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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."

Deputy Clerk Reed, of Nome U. S. Court, Talks.

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:

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.

(Signed) WILLIAM OGILVIE,
C. A. DUGAS,
J. E. GIROUARD,
R. C. SENKLER,
Z. T. WOOD,
A. J. PRUDHOMME,
ARTHUR WILSON.

Dawson, Y. T., April 12th, 1901.

In reply Mr. Ross in a few well chosen words courteously thanked the retiring commissioner and council for their gracious reception of him on and

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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And Small Packages can be sent to the Creeks by our carriers on the following days: Every Wednesday and Saturday to Eldorado, Bonanza, Hunter, Dominion, Gold Run, Sulphur, Quartz and Canyon.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 1901.

MUST BLAME HIMSELF.

Last evening the Nugget, in a spirit of fairness, published a letter from Crown Prosecutor Wade, in which he denied the statements charged through the columns of this paper as having been made by him.

The same letter appeared in the News of last evening, preceded by an introduction from which the following is an extract:

"When questioned about the incident which gave rise to the publication, Mr. Wade said the conversation from which the alleged quotation was evidently extracted took place in the presence of his family and within the privacy of his own home, to which the representatives of the Nugget had been invited. While emphatic in his denial of having used the language as stated in the Nugget, Mr. Wade admits making statements not intended for publication and is bitter in his denunciation of the actions of those who would take advantage of and scatter broadcast such remarks as might be made between friends and acquaintances around one's own fireside."

It will be seen from the foregoing that Mr. Wade is correctly quoted, he denies in one breath making the statements attributed to him and in the next accuses this paper of betraying his confidence by placing in print matter not intended for publication.

Concerning Mr. Wade's denial respecting the statements attributed to him, we have little to add to what has already been said. The Nugget has placed itself upon record in the matter and proposes to stand absolutely by what has been published. As a matter of fact we do not believe that if the city of Dawson were sifted with a fine tooth comb, five men could be found who do not believe that Mr. Wade made the statements credited to him by this paper.

As for the charge of bad faith on the part of the Nugget, that is another and more serious matter. Violation of confidence on the part of any one is a serious matter, and more particularly is this the case with a newspaper.

But we deny absolutely that there has been any breach of faith. On the contrary a degree of consideration has been shown Mr. Wade by this paper which in the light of developments, seems hardly to be warranted. Mr. Wade did as he says make statements to the representatives of this paper which were not intended for publication, statements which have not been published—and which if they were published, would certainly add no glory to the crown prosecutor's present position.

We also wish to make clear the fact that the conversation did not take place in the privacy of Mr. Wade's home as stated in the News, nor were the representatives of this paper there as invited guests. Mr. Wade telephoned to the Nugget office requesting that a reporter should come to his house, on an important matter, and it was in response to this request and in a purely business capacity that the representatives of this paper happened at Mr. Wade's residence. The conversation in question occurred, not in Mr. Wade's house, but some distance therefrom, Mr. Wade having accompanied the

newspaper men a short way on their return.

These details are mentioned merely to prove that the talk of breach of confidence and hospitality has absolutely no foundation.

Mr. Wade has no one but himself to blame for the publication of what appeared in Wednesday's Nugget.

He forced it upon himself by denying at a public meeting statements which he had made in defining his position as chairman of an important public committee.

The Nugget certainly regrets that Mr. Wade should permit himself to become the victim of his own indiscretion to such an extent, and willingly draws the curtain on the incident unless provocation compels further reference thereto.

COMING AND GOING.

H. H. Hart arrived in Dawson last night from San Francisco.

Mr. T. C. Healy is now nearly recovered from his recent long illness.

Mr. H. H. Honnen has been laid up for several days past with a slight attack of la grippe.

C. Geo. Johannson and James McDougall, of Hunker, and Capt. Whalen are stopping for a few days at the McDonald.

From present indications there will be work in Dawson this summer for every man who can saw a board or drive a nail.

B. Jeffrey and wife of Gold Run, returned this morning from a trip to their home in New York and are registered at the McDonald hotel.

Mrs. J. T. McKinney who was taken dangerously sick on Tuesday and removed to St. Mary's hospital, was last night reported as slightly better.

The Arctic Brotherhood will hold a special meeting tonight to receive the report of special Envoy J. T. Reed of Nome camp, who arrived in Dawson last night.

The C. D. Stage arrived last night with the mail and the following passengers. H. H. Hart, Dan Saunders, C. W. DeSucca, D. Roberts, Capt. T. Whalen, Miss Burnhauser, Mrs. Branner.

