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KLONDIKE NUGGET.



AMUSEMENTS THIS WEEK.

Auditorium Theatre—"In Old Kentucky." Auditorium Theatre, Friday Night—A. B. Circus. New Savoy—Burlesque and Vaudeville.

MUST FURNISH A SUBSTITUTE.

The Treadgold concession will not be granted irrevocably until the people of the Klondike have an opportunity of presenting to the government their objections to that extremely objectionable measure. Such was the cheering news which the Nugget was able to furnish its readers yesterday in the form of a direct statement from Secretary of State Scott.

The receipt of the above information simplifies the situation in a remarkable manner. The government will hold the matter in abeyance pending the filing of the protest which is now being prepared and which will be forwarded at as early a date as possible.

In view of this favorable development of the matter, the Nugget again urges upon the committee the necessity of preparing practicable plans to submit to the government as a substitute for the Treadgold concession.

The government alleges that its interest in the matter is confined to a desire to serve the miners of the district by ensuring them an abundant supply of water to work their ground. We submit, therefore, that arguments must not only be brought forward to show in what particulars the Treadgold concession will fall short of accomplishing the desired purpose, but there must also be provided a feasible scheme which will accomplish that purpose.

If the aid of the government is ever to be enlisted in the matter of placing water at the disposal of the miners of the territory now is the time when it can be done. The duties of the committee having the matter in charge are of a constructive as well as destructive nature. The great need of the mining industry at the present time is abundant water. Large stretches of valuable ground are lying idle and will be idle until water is obtainable for their proper working.

It is admitted by everyone that no individual or single company now engaged in mining in the territory could undertake the herculean task which is involved in properly solving the water problem.

It is essentially an enterprise which should be backed and supported by the government. The Yukon territory has earned the right to ask from the government that help be given. For five years a golden stream of revenue has poured into the federal treasury from this territory, and little enough has been given in return. Contrary to the ordinary history of newly opened countries this territory has not only been self supporting but it

has given the government a hand. Some surplus from the very beginning. In return it is but right and just that the government undertake the matter of financing the water problem, on which all are agreed the future of the territory largely depends. There are excellent precedents which might be cited and which undoubtedly would carry proper weight at Ottawa. The matter must be kept before the public not merely for the purpose of securing a cancellation of the Treadgold grant—that is only half the work in hand. Water must be had for the successful prosecution of the mining industry, and every possible pressure should be brought to bear to secure the aid of the government in accomplishing that end.

RECKLESS LANGUAGE.

The following dispatch published in last night's issue of the Nugget indicates that the effects are already being felt of the rash and exaggerated language used by the News in dealing with the Treadgold concession.

Vancouver, Feb. 19.—The Seattle Times correspondent in Dawson has raised much excitement throughout Canada by the statement that Dawson's deathblow has been struck by the Treadgold concession order and that a majority of the merchants and miners are abandoning that town already for Eagle City.

The Associated Press is always on the lookout for anything of a sensational nature and false statements which have been published so lavishly in the News will be scattered broadcast through that agency.

The civil effects which are certain to accrue from the policy pursued by the News can scarcely be estimated. A report such as the above dispatch indicates was sent out from Dawson would be seized upon with avidity and doubtless by this time has been re-published under glaring headlines in hundreds of newspapers in Canada and the United States.

The position which the News has taken throughout the discussion may be laid entirely to the monumental egotism of the editor of that paper, who has succeeded in persuading himself that the ranting which he has performed in connection with the Treadgold matter makes him a parliamentary—or, to use his own language, a "congressional"—possibility.

The folly of his pretensions is so absolutely apparent to every spectator of the farce comedy he has been enacting, that nothing but ridicule would result did not the facts as above stated indicate that the matter possesses a serious side as well.

A newspaper conducted on the lines which the News is now pursuing is as dangerous as a loaded gun in the hands of a child. The reckless language of which that paper has made use will react upon the community long after the Treadgold concession is dead and buried.

Abolition of Drawing Rooms.

A correspondent of the Westminster Gazette writes. The one subject of conversation at luncheon on Christmas day among those people who were left in town to whom drawing rooms are some of the most important events in life—and doubtless among those in the country who were aware of the King's announcement—was the abolition of drawing rooms and the substitution of courts to be held at night as the drawing rooms at Dublin are. The matter had long been mooted, and was, indeed, looked forward to with pleasure, as at once getting rid of the disagreeable conditions of locomotion in the daytime and providing a brilliant function at night. To the aristocracy the new

plan is gratissima. "No longer," said one grande dame, "will the wife of one's steward or land agent have secured a place before one's daughter"—but to those who are hangers-on at court, to the nouveaux riches, to those who, in one way or other, have paid people to be presented, the blow is a terrible one. No longer can they attend at their pleasure. Admission to the sacred precincts will be by invitation, and though the new rule to a certain extent will work gradually, as the presentations of all who have been presented to the late Queen will be acknowledged and they can express their desire to be invited, the new arrangement is a revolution in the social world.

Grandes dames, meanwhile, have a grievance of their own against the Earl Marshal, which is well expressed by the Bury and Norwich Post. "The Earl Marshal is probably the most unpopular man in England just now with those ladies who have a right to attend the coronation. The peeresses and the dressmakers have been holding panic conferences and exchanging telegrams ever since the Earl Marshal called a check on the preparation of coronation robes. As a matter of fact, a great many robes were already finished in accordance with the original design approved by authority, and one hopes that the Earl Marshal has some excuse good enough to abate the fury of the ladies for having said at this stage that the design will have to be altered, and that he will let every one concerned know more about it later."

