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### A GUILELESS HUMORIST.

The editorial and "comment" columns of the ex-organ are a source of continual delight to those people who appreciate real, genuine, spontaneous humor. An instance of the remarkable extent to which Editor Woodside possesses this happy quality of unconscious humor is well illustrated in a recent Sun "extra."

Referring to the fact that the News published a cartoon of himself, the valiant Sun editorialist thus delivers himself:

"The Dawson Daily News lacking the ability and grit to answer the Yukon Sun, has had to hire an artist to cartoon the Sun's editor. This in itself is a confession of weakness."

There is nothing particularly striking in the above, but taken in connection with what follows it forms a gem which rivals anything ever produced by Artemus Ward.

"We," continues this guileless Sun writer, "ordered last fall a set of each of the photo graving and chalk plate necessities to produce pictures, but the order could not be filled in time. We have ordered another outfit and as we have a first-class artist on the premises, we think when the goods come we can produce some etchings of the Boer gang here that will make the old masters turn green with envy."

Now, in view of the fact that the News has taken to the cartoon business to supply a lacking of "brains and grit," it will occur to a great many people to wonder just what deficiency Editor Woodside expects to supply in his own mental paraphernalia by the introduction in the Sun office of so extensive facilities for the production of cartoons. It certainly cannot be that he requires in any manner to increase his stock of courage, because he himself has assured the public that he possesses extraordinary valor and in fact to such an extent that he once narrowly escaped being made a major—and certainly no one ought to know more about Capt. Woodside's bravery than the valiant captain himself. In fact it is a very fortunate thing that the captain has informed the public in regard to the matter or the public might never have known.

But this is aside from the question. What we wish to determine is this: Just where in Editor Woodside's mental apparatus is the loose screw which he hopes to tighten up by means of chalk plates and zinc etchings. We confess that the question is too deep for us, and so we pass it up.

### A MILITIA COMPANY.

A suggestion has been made to the Nugget recommending the organization of a local company of militia. The Canadian militia is organized on lines similar to those upon which the

National Guard is based in the United States. Should a local company be organized in Dawson no further necessity would remain for the presence of the Yukon field force, and a movement for their withdrawal would probably meet with success. Aside from the advantages from a military standpoint which might accrue to the members of such an organization it would in all probability become the center of numerous affairs of a social nature which would assist wonderfully in causing the tedium incident to winter life in the Yukon to vanish. It cost the Yukon territory somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000 to land the troops in the country which Col. Evans brought in, and how much additional it has and will cost the territory for their maintenance is a matter of speculation. If by the organization of a force of militia we could secure the withdrawal of the troops, it would mean in the end a lessening of the taxes which the territory is now compelled to pay. We should be glad to hear from Canadian citizens on the subject.

The new theater building is being rushed through in a manner that indicates most conclusively that the promoters of the enterprise mean business. It is expected that the building will be ready for occupancy in about three weeks and possibly less. It speaks well for the local members of the profession that they have been able to get together and undertake a work of such magnitude. The Nugget wishes them all success in their undertaking. We believe that the construction of so large a building at this particular time plainly indicates that the company possesses confidence in the future of Dawson which will be amply justified by the results. This little Klondike city has a future before it that we opine will prove an agreeable surprise to a great many people.

Men are going and coming over the ice between Dawson and the coast with as little concern as though they were stepping aboard a Pullman car and starting across the continent. From now on the time between this city and Bennett should be very considerably shortened. The trail is in good condition and naturally will improve as the season advances.

The bicycle as a means of rapid transit in the Yukon country seems to have become a fixture. Records of 100 miles a day over the ice, where the trail is in good condition, are being made very frequently. It will not be long until we will be announcing the arrival from Bennett of ice automobile machines. Verily the world do move.

A considerable interest is being manifested in athletics locally. Men who pursue sedentary occupations require a certain amount of physical activity to preserve themselves in a healthful, physical condition.

Several women have already started for Nome over the ice. Bon voyage, ladies, but don't blame us if you find it necessary to locate in a deserted cabin along the river some place and wait for the break up.

### Richard's Disappearance Confirmed.

Mr. F. W. Payne of the Yukon store and hotel, returned yesterday evening from a business trip to Five Fingers, which journey was made on a wheel. On the way back he was accompanied

by J. J. Galbraith, Fred Dunnerberg and Geo. Pickell, all of whom were on wheels, and day before yesterday the quartette covered a distance of 101 miles. Payne says the trail is in fine condition for wheels, foot passengers and narrow dog sleds, but says horse sleds must run with one runner out in the snow, which makes travel by that method very hard.

