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THE LAST WEEK.

The final week of the campaign for the election of a member to the Dominion house begins with every hope warranted that Mr. Ross will be carried to triumphant victory on the day of election.

The meetings held on the creeks last week demonstrated to a certainty that the far sighted, thinking men of the mining districts have already reached the conclusion that their interests will best be conserved and protected through the agency of a man of indubitable character and of unquestioned ability and honesty of purpose.

Clarke has made the round of the creeks and has exerted himself to the utmost to keep alive the old feeling of resentment which was engendered in the early days of Yukon history.

The changes have been rung upon the universally admitted fact that the first Yukon administration was deserving of harsh and severe criticism, until the whole community is tired of it. What the people are now interested in is the future welfare of the territory. They have extensive interests at stake and are desirous of seeing those interests protected.

The practical side of the situation has gradually forced itself upon the attention of the voters and the appeals which have been made to them to avenge old wrongs have fallen absolutely flat.

The people will not waste their ballots for the silly purpose of sending a man to the federal capital whose sole stock in trade is abuse and vituperation. They have greater and more important ends to attain.

They realize now, if they have never done so before, that the future of the Yukon is bound up to a considerable extent in the choice that is made at the polls on the second day of December. Clarke has promised the voters that he will impeach a minister of the crown, that he will cause the removal of a judge from the bench and generally that he will keep the government busy explaining how this, that and the other thing happened to take place in bygone days.

Mr. Ross assures the people that he will have immediate regard for the necessities of the district and will apply himself at Ottawa to the improvement of local conditions and for the betterment of all the people.

His record upon all the great questions of public moment is before the community and the voters know what they may expect from him when he goes down to the federal capital in the capacity of Yukon representative.

The election of Mr. Ross means that the affairs of the district will be removed from the jurisdiction of the minister of the interior and given over practically in their entirety to Mr. Ross' keeping. The beneficent

PRINCE IN HIS LINE

effect that such an arrangement will have upon the welfare of every individual in the country has become so well understood that Clarke's defeat is now an absolutely foregone conclusion. The choice is between a statesman and a mountebank and the people are not foolish enough to choose the latter when the option is before them of securing the services of the former.

Clarke's political death knell has already been rung, and it needs only that the Ross men press forward unflinchingly and determinedly during the last week of the battle, to bury Joe so deeply beneath a storm of ballots that he will never again have the audacity to come before the people in a public capacity.

The Clarke men are losing hope. Every day adds to the great army of good and true men who are enlisted under the Ross banner and before the present week is ended only a tattered remnant of Joe's strength will remain. The "hot air" that is being distributed around so freely by the Clarke agitators will utterly vanish before the tidal wave of Ross ballots that will sweep surely through the Yukon valley on December 2nd.

Mr. Ross is the friend of every man who is honestly seeking to better himself and to improve the condition of the community in which he lives. Joe Clarke is a friend of no one but Joe. For proof of this assertion consult C. M. Woodworth, Dr. Thompson, Arthur Wilson, Alex. Brudhomme or any other of the numerous personages who have been closely associated with Clarke during the past three years.

If the miners of the Yukon are earnestly in favor of a water system operated under government control and which will furnish them all the water desired at nominal rates of expense they will support Mr. Ross for parliament. Read the clause in Mr. Ross' address dealing with the water question.

Letters by Telegraph

The mere suggestion that London may have an electric postal system is startling when one thinks of the sleepy indifference with which the general postoffice usually regards any suggested improvement. Yet it is now suggested that, if Signor Taeggi the Italian inventor of a scheme for sending letters by electricity-driven boxes on overhead wires, can satisfy the British postal authorities that his plan is feasible and possesses half the advantages he claims for it, we may soon see some interesting changes.

Signor Taeggi says his aluminum letter boxes, besides being propelled at the rate of 250 miles an hour, will collect letters automatically.

The invention is to be thoroughly tested between Rome and Naples by the Italian government, while the British authorities have invited specifications for consideration. According to Signor Taeggi's explanation his boxes will run on overhead wires, the motor wheels running on the two top ones and the box rollers on the two lower ones.

Forest Fires.

Menominee, Mich., Oct. 10. - The Village of Kells, 38 miles from here, was swept out by the forest fires. In addition to the buildings, 20,000 cedar ties, posts, etc., were destroyed. The fires continue to burn fiercely all over the Menominee range, and reached the outskirts of Niagara yesterday. A fortunate change in the wind saved the place. Seven thousand cords of wood were destroyed. George Arnold, superintendent for the Worcester Cedar Co., came down last night from the burned district. He says the small jobbers lost thousands of dollars' worth of property.

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Bert Collyer Breaks Out Once More

The following article taken from the Toronto World of October 21 is a fair sample of the vagaries some people indulge in when they go outside beyond the reach of home criticism. Bert Collyer will be remembered as having at one time been connected with the Sun in an important capacity and also as being the only jockey who had a pair of satin pants, top boots and regulation cap to cover his curly tresses.

Bunch of Hot Air He Distributed to the Wandering Populace at Toronto.