Mr. Chas. W. DeSucca, a well-known Skagway newspaper man, was an arrival on the C. D. Stage yesterday evening. Last year he made the round trip between Dawson and Nome. He will remain here until the opening of navigation when he will return to Skagway. He reports the trail as being in bad shape in some places, the tops of hills on the cutoffs being entirely bare. The river trail is also going rapidly on the upper rivers.

Mr. L. T. Burwash, mining recorder for the Stewart river district, was an arrival on the stage yesterday evening. He says his portion of the country is taking on new life with the coming of spring; that prospectors are becoming numerous and both the Stewart and Clear creek countries will swarm with people this season. Mr. Burwash is today mingling with his many friends who always welcome his return from the seclusion of the country where official duties for the most part require his time.

The Boy Aboard Ship.

Mr. Frank T. Bullen, who was once a ship boy himself, makes in his book, "The Men of the Merchants' Service," these mournful statements concerning the sea life of young Jacky:

"Within the memory of middle aged men a boy on board a ship was the butt, the vicarious sacrifice to all the accumulated ill-temper of the ship. Today tales are told of the treatment of boys in 'Georgie' colliers that are enough to make the flesh creep to hear. In those days it was the privilege of every man on board to ill-treat the boy, and if, as very often happened, the poor little wretch died under it—well, what of it?—it was only a boy.

"And the peculiar part of it all was that the brutes who did these evil deeds prided themselves that their actions were right and proper. There was only one way of training a boy—with a rope's end if it were handy; if not, a fist or a boot would do, but he must be beaten.

"One man whom I shall always remember, as smart a seaman as ever trod a ship's deck, beat me until there was not a square inch of my small body unbruised. Scarcely a watch passed that I did not receive some token of his interest in my welfare, and on two occasions he kicked me with such violence that with all the will in the world to obey his orders I was perfectly helpless. My only wonder is that he did not kill me.

"Yet when I left the ship he bade me quite an affectionate farewell, bidding me remember how hard he had labored for my benefit, that every blow he had given me was solely aimed at making me more useful and fitting me for my duties."

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LIBRARY CONCERT

Many Turned Away at Church Door Last Night.

The first of the two concerts given by the management of the Dawson Free Library for the benefit of that institution took place in the M. E. church last night when the house was densely packed and when many, unable to obtain seats, returned to their homes. Those who had the good fortune to hear the program as rendered are unanimous in pronouncing it the greatest musical treat in Dawson's history. The following is the program:

Solo and chorus, "God Save the King," Miss Edith Larsen and choir; song, "The Banderero," (Leslie Stuart), Mr. MacPherson; song, "An Open Secret," (Woodman), Mrs. Ritchie; duet, "The Angel," (Rubenstein), Miss E. Larsen and Miss I. Larsen; song, "Could I?" (Tosti), Mr. Herbert Robertson; song "Husheen," (A Needham) Mrs. Fysh; trio, "Jolly Young Jacks Are We," (Geisha), Messrs. Thomas, Finney and Wye; bridal chorus, "Lohengrin," (Wagner), Mesdames Ritchie, Libby, Trounce, Mackay, Wade, Fysh, Miss Larsen, piano and organ accompaniments; song, "May Day," (Denza), Mrs. Hulme; song, "The King and the Miller," (Keller), Mr. Clayton; trio, "The Daisy," Cushman, Mesdames Ritchie, Libby and Mr. C. Barwell; song, "The Holy City," (Adams), Mrs. Devig, piano and organ accompaniment; song, "He Was a Prince," Mrs. Trounce; chorus, "The Heavens Are Telling," (Haydn), the choir; trio, Miss E. Larsen, Messrs. Charraway and MacLean, accompanists, Mrs. Hetherington, Ernest Searelle and Arthur Boyle.

The program will be repeated tonight in its entirety and those who desire to hear something far beyond the ordinary concert will not fail to be present.

Hon. Jr H. Ross, new commissioner of the territory, will be present at tonight's concert when a suitable address will be made to him on behalf of the board of control of the library.

She Moved.

The clever characterization of Horace Greeley in a recent popular novel has called forth many anecdotes and reminiscences of that famous editor of the benignant soul and countenance, and familiar chin whiskers. A neighbor of the Greeley family in New York contributes one quaint little scrap to the collection.

Mrs. Greeley had, at one time, become much dissatisfied with the house in which they were living. There really were many objections to it, and one day she poured them all forth in a long and rather excited complaint to Mr. Greeley. He heard her out with undisturbed tranquility, and when she had quite finished said simply:

"Well, ma, move."

