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### IGNORANCE OR WHAT?

The faculty which the News possesses in such a marked degree of falling into ridiculous blunders reached a climax on Saturday evening. An alleged telegram appeared on the first page of the News of Saturday under staring, sensational headlines. In these headlines the startling announcement was made that Mr. Frank Phiscator, one of Dawson's well known old timers, a heavy mine owner and holder of much valuable Dawson realty, had recently been arrested in Boroda, Michigan. The charge upon which Mr. Phiscator was alleged to have been arrested was not set forth in the "telegram" which merely stated that Mr. Phiscator had been made defendant in a suit for damages in the town in question. The News was not satisfied, however, with the "telegram" itself. A lengthy editorial note was added which was filled with errors from beginning to end and which concluded with the remarkable statement that "This is the first time he (Phiscator) has been to the outside since he acquired his wealth in the Klondike."

As a matter of fact known to everyone in Dawson excepting possibly the amateur journalists who are responsible for the blundering career of our never-get-it-right contemporary, Mr. Phiscator has been in Dawson with his wife all winter long. His name has appeared in the local papers a dozen times during the past few months and he has been a familiar figure on the streets of Dawson through the entire winter.

There are two possible explanations for this latest monumental blunder on the part of the News. Either that sheet is grossly ignorant of the most primitive rules of legitimate journalism or else it has set out with deliberate malice to injure the good name of one of Dawson's most respected citizens.

We are scarcely able to accept the first explanation, for we dislike to believe that such colossal stupidity is possible—even in the News. Five minutes spent investigating the affair would have furnished sufficient information to prove the falsity of the sensational yarn which the News published.

In fact it is impossible to comprehend how any newspaper in Dawson could be so densely ignorant of local affairs as to fall unwittingly into such a blunder.

The second explanation suggested seems more reasonable, and if it is the correct one, it involves a motive which a reputable newspaper can scarcely discuss.

We presume the News will endeavor to explain the matter away after accomplishing all the damage possible. That is the News' method, followed from the day of its first publication and it is safe to assume that no departure from its regular custom will be made in the present instance.

The facts in the case are at absolute variance with the statements in the News. A reputable citizen has been grossly maligned and injured, without cause. Whether through ignorance or malice is to be seen. In either case the offense is inexcusable.

### A FALSE HOPE.

The people of Dawson have altogether too much intelligence to be led astray by the flimsy inducements which are being held out to them by a few pro-incorporationists—otherwise office seekers.

The situation with respect to incorporation is in no wise different from what it was three months ago. When it can be demonstrated by the production of a charter acceptable to the federal authorities, that taxpayers without regard to nationality will be permitted to participate in the local government; when it is shown that a municipal administration can be conducted as economically as our local affairs are administered at the present time; when it is proven that revenues will accrue to the municipality sufficient to meet required expenses—when these things are all accomplished, then will be time enough to enter seriously into a discussion of the advisability of incorporation.

The single thread which the promoters of incorporation are holding out at the present time which they did not hold out three months ago is based upon the expectation of electing a municipal government favorable to a continuation of the present system of open gambling.

Without entering into a discussion of the merits of the gambling question itself, it may be said as an indisputable statement of fact that no matter what the feelings of the proposed municipal council might be on the subject, gambling could not be conducted in the face of instructions to the contrary from the federal government.

It is not contended by the pro-incorporationists themselves that a municipal council could enact ordinances in conflict with federal statutes. Their whole case is based upon the theory that once the town is incorporated there will be no further federal interference and that gambling could continue merely through failure of the local authorities to enforce the laws.

This hope is entirely futile as the affairs of the territory generally would still be administered from Ottawa and the federal laws could be brought into effect at a moment's notice.

We repeat that we have too much confidence in the intelligence and common sense of the people of Dawson to believe that they will allow themselves to be stampeded into favoring a movement which can result only to their ultimate injury.

### About Gambling.

Editor Nugget:

In regard to the question of gambling, etc., as affected by incorporation, let me point out that while Regina and Calgary are incorporated in the Northwest territories, yet the administration of law and order is in the hands of the N. W. M. P., where, let us hope, it will remain for all time to come. In these towns gambling is forbidden and no amount of incorporation will now make it tolerated in Dawson by the Dominion authorities who are paramount in such questions. The attempt to ride the incorporation horse through this thin and questionable gap is a fraud and a delusion, but is quite worthy of the chief promoters of incorporation. Let their motives be closely scanned.

In regard to Jack Kirker's work in Kootenay let me say that Jack was one man in a thousand, absolutely fearless, gigantic of size and of great strength and agility. He was not a local policeman, but belonged to the provincial force of British Columbia, an organization like the N. W. M. P., which gave him great powers in his great work.

### His House on Wheels.

France, which has always led the world in automobile matters, has come forward with a development of the horseless carriage that is decidedly novel and interesting. It is nothing less than an automobile house—that is, a house on wheels containing within itself its own motor power and capable of transporting itself wherever the will of its owner desires. It is a sort of houseboat on terra firma.