He was much more conspicuous as a rider of horses in scrub races than in the newspaper field. Two years ago he went outside and peddled an unlimited quantity of hot air about what a big man he was in the Yukon but for genuine rot it did not compare with this last effusion, which is clearly the result of a disordered brain. The Nugget and also another paper were in existence over a year before Simple ever conceived the Gleamer which Collyer did not buy and which was not the predecessor of the Sun. The story of his magnificent journalistic achievement after the Sheep Camp snow slide in the spring of '98 when he chartered a steamer to take him to Victoria is on a par with the electro-chemical process for gold saving which this prince of hot air fakirs will introduce to the miners of the Klondike.

As a wearer of immaculate linen and champion of dicy brunettes Collyer was right in line, but in journalism he was an unmitigated frost, having been "overlooked like a white check. One ceases to wonder at crime after reading the following:

"Bert E. Collyer, advertising manager of The Yukon Sun, published in Dawson City, is at the Palmer house for a few days. Mr. Collyer is an old Guelph boy, and is only 26 years of age, but is the pioneer newspaper man of the Yukon. He was correspondent for the San Francisco Examiner and New York Journal during the famous rush to the Klondike in 1898. His beat consisted in covering the two trails leading to that "land of promise." He was at Dyea when he got word of the awful avalanche on the Dyea trail, by which 63 persons were hurried into eternity. He secured the story, chartered a steamer and made off for Victoria to get it on the wires, but on his arrival there he found they were down. Another steamer was secured and he went across the strait to Port Angeles, from which place he 'scopped' all his newspaper rivals. It cost his employers \$7600 for the story of 11,000 words. In 1899 he bought out the Dawson City Sunday Gleamer, the first paper published there, after an existence of nine months, and commenced the Daily Sun, now the official paper. There are two other papers there, and all sell at 25c a copy, which is the smallest amount of currency in use. The Sun handles the daily Associated Press service, since the installation of the telegraph wire a year ago. Mr. Collyer is also largely interested in mining operations in the territory. He has been all through the whole district, and last year was north 150 miles inside the Arctic circle, where is exemplified the saying that "the sun never sets on the British flag." During the month of June the sun and the moon are both visible the entire time. Mining is by no means exhausted yet, and the output this year will be about \$11,000,000, or nearly \$1,000,000 ahead of last year. Rich strikes have recently been made on Boucher and Lost Chicken creeks, in the Forty-mile district, the scene of the first big discoveries, which yield from \$2 to \$3 a pan. A town of 500 was depopulated entirely of men, women and children, when the news came, and they all jumped the 67 miles to the new locality. The radius of mining has extended from 50 miles to 160 miles. The government is giving assistance to the ordinary miner by rescinding the Treadgold and other such concessions, and opening them to all comers. Gold quartz has been found in paying quantities, the true fissure of the lead being on Eldorado creek. The famous Lone Star group is located on Victoria gulch, and the municipal government of Dawson has voted the company operating it substantial monetary aid to further the development. It is said that the miners have been losing 30 per cent. of their output of gold through crude mining. The electro-chemical process will remedy this, and Mr. Collyer will himself make use of it. Dawson is flourishing just now despite the fact that it suffers from floating population. The bulk of the capital is invested in mining. The closing down of the gambling and dance halls has tied up money in a way but will result in ultimate good. Transportation facilities have been improved immensely, and a railway may be running into Dawson next spring. A false report circulated in

AGAINST CONCESSIONS.

I shall advocate the thorough investigation of the charges of fraud made in respect to the manner in which certain concessions are alleged to have been obtained, and if such fraud is established, the immediate commencement of such proceedings as may be required to vacate the grants, and the enforcement of strict compliance with the conditions embodied in all crown grants in the Yukon.—James Hamilton Ross.

NUMEROUS TROPHIES

In Addition to the New York Life Cup

Enthusiastic Meeting of the Curling Club, Membership Was Increased.

The most enthusiastic meeting of the curlers ever held in the city was that of Friday evening last at which time skips to the number of sixteen were selected to preside over the rink for the coming season. The meeting was held in the association rooms of the athletic club and over fifty members were present. The club originally consisted of 56 members and this was increased by the taking in of 14 new members, a resolution having been passed increasing the club to 75 in number.

The present is the third year of the curling club and the jolly sport of the Scots is becoming more popular each year. The first year the club curled in a rink formed by flooding the slough near No. 2 fire hall, but much difficulty was had in controlling the water during the winter, it having a happy faculty of flooding the rink when it was least wanted. J. J. Morgan, representing the New York Life Insurance Company, offered a handsome cup as a trophy to the winning rink which was carried off by Col. Rouke in the finals between him and the rink of which J. T. Lithgow was skip. Last year rinks were arranged in the N. C. warehouse on the water front. This year the club was taken in bodily by the athletic club and the players are now rejoicing in the possession of the best rink they have ever had in the city. In length it is the full regulation size being 130 feet from toe to toe.

