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FOR OR AGAINST INCORPORATION.

The Beginning of a Movement in the Right Direction.

A Public Spirited Citizen Writes of General Conditions Existing in Dawson—Some Very Practical Suggestions.

EDITOR KLONDIKE NUGGET:

Sir—At present the government of the Yukon is not responsible to the people of the Yukon but only to the governments at Ottawa or Regina, as the case may be. We have no more voice in our government than has Britain's latest acquired colony of Central African savages in theirs. For such administration and such laws as are wise and just, we have to thank the people of Eastern Canada and the governments at Ottawa and Regina; and for such administration and such laws as are unwise and unjust, we have to thank (?) the same sources.

In very early days Britain used to send governors to the older provinces with instructions to choose the representative men of the province as their council.

If the copy of the Act we have, making Yukon a separate territory, is correct, Messrs. Tarte, Sifton & Co. appoint the commissioner's council from Ottawa. We will continue to be taxed without being represented and to be governed without a voice. The mail and the clerks for the recorder's office are delayed, but the 250 soldiers are expected to arrive soon.

I will not criticize the new (?) commissioner or his council. I earnestly hope that they will be wise, just and liberal. If they are not I fear that it will take more soldiers than are sent to make a people that are born free men, slaves. It must be remembered that governments not responsible to the people governed have already caused three rebellions and about twenty administrative and legislative deadlocks in Canada. We want no more.

Dawson should be incorporated. It would then have a mayor and council of six men, representative of, and responsible to the citizens of Dawson. The mayor and council would have jurisdiction over the municipality created and such rivers, bridges and streams adjacent to the municipality as the ordinance or order creating the municipality should determine. Within these limits they would have power to levy taxes and license fees. They would also have the usual municipal powers in regard to streets, drainage, scavenging, public health, water supply, fire light, poor relief, public works, public buildings, nuisances, hospitals, burial of the dead, and the licensing of theaters and other businesses. This mayor and council would, until we get representative government for the territory, be the only responsible and representative government Dawson can have. The resolutions and recommendations of this mayor and council on general public questions should have great weight with the commissioner and his council and also with the government at Ottawa. The joint resolutions of this mayor and council and the board of trade or chamber of mines could not fail to be powerful with any sane government. While the imputation of demagogic influence or thoughtlessness may be hurled at the resolutions of any public meeting or even any petition, no such imputation could be made against the resolutions of these responsible bodies.

Up to the present time application for incorporation as either city or town would have had to be made at Regina. If the Yukon has been made a separate territory with a commissioner and council, then application will have to be made to the commissioner with his council. It would be desirable to have the petition for incorporation signed by two-thirds of the resident owners and householders, half of whom should be owners. The area, compactness and population of the town would have to be shown to be suitable for municipal requirements. It might or might not be desirable to have a special ordinance passed for incorporation. In case the authorities at Regina still have the power, Mr. Bulvey, who leaves town in two weeks might take charge of our petition and draft incorporation ordinance and present them at Regina. In case Yukon is a separate territory what more graceful or popular ordinance can we recommend to the expected commissioner than the one this letter suggests?

If the suggestion of this letter is approved by the citizens no time should be lost in taking the preliminary steps for incorporation.

C. M. WOODWORTH.
DAWSON, July 23, 1898.

The "Sovereign" Arrives.

The Columbia Navigation Co.'s steamer "Sovereign" arrived in Dawson on the 26th inst. This is the second boat of the same company to arrive within the past few days. The "Sovereign" was towed from Seattle by the steamship "Lakme" which has returned to the Sound and will reach St. Michaels again in time to meet the "Monarch" which left Dawson on the 26th. The total number of passengers who landed at Dawson from the "Sovereign" is about 130. Of these 90 are directly from Seattle. The remainder were picked up at different points along the Yukon. The "Leah," belonging to the A. C. Co. was passed by the "Sovereign." She had a large scow in tow and seemed to be meeting some difficulty on a sand bar.

The N. A. T. steamer "Hamilton" reached St.

Michaels just before the "Sovereign" left. On the "Hamilton's" trip down the river three passengers died, one of them being a lady.

Twenty-two steamers and sailing vessels are now anchored at St. Michaels and about 1500 people are located there, most of whom are waiting transportation to Dawson.

The "Sovereign" is a fine steamer and well adapted to the work required of her in her present run. The passengers all speak in high terms of the splendid treatment received at the hands of the officers.

American Jubilee.

