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## LABOR LIENS.

There is clearly need of legislation to protect the laborer against possible loss of his wages. Many men worked all winter long under contracts, the provisions of which they did not know themselves, and when time for settlement came found that their signatures were attached to agreements which practically relieved their employers of all responsibility. There are men who must be protected against themselves and who require to be restrained by law from signing away their rights. On the other hand, there are employers who will take every advantage of the ignorance of those in their employ and defraud them in every way possible. Restraints must be placed against them that they may not take too great advantage of their men.

Care must be taken, however, in granting legal protection to the laborer that no injustice is done the employer. The latter has his right also, which must be respected. A contract once entered into must be observed by all parties thereto with equal strictness.

We are of the opinion that a laborer should have a first lien for his wages upon the dump he takes out or assists in taking out, but if employed by a layman we are unable to see any legitimate reason for holding the claim owner beyond the value of the dumps. In many cases the claim owner is not in touch with the work done on his ground, and a law making him responsible for the obligations of his laymen would give advantages over the former, which would result in doing away entirely with the lay system.

If a dump fails to yield the amount due for labor performed upon it the deficiency should be met by the man or men who contracted with the workmen. We agree with the opinion that the whole dump, including both claim owners' and laymen's share, should be held for the payment of wages. But in such a case the claim owner should not be held beyond his interest in the dump, where the layman has assumed entire responsibility of employing the labor.

A striking feature about the life we lead in this northern country is its isolation from the rest of the world. Political revolutions may take place with results seemingly far reaching enough to affect the uttermost parts of the earth, and yet the even tenor of the Klondiker's way is not in the least disturbed.

Wars may be fought and great nations grapple at each others throats, but so far removed are we from the theatre of the world's activities that the effect upon us is nominal. We could take no part in the great doings of the powers of the earth even if we so desired. Great policies may be planned and executed before we

are even aware that they are in contemplation. In fact, the Klondike is a sort of second Arcadia where an asylum may be found in which is complete separation from the turmoils of the busy world. All we require is the poetic genius who will portray in proper form the joys incident to the Klondiker's life of "splendid isolation."

The Ontario government is in a fair way to make a big thing for the people out of its resources in pulp wood. Several American paper men are arranging to set up large mills in that province, and the United States newspapers are agitating for the abolition of the duty collected on paper on account of the avaricious spirit of the trust, which has advanced the price of paper beyond all reason. The newspapers of the United States wield a great influence, and it is not unlikely they may carry their point. They have had the iniquities of protection brought home in a striking way and have had a forcible illustration of what consumers in other lines are compelled to endure, but have not the facilities of the press for making their grievances public. The duties on all kinds of paper at present are so high that none can be taken into the states from foreign countries. Monopoly in this case appears to have killed the goose. —Victoria Times.

### Miners Have Narrow Escape.

Glouster, O., June 8.—Two hundred miners were imprisoned at 7 a. m. today by an explosion of gas in mine No. 2. It was thought at first that the loss of life would be very large, but the work of the rescuers was carried on so energetically and successfully that all were rescued and saved by tonight except three. Evan Joseph, John McClelland and Aaron Swanson were killed and their bodies cannot likely be recovered tonight, as the mine is still on fire.

These men were engaged to watch the large mine at night and see that it was in condition for the miners to enter in the morning. They were cut off from all means of escape at the time of the explosion, and their horses perished with them. William Williams, also employed in the mine, had his leg broken, and others suffered slight injuries.

The explosion set the mine on fire, and the rescuing party has been working with great difficulty. This evening about 6 o'clock a second explosion occurred, and shortly afterward a third, in which the system of fans used to force fresh air into the mine was destroyed. Further attempts will continue to be made to rescue the three bodies throughout the night and on the morrow.

There were 400 men employed in the mine. Had the explosion occurred a few moments later, after all the men had entered and taken their positions, the destruction of human life would have been fearful to contemplate.

Mine No. 2 is owned by W. P. Rand & Co., of Chicago. The shaft is 125 feet deep, and it was sealed up tonight in the attempt to smother the fire.

