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**WE HAVE BEEN "SPOKEN TO."**

We never heard it hinted that the Tacoma News "was owned by a Canadian." But, then, of course—well, the less said, sometimes the better.—Nugget, Dec. 4.

Exactly; the less you say the better, little one. You should speak when you are spoken to.—News, Dec. 5.

Well, since our good neighbor has spoken, we will just complete what we left unsaid in the note quoted above. We were about to remark that it would scarcely be expected that the Tacoma News which is published in a rural town in the state of Washington and was formerly owned by the present proprietor of the Dawson News, would exert itself to proclaim from the housetops that "it was owned by a Canadian." On the contrary, and as a matter of pure, undefiled and unadulterated truth, the aforesaid owner during his exile in the city of destiny made all due and possible haste to get away from his Canadian origin by taking out United States papers. Now, there is nothing discreditable at all about that action, but since the Tacoma News, after undergoing a process of disintegration and reincarnation, has finally reappeared upon this mundane sphere as the Dawson News, it becomes interesting to students of natural phenomena to note what may be termed the sympathetic or reactive effect upon the owner above mentioned.

In offer and perhaps plainer language there is fame ahead for some of our local savants who out of the abundance of their knowledge will satisfactorily explain how it has come about that the owner of the News who was a United States citizen in Tacoma became a Canadian and subject of her most gracious majesty immediately upon landing in Dawson without resorting to any of the customary legal formalities.

We are concerned in the matter only to this extent, that we see in it a problem, the solution of which will add greatly to the world's store of scientific knowledge. It has always been claimed by high authority that fish and flesh cannot both be incorporated in the same organism, which much respected proverb the owner of the News is making a strong effort to controvert.

We cannot say that we are as yet convinced that the effort has been successful, any more than have the attempts which at various times have been made to discover the identity of the man who is supposed to have struck Billy Patterson. We await the solution with much solicitude.

**TWO POSSIBLE RESULTS.**

The body politic is always bettered by such movements as that of which William Jennings Bryan may be considered the head and front.

Political parties, no matter what high principles they may have espoused at the time of their origin are certain to drift away from duty if left too long in undisputed authority. The party of Washington and Hamilton outlived its usefulness after a comparatively short period of power and the same thing proved true of the Jeffersonian Democracy, which likewise was unable to withstand too long continuation of political success. The present Republican party was a direct out-

growth of the late civil war and has been in control of affairs in the United States ever since that struggle, with but slight interruption.

To say that the dominant party in the States today is distinctly representative of the influences which carried Abraham Lincoln into the presidential chair would be to state an obvious untruth. Long continued success has fastened upon the Republican organization certain elements which from their very nature can only be regarded as being inimical to the welfare of the people at large. With more or less justice it has come to be accepted as an undisputed truth that the forces of capital will always be found arrayed under the Republican banner, and history warrants the statement that there is danger in such a condition.

There are two possible results which may accrue from this situation. One is the eventual overthrow and dissolution of the party in power and a re-organization along new lines, and the second lies in an awakening of party conscience and a recognition of popular demands which will warrant and secure continued popular support. The Bryan movement, as it may be termed, is calculated to bring about the second result. It has been sufficiently strong and has forced itself upon public attention in a way that the Republican leaders, if they are not blind, cannot escape. They must relieve the party of the odium of Hannaism and corporate control or the party is doomed.

If the fear of Bryanism, dominant, causes a purification and regeneration of the Republican party, it may be said that the silver apostle has done his country the highest possible service.

**Christianized Scotland.**

"It is a curious coincidence," said Commissioner Ogilvie, a day or two since, during a conversation of which the recent St. Andrew's ball formed the theme, "that Ireland should have first received the Christian faith from a Scotchman, and that the first missionary in Scotland should have been an Irishman, yet such is history.

"Away back 1300 years ago, St. Columba became converted to the faith and went over to Scotland. Before he became impressed with the evil of his ways, he was far from being a saint; in fact, was guilty of a great many things tending to make him very unpopular with all but his own especial followers. He lived, and was a native of the present County Antrim, near the giant's causeway, and after he became convinced that his ways of life were highly improper he gave himself into the hands of those who sat to do duty and was sentenced to depart out of sight of Ireland, upon whose soil he was never again to set foot.

"Thus banished from the tight little isle, St. Columba, that was to be, but at the time merely an exile, sailed away till he came within sight of a strange land. Then he looked backward, and as Ireland was no longer in sight he went ashore and began teaching the strange new faith.

"Afterwards he left the main land and went to the Island of Iona, which has been from a time lost in antiquity the burial place of kings. Twenty-seven Scottish kings are buried there, and a great many others, but then, kings did not live as long then as they do now-a-days, so little adequate idea of time can be had from this.

"The island is about a mile wide by about three in length, and there St. Columba ended his days."

**Gold in Ketchikan.**

H. C. Strong, who is postmaster at Ketchikan, one of the young camps in Southeastern Alaska, is down on a business trip, and will return north by the next steamer. He is very well informed concerning the district. "Ketchikan is not so very well known," said Mr. Strong, "and as yet is not attracting much attention, but during the past two months many mining men or their agents have been coming into the country. In the district there are about 1500 people, mostly miners and prospectors. The town has but 400 of this number, the other being in the various adjacent camps or prospecting in the hills.