This movable house is the invention and the property of M. Henri de Parmentier, a millionaire of Marseilles. M. de Parmentier calls his invention the Kosmos, from the Greek word "kosmos," meaning the universe. In the name he probably intends to convey

the idea that the house contains everything necessary to the comfort and well beings of its inmates. M. de Parmentier has fitted up the Kosmos with every luxury possible within its limited space, though it is really much more capacious than appears from the outside. He intends to use the movable house for touring purposes.

The Kosmos is run by electricity, which also furnishes it with light and fuel. There is an engine room for the electrician, and the auto also contains storerooms for extra wheels and machinery. To avoid the friction incident upon a high rate of speed it is fitted with very strong springs. This up-to-date auto contains rooms fitted up for every purpose, dining room, bedrooms, sitting room, boudoir, parlor, etc. It is a complete miniature residence on wheels.—Ex.

### They Were Forming Opinions.

The club was full. Evening papers were at a premium. An atrocious crime had been that day committed, and every member was reading the account of the tragedy and eagerly discussing the details.

A foot had been found in the East river, a leg in the Hudson and the trunk of a body in the park. Loud were the expressions of horror and disgust. Suddenly a hush came over the crowd, and two small voices were heard above the modified din discussing the law of human nature which made people lean toward curiosity even in its morbid tendency. The small voices grew louder and the argument stronger, until at last a man in tones of undisguised pity turned to the disputants and said:

"So you think we are filled with morbid curiosity?"

One of the small voices replied that it looked very much as if that was the case.

"Nothing of the kind," expostulated the former speaker. "You mistake our motive. We are merely disqualifying ourselves for jury duty."

The men with the small voices immediately seized the only two newspapers and devoured them with avidity.

—New York Herald.

### What a Patent Costs.

In the course of its progress through the office up to the issue and mailing of a patent, says E. V. Smalley in the Century, an application passes through the hands of 52 persons. An applicant pays \$15 to have his claim examined, and in case he is granted a patent an additional fee of \$20 is required. Attorneys charge from \$25 up, according to the work demanded by the cases, and as the applications number about 40,000 yearly it will be seen that there is a good deal of money to be divided among the patent lawyers, whose signs cover the faces of the buildings in the vicinity of the patent office.

An inventor is not required to employ an attorney, but probably 99 out of 100 do. In simple cases where there is no interference with prior claims an inventor can almost as well deal direct with the government, but in most cases the knowledge of the lawyer is valuable. He can study other inventions in the same line and knows how to make the claim of his client broad enough to cover all that is new and valuable and not so broad as to be rejected.

### The Man With a Paper.

The man with a paper during the morning and evening hours in New York city is legion. There are about 400,000 of him. A man without a newspaper on an elevated train, in a street car, aboard a ferryboat or in a railway coach, morning or evening going or to from business is conspicuous.

He is a rare bird indeed, and looks as though he were wrecked and floating alone on a sea of tossing papers. He is sure to feel lonesome and almost outside the pale of civilization, for his fellow men, with their faces to their regular diet of daily news, hardly notice him.

If you have time to spare a moment from your morning paper, just look about you, in a car or boat, observe and listen. You will see every mortal man—with often hundreds in view at one time—religiously bowing at the altar of the news in silence that is only broken by a continuous rustle as the scores of leaves are turned. There is no more devout newspaper reading community than is found in the metropolis.

—New York Herald.

### Ate a Lizard.

Appleton, Wis., Feb. 2.—Charles A. Taylor, of Barron, Wis., a student of the freshmen class at Lawrence university, yesterday afternoon ate two legs of a lizard of the sceloporus, a harmless lizard of South Carolina, as a result of a wager of two boxes of chocolate creams with A. D. Andrus of Ashland, a classmate. The lizard was one which had for some years been preserved in alcohol in the zoological

laboratory of the college. The first leg was swallowed whole, and the second was thoroughly masticated, according to the terms of the agreement. Taylor was seized with violent nausea soon after his feat, but recovered without medical treatment and today shows no bad effects from his experiment. In spite of great efforts at secrecy the story leaked out today and is confirmed by the investigations of one of the professors.

### The Place to Wash Him.

On one occasion an M. P. of a past generation not noted for his habits of personal tidiness was visiting a seaside place, and one day while out in a boat with a sailing party he was swept overboard, but was happily rescued. When the excitement was over, a young fellow rushed down into the cabin.

"By Jove," he exclaimed, "we've been having such an exciting time on deck!"

"What is it?" asked everybody.

"Mr. Blank was washed overboard."

"I'm glad of it," snapped a fastidious matron.

Everybody was horrified.

"Well, I am," she explained. "Just thing of that man being washed on board."

—London Answers.

### One of the Family.

Waukesha, Wis., Feb. 2.—On January 7 Miss Jennie Seidel took out a marriage license to wed Frank Schneider. Today she appeared at the clerk's office and took out a license to marry William Schneider, a brother of the man named in the first license. It transpires that the priest refused to marry her to the first man, saying that he already had a wife. Miss Seidel, however, was anxious to marry one of the Schneider family, and took out a license today to marry his brother.

### Poor William.

She (petulantly)—I don't see why you should hesitate to get married on \$3000 a year. Papa says my gowns never cost more than that.

He—But, my darling, we must have something to eat.

"Oh, William! Always thinking of your stomach!"—Life.

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