### My Generous Boer.

The only Boer I ever was personally brought into contact with seemed to me a delightful person! This is how it happened. Soon after my arrival in Maritzburg, a bazaar was held in aid of some local literary undertaking. Bazaars were happily of very rare occurrence in those parts, and this one created quite an excitement, and realized an astonishingly large sum of money. The race week had been chosen for the purpose of catching customers among the numerous visitors to Pietermaritzburg in that gay time, and the wiles employed seemed very successful.

I never heard how or why he got there, but I only know that a stout, comfortable, well-to-do Dutch farmer suddenly appeared at the door of the bazaar. He was, of course, at once assailed by pretty flower girls and lucky-bag bearers, and cigars and kittens were promptly pressed on him. But the old gentleman had a plan and a method of his own, on which he proceeded to act.

He had not one single syllable of English, so it was a case of deeds not words. He began at the very first stall and worked his way all round. At each stall he pointed to the biggest thing on it, and held out a handful of coins in payment. He then shouldered

his purchase as far as the next stall, where he deposited it as a gift to the lady selling, bought her biggest object, and went on round the hall on the same principle. When it came to my turn he held out to me the largest wax doll I ever beheld, and carried off a huge and unwieldy doll's house, which entirely eclipsed even his burly figure. My next door (or rather stall) neighbor had a table full of glass and china, and she consequently viewed the approach of this article of bazaar commerce with natural misgiving, but as this ideal customer relieved her of a very large ugly breakfast set, she managed to make room for the miniature house until she could arrange a raffle and so get rid of it.

The last I saw of that Boer, who must have contributed largely to our receipts, was his leading a very small donkey, which he had just bought at the last stall, away by a blue ribbon halter. I believe it was the only "object" in the whole bazaar which could possibly be of the slightest practical use to him, but the contrast between the weak-kneed and frivolously attired donkey and its sturdy purchaser was irresistibly comic.

No one seemed to know in the least who he was, but we supposed he must have come down for the races and backed the winners very successfully. —Lady Barker, in the Cornhill.

### The Meat Market.

Judge Irwin landed from a scow at West Dawson Saturday evening, from Yakima, 18 head of beef cattle. Mr. Rudio got in Saturday evening with 90 sheep, 49 head of hogs and has a drove of cattle following him, which should arrive within a day or two.

The tendency of the market is downward on account of the arrival of fresh supplies, but the general opinion of dealers is that prices will hold up to pretty nearly their present rate.

### A Miner's Inch.

Editor Klondike Nugget,  
Dear Sir: Please state through your columns what constitutes a miner's inch of water, and oblige  
A SUBSCRIBER.

(A miner's inch is a measure for flow of water, and is an opening one inch square through a plank two inches in thickness under a head of six inches of water to upper edge of opening. It will discharge 11,625 U. S. gallons water in one minute.—ED.)

### Unique Expedition.

A unique expedition in the interests of science, which is to include the shores of British Columbia in its travels, has started out from New York. According to some American exchanges the object of the expedition is to prove the startling theory now entertained by some that the Klondike was the original garden of Eden. Morris K. Jessup, a millionaire New York banker, and president of a big museum, is backing the enterprise with \$50,000. A party of three have set out, leaving San Francisco on the steamer Doric recently, intent on starting their labors on the Amoor river, in Asia, from which point they will travel northward to Bering sea and then southward along the coast to the Columbia river.

### Don't Sleep in Church.

Harry Tidd, a young druggist, attended the service in the Bethany Presbyterian church at Trenton, N. J., last night, says the New York Sun, and went to sleep. While he was asleep he stood up and removed his coat and waistcoat. Two women who sat in the same pew with him moved to a far corner. Then he unbuttoned his collar and took off his cravat, and next his shirt came over his head. He was about to slide out of his trousers, when several women shrieked and he awoke with a start. His trousers were dangling about his feet as he ran down the aisle to the vestry. An usher handed him his clothing, and he put them on and went home.

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