She took him at his word. As he evidently did not care to be consulted, consulted he was not. For several days there was more or less confusion in the house, as the packing went on, and room after room were left till the last, and Mr. Greeley did not even notice it.

At length, one evening he came home—and found no home to come to. The house was dark and empty. He stood for a few moments on the door-step in amiable bewilderment; then, deciding what to do, he began calling upon the neighbors in turn, inquiring of each, with an appealing smile and unfeigned sweetness:

"Do you know where ma is? She's moved."

Some one did know at last, and "pa," the one thing left behind, moved also, and rejoined his household in their new—and more comfortable quarters.—Youths Companion.

Welcome! Commissioner Ross!

We extend the glad hand to you, and at the same time, acknowledge the many sterling qualities of your predecessor. There are many surprises in store for you, Commissioner. You will find the people of Dawson strictly up-to-date in their ideas. We have found that out in our business and it has kept us hustling to keep abreast of the times. You will notice at the banquet tendered you that the citizens of Dawson are as well and appropriately dressed as any similar body of men in the world. In that fact we take great pride. Looking for information, should you ask some particularly well-dressed man who the leading clothier and haberdasher of Dawson is, there will be but one answer.

OPPOSITE WHITE PASS DOCK

"HERSHBERG"

From Montreal to Dawson.

Montreal, March 13.—Arrangements have just been completed by the C. P. R. and White Pass & Yukon railway by which the journey from Montreal to Dawson, 4365 miles, can be accomplished in less than 11 days.

According to this new summer schedule, which has just been drawn up, the run from Montreal to Vancouver, 2906 miles, will be made in five days; from Vancouver to Skagway, 900 miles, in three days; from Skagway to Whitehorse, 112 miles, half a day; from Whitehorse to Dawson, 447 miles, two

days, making in all 4365 miles in 11 days.

The inauguration of the new shortcut to Dawson will practically close the Stickeen, Dyea, Ashcroft, Edmonton and Prince Albert routes and the Dalton trail.

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APRIL 14, 1901

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2. Vocal..... Elaine Forray.....
3. Selection..... From Esmeralda.....
4. Vocal..... Miss Walthers.....
5. Cornet and Trombone Solo.....
6. Concert Walse..... Amorita Tancrod.....
7. Vocal..... Celia DeLacey.....
8. Selection..... "Robin Hood".....
9. Violin Solo..... T. Lombard.....
10. Duet..... A. F. Freimuth.....
11. March..... Walthers & Forrest.....
12. Prof. Parker's Wondrouscope..... Ne & Pizzetti.....

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DR. JOS. BETTINGER'S BODY

Found Short Distance Up White River Wednesday Afternoon.

Victim Evidently Wandered From Right Trail and Succumbed to Cold—Body Mutilated by Wolves.

Another mystery of the Yukon has been revealed and what for a period of nearly five months was wrapped in darkness is now explained.

The body of Dr. Joseph Bettinger who left here on foot for the outside on December 7th, thinly clad and ill prepared for the hard journey, the trail at that time being practically unbroken, has been found in the still embrace of death within a few miles of where the unfortunate man was last seen alive which was on the morning of December 10th and a few miles above Ogilvie on the Yukon and when the mercury registered nearly 50 degrees below zero.

The body was found Wednesday afternoon a few miles up the White river and less than 100 feet from the trail and near the river bank. It was found by two wood cutters who, after making sure of its location, returned to Stewart and reported the same to Mining Recorder L. T. Burwash who, accompanied by one of the men, went after the body with a dog team and returned with it to Stewart post some time Wednesday night. The condition of the body showed that shortly after death and before being charitably covered by snow from heaven, wolves had torn and mutilated it but after being covered with the mantle of white it apparently lay undisturbed throughout the long cold winter and until the melting of the snow revealed it to the two men on Wednesday. As the victim's watch was in his vest and nearly \$100 in cash were found on his person, all theories as to his having met with foul play are forever dispelled.

As was stated in the Nugget when Dr. Bettinger's disappearance was first noted sometime the latter part of December, he had left for the trip thinly clad, wearing a light suit, spring overcoat and thin silk mitts. H. C. Macaulay met him at Ogilvie and noting his light apparel, presented him with a pair of heavy mitts and wanted to supply him with a parky, but Bettinger declined the latter, saying he could keep warm walking.