The Americans of Dawson and their friends, of whatever nationality, are celebrating as we go to press, on Tuesday night, the recent glorious victories of American arms and American ships. An elaborate program has been arranged. The presiding officer of the occasion is Col. O. W. Davis, with E. Leroy Pelletier as marshal. There are to be reminiscences of Cuban, patriotic speeches and recitations, interspersed by vocal and instrumental selections. The orator of the evening is to be Judge McGuire. There will be a band-led parade to the barracks, and then after receiving the N. W. T. officials there will be a counter-march to the sawdust arena in front of the A. C. Co.'s store. A full report will be given in our next issue.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Dr. Thompson has been appointed physician to the police post in place of Dr. Bonnar, resigned.

Several thousand small boats have left Dawson for the lower river of St. Michaels and there are thousands more to go.

P. E. DeVille, the butcher, is acquiring a very respectable herd of sheep. He takes all that come down the river, and last week bought 600 in one band.

A large scow has been covered over with a tent and anchored in the river in front of police headquarters. Church services are being held there in the absence of more commodious quarters.

A bear is reported to have killed Davidson's horse on the hills, almost in sight of town last week. Mr. Bear was in turn killed and put upon the market as food for man—a much more dangerous animal.

A merchant near the bridge lost a bottle of gold dust last week. He had been weighing and left the bottle while he went outside to show some goods. Some customers inside left the tent, and when the merchant returned to his scales his bottle had disappeared.

The Arctic Meat Company, with G. G. Berg for manager, has assumed control of the market at the corner of Front and Second streets. They have an extensive plant of sausage machinery and a good herd of beef cattle up the Klondike river. Notice their ad.

The 40 tons of mail expected at Dawson every day on the Seattle No. 3, consumed \$18,000 in stamps to start it on its way. The man who doesn't get at least a bushel of letters, as his share may consider himself in hard luck when the big mail arrives.

There were a number of letters brought in by the steamer Monarch. A list of names are found at the office of the Columbia Navigation Company, in the Library building. The company desires no compensation for carrying the letters, and all moneys collected on the letters will be turned over to the hospital.

By outside newspapers it was stated last winter that the only mail getting in was American mail to Circle City. The facts are that when this American mail came down over the ice it was accompanied by Canadian mail to Dawson. The American mail laid here also for nearly two months before continuing its journey to Circle City.

Lee Henry Lindig, a Dawsonite, was the first white child born at Forty-mile—all outside newspaper stories, to the contrary notwithstanding. Heretofore, that honor has been given to a little girl born on the opposite side of the river; and who is at least two months younger to-day than the rightful claimant. Lee is now two years and ten months old and carries distinction with becoming modesty.

A. H. Morrison, the Popular Restaurant man and P. H. Hobbs have purchased 24 and 25 between the discoveries on Dominion, and expect to work a full crew of men this season. In a couple of weeks they will put a force at work putting up cabins and cutting wood preparatory to the winter's work. Since these parties have several other interests on Dominion they are good authority on Dominion properties and we are glad to note that capital still remains in Dawson for legitimate investment.

Messrs. McGrath and Patterson are contemplating an addition to the New England and will engage in the wholesale liquor and cigar business. Gilbert S. McConnell, representing M. Fortier & Co. of Montreal, has appointed them the sole agents of his company and has made a contract with the L. B. & K. Nav. Co., for a through shipment of 350,000 cigars, to be brought from Montreal to Dawson before snow flies.

A large crowd gathered round the prostrate form of Harry Thave, Saturday night on Front street. The sight of a man in an epileptic fit is common enough in the States, but is decidedly unusual here. The strongest and healthiest men in the world are they who have braved and overcome the hardships and dangers of the trail, and no epileptics have tried it. Harry's friends declare that his epilepsy is of recent development and that the three fits he has had here are the first of his life.

In a recent news article we chronicled the report that O. H. Healy's claim, No. 17 above Bonanza, the men had recently been paid off with gold at \$17 per ounce, and that at his downtown store only \$16 was allowed when the men went in to trade. Peter Oksvig comes forward and makes the statement that he is the man pumping claim 17, though he has a half interest. Oksvig says when he came to pay off the men he offered them Eldorado gold at \$16 or Bonanza gold at \$17, and that they took the Bonanza gold of their own choice, since if they go out at once it would be to their advantage to do so. "Fair play is a jewel," therefore, we give the statement the same publicity given the complaint of Oksvig's employees.

Will Open on Wednesday.

Dawson's recently completed, first-class hotel the Fairview, will open with a grand ball and dinner on Wednesday evening. Miss B. A. Mulrooney has spared nothing to obtain for this splendidly spiced everything which could add to the pleasure and comfort of the guests.

