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AMUSEMENTS.

Auditorium - "Tennessee's Partner"

DEALING WITH CONCESSIONS.

The report published in the Nugget of yesterday relative to certain claims being thrown open for location within the limits of the Matson & Doyle concession possesses considerable importance as indicating the government's attitude upon the concession question generally.

The day when concession holders may sit idly by and hold their ill-gotten properties in defiance of the regulations has passed.

The provisions of their grants must be observed or the ground will be taken from them.

The country has never been benefited by concessions and it is in the interests of the whole community that the ground now blanketed by such grants be all thrown open to the free miner.

The manner in which the Mine concession was dealt with last year considered in conjunction with yesterday's ruling in connection with the Matson & Doyle claims, indicates plainly that special privileges and favoritism to concessionaires will no longer be tolerated.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The tabulated statement of the weather record as published in the Nugget yesterday is exceedingly interesting and particularly so to people who are accustomed to regard a Yukon winter with a feeling akin to horror.

While the statement would not appeal strongly to residents of communities where zero weather is looked upon with fear and trembling, to the Yukon, it means that the winter thus far has witnessed only a trifle

more than a month of unpleasantly cold weather.

In this dry, invigorating atmosphere there is no need to dread the cold so long as the mercury remains above the 25 mark. Under such conditions sleighing, skating and other outdoor pastimes are as pleasurable as they are in most countries when the thermometer is five or ten above.

The real drawback to a Yukon winter is not the cold but the long dark days. The absence of sunlight is the hardship which is most keenly felt, but aside from that feature of the situation, there is very little of which to complain.

Much more severe winters are frequently experienced in Manitoba and the territories than ever has been known in the Yukon, for in this district there is a total absence of ulizzards which are the great bug bear of the prairies.

Life in the neighborhood of the Arctic Circle undoubtedly has its drawbacks, but it also possesses its compensatory advantages which should be given their due weight.

The price of hay is steadily creeping upward, although there seems no good reason to fear that there will be any considerable scarcity of that most essential commodity. The present quotations compared with prices in former years is small, but when viewed in the light of the fact that teams formerly commanded \$10 per hour, it is certainly high enough.

The Sun's remarks this morning in reference to newspaper influence certainly apply to that paper with unquestionable force. No one ever accused the Sun of possessing any influence and it is therefore difficult to understand for what purpose the question was raised.

That troublesome gusher seems determined to give all the trouble possible. While it will, undoubtedly, prove a great blessing in summer, it gives excellent evidence of proving nothing but a nuisance during cold weather.

The Mortgage Killed Him

Woodstock, Conn., Dec. 26.—A worry over the knowledge that his farm, which represented the savings of a lifetime, was to be taken from him by the foreclosure of a \$1,500 mortgage is believed by the medical examiner to have caused the sudden death of Rev. Jesse A. Wilkins, 75 years old, a retired clergyman, whose body was found today in the house where he had lived alone for two years.

When the portly man coming out of a department store had down a little man who was trying to enter there was an explosion. "Why don't you look where you're going?" cried the little man, apparently indignant.

"You are no gentleman," cried the little fellow. "You elephant, you!" "You miserable puddy, I just wish you were half my size, I'd—"

Yellow Fever

Port Townsend, Jan. 3.—The British ship Comiebank, which has arrived here from Panama, reports the death of six members of the crew from yellow fever during the voyage. The vessel is in quarantine at Diamond Point.

ENGLAND

BY MRS. S. FRANCES HARRISON.

"The Lark at dawn, the Nightingale at eve, Conspire to make it beautiful. I had dreamed Of some such beauty—lo! it rose around me More exquisite than any dream, more fair Than even the favorite dreams of cherished children."

My England—with her abbey towers framed in green, Grey Tintern set not too far from the sea, And gayer Furness, clad in mellow reds

That glimmer warm through many an ivy-mat, And tall cathedrals tipped with shimmering spires. That hang over hut and hall.

Clasped in the hands of the laborer's child, And tangled cottage gardens gayly dressed, In all their rustic Sunday summer best.

O blame them not was evermore Upon a cold colonial shore!

Feel their hearts burn within them at the thought Of all that beauty! Let it be said of such— Not that they loved their Canada the less, But only—England—the more. Let it be said Of them that nature did so feed their souls

With all that was grand, illuminating, potent, fresh, That poetry failed them. Nature was all in all; To self-sufficing, strong, relentless, masterful, To aid the human spirit. Then there stole From English valleys, leafy lanes, high hills, From sloping uplands, farms and lichen towers, From roofless ruins gracious in decay—

Something—a sentiment, aspiration, wish— That soothed, inspired at once, that gave for wild Dissatisfaction, peace "Dear England! I have not—yet I fain had been—thy child!"

—From "Pine, Rose and Fleur de Lis"

Mrs. Harrison, who is better known by her pen-name, "Seranus," is a native of Toronto, and is still resident here. She is active in art circles, but her literary output has not been large. She began to write at an early age, however, and published in 1888 a small volume of sketches, entitled "Crowded Out," dealing with French-Canadian life and character, and notable for their local coloring and fidelity to provincial types.

The following year—"The Canadian Birthday Book" came from her pen, and in 1891 she published a volume of verse under the title of "Pine, Rose and Fleur de Lis." Fully a third of this is occupied with a poetic sequence called "Down the River," a work descriptive of the picturesque villages and people of Quebec.

IMPRESSIONS OF BOER CHARACTER

By a Journalist Just From South-Africa.

