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TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1901.

THE MINER AND INCORPORATION.

At the meeting held last evening for the purpose of furthering the cause of incorporation, much was said respecting the miner. It was held by several of the speakers that Dawson is now maintained by revenues derived from the man who handles pick and shovel on the creeks—that the miner pays it all and that it is time now that Dawson should begin to pay its own way.

Another speaker equally zealous in the same cause, gave expression to loud lamentations by reason of the fact that the Yukon council proposes to levy a tax upon Dawson and at the same time permit the miner to go free.

As a matter of fact, the miner is the man who ultimately pays all the bills, both for territorial and local administration—to say nothing of his liberal contributions to the federal revenues. Every dollar of wealth produced in the territory comes directly from our one productive industry—the industry of placer mining. It must be clear, therefore, that the expenses of administering the affairs of the town of Dawson indirectly become a burden upon the miner.

Assuming for the sake of argument that Dawson, through some means or other, should have a debt of half a million dollars saddled upon it as a corporate body, we submit to the miners of the territory that the said debt if paid at all would be paid by them. Dawson's existence is dependant upon the fact that it is the supply point for the creeks. If heavy taxes are levied upon the business interests of Dawson it means a proportionate increase in the cost of commodities to the miner. From that proposition there is no escape, and we do not believe the most enthusiastic advocate of incorporation would seek to deny truth so perfectly self-evident. It becomes clear, therefore, that so far as the miner is concerned his interests will be best conserved by conducting the affairs of Dawson in the most economical manner possible.

The miner, in spite of the statements to the contrary made by the pro-incorporationists last evening, is already taxed beyond what he is able to bear. It is incumbent upon the people of Dawson to strain every nerve to lessen that burden rather than take means to add thereto.

It has been shown time and time again and admitted even by the men who are urging incorporation that administration of local affairs under a municipal system would far exceed in cost the amount required under the present system, and it has not been shown that there would be any particular gain in respect to efficiency. It would merely add to the already large number of office holders whose salaries are now a drain upon the mining industry.

We believe thoroughly that nine-tenths of the mine owners in the territory will subscribe to the proposition that incorporation of Dawson under existing conditions would be a distinct detriment to their interests.

The movement of freight from Dawson to the creeks goes steadily forward. The hum of industry is abroad in the

land and that hum will steadily increase in volume until every creek in the district is alive with workers intent upon making the earth yield up its precious treasure. It makes no difference whether Dawson is incorporated or not, the Klondike and Indian river districts will turn out more gold this year than ever they have before. No amount of agitation can lessen the quantity or value of the golden deposits so bountifully stored throughout this territory.

Newly elected senators of the United States are supposed to occupy their seats for a period of one year before they are qualified to make a motion to adjourn. We suggest to some of our chechako statesmen that it would be well for them to serve a similar term of apprenticeship before starting in the business of running things for us.

In the language of the immortal Joseph, "Incorporation is a matter of bread and butter with a lot of us." We must commend the Immortal for his outspokenness.

Fluency of tongue and nicely turned figures of speech will not put money into an empty treasury.

Now is the time for everyone to get a claim.

Old timers are coming back to Dawson in large numbers. The Nugget extends the glad hand to all of them and assures them that they are thrice welcome.

A Minister Shot.

New York, Feb. 3.—The Rev. John Keller, secretary to Right Rev. Bishop Stark, pastor of Trinity Episcopal mission, in Arlington, N. J., and chaplain of the First New Jersey regiment, was shot and seriously wounded by Thomas G. Barker, on Arlington street today. Keller had just left the house of John S. Sands, where he had his meals, when Barker, who was at the door, opened fire. One bullet went through the right side of the face, destroying the sight of the right eye. Another bullet shattered the fingers of the right hand, and another passed through the clergyman's hat. Another went wide of its mark. The shooting is said to be the result of a disclosure made by Mr. Barker's wife, although Mr. Keller denies the accusation against him. Barker, after the shooting, surrendered to the police and was locked up. He will have a hearing tomorrow. Mr. Keller was carried into Sands' house, where doctors say he has even chances of life. Mr. Keller said after the shooting that he did not know who shot him. He refused to sign a complaint.

