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KLONDIKE NUGGET.

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1903.

THE COUNCIL AND TREADGOLD.

It will be a matter of great disappointment to the people of the territory should the Yukon council not memorialize parliament in connection with the Treadgold concession. In addition to the great popular petition prepared by the board of trade, strong resolutions have gone forward from that body and equally forceful documents have been sent to Ottawa by the city council and the Liberal club of Dawson.

The Yukon council is practically the only important representative body to be heard from and a good strong declaration on their part would complete the case against the threatened monopoly.

It seems clear that some decisive action will be taken during the present session of parliament in connection with the Treadgold grant and while this possibility remains, it is highly essential that every possible effort be concentrated to secure its annulment.

It seems clearly within the province of the Yukon council to address its views to parliament upon such subjects, and there can be no doubt of the fact that a memorial from that body would exert a powerful influence in securing the desires of the people.

A CUE FROM NEW BRUNSWICK.

The legislature of New Brunswick has given a cue to the Yukon in connection with the proposed extension of the Grand Trunk system to the Pacific coast.

That body has determined to petition parliament not to grant a charter for the proposed road unless the system is extended through New Brunswick.

This action is directly in line with a suggestion made made by this paper some time ago as to the natural course of procedure before this territory. If the Grand Trunk builds to the Pacific, provision for a Yukon spur should be made before a charter is granted. Otherwise it may eventuate that an indefinite number of years will go by before the territory is provided with proper transportation facilities.

Should a charter issue to the Grand Trunk or any other company for a new Pacific line, this territory will have no other source from which to anticipate needed railroad connection.

It is altogether desirable, therefore, that means be taken to secure assurance, while the matter is pending before parliament, that a Yukon branch will be included in the company's system.

The people of New Brunswick are thoroughly alive to the importance of the situation as it affects their immediate interests and there should be no delay on the part of this territory in following suit. Nothing is to be gained by sitting idly by and allowing golden opportunities to slip away unimproved.

All the information available should be in the hands of parliament at this very time and certainly there should be no further delay.

New Brunswick has furnished the Yukon territory a cue which should be promptly seized and utilized to the utmost advantage.

AFFAIRS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

British Columbia has suffered severely during the past few years owing to continued political upheavals and never ending labor troubles. The feeling seems to prevail in the east

that British Columbia is a good province to remain away from at least until such time as it manifests ability to create and maintain a stable government.

Every politician who possesses a small following has had designs on the premiership and spends most of his time in knifing other equally ambitious aspirants. The difficulties between capital and labor in the province bid fair to continue until both sides suffer incalculable loss. Within twelve months there have been street car strikes, telephone strikes, railroad strikes, mining strikes, teamster strikes, and half a dozen more all of which have contributed to the general demoralization of commercial and industrial interests.

If the clashing elements in British Columbia do not get together very soon they will have nothing left that will be worth fighting over.

While the city authorities are engaged in taking active measures to enforce the ordinance for the impounding of dogs, it would be well to continue the good work and take up a few stray horses. Just why property owners who enjoy beautifying their home surroundings should be in constant terror of having their flower gardens destroyed by wandering quadrupeds is not apparent.

An Ohio man has just learned of the death of a millionaire brother of whose whereabouts he has known nothing for the last forty years. It is safe to say that the aforesaid millionaire will be found to have other near and dear relatives in every corner of the globe.

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IN BAD CONDITION

Eldorado Magnate Comes to Dawson to See Mud.

A gentleman who drove to Dawson yesterday from half way up Eldorado stated that the worst piece of road he drove through and over all day was found in Dawson between First avenue and the postoffice. A glance at the street referred to tends to confirm the gentleman's statement.

In 1849 there were 1,844,000 persons employed in farming in Ireland, 1,229,000 laborers, and 643,000 farms between one and thirty acres in extent. In 1891 these figures had fallen to 930,000 agriculturists, 258,000 laborers and 354,000 holdings. Now there are practically 544,000 occupiers of holdings. The increase of small holdings is chiefly due to the action of the congested district board, small towns of from two to five acres having been created. Many of the holders of these "farms" are the migratory laborers who go to England and Scotland each year after planting their own crops.

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SCION OF NOBILITY

Graces Prisoner's Box in Police Court

And Pays \$15 for Using Abusive Language Toward a Son of Sunny Italy.

Count Emile de Roubert, heretofore countless trips to boxes in theatres, tables in clubs and benches in dance halls with a waiter delicately poised on his taring fingers and containing Scotch in long "glases," hootch in short glasses, cocktails with a red cherry in the bottom and a piece of lemon peel on top, cigars, toothpicks and matches, was fined \$10 and costs by Mr. Justice Macaulay in police court this morning for abusing Martin Trohitz, better known as "Frenchy," the well known bootblack vendor of peanuts and fruit and politician.

Count Emile, he of the upright form and Buttrick pattern demeanor, has been very active since the Bartlett horse raid in behalf of those brought to light in the drag net. He was erstwhile partner and avowed friend of John Robert and his reason for cursing and abusing the son of Italy was that the latter was called in court yesterday as a witness against Robert. The disturbance took place at noon yesterday when both near and dear relatives in every corner of the globe.

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Power of Attorney Blanks for the Tanana-Nugget Office.

Seeing a number of so-called-frogs in a tank in the window of a local restaurant the other day recalled to the Stroller's mind the fact that there was a time in his career when he knew something about frogs that were frogs.