The Manila Observatory.

The following item relating to this observatory is taken from Professor Barnard's account of his trip to Sumatra: The observatory is equipped for both astronomical and meteorological purposes. It has a fine refracting telescope of 19 inches aperture, the object-glass being by Steinheil, and the mounting by Saegmuller. On account of the troublous times in the past three years the object-glass has been removed and hidden away during that period, so that the telescope was not in a condition to be used when the observation was visited by the American eclipse observers during their stay at Manila. Father Algue, the director of the establishment, stated that they had a large percentage of clear nights during the year, and that the atmosphere was steady much of the time. This observatory is doing very valuable meteorological work. The study and prediction of typhoons—so destructive in the China Sea, and of which Father Algue has made a special study—is of the utmost importance to navigation. The work was spoken of highly by the officers of the various vessels on which the expedition sailed.

The Variable "Demon."

A minimum of the famous variable star Algol, the "Demon" (al Ghul), will occur on the 5th of this month at 8:30 p. m. This star stands at about two-fifths of the distance from the center of the W-shaped figure of Cassiopeia to the Pleiades. It forms with Capella and Aldebaran a nearly equal-sided triangle. Ordinarily it is of the second magnitude, but at regular intervals of a little under three days it undergoes a remarkable change, falling in the space of about four hours to the fourth magnitude, and in the next four hours recovering its usual brightness. The cause of this uncanny behavior of the star is now known to be the passage round it of a dark satellite, or companion, which, passing periodically between the bright star and us, cuts off a portion of its light. About 20 variable stars of the Algol type are known, of which number only four are visible to the naked eye.

Moose For Alimony.

The Indian of Alaska seems to be taking up the white man's burden in great shape, in so far as a development of a decided taste for white man's litigation is concerned. The last issue to hand of the Rampart Miner, under date of Jan. 21st, says that Indian James has appealed to the United States district court for relief from any obligation to support his wife, on the ground that she deserted him. She, on the contrary, has entered suit for divorce, and

claims six moose per annum as alimony. If moose are no more plentiful on the Tanana than they are at Moosehide, this alimony will reach a goodly sum, and will increase in a compound interest sort of progression from year to year with the naturally growing scarcity of big game in the vicinity of the camps of the white man.

Light on Valuations.

Mr. James J. Hill, in his testimony before the interstate commerce commission, explained that in buying the Burlington railroad at \$200 per share the cost was only \$42,000 a mile. His remark lets in some new light on railroad valuations. The purchase of the Burlington has been pronounced as a preposterously bad bargain, but at \$42,000 a mile it was remarkably cheap. A railroad like the Burlington cannot be duplicated at any price, for such terminals and connections as it possesses could not be had at any price by a new railroad. No doubt it was, as Mr. Hill says, well worth the money and a good deal more. Mr. Hill knows the value of a railroad better than any of his critics. In the first place, \$60,000,000 more money than the \$100,000,000 capitalization had been put into the Burlington. In the next place, the country has grown up to the railroad and now offers it all the freight and passengers it can carry, though its freight capacity condition of new equipment. Under these circumstances \$200,000,000, the price given, is not relatively expensive, but cheap.

At the time the Burlington was bought it was proclaimed in Wall Street that new values had been set on railroads, and though this view of the matter was afterward dropped when the troubles over the purchase began, it was undoubtedly correct. A plant such as a great railroad system built up through long years is impossible of duplication, and hence there should be a high premium over the mere amount of money which it has cost, provided there has been no depreciation in stock, buildings and equipment or through competition by rival lines.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Plant For Irrigation.

Pendleton, Or., Feb. 4.—A sixty-five horsepower centrifugal irrigation plant will be installed at Blacklock island, below Umatilla, in the center of the Columbia river, as soon as the balance of the machinery arrives from California. Wellington Clark, of Walla Walla, who is now in charge of the development of the island, said today: "We have 450 acres in rye nicely up, and will put 150 into alfalfa this spring. The irrigation plant about to be installed will water 1,500 acres. This will be put into alfalfa as soon as we can get the ground in shape. The soil of Blacklock island is a sedimentary deposit, not a mere sandbed, and with water it will produce almost any crop. This fact is valuable, in the light of possible reclamation of the Columbia bottom." Rabbits are still numerous and annoying on the island, injuring fruit trees and alfalfa. In the spring another big drive will be held, in which guns will be employed to clean out the bunnies.

Sullivan Bound Over.

Seattle, Feb. 5.—John Sullivan, identified by a number of local merchants as the clever forger who passed many worthless checks on them this winter, will be tried in the superior court without a preliminary hearing. Yesterday afternoon he appeared before Justice George and waived the examination in the lower court.

Sullivan was arrested by Detectives Tennant and Barbee, being identified by the former in the police court from a verbal description. He claims to have come to this city from Syracuse, N. Y. He was placed under \$2,000 bonds. The specific offense of which he stands accused is the passing of a forged check on the Bon Marche.

Special power of attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

AMUSEMENTS THE AUDITORIUM ALL THIS WEEK, EXCEPT FRIDAY. "IN OLD KENTUCKY" Mr. Bittner as the "Colonel." Life Motion Pictures.

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