According to a story told by Barker to several friends after the shooting, his wife told him that the illness from which she has suffered for nearly a year and which caused the Barkers to break up their home and get to boarding, was due to an assault committed on her at her home by the Rev. Mr. Keller. The assault, it was said, was committed after a hard struggle, during which Mrs. Barker became unconscious. The Barkers and the minister were very friendly, and had continued apparently friendly. Mrs. Barker was a member of Mr. Keller's church, but Barker was not. When Barker heard his wife's story he waited until morning and then lay in waiting for the minister and shot him. He is about 40 years of age, and for many years has been in the employ of the Commercial Cable Company, being in charge of one of the departments of New York. The Rev. Mr. Keller is about 38 years of age and a native of Philadelphia. He was graduated from the General Theological Seminary in New York in 1886, and the same year was made deacon. In 1888 Mr. Keller was made chaplain to Bishop Stark, and in 1896 was made chaplain of the First regiment, but at the solicitation of the bishop did not go with the regiment when it was called out to go to Cuba. Two years ago he was made secretary of the diocese, and still holds that position.

A Famous Strong Box.

At the clearing house in New York, where more than \$1,000,000 in gold coin is always on hand, they take no chances with such primitive treasure chests as the government uses in the Philadelphia mint, says a correspondent of the Philadelphia Press. The clearing house strong box is the only one of its kind in the world, and experts say it is the best. Even the Bank of England cannot show anything like it. Situated somewhat lower than the sidewalk, the vault is about as large as a good sized diningroom, having a front

age of 25 feet and a depth of 20 feet. It is 12 feet high. The floor rests on a platform of steel rails. Like the sides and the top, it is six and a quarter inches thick, of chrome steel plates tempered to almost diamond hardness. The compartment is brilliantly lighted at all times, and the treasure chest is free from contact with the top and sides. With the floor there is contact at four points only. This is furnished by solid masonry piers built on bedrock.

These piers raise the great chest six feet six inches from the floor to the level of a narrow platform reaching all around the apartment, but separated by quite a space from the box itself. The watchmen who guard the treasure chest day and night may walk under it at will. This makes robbery by tunneling quite out of the question. An additional safeguard is furnished by a grating, or grill, of two-inch steel bars, which reach from floor to ceiling, making it impossible for anybody to get within four or five feet of the chest without unlocking the doors of the grill.

The strong box can be opened only in the presence of two sets of officials, one from the clearing house and one from the associated banks which own the gold. Each official uses a separate combination both on the grating doors and the chest. After the folding doors, weighing ten tons, have been manipulated there are several small steel chests to be unlocked before the gold is accessible. The machinery of this treasure chest is as delicate as a watch, and is one of the finest pieces of mechanism of its kind in the world.

CURTAIN RAISERS.

What is Going On at the Local Theatres This Week.

A good crowd witnessed the opening of the week's program at the Savoy last night which opens, as usual, with a mirth provoking one-act farce fresh from Jim Post's farce factory. The opening this week is "About Town, or the New Arrival from Tanana." The little play is replete with sparkles of fun and its production brings out considerable very clever work on the part of the cast which is selected from the big Savoy company.

Following the opening play comes nearly a score of vaudeville numbers which are up to the usual high standard attained at the Savoy. The farce "Fast and Slow," which is acted by Jim Post, Dick Maurettus and Jim Townsend is a concluding feature. Prof. Parke's wondrouscope views closing the program.

The Savoy still holds the public patronage and for the very good reason that it puts up a good show. Next week Mr. J. H. Hearch, a versatile comedian, will make his initial appearance in Dawson, his services having been secured by the Savoy.

