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THE LAY SYSTEM.

There will, in all probability, be more money made by laymen this season than has been the case in any previous year. This is due to several causes.

Two years ago men could be found to take lays, and even to pay for the privilege of getting them, upon any of the creeks where good discoveries had been made. They did not wait to examine the ground or inquire into the character of claims in the vicinity which might have been prospected previously. They simply jumped at the chance to work upon the usual percentage basis, under the belief that all the creeks were underlaid with an inexhaustible supply of the glittering dust.

Two years' experience, however, has taught the layman several valuable lessons. He has learned that it costs money to prospect a claim, and he has also learned that the very best creeks have claims which are total blanks. In consequence, men who are working lays this season, as a general thing, were acquainted with their ground, and had a clear idea ahead of them as to what they might expect.

On the other hand, claim owners, whose property has justified being worked on lays, have been particularly careful in selecting men in whose care to entrust the development of their ground. Many good claims were given a "black eye" last year by reason of the fact that men who lacked in grit and stick-to-itiveness were given lays upon them.

The care which has been exercised this year, both by claim owners and laymen, will prove mutually beneficial, and both will be better satisfied with results.

Generally speaking, parties who have freighted goods in over the ice for sale in the Dawson market have failed to realize expectations. The cost of transporting goods a distance of 500 miles over the ice is so great, and the loss or damage of goods so probable, that an enormous profit must be realized in order that such speculations can in any way be justified. In most cases, however, the demand has not been equal to the supply. There have been very few articles in which there has been any great scarcity, and these must have been in the nature of luxuries and commodities, of which a very small supply would effect a glut in the market. In consequence, fancy prices have not prevailed, and the man who has freighted a few tons of goods from Bennett has been fortunate if he has made a fair percentage on his investment.

When the war with the Transvaal is brought to a successful conclusion, the last formidable obstacle in the way of the construction of the Cape to Cairo railroad will have been removed. This road is the one great ambition which Cecil Rhodes desires and fully intends to carry out. With the troublesome Boers eliminated as an influential po-

litical factor in the affairs of South Africa, Rhodes will be in a position to place his magnificent ideas in practical operation. The country through which the road will run includes some of the most splendid agricultural land in the world, and is capable of sustaining an immense population. The realization of Rhodes' railway scheme will be the entering wedge for the establishment of a great African empire.

The various craft which are being fitted up to go down the river to Nome upon the opening of navigation would form a striking flotilla if all could be arranged in a single fleet before starting. As a matter of accommodation to the public of Dawson, who never again will be able to witness a similar occurrence, we suggest to the managers of the various boats, barges, etc., that a naval parade in front of Dawson immediately after the break-up would be a splendid idea, both from an advertising and an amusement standpoint.

The English papers are raising another great clamor over the carelessness which they allege has been shown by Lord Roberts in conducting affairs since the capture of Bloemfontein. It does appear remarkable, after the statement published far and wide that the Orange Free State was entirely conquered, that one thousand British troops should be killed or captured almost within sight of Roberts' headquarters. The staying qualities of the Boers appear to have been very sadly underestimated.

The narrow escape of the Prince of Wales from death at the hands of a crazy would-be assassin has caused letters of congratulation to be sent to the Prince from every corner of the civilized world. Whatever rivalries may exist between Great Britain and other nations, none of the latter would have rejoiced had the anarchist been successful in his nefarious attempt at the life of the Prince.

Today is Good Friday, upon which most of the world and his brother closes up shop and indulges in a well-earned rest. The poor, down-trodden newspaper man, however, who wouldn't know what to do with a holiday if he had one, is, per force, compelled to sit at his desk and slave as usual.

With the opening of the sewer boxes, which is now being rapidly accomplished, the water now accumulating in the streets and on the flat back of town will quickly be drained off into the river. With all stagnant water thus taken care of, danger from typhoid will be materially lessened.

Dawson begins again to assume her wonted appearance of business prosperity. The volume of business transacted in the course of a day is steadily on the increase, and a perceptible change for the better is noticeable in all lines of trade.

War in Booth Family.