The play this year will be for the same trophy presented by Mr. Morgan three years ago, in addition to which an individual button will be presented each week to the member of the rink making the highest score. At the end of the season a gold button will be given to the gentleman making the highest individual average. The members of the winning rink will also be suitably rewarded. Play is being constantly indulged in though the championship games have not as yet begun. A meeting will be held tomorrow evening at the club rooms when the different rinks will be selected by the skips and a regular schedule of games arranged.

The following gentlemen comprise the sixteen skips who were selected Friday evening: J. T. Lithgow, Mr. Justice Craig, W. C. Noble, Major Cuthbert, F. G. Crisp, M. H. Jones, Dr. Barrett, E. C. Seakler, Dr. Richardson, Robert Moncrieff, J. A. Bruce, J. Langlois Bell, C. W. Macpherson, M. D. Rainbow, Dr. Edwards and T. D. Macfarlane.

For Congress

W. A. Calderhead, a brother of the Dawson steamship owner and mail contractor, was elected to Congress from a Kansas district for the fifth time at the recent election, and is now a candidate for the United States senate from Kansas.

Cholly-Doctor. I want something for my head. Dr. Gruffy—My dear fellow, I wouldn't take it for a gift.—Judge.

Only Country Girl—Auditorium.

Czar Nicholas and the Kaiser

There is a certain piquant interest attached to any meeting between the Emperor and the Czar owing to the fact that the two sovereigns are known to look on each other askance. It is not only that politically they are at variance—that they view whatever happens in this world of ours from diametrically opposed standpoints—but personally there is no sympathy between them. Whenever they are brought together they seem to irritate each other, to get on each other's nerves; and all the efforts they make to conceal the fact only serve to give it more emphasis. The truth is, it is a case of natural antipathy on the one side as on the other, and against that the gods themselves battle in vain. Never were there two men who differed from each other more markedly, whatever good gifts the one has, the other has not, and vice versa. The Emperor is as the veriest whirlwind, the personification of activity and unrest; he is a disturbing element wherever he goes, and he takes with him confusion and noise. The Czar, on the other hand, is as the gentlest of streams; the very sound of his voice is soothing, and he regards everything that smacks of roughness or haste with profound aversion. Whereas the Emperor talks incessantly the whole day long, and misses no opportunity of delivering an oration, the Czar is a silent man, and never makes a speech unless he is forced—although, when he does make one, he has always something worth hearing to say. The former is a born demagogue, Holleuzollern though he be; he loves to take the world into his confidence, and plays to the gallery instinctively. The latter, to the contrary, is an aristocrat at heart, and with an equal horror of playing either to gallery or stalls. Even Graf Eulenburg's tact and savoir vivre must be terribly strained sometimes to make life go smoothly when the two potentates are together; especially when, as how they are together on a yacht, where they must necessarily see more of each other than they would if in a palace.

Although the two sovereigns differ from each other on almost every point, there is one point, the estimation in which they hold women, on which they differ more markedly than any other. There is more than a touch of the Sultan in the Emperor's attitude toward women; while the Czar's is that of a knight errant. William II. looks on them as beings created solely for the benefit of man, for the express purpose of coddling him, soothing him, seeing that his dinner is properly cooked, and that his children are properly cared for. So long as they are content to play the housewife, and devote themselves heart and soul to making their menfolk comfortable he treats them with a certain kindly condescending consideration. In all relations, however, except those of wife and mother, he has for them—as befits Prince Bismarck's aptest pupil—the most thoroughgoing scorn, and he never attempts to conceal it. Woe betide them if they venture to play a role in the world on their own account. A clever woman is, in his majesty's eyes, an unpleasant anomaly, while a woman with a will of her own is the abomination of abominations. He never could forgive his own mother, until she was dying, for being at once cleverer and stronger than his father. He is firmly convinced that he personally is quite superior so far as the sex are concerned; he boasts, indeed, that his woman has never yet influenced him one iota, either for weal or for woe. In this, however, he is mistaken; for a Pole, an American, and an Englishwoman have each in turn influenced him considerably, only they were much too clever to allow him to know it, and, while moulding him, took care he should think that he was the moulder and they but as wax in his hands.

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Religious Persecution

New York, Oct. 19.—The Times has the following special from London: A pastoral letter drawn up by the Synodical Commission of the Dutch Reformed Church throws a lurid light on the attitude of that church, says a Johannesburg correspondent. The letter, threatens the National Scouts and others who helped Great Britain in the later stages of the war with excommunication unless they show deep contrition for their acts. The correspondent says that until this clause of the letter is repealed no request for compensation for war losses sustained by the church can be entertained by the government. The National Scouts and other who aided the British number 4,500, and the correspondent remarks they have only the government to look to for protection against the religious persecution to which the Synod has given its official support. Boers are every whit as priest-ridden as ever Ireland has been, and that church has the power to accelerate or altogether prevent the pacification of the country. Provided the church listens to reason, the government might take into consideration the diminution of its funds likely to be occasioned by the impoverished condition of the people, but there should be no compensation by payment of a lump sum. An annual subsidy on certain definite conditions to enable the church to tide over bad years is the utmost that could be expected, and that would be politic.

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