Mr. Prudhomme moved that some responsible party be appointed.

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RECEIVED BY WIRE COMPANIES TO COMBINE

Dawson's Three Largest Companies on the List.

San Francisco, April 5, via Skagway,

April 12.—The Call will say tomorrow:

"Within a week arrangements will be completed for the formation of a great combination of all Alaska trading and transportation companies. Many millions of capital will be combined and great interests will be centered in 'Prisco' which are now scattered and to some degree antagonistic. The companies which are parties to the deal are the Alaska Exploration Company, Alaska Commercial Company and North American Transportation & Trading Company. These three companies are heavily capitalized. The Alaska Exploration Company has capital stock amounting to \$1,000,000, Alaska Commercial Company \$2,000,000, and North American Transportation & Trading Co. has a capital of \$5,000,000.

Whether the Ames Mercantile Company of this city will be a party to the combine also does not seem to have been determined. The capitalization of the Ames company is \$200,000. When the deal is finally consummated the corporation representing the combined interests will be known as the Yukon Mercantile Co. The negotiations have been carried on as secretly as possible.

and have been fruitful of but one large result up to the present time. That consists in the agreement that has been made to regulate the transportation on the Yukon river. There will be no more cut rates. This was considered one of the essential provisions necessary to be made at once in view of the coming season. There is a complete understanding in this regard. Rate cutting and the need of better arrangements for the general welfare led up to the making of the combination. Hereafter the new corporation will be enabled to devote its attention to the development and up-building of the trade of Alaska and the Yukon country generally which heretofore it has been impossible to do under the antagonistic conditions that have prevailed."

The Yukon Council to the Hon. J. H. Ross, greeting:

The retiring commissioner of the Yukon territory and the members of the Yukon council desire to accord to you a hearty welcome to the territory.

The members of the council wish to assure you of their cordial sympathy and support in the duties upon which you are about to enter as commissioner of the territory.

In a new country like this, where so many exceptional conditions exist, many different problems present themselves in connection with its proper government. Some of those have been met and adjusted. But it is only natural to expect many more to arise; and, in the solution of these, we wish to assure you of our hearty support.

In matters of this kind we would not be human if we were always of a common mind; but we wish to say to you and to assure you that we all aim at one object—the advancement and development of the territory.

Again extending to you a hearty welcome, and wishing you a successful term of office, we are, sir, your obedient servants.

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Mr. John T. Reed, first deputy clerk of the U. S. district court at Nome, who arrived with B. T. Dyer yesterday afternoon after a long journey over snow and ice, says the stories published on the outside of Judge Noyes' malfeasance in office are untrue, and are prompted by certain Californians there who attempted to bribe the Nome judiciary and, being unsuccessful, seek to ruin his character. He says a thorough investigation would completely exonerate Mr. Noyes.

Mr. Reed says the statement as to there being destitution in Nome is not correct as all the inhabitants are well supplied and in good condition for spending the balance of the winter in plenty. Socially he says Nome has been very lively this winter, there being many secret orders and clubs in existence in the beach city. The Arctic Brotherhood, of which Mr. Reed is the duly attested traveling representative, has a membership of 160, and is, he says, the best organization of Nome, none but the very best element being admitted to membership. A meeting of the Dawson camp will be held tonight in honor of Mr. Reed's arrival. The two pilgrims will leave for Whitehorse tomorrow en route to the outside, Mr. Reed to his home in New York, and Mr. Dyer to visit the home of his family in Texas.

Fresh eggs. Selman & Myers.

COMMISSIONER J. H. ROSS

Duly Inducted Into Official Position at High Noon Today.

RETIRING COMMISSIONER WAS MASTER OF CEREMONIES.

Oath of Office and Allegiance Administered by Justice Dugas.

Members of Yukon Council, Territorial Officials and Newspaper Men Present—Ceremony Was Simple and Brief—Engrossed Compliments of Council Presented—Sensible Response of Mr. Ross—Heartily Congratulated—One Good Plan Replaced by Another in Whom Every Confidence is Reposed.

James Hamilton Ross is now commissioner in and for the Yukon territory, succeeding William Ogilvie in that position at 12 o'clock today.

The ceremony incident to the retirement of Mr. Ogilvie and the inducting into office of Mr. Ross was simple and brief. Up to the noon hour the former was seated at his office desk, busily engaged as though he was beginning rather than completing an official term. At that hour Mr. Ross, all members of the Yukon council, Judge Craig, Legal Adviser Congdon, several other local officials and press representatives assembled in the commissioner's private office to participate in and witness the simple ceremony.

Retiring Commissioner Ogilvie requested Territorial Secretary Brown to read from a beautifully engrossed parchment an address of welcome from himself as commissioner and his fellow members of the Yukon council to Mr. Ross. The address was as follows:

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since his arrival and hoped for their continuous wise counsel in assisting him to well and faithfully perform the duties devolving upon him as commissioner of the territory. Hearty applause followed Mr. Ross' few but appropriate remarks.

At Mr. Ogilvie's request the oath of office was then administered to Mr. Ross by Hon. Justice Dugas. The usual oath of allegiance to King Edward VII was first administered, Mr. Ross reading it in clear distinct tones, after which came the oath of office which was:

"I, James Hamilton Ross, do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear that I will truly, faithfully and to the best of my skill and knowledge execute the powers and trusts reposed in me as commissioner of the Yukon territory—so help me God."

The documents were duly acknowledged by Justice Dugas and very hearty congratulations of Hon. James Hamilton Ross as commissioner of the Yukon followed, Mr. Ogilvie being first to extend the glad hand to his successor.

Thus was performed the simple ceremony which retired Mr. Ogilvie from a position he has filled to his own credit and the good of the territory and of whom it may properly be said, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," and inducted into that same position Mr. Ross, in whom there is no doubt implicit confidence may be reposed and whose administration so auspiciously begun will be one continuous era of prosperity which ever follows in the wake of official honor, uprightness and integrity.

Family Night.

The largest house of the season greeted the Standard theater's company of players last evening, when Hoyt's famous comedy "A Texas Steer," was produced. Before the curtain went up every seat in the house had been taken and standing room was at a premium.

The entire cast fairly outdid themselves in their various parts, and the unanimous conclusion at the close of the play was that the curtain had gone down on the best legitimate production ever witnessed in Dawson.

Passing of Sleds.

Although there is little to yet indicate the near approach of spring, the use of sleds and sleighs in Dawson for this year is practically a thing of the past although as long as the nights continue cold the country roads and trails will be in fairly good condition for hauling. The greater part of heavy teaming is now done at night while the surface of the roads is frozen. Around the town runners are being mostly replaced by wheels.

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