In the Gulf states a frog that weighs less than 14 pounds is scarcely considered out of the tadpole class. There while out fishing, sitting quietly and sleepily by a sun-covered lake or lagoon it is nothing for a man to turn and see a frog as large as a Yukon rabbit sitting beside him and ever and anon winking a bright eye. The Stroller has whiled away many an hour shooting frogs with a .22-calibre rifle and until he had so many saddles of white frog meat he would have to send a dray out to haul them to town. Once while sitting on the edge of a green sink he fired at what he mistook for an unusually large frog swimming towards him. It turned out to be a ten-year old colored boy who was out for a dip, but as the bullet had hit him squarely on the head he was not in the least injured. The size of the frogs a fisherman sees while fishing in the south depends largely on the bait he uses. After absorbing malaria and moonshine all day on the edge of a southern swamp many men have aris-

Stroller's Column.

Having passed the stage of bishop, John Dechto has become a prophet, and ten days or more ago he exercised the right to prophesy and asserted that the ice in the Yukon will vacate its present holdings before the 20th day of the present month. So certain was the Utah gentleman that his prophesy would prove true that he backed it with a ten to one bet, the fire department boys taking the small end of the wager. Since the wager was made John has been busy reckoning, reasoning and making deductions to convince himself that he has a snap so far as his bet is concerned.

Yesterday evening the prophet was standing near the river bank at the foot of King street where he was explaining to a small crowd of ice rubbers that he had a lead pipe cinch on the fire boy's money; that it would be just like picking it up on the sidewalk. Warming up to his subject he said:

"Really the boys were lobsters for making the bet as I have delved into the ancient history of the river at this particular point and I find that in 1899 it did not open until the 17th of May, the latest in the recollection of any man now living. Therefore I flatter myself that I am—"

"The biggest tarnation liar in the Yukon."

The interruption came from the source of all doughs who had been sitting unnoticed on a pile of old lumber and logs a few feet to the right of the prophet and his friends.

"F I had no more sense in my head or hair on top of it than you've got I reckon I'd be seed and not heard when it comes to talkin' 'bout ancient Yukon history. You've bin listenin' to some sprout as blowed into th' country long in th' 80s and is now posin' as a old timer what thinks he knows a heap. 'F I didn't know more'n some fellers I could spit 'bout movin' from where I now stand, darn me 'I wouldn't go down an' camp on th' garbage dump till th' ice broke up an' go out with it, darn me 'I wouldn't."

"Here," said the prophet, "take this dollar and go over to Billy Baird's opening and then come back and give us some river history."

The pioneer was gone seven minutes when he returned smacking his lips.

"Then four nips was quite lubricatin'," he said as he joined the party, "and now I'll give you some facts 'bout th' river breakin' up as ain't never been before related."

"It were th' spring arter th' Christmas of 1857, just 46 years ago. I remember kase it were th' spring arter me an' Limpin' Grouse made our domestic dicker, th' articles of agreement bein' signed on birch bark with bear blood for ink. Th' winter had been unusually cold, ice worms hatched in December, had from 15 to 20 links in 'em by the last of January, and as late as the 10th of March uprards of a foot of snow fell that was bluer than any pair of overalls I ever seed. Th' air was full of Arctic skaters for seven weeks at a stretch an' they was never known to live when th' temperature was warmer'n 85 below zero."

"Well, it axily 'peared as though th' ice never would go out that year. May slipped away but th' ice didn't. As blue snow don't leave no water when it 'vaporates thar want no limpid, liquid rivulets gurglin' down th' hillsides and into th' river to make th' ice leggy from th' shores."

At this stage of his recital the old man stopped, scratched his head and for fully two minutes seemed lost in thought.

"Well, didn't the ice go out at all that year?" asked the prophet.

"It did," resumed the old man, "but I were just tryin' to think whether it were on th' 16th or 17th of June that I counted 94 moose, 28 bulls, 32 cows and 34 calves that came down off th' hill back yander an' crossed th' river on th' ice right in front of what we're now standin'."

However, th' ice went out on th' 28th of June and a week later me an' Limpin' Grouse went ter Fortymile on a log ter visit her folks."

ODD FELLOW'S DANCE

Great Event at A. B. Hall Tomorrow Night

The Odd Fellows, the local branch of that noble order whose motto is "Friendship, Love and Truth," and whose creed is to care for the sick, bury the dead and educate the orphan will give one of their excellent social dances at A. B. hall tomorrow, Wednesday, night, the first in the history of the local lodge to which admission is charged. The local lodge is now engaged in preparing for itself a new home and in doing so considerable expense is involved. Therefore, to assist in the laudable undertaking the dance is being given and to it an admission fee for gentlemen is being charged, \$3 being the price of tickets which may be secured from any member of the committee consisting of Dr. Edwards, Geo. Murphy, R. H. Palmer, D. Donaghy, Thos. Bruce, J. A. Greene, J. G. Jensen, Clifford L. Moore and at Rudy's drug store. Light refreshments, coffee and lemonade, will be served and the orchestra, the best to be had, will be at the disposal of the dancers so long as they care to dance.

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Chauncey Olcott tells of an Irishman and a Scotchman who once were traveling through a western prairie. It happened that one afternoon they shot a single quail, which would be the breakfast of one of them on the following morning. Knowing that the bird was not enough for two, they agreed to have it eaten by the one who should have the best dream during the night.

When they awoke early in the morning the Irishman said to the Scotchman: "And phwat did you dream, Sandy?" "Well," answered the Scotchman, "I dreamed that I saw a beautiful basket descend from heaven, and then I got into it and was borne up to paradise."

"An' I dreamed," said the Irishman, "that I saw you goin' up, an' thought you wouldn't come back, an' so I ate the quail."

Pleasant Old Gentleman—"Have you lived here all your life, my little man?"

Arthur (aged six):—"Not yet." William Morse Hedrick, in Lippincott's Magazine.

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