

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held Last Night at Which Much Business Came Up.

Local Meat Dealers Exercised Over Game Ordinance—Carpenters Receive \$10 Per Diem.

The Yukon council held a special meeting last night at the courthouse for the consideration of ordinances which for lack of time could not be passed at the previous regular meeting.

A delegation of the butchers accompanied by their attorneys were present to make a protest against the extension of time for the disposal of game, but as no petitions or communications were to come before the meeting the butchers men left intending to come before the council at its next meeting and make a vigorous protest.

The amended ordinance creating the office of boiler inspector was read for the third time and passed. At the Thursday night meeting of the council, a statement was made that the carpenters on the new courthouse building were receiving \$6 per day.

Mr. Dugas at last night's meeting stated that Mr. Fuller wished to correct that statement as he was paying the carpenters \$10 per day and that the \$6 per day applied only to laborers and helpers.

An ordinance to increase the salary of the messenger of the commissioner's office \$25 per month was put for final reading. Mr. Senkler and Justice Dugas opposed the ordinance on the ground of economy but Messrs. Wilson, Prudhomme and Major Wood voting aye passed the ordinance and increased the messenger's salary.

An ordinance granting to the commissioner certain additional sums of money for current expenses was introduced for the third reading. This ordinance provides for the increase of salary of government employees under Wilson's wage resolution, most of which allowances are for \$25 per month.

The ordinance also includes several overdrawn accounts of various funds which the council was asked to authorize payment. The drains and ditches account shows an overdraft of \$2700; fire department contingencies \$5983, which includes extra expense on engine, freight, new boiler pipes and other expenses; school fund for books, rent and the purchase of nine lots \$6597; territorial contingency fund \$1831.81; fire department and fuel, \$697.36; fire hose, \$766. The board of health bill for the vaccination and other expenses was \$11,862.79.

There were further appropriations to be asked for but were postponed until the next meeting.

The ordinance respecting the appointment of two official court stenographers was put to its second reading.

Wilson's ordinance to secure compensation to workmen in certain cases was passed to its second reading as was also Senkler's ordinance providing fees in probate proceedings, and Mr. Justice Dugas' ordinance respecting the law society and legal profession.

TREES ARE PETRIFIED.

Percy Snider's Strange Discovery in Klondike Mountains.

"While on a prospecting trip in the Rockies in the summer of '98 I made what I consider to be a very remarkable discovery," said Mr. Percy Snider, a well known sour dough, to a Nugget reporter the other day.

"There were three of us in the party, Wm. Holden, Wm. Blackburn and myself.

"We were investigating some coal property on Coal creek and thought before we came to Dawson we would make a trip into the mountains, which are only a few miles distant from where our camp was located. At that time I was just recovering from an attack of the scurvy and was not very strong. Our food had also been stolen a short time before and we were compelled to live on what game we could kill. We started in the morning and reached the foothills of the mountains about noon, when my legs suddenly gave out and I sat down to rest. The balance of the party, thinking that I was played out, left me there to rest, while they went in search of game, expecting to return to me in the evening. After they had gone and I had been sitting there for a short time my weakness suddenly left

me and I arose feeling stronger than at any time since my sickness.

"I followed my companions for a way, but found they had too much of a start and that it would be impossible for me to overtake them, so I started to cut across thinking I might intercept them. My path led me to the foot of the mountains, which I succeeded in scaling by taking a very circuitous route. It was on the top of this peak where I made what I consider a very remarkable discovery.

"There is a plateau on the top of the mountain which will contain from 10 to 20 acres. This is several hundred feet above the timber line, but on this plateau there were perhaps 30 to 40 trees, just about the size of the trees on the Klondike, but entirely bereft of branches and with a surface as smooth and polished as if they had just been put through a polishing process. A careful examination of the ground failed to reveal any signs of fallen branches or limbs, and the only growing thing to be seen on the whole area was a short moss. Upon closely examining the trees I found them to be as hard as ivory and I could make no impression on them with my knife or a rock. I tried to shake them, but found them immovable.

"The only conclusion I could come to was that they are relics of olden times when this was a tropical country and that particular peak might have been an island.

"I stayed there that night and the next morning I made my way back to the place I had left and found my companions just organizing a searching party to go and look for me.

"My story will probably be looked upon as sort of fishy," said Mr. Snider in conclusion, "but I am firmly convinced in my own mind that those trees are petrified and I intend to make a trip there this summer and use dynamite, if necessary, to get some specimens from them."

McLENNAN AT HOME.

He Thinks Present Freight Rates Excessive and Unjust.