Victoria, Jan. 6.—A newspaper man all the way from South Africa arrived in the city recently. He is W. H. Wordingham, and comes to try his fortune in Canada after an experience of twelve years in South Africa. There he served on many publications, principal of which were the Johannesburg, Durban and Kimberley dailies, while during the war he represented the East London Dispatch in the suspected districts of Cape Colony. This is where the spirit of insurrection was constantly being fomented, a sort of distributing point of sedition, with ramifications extending in all directions. While on duty there energetic fever put him out of action, but immediately on recovery he joined the Kimberley Light Horse, subsequently becoming attached to the Royal Army Medical Corps.

In this connection he was stationed at Kimberley, which was the medical headquarters for a vast expanse of territory extending from Bulawayo to Pretoria. Medical supplies were also sent from this place to flying columns, so the importance of Kimberley in this department was considerable. Mr. Wordingham has lived long in the South Africa and understands the Boers. He knows them so well that he isn't enamored of the Boer character—quite the reverse. "The more you give a Boer," said he, "the more you get back." This feeling prevents them from working in the mines near Johannesburg, and in consequence very few are working—just now South Africa has no place for the mechanic. The coast towns are crowded with unemployed men, including laborers and clerks, while Johannesburg is flooded by large numbers of former soldiers, who took their discharges there in the hope of obtaining employment. They are supposed to have the first chance, but the opportunities are few and far between. When the conditions become settled the country promises to go ahead rapidly.

FROM WEST AFRICA

T. S. Beal, a Canadian, who has been in the van of civilization in several parts of the globe, has just returned from the Gold Coast of Africa, to herald the wonders of that land. Mr. Beal is the possessor of a gold concession, granted by a native king, and he intends to organize a company for the exploration and development of his claim. He was in Toronto the other day on his way home to wife and family in Windsor, after an absence of five months.

The gold on the west coast of Africa, Mr. Beal says, is the richest in the world. It is worth \$18.25 an ounce, while Klondike gold is sold at \$17.50. It is softer than the Canadian ore, and of a rich, reddish color. The ore is found in decayed quartz, which yields 40 ounces to the ton. Much Australian, English and American capital has already been invested in the Wassa, Ashanti, and

SULPHUR BOOMING

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At the present time this creek is the scene of wonderful mining activity. The locality of greatest operations extends from 36 above to 40 below discovery. From the amount of work done so far this winter no doubt remains as to the permanency and stability of Sulphur as a gold producer. It would be difficult indeed, to find anywhere a more industrious, careful and successful practical miners, men who can produce the maximum of work at the minimum of expense. A large body of fair average pay dirt has been uniformly located and all workers are satisfied and sanguine as to results at the spring washup.

On 32 above Cook Woodson, a good miner as there is in the Yukon, with a large force of men is making extensive preparations for summer work. Next summer he will be one of the largest operators on the creek. Mr. Stroup, another far-sighted practical miner, on No. 24 is now similarly engaged. He is also Ed Jernon of 23, who, besides preparing for extensive summer work, is doing considerable rocking this winter. He is looked upon as an ideal miner. 19 Mr. Holbrook is giving evidence of faithful work. The laymen on Fred Roberts' claim have already a large dump of ore. They know that their reward is sure. Boyd and Peterson on 15, Halley Bros. on 14, and Hogan and Best on 16, are all doing good work, and are confident that their labors will not be in vain. A large amount of work is being done by Black and Blair of 12, and Hartley and Williams of 11. Their dirt averages much better than the anticipated.

TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Mrs. Amelia Coates, the oldest woman in Toronto, died last night, aged 97 years.

London, Ont., Dec. 31.—Mayor Beck has been re-elected by acclamation, the other candidates having withdrawn.

The cabinet has decided to commute the death sentence of W. C. Cook, the Halifax wife-murderer, to life imprisonment.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—Joseph Masson of Montreal, was killed at Valois village near here, yesterday, by being run over by a train.

Port Colborne, Ont., Dec. 31.—Mrs. Isaac Schooley, an old lady of the village of Hunterstone, was burned to death last night by an explosion of natural gas.

Galesburg, Ill., Jan. 3.—Five men entered the First National Bank of Abingdon early this morning, bound and gagged the nightwatchman, and leisurely blew open the vault. They got \$4,900.

Dresden, Saxony, Jan. 3.—King George is evidently growing weaker and the attending physicians are stimulating his majesty with quinine. He insists on attending to state affairs.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—A fire last night in the warehouse of Franklin Macgregor & Co., wholesale grocers, at 18th street and Newberry ave., caused a loss estimated at \$150,000. The loss is covered by insurance.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Jan. 3.—The men's barracks at Fort Brady were entirely consumed by fire last night. The loss was \$65,000. The cause of the outbreak is unknown. The officers' quarters were not damaged.

Dresden, Saxony, Jan. 5.—The German consulate has received the necessary permission to serve a writ on the crown prince in connection with the suit for divorce brought against her by the crown prince of Saxony.

Winnipeg, Jan. 1.—The wood famine in Winnipeg is evidently a thing of the past, so much so, that there are at present 289 cords of wood in the C. P. R. yards, and over 9,000 cords which they complain they cannot get unloaded.

Barcelona, Spain, Jan. 3.—The police have seized a proclamation issued by Argentine anarchists and aimed at Senor Quirno Costa, vice president of Argentina, who is now in this city. The incentive for the attempt on the vice president was the recent explosion of anarchists from the Argentine republic.

On Sunday, the 18th inst., a very pretty ceremony took place at the Central Hotel, No. 30 Gold Run. It was the christening of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Benson of the above named hotel. The ceremony was performed in the presence of many friends by the Rev. Geo. Pringle, the popular pastor of the Presbyterian church and brother of John Pringle, the able member-elect of the Yukon council.

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