"To give an idea of the growth of this new district I might say that six new postoffices have been established this summer. The Ketchikan office is the distributing point for nine offices, all within the extent of the mining district which is 50 miles long and about 30 miles wide. Helm bay, 20 miles away, has no postoffice, but needs



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# A Statement of Facts

William Shakespeare in all probability was the greatest student of human nature known in the world's history. When he wrote the few words: "The coat doth oft proclaim the man," he said more than can be found in many sermons. The well dressed man is the successful man, and his clothing is a reflection of his prosperity. A man is never poor who is well dressed, for he has credit in the opinion of the onlookers. So, gentlemen, dress up! particularly now when the holidays are approaching. Call on us for correct advice

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one. It has 100 people. Dolomi post-office at Johnson's Inlet, has 100 to 150.

"A postoffice inspector who has recently visited each camp will report to the department that in every town there are all signs of permanency. His visit was to prevent the establishment of postoffices in camps that were 'on wheels.'

"I have walked a mile on the surface of a certain gold-bearing ledge," said he. "The ore bodies, as a rule, are about five feet in width. Outside of a pay streak of a few inches, which will sometimes average as much as \$100 or \$200 to the ton, the whole ledge of 14 feet which will average that well, but in which the narrow pay streak appears to be much richer. I would hesitate to say in print how much richer.

"The ore is both free milling and smelting. Of course the free milling will be worked first. There is now at Helm bay a five-stamp mill, which is doing well, but most of the mine-owners are going ahead blocking out several years' ore, before going to the expense of erecting mills.

"The values of the camp are mostly gold in the base ores, as well as the free milling, but in Knibeck anchorage and Kassin bay there are copper showings, which are attracting much attention and during the last month two of these properties have passed into the hands of prominent mining men, who are proceeding to open them up on a good scale.

"The only alluvial deposits are little spots at the foot of the ledges, and are too small to work as placers.

"Only in one case are the properties more than two miles from salt water. In that the distance is five miles. Many of them are right on tide water and cheaper to work. One, however, has three shafts down 35 feet each, 200 feet apart, and has ore blocked out to the amount of more than \$100,000. The owners have refused a cash offer of that amount. I was down in two of the shafts.

"To prospect the country the only difficulty is that the ground is mostly covered with moss, which hides the croppings from view. The tops of the ranges are open parks, with a carpet of grass and are a paradise for deer, there found in great numbers."—Vancouver World.

**Sealers Are Active.**

The owners of the Victoria sealing fleet are again getting their vessels ready for work. Many of the vessels will be sent to the Japan coast during the coming season. During the season just closed but one vessel—the Aurora—went over there, but she did so well that her owner will send all of his schooners there during the coming season. Several of the vessels will leave early next month for the California and Oregon coast, and from there will follow the herds north, and will then square away for Japan.

Collector of Customs A. R. Milne has completed his official compilation of the catch of the Victoria sealing fleet and forwarded a statement of the catch to Ottawa. In his statement the Collector places the total number of skins at 35,490, an increase of 134 skins over the catch of last year, when 35,346 was the total. The catch was made up as follows: British Columbia coast, 17,755 skins, of which 16,438 were taken by the schooners and 1321 by the swashes off the coast; Behring Sea, 17,513; Copper Islands, 208. The fleet hunting off the coast included 34 schooners, while the Behring sea fleet totaled 36. The average is much lower this year than last, a fact attributable to the bad weather encountered in Behring sea, where although the seals were seen to be more plentiful, the bad weather would not allow of lowering the boats and canoes. The schooners took a larger proportion of branded

skins this year than last, at least a dozen being brought in by the fleet.

—Victoria Times.

**Russia Wants Peace.**

The present czar has been something of a puzzle to the world. Much was expected of him by the friends of Russian progress because of his known inclination toward liberalism. His course has been somewhat, but not wholly, disappointing. A considerable influence has been retained by Pobedonostzeff. The Russian National party has grown in strength until revolution and socialism, if they exist, are lost in greater movements and are heard of no more. The good understanding with France continues, being based on the solid ground of financial self-interest.

The general peace policy inaugurated by Alexander III has been emphasized by an attempt to reach a basis of universal peace through the peace congress at The Hague. The initiation of this movement by Russia has been the subject of heated controversy as to the Russian motive. It may have been due in part to the enlightened views of the czar, but its promotion by Russia was unquestionably dictated by self-interest. It is to be noted that Russia is now at the highest point of prosperity that she has yet attained, and is putting forth strenuous efforts to extend and consolidate her vast empire.

Peace is the need of the Russian Nationalists—a peace that will enable them to negotiate with China for Manchuria, and to utilize their wealth in the building of railroads, and in promoting unity in other ways. They do not wish to be disturbed in the Russification of Finland and the other provinces, which is an important part of the Nationalist scheme.—Chautauquan.

**Cuban Convention.**

Havana, Nov. 6.—The Cuban constitutional convention reassembled this afternoon and adopted resolutions to send to President McKinley the following telegram.

"The Cuban constitutional convention has the honor and satisfaction to respectfully salute the president and congress of the United States and to express its sentiments of gratitude to the American people."

General Maximo Gomez in a letter to Havana papers, says he will not accept office under the Cuban republic.

"As a revolutionist," he declares, "I have always understood that from the moment the revolution was over, my mission will be terminated. What remains to be done to attain the felicity of the land is not a matter to be decided by cavalry charges. The problems pressing for solution must be solved with prudence and calmness and without ardent patriotism that might be necessary at other times.

"Cuba now presents a great field for improvement which must be carried out judiciously. It is a field where all her children can work. My retired life and my persistent refusal of positions that have been offered me should be sufficient proof that my determination is irrevocable. I firmly believe the highest distinction which a man who has fought so much can take with him to the grave is the esteem of all, and this can only be attained by not governing anybody or anything."

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