It is well located on high ground on Front street, is three stories high and has thirty guest rooms, beside lady's parlor, gentleman's smoking-room and bath. Every room is elegantly furnished and the hotel is fitted up with telephone, hot air for heating and for electric lights. The hotel will be run on both the American and European plan by Manager J. K. Leaming, a gentleman who has been a hotel man for the past twenty years. Many of our readers will remember him being, similarly engaged for the past six years in Los Angeles. The completion of the Fairview fills a long-felt want in Dawson. Miss Mulrooney is to be commended for her enterprise, for the hotel is by far the most pretentious structure now in Dawson.

A Masquerade Ball.

Friday evening is destined to be an event in Dawson. A grand masquerade ball will be given at the Pavilion theatre after the play and a number of prizes are to be given for best costumes and characters. Dawson always patronizes a good entertainment, and as the admission is moderate there will undoubtedly be a royal time at the Pavilion on that occasion. Don't forget the evening, Friday night, after the show.

Born.

On Monday, July 17th, a daughter to the wife of J. H. Warden. Mother and child are doing well. Mr. and Mrs. Warden are from Warden, Idaho, which town was named after the father of Mr. Warden.

PERSONALS.

Messrs. Zilston, Walters, Leinder and Moseo left for St. Michaels in an open boat Monday.

S. B. VanZant has left on the Monarch. He came in last year and has acquired some good properties.

Hon. R. H. Fitzhugh, of Lexington, Kentucky, has gone to Munook to investigate some properties with a view of investment.

Mr. F. A. Buckle of the London-Canadian Mining and Commercial Co., left for London on the Monarch. He will return this winter or early spring.

Mr. John Elliott, who is located on a bench opposite No. 14 Eldorado, found the shipping receipt which is mentioned in our advertising columns.

W. A. Carle, a former Seattle business man, is a recent arrival here. He is looking up some mining investments, and is well satisfied with the country.

C. J. Baldes of Seattle and Wm. Loomis of Reeborg, Or., who located bench No. 3 on Big Skookum have disposed of their interests and will soon leave for the outside.

Messrs. J. and L. Nigellino, father and brother of Mrs. Hobbs of Dawson, are expected on the first boat. Both gentlemen are from Juneau and the younger is accompanied by his wife.

Constable Dundas has been returned from Stewart, where he was recently sent. He is at the barracks hospital with a well developed case of typhoid fever. Constable Skirring is convalescing from the same sickness.

The genial Capt. H. H. Norwood came to town Friday to the satisfaction of his many friends. The gentleman holds the official position of mining inspector and is stationed out at the junction of Bonanza and Eldorado creeks.

Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Robe arrived in Dawson Thursday, having consumed fifty-five days in the trip from Juneau. It is needless to remark after so much time being used that nothing was passed. Each river and creek received attention in turn.

B. B. Robertson, George C. Friend, John T. Friend and T. A. Smith arrived in Dawson Sunday night. Three of the boys are from Richmond, Va., which place they left June 18. Geo. Friend is an old timer and went out over the ice last winter. One hundred and fifty copies of the Seattle Times of July 3, which the boys brought with them were quickly disposed of at 1 cent each.

G. S. McConnell, ex-Alderman of Vancouver B. C., is here, and here to stay. Mr. McConnell who is connected in business with Mr. Buckle has already acquired a considerable amount of mining property and in addition to the mining business the firm will carry a stock of merchandise. Mr. McConnell, is brother to R. G. McConnell, the geologist, who is now making a survey of the Klondike gold belt for the Dominion government.

S. Popular Hit.

The Outley sisters are in touch with the times. Monday evening they made a hit with a song "Yankee Dewey Dandy," which brought down the house. The committee in charge of the jubilee demonstrations, Tuesday evening secured them with orchestra for their jubilee. The sisters' concert hall continues to retain its popularity as a place of amusement.

Removal.

Marie Riedesell will remove her Massage and Bath parlors to her new location on Second avenue, four doors north of Pioneer drug store, about August 1.

Breen Once More.

The Pavilion theatre is crowded nightly. There are specialties and farces, and new faces, but Breen continues in his Irish specialties easily a popular favorite. He can be recommended as a personification of Klondike wit and humor. He gives a local flare to everything he says that convulses his audience. He has remodeled Jaqueline and Rosaline until you wouldn't know them. Be sure and see Mauritsius for "you'll like the place." Grand dance after each performance.

Have your prescriptions filled by Kelly & Co. Druggists, Front street.