Julia Walcott's return to the stage is welcomed by all Dawson theater-goers and her appearance at the Standard this week as Martha Jane Boggs in "Struck Gas," the popular four-act comedy drama, insures a full house for the week. The play can be best described by the synopsis:

Act 1. Home of Grizzly Marsh. The sick woman, Wildcat and the Jew. Grizzly and his gold. Dave Forrester commits a crime. "Mit de accent on the trigger."

Act 2. The old home farm. Gabe tormented. A serious accident prevented. Charlock seeks to make his papers good. Old Morley in difficulty. Vic's arrival home. Wildcat's determination. The explosion. "The farm is worth a million!" Struck Gas!

Act 3. Morely's house in New York. Job's lesson. Martha arrives. Vic's conversion. Wildcat overhears. Charlock forced to retreat. "Vistle, Job, ristle." Job proposes. Morely discovers who Charlock is and meets his death. "Who was with you last?" "My God, Vivian Forrester!"

Act 4. The old farm again. Winter. Job's nap rudely interrupted. Charlock still persecuted. The Jew's arrival. The dead returned to life. "We'll swing together." The Jew discloses himself. Every cloud has a silver lining.

Special vaudeville work is presented between the acts which makes the present week's program at the Standard an exceptionally good one.

Brewitt makes clothes fit. crt
Films of all kinds at Goetzman's. crt

If you want hay and oats at rock bottom prices see Barrett & Hull. crt
At the present rate of consumption, the white fish the Pacific Cold Storage Co. brought in for the lenten season will all be gone long before Easter.

CURRENT COMMENT

Editor Nugget:

Allow me to express my personal appreciation of the sentiment of your paper on the matter of the enforcement of the law touching the suppression of certain open vices, that have too long flourished in this territory, and are now to be put under the ban. That any concern making any pretence to a knowledge of the first principles upon which a sound business rests, should commit itself to the advocacy of open gambling, or still worse, to the burning-disgrace of the dance hall business, and especially that phase of it which has to do with enticing men to the excessive use of strong drink with the avowed intent of robbing them of their valuables while they are in that condition, is to me a matter of great surprise. If licentiousness or high handed robbery, or both are things to be desired in any business community, then business must have changed since I knew it. It is still further to me a matter of great surprise that the heads of large business institutions here should so far forget themselves as to petition Ottawa to sanction matters of this nature, especially when they know that on the statute books of realm there is a law forbidding these evils.

These evils have not been established by the law, although they have been permitted under the law, therefore those who in defiance of the law have taken the risk of investment have themselves to blame if they suffer loss. The oppressor has had his day, now let the oppressed have his. As citizens we have a right to demand the enforcement of the law, and we do so, in the firm conviction that the best interests of the country are conserved by our action. Inasmuch as character is more important than money, and right more to be desired than wrong, and that man is a moral agent rather than a money making machine, and since righteousness alone exalteth the nation, and is the secret of true and abiding prosperity; and that, sin is always a curse and reproach to any people, we, as loyal citizens of the empire, and lovers of freedom rejoice that of themselves the authorities have moved in this matter, otherwise we would have been compelled to do so. Coming as it does from the foundation of authority, under our splendid system of police may we not expect that the law shall be forthwith strictly enforced.

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The Nugget

The Nugget reaches the people in town and out of town; on every creek and every claim; in season and out of season. If you wish to reach the public you will do well to bear this in mind. *****

Our circulation is general; we cater to no class—unless it be the one that demands a live, unprejudiced and readable newspaper.



Now Is the Time

Don't get left in the rush. Prices are bound to raise in many commodities. Inferior goods will be thrown on the market by speculators

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AMUSEMENTS

SAVOY THEATRE Week of March 4

POST & MAURETTUS' COMEDY

"About Town" The New Arrival from Canada

Prof. Parke in New Moving Pictures

Special, Sunday, March 10 GRAND SACRED CONCERT

The Standard Theatre Week of March 4-11

THE SENSATIONAL COMEDY-DRAMA IN FOUR ACTS.

Thursday Night Ladies Night STRUCK GAS Magnificent Scenic Effects. See the Gas Explosion