The fact that his body was found on White river a few miles above its confluence with the Yukon indicates that he had kept to the west side of the river going up and followed the trail made up White river by a lot of stampedees which trail at that time was more clearly defined than was the one on the Yukon. The indications are that the man was simply overcome with the cold, gave up and died, his arms being stretched above his head when found, showing that he died as he fell. The body is still at Stewart post to which place it was taken by Mr. Burwash.

No news of the discovery of the remains were received in Dawson until the arrival of Mr. Burwash on the stage yesterday evening, owing to the fact of the telegraph wire being down between Dawson and Stewart. However, Inspector Wroughton left early yesterday morning on official business up the river and would reach Stewart some time today in which event he will conduct an inquest and probably arrange for sending the body to Dawson for interment.

Dr. Joseph Bettinger was not over 30 years of age. He spent several months in Skagway early in '98, coming on to Dawson that summer. For a year he was assistant physician at St. Mary's hospital. Going outside last year he married a Miss Peterson who resided near Tacoma, Wash., and brought her with him to Dawson late in the summer. Failing to find lucrative employment here he decided to go outside, he to make the trip on foot and his wife to go by stage, overtaking him at Whitehorse. He left here on December 7th, Mrs. Bettinger following on the stage three days later. It was upon her arrival at Whitehorse and failure to meet her husband there or to have heard of him along the route, that inquiries for his whereabouts were first made. Many and various were the reports circulated as to the missing man having been met at points along the route, one man asserting that he met the doctor on LeBarge. After vainly waiting at Whitehorse and Skagway until all hope of her husband's arrival was abandoned, the heartbroken young wife went below to return in the spring and continue the search for her

missing husband. The police at the time, under direction of Inspector McDonnell specially detailed for the work, made a thorough search of the Yukon trail, but no one ever thought of his having wandered up White river. Thus has been rolled away the cloud that shrouded another of the many mysteries of the Yukon, another name added to the long list of victims of the Arctic winter.

TRIBUTE TO MR. OGILVIE

From His Co-Workers, Members of Yukon Council.

Last night being the last night in which the council would meet with Mr. Ogilvie acting as presiding officer, a resolution was passed expressing the appreciation of the members of the council for the services which he has rendered the territory and also the esteem in which he is held by each member.

After all the business before the council had been completed and the council was about to adjourn, Justice Dugas moved that the council resolve itself into a committee of the whole with Major Wood occupying the chair. Addressing the chair he said:

"The news reached us a few weeks ago that our commissioner had tendered his resignation to Ottawa and tonight the news comes to us that tomorrow the new commissioner will be given the oath of office and assume the duties of commissioner of the territory. In the two and one-half years in which Mr. Ogilvie has presided over the council differences of opinion on certain matters have arisen, but we have always discussed the matter as men and not allowed any feeling of animosity to enter into any of the discussions.

"There is no use to refer to the public meetings in which private animosity has actuated the proceedings. As members of the council and as citizens we have always been able to approach our commissioner and we know that he has been actuated with only one desire and that is to serve the public. His actions have been straightforward and honest and nothing ever need be said in defense of any of his actions. He possessed a high public reputation before coming here and that reputation he has ably sustained. Therefore as a small expression of the esteem in which we hold Mr. Ogilvie I would move the adoption of this resolution."

That the members of this council take this last opportunity of expressing to Mr. William Ogilvie the high appreciation of his conduct in all his dealings with the council and at the same time of recognizing his continuous efforts to help in the development and welfare of this territory under the most trying difficulties, due to the peculiar circumstances under which this territory was opened.

Mr. Senkler took great pleasure in seconding the resolution which was passed unanimously. In reply to the resolution Mr. Ogilvie thanked the members for their expression of their kindly feeling toward him and then made a review of the work of the council of the last two and one-half years, and spoke of the difficulties which had been met and overcome and the results which had been attained. The full text of his remarks will be published tomorrow.

Capt. Whalen Arrives.

Capt. T. Whalen of the steamer Victorian arrived on the stage last night. He reports the trail in fine condition with a few exceptions. A short distance this side of Thistle there is a space of about two miles where the water is running very swiftly, but that can be avoided by going around. He thinks that all the freight teams now on the cutoff will have time to arrive in Dawson safely. Snow on the river is very deep and in the captain's estimation high water is not at all improbable. He starts tomorrow for the boats below West Dawson where he will oversee getting them out of the ice and ready for launching when the river breaks.

Those Bets.