R. P. McLennan, the hardware merchant, arrived in Dawson last night after a remarkably rapid journey over the ice from Whitehorse the last 70 miles being accomplished in one day. He came in drawn by a fine team which he purchased on the outside to be used for delivering goods from his store. On the way down he narrowly escaped being precipitated into the Yukon as the horses broke the ice as they passed over it in one place leaving an open place in the river as they passed over which the passengers looked back upon with alarm.

Mr. McLennan said that Vancouver had suffered considerably from the fisherman's strike last season but the impression prevailed that next season would see a very prosperous condition in that city as a big catch was anticipated and the labor difficulties amicably adjusted.

Capt. Smith who together with several local stockholders is interested in the steamer being built for the Stewart river run is reported to have purchased in Vancouver the necessary machinery for his craft which was to be immediately shipped to Whitehorse.

In speaking of the new tariff adopted by the White Pass route, Mr. McLennan expressed great disappointment at the new schedule. He said: "We anticipated this year a great reduction in freight charges and are keenly disappointed in the action of the management of the big company. In reality the charges are more than last year, not less. I have not made up my mind just how I will ship for the coming season as it is possible I may send my goods in by the lower river. In 500 ton lots it would save me even at the combination rate \$5000, as there is a differential of \$10 per ton in favor of the lower river boats. Last year I shipped both ways and my consignment shipped via St. Michael came in earlier than that shipped on the same day by the up-river route. There are many steamers on the lower river not in the combine which I think will be the means of breaking the existing rate as they will get a share of the business and be glad to accept a lower rate. The extremely high prices charged for freight means that prices will not come down for commodities, consequently all the surplus money of the country in reality will go to the railroad and none be left in the hands of the miner to develop the country.

"Hay, I understand, is charged more for this year than last and horses less. If a man brings horses into the country they must eat, consequently he must pay over and over again the original

value of the animal. Again hay does not come in on the 500 ton special rate scheme and is in a separate class and will not be counted as ordinary freight with a rebate given when a consignment of the same might add to the total tonnage of a shipment of other merchandise. The rebate scheme is not a business proposition any way and is objectionable to me. It is my impression that the merchants of Dawson should take some concerted action in this matter as it is of vital importance to the welfare of not only their own personal business, but to the public weal as well."

EXCITING STAMPEDE

Hundreds of Men are Staking on Montana Creek.

Montana creek is the scene today of a great deal of excitement as hundreds of men are reported to be on their way to that ground. All kinds of rumors are prevalent relative to a big strike made there on discovery and people are pouring into that locality from all directions.

It is said that \$2 to \$3 has been found to the pan there and today the creek and benches are being staked over and again. The first stampede went from the neighboring creeks, but a big delegation are now pouring in there from Dawson, many going up Eldorado and down Quartz creek.

Montana creek is a tributary to Indian river and runs parallel to Eureka between the latter and Quartz creek.

Next Week's Court Schedule.

From the 25th of each month to the first of the next month the territorial courts do not hold sessions, thus enabling the judges to complete their work for the month. Therefore, the week has been a quiet one at the courthouse. Monday will see the machinery of the law grinding once more and by the following peremptory list next week will be a busy one.

In Justice Dugas' court the following criminal cases will be heard on Monday: King vs. Sherwood for theft; King vs. Morgan, receiving stolen goods and King vs. Madame Renio for palmistry. Then will follow civil actions: Woodworth vs. Curry, Stone vs. Sawyer, Shaw vs. Williston, Hobson vs. Burns, De Leon vs. Reed, and Belcher vs. McDonald. Justice Craig will sit in chambers Monday and hear appeals. Then will follow Storry vs. Woodburn, Labbe vs. Carboneau, McCauley vs. Timmins, Jehn vs. Kern, Barrack vs. Matheson and Barlett vs. Baker.

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Consomme, Imperial
Lobster Salad Mayonnaise
FISH
Fillet of sole, sauce tartar
BOILED
Rex ham, champagne sauce
ENTREES
Fried ptarmigan on toast
Chicken potpie, Bohemienne
Oyster patties a la Victoria
Apple fritters, glace au cognac
ROAST
Young turkey, stuffed, cranberry sauce.
Prime Ribs of Beef, au jus.
Loin of pork, apple sauce
Sirloin of moose with dressing
VEGETABLES
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Warmest Day of Spring.

Although this has been a typical March day, one of the roughest and most blustry of the month, yesterday was the warmest day of the spring.

The official thermometer whose destinies are presided over by Sergeant Major Tucker, reached 40 degrees above zero yesterday and at no time during the day was it lower than 21 above zero. Although March came in like a lion and shows symptoms of retreating in the same grim attitude, local seers predict that mercury will pass the 60 above mark the coming week.

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