"The Model" Restaurant has reopened under the management of A. H. Griffin, the popular caterer. Mr. Griffin formerly conducted "The Model" in Everett, Wash., and the public may rest assured that his present establishment will prove a model one in every respect.

SICK DOGS better. See Shoff the Druggist, Pioneer Drug Store.

Are you buying your drugs at the Pioneer Drug Store?

Bring your prescriptions to E. Shoff, Pioneer Drug Store.

INDIANS TO BE TRIED FOR MURDER.

Deliberately Tried to Kill Their Benefactors for the Outfits.

The Treacherous Instincts of the Aborigines Will Get Their Necks Stretched With Hemp—Probably in Dawson—Villainous Savages in the Toils.

Sergeant-Major Tucker and Corporal Eudell came down from Tagish post one day last week with the four Indians accused of the murder of Billy Meechan and the attempted murder of C. A. Fox—two white miners who built their boat on the McClintock river, some 12 miles from Lake Marsh. They are villainous-looking Indians; and from the evidence in hand there is not much doubt but that the four murderers will stretch hemp either here in Dawson or back at Tagish. Most of our readers have heard the case outlined. The two white men attempted to cross from the lake to the Hootalinqua river by way of McClintock river and across the divide. The ice broke so they went to boat building on the shore intending to float down to the lake and reach Hootalinqua in the usual way. The Indians, Joe Nantuck, Jim Nantuck, Frank Nantuck and Dawson Nantuck visited the boat building camp frequently and were sometimes fed and given tobacco and tea. They claimed to be out hunting and excited no suspicion by their behavior. At last the boat-builders loaded up and started down stream. Twenty minutes from the time of starting a volley of rifle balls was fired into the boat from the shore. Both men fell over instantly and Billy Meechan never spoke afterwards. Fox was shot through the lung, the bullet entering at the left shoulder blade and passing out at the breast bone. After another volley the Indians came out from their shelter. The boat drifted down stream, stern first.

Fox felt his lung filling up with blood, but from where he lay he could see the Indians over the edge of the boat. He saw them step back into the brush and knew from his old experience with Indians that they had gone down to the bend in the river to catch the boat as it went by. His left arm was utterly useless, but by a herculean effort he paddled the boat to the other shore and stepped out, the boat continuing its course down stream. He knew the Indians would catch the boat and cross over to find him; so, though almost dead with weakness, he made his way over logs toward the hills, leaving no tracks for the human bloodhounds to follow. His painful experiences getting down to McIntosh's camp, at the mouth of the river, are too harrowing to recount; suffice to say he was given the best of care and medical attention and afterwards taken on dog sleds to Tagish post.

The police soon captured two of the Indians and were shown where the body of Meechan had been sunk in 25 feet of water. The other two Indians were followed by the police for hundreds of miles with the assistance of Indian trackers.

Fox is a Pennsylvanian and Meechan from a nearby State; but both men had lived long in Alaska and had lost all fear of the Indians.

The prisoners will be tried before Judge McGuire. Fox is here as a witness. His left arm is still paralyzed though the doctors say he will recover its use in time.

A Private Party Bids Farewell.

The Drummond Sisters are going out. On Friday evening last their many friends tendered them a farewell banquet and a royal time was had. The Hoffman Gate was put on its metal, and in the "wee sma' hours" of the morning, when the goodly company dispersed, it was the unanimous decision that mine host, Manager Thomas, had demonstrated himself the man for the occasion.

Thirty couples sat down to the dainty menu and engaged in tripping "the light fantastic toe" to the music of Prof. Luder's orchestra. The pleasures of the occasion were added to by the unexpected and welcome presence of the gentlemen in control of Yukon district affairs, and the added zest easily made this the event of the year. Clever speeches were made and songs were sung and applauded to the echo, and all united in declaring it one of the most enjoyable occasions in which they had participated on the Yukon.

The care department of the Hoffman will in future be managed by Messrs. Capucel and Conti, of the famous Maison Tortoni.

A Huge Color.

Mr. Nathan Kresky called at this office to get souvenir copies of the paper as he is going out in a few weeks. His visit revives a recollection of the Big Skookum gulch excitement last fall. He still has the first color he found in his discovery bench claim opposite No. 1, and it weighs \$10.25, having lost 10 cents by abrasion since being found. Messrs. Kresky and Peterson were partners and in 12 days and a half rocked out over \$4000.

From Dominion.

H. J. Dignan, located on 1st below on Dominion, called at this office the other day and gave a peevy account of affairs on that creek. He reports about 100 men at work above upper discovery and quite a number around and below. There are claims on nearly ever claim as far as 100 below and indications point to a considerable amount of work being done there this season.