Mr. Payne confirms the report received by wire by the Daily Nugget from Skagway of the disappearance from the trail of a man by the name of Richards about three weeks ago. Richards was traveling alone and left Hutchiku in the morning and never reached the next station which is called Mackey, and where Wilson's roadhouse is located. Mr. Payne says that between Minjo and Hutchiku where the Clayton party disappeared are numerous air holes in the ice, but that between Hutchiku and Mackey where Richards disappeared there are no air holes and no way by which a man could get into the river without chopping through the ice.

Mr. Payne says many of the roadhouses between Dawson and Five Fingers are well kept, but that others are terrors to all who are forced to patronize them.

### LOCAL BREVITIES.

The electric light company is engaged in improving its line running along Third street.

A regular meeting of the Arctic Brotherhood will be held tonight, at which several new members will be made.

S. W. Leonard has reopened the McDonald hotel dining rooms and is now in entire charge of that department.

Senator Lynch is making arrangements to give a grand banquet on the anniversary of Washington's birthday, February 22d.

The meeting of the Yukon council, which was to have taken place yesterday afternoon, was adjourned until next Thursday. A quorum of members was not present.

An excellent literary and musical program has been prepared for presentation at the Eagle's social Sunday night. The best talent, both male and female, in the city has been secured and a pleasant evening is promised.

The time limit at which members would be received into the Board of Trade on payment of an initiation fee of \$10 expired with January, and with 112 names on the roll. Henceforth the initiation fee will be \$40. The dues are \$10 per quarter. The board now has a strong working membership.

F. A. Ames, of the Ames Mercantile Company, and W. H. Parsons, together with his wife and child, will leave for the outside via Skagway on Sunday. The party will travel as far as Selwyn with two horse teams, which will be furnished by Bartlett Brothers. If it is impractical to use horses past Selwyn the travelers will resort to dog teams. Both of the gentlemen are making the trip on matters of business pertaining to their respective stores in Dawson, and both expect to return here early in the spring.

Three weeks ago the Daily Nugget asserted that the number of people to leave Dawson over the ice for the outside was, up to that time, in excess of the number to arrive in over the ice. The same statement holds good yet. It is estimated that between 200 and 300 persons have gone outside from Dawson over the ice while not to exceed two-thirds the former number have arrived. From now on, however, the inbound travel will be much heavier than the other. The best time is usually made by those going out for the reason that they travel light.

The sneak thief seems to be abroad in Dawson. This morning about 11 o'clock one of these gentry helped himself to a small pile of boards from in front of the Pavilion grill room. The boards had been matched and varnished preparatory to being transformed into shelving. Mrs. Hough the pleasant little proprietress says that if the shelving is returned she will consider the matter a case of kleptomaniacy and will ask no questions. She also offers to present the perpetrator with a cup of coffee and a piece of pie.

The sound of the hammer and saw in Chisholm's Aurora attracted the attention of a representative of the Nugget this morning and noticing the beaming countenance of Uncle Hoffman in the doorway, the scribe surmising something was in the wind, inquired what was up. I am again in business said Uncle with barrels of money and a safe

full of jewelry and watches which I am going to mark in plain figures and place on sale in this new office I am fixing up. Business is promising and I have employed a competent jeweler to look after the watchmaking and repairing branch of the business, while I attend to the purchase of gold dust and loan my money. While I am not working today, I have the price will you join me? With best wishes for the success of the enterprising Uncle, the pencil pusher joined and munched.

Sonr Dough, Letter-Heads for sale at the Nugget office.

The liquors are the best to be had, at the Regina.

Shoff, the Dawson Dog Doctor, Pioneer Drug Store.

Are you planning any improvements in the building line? Place orders for lumber with the Nugget Express. Office, Boyle's wharf.

Best imported wines and liquors at the Regina.

Don't forget the grand sacred concert at the Palace Grand on Sunday night. Tickets at Reid's drug store.

Nugget Express messenger leaves Saturday for Bennett.

M. McDermott, please call at this office. Important.

Carbon paper for sale at the Nugget office.

Frank Belleau, please call at this office for important letter.

Get your eyesight fixed at the Pioneer drug store.

Send your express packages by Nugget Express. Leaves next Saturday.

If you are heading for

# Nome

We can outfit you.

If you are staying at

# Home

We can supply you with anything you want in the

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