Regarding the many bets made which name the time for the going out of the ice from the Yukon, many of which say the ice will move before the month of May is a week old, there is now a disposition on the part of their makers to hedge, but the continuous cold makes "hedge" bets difficult to obtain. At the present time spring is fully three weeks later than last year and the present indications of the near approach of warm weather are anything but flattering. A cold wind was blowing from the north yesterday, part of the time laden with fine snow which gave it all the characteristics of a blizzard.

THEY ALL OBJECT.

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ed dog catcher and be paid a salary which would stop complaints of that nature. The matter was allowed to go over until the 1st of May when the present system will be changed to the license system which it is thought will settle the question.

Mr. Prudhomme also raised the question as to why the account of Sutton which was voted at the Saturday meeting had not been paid. He was told that the finance committee had raised an objection to its being paid.

Justice Dugas, in response to the question said "That matter was referred to the board of public works committee for investigation and before the committee had made its report the council allowed the claim. I objected to the petition at the time and I am not yet satisfied that they are entitled to it. Owing to illness I was not present at Saturday's meeting and I did not know that the subject was to come before the meeting."

Major Wood said that a notice was given at the meeting Thursday night a week ago that the subject was to be brought up and Sutton was told to be there with his witnesses. This notice was given out by the commissioner but had probably not been heard by Mr. Dugas. At the meeting held Saturday the question had been discussed. Mr. Sutton and his witnesses had been examined and they all agreed that the expense had been incurred and therefore the money was ordered paid.

Justice Dugas said he had not understood the question was to come before the Saturday meeting and that he alone could not prevent the payment of the money. All he wanted to do was to clear himself of any responsibility in the matter.

The report of the comptroller regarding the number of transient traders licenses issued last year was read and showed that only three had been issued.

Justice Dugas asked how it happened that only three had paid their licenses stating that there was surely evidence of false representations and that some steps should be taken to prevent such a state of affairs in the future.

Mr. Ogilvie said that a number of the scow men had said they were bringing in goods for merchants.

He would suggest that instead of their being licensed an inspector should be appointed and a tax be placed upon the value of their cargo.

Mr. Wilson said that the taxing of the scow owner would legislate the only cheap means of transportation out of existence but he was assured by Justice Dugas that there was no effort to tax them out of existence, but that they should help to bear the expenses of the country in which they do business and in some instances make considerable money on every trip. The subject was on motion referred to the finance committee which was also instructed to investigate why only three out of more than 150 had paid licenses.

The balance in the funds which is set aside for the purpose of buying law books was on motion laid at the disposal of Justice Dugas to buy needed books for the library.

On motion of Justice Dugas the secretary was instructed to furnish each member of the council with a file in which to keep papers and communications pertaining to business connected with the council meetings, the expense to be defrayed by the council.

The council then went into a committee of the whole to consider Wilson's miner's lien law.

Mr. Pattullo, legal adviser, was present and on his recommendation the passing of the ordinance was referred for one week so as to give Mr. Congdon the new legal adviser an opportunity to look it over. "This is an entirely new piece of legislation for this territory," said Mr. Pattullo, "and therefore it should be given the greatest discussion. While I am justly proud of the ordinance as it stands I realize the difficulties which will be encountered in applying it and therefore I would suggest that the new legal adviser who has just come from Nov Scotia, where such a law is in force, be given an opportunity to look it over." On motion of Mr. Dugas the final reading of the ordinance was laid over for one week and in the meantime it is to be considered by Mr. Pattullo, Mr. Congdon and Mr. Wilson.

Tickets for Sale.

Tickets for sale to the banquet to be tendered Mr. Ross are now in the hands of the finance committee of which Mr. J. P. McLennan is chairman. The banquet will be held in Pioneer hall Monday night at 8 o'clock sharp. The sale of tickets closes at 10 o'clock Monday morning.

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In these refrigerators all meats handled by the company will be placed and kept at a temperature of about 20 degrees above until they are disposed of to the different retail shops which handle the product. Next summer the company will ship both up and down the river, bringing in from above live stock which will be slaughtered here and from below, using the company's steamer the Robert Kerr as a carrier of refrigerated meats from the Sound.

The Kerr will ply between St. Michael and Dawson and will be refitted with refrigerating machinery on her first trip to St. Michael where another complete plant will await her arrival. The company has been very successful not only here but in their different branches and are now opening a cannery and fish freezing plant at Bristol Bay in Northwestern Alaska. The original establishment is located in Tacoma, Wash., with branches at Nome, St. Michael and Dawson. F. W. C. Seddon and R. J. Davis are the Dawson representatives of the concern.

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