While people would naturally think that in the hearts of Salvation Army and Volunteers of America members no resentful feelings would or could rankle, such is not the case. The Booth family which is the head of both organizations, is at war; the house is divided against itself and one side is accused of praying to the Lord for the downfall of the other side. A late New York telegram says: While still declining to give, except in court, his reasons for wishing to change his son's name from William Booth to Charles Brandon Booth, Commander Ballington Booth, of the Volunteers of America, says in

the Tribune today: "There has been a report made to the press, which I wish to correct, viz., that everybody thought the Salvation Army and the Volunteers of America, of which I am president, are on the most friendly terms. So far as the Volunteers are concerned they have sought to avoid opposition, friction and any bitterness, but all the Salvationists could do to thwart our purpose, to injure our cause and to influence our officers, has been done."

"Not satisfied with the cruel treatment to Mrs. Booth, not satisfied with calling our people 'traitors,' 'devils' and 'street walkers,' their leader, Commander Booth-Tucker, has openly in their councils led their officers to pray for our downfall. They have gone over our heads to the landlords of our halls, offering them more money if they would evict our people, and rent them the halls. They have said that the Volunteers are failing and are heavily in debt, which is not the case. We have paid every creditor."

"Apart from the legal reasons which we shall present in court, does any one wonder that our boy should want to cease to be associated with a movement which has so bitterly opposed and belied his father and mother? I will make known more later. The Salvationists have even given out that Mrs. Booth's picture should be in the rogue's gallery."

In Old Kentucky.

To the person familiar with Kentucky and the habits of her people, the outcome of the present party strife there is awaited with no small degree of interest. It is not an unusual thing in Kentucky to "adjourn court" for 15 minutes to enable "his honor" to repair to some "bah" for that which to the average Kentuckian takes the place of bread, in that it is the staff of life.

Those familiar with the characteristics of the Blue Grass state can well imagine the intensity of feeling which prevails as a result of the recent assassination of Gov. Goebel by his political enemies, followed by the trial of the alleged assassins and accomplices, which trial was in progress when the last news from the seat of war was received. An Associated Press telegram of March 27th, the day the trial of the prisoners began, says:

"A squad of 70 extra police and deputy sheriffs guarded the outer entrance to the court while a file of soldiers stood at the doors and passed on the credentials of persons entering the room when the hearing of the men charged with complicity in the murder of Governor Goebel was called today."

"The general public was excluded by an order of Judge Moore. Those admitted, however, soon filled the court on the second floor of the building. The Lexington and Winchester companies, armed with Winchesters, were stationed through various rooms. Not much more than ordinary crowds were on the streets, and there was no excitement."

"Judge Moore convened court at 10 o'clock, when the prisoners, Republican Secretary of State Caleb Powers, W. H. Culton and John Davis, were brought into the court room. The commonwealth witnesses were called, numbering 40."

"County Attorney Polsgrove announced that he was ready for the trial of the case."

"The ex-Governor read the warrant against Powers, charging him with being an accessory to the murder of William Goebel, and asked for the dismissal of the defendant on the ground that the warrant was fatally defective in not alleging that the crime was committed in Franklin county, and that it did not even show the offence to have been committed in Kentucky, which motion the court overruled."

One War Picture.

I came where the Coldstreams were hit the hardest, writes Charles Shaw in the Toronto Telegram. There was a cluster of 20 or 30 dead and wounded. "Look 'ere, sir," yelled a Coldstream, bending over a comrade, as I was hurrying forward, for the shots were flying a little hot. The man was hard hit in two places on one leg. "Wot d'ye think a' that?" I didn't think anything, except to be sorry for the poor beggar, who never said anything more than, "I wonder, Townie, wot the little girl will think of me 'opping round on one leg." "Think," answered the townsman; "think; God-sakes, man, it's a shillin' a day pension for life." And as the blood, which couldn't be staunched, gushed forth anew, I wondered if the women of England, yes and Canada, knew what war, which they deemed so glorious, really meant. Six feet of splendid manhood going back on one leg to the little girl in far off England who was his only thought while bullets whistled over him and the pain of his wounds wrenched his soul.

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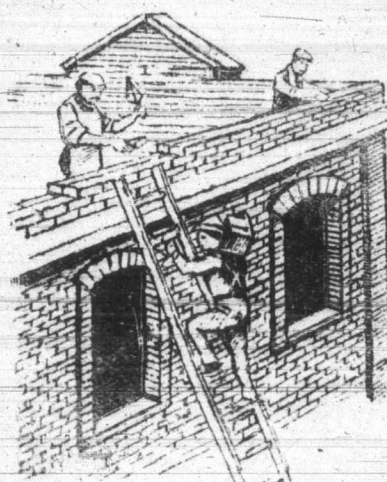
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