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THE CENSUS.

The census now being taken under the direction of the Northwest Mounted Police has progressed sufficiently to demonstrate that there are far more than enough British subjects in Dawson alone to justify popular representation in the Yukon Council. When the census is concluded we are of the opinion that the proportion of British subjects will be found to be much larger than it was originally thought to be. At any rate, it will be large enough to warrant us in asking that no time be lost in placing in effect the ordinance authorizing the election of two members on the Council.

There is no doubt as to the position which the people of Dawson and the territory in general occupy in the matter. Every opportunity which has been presented to the public for an expression of views on the question of representation has been readily accepted, and with scarcely a dissenting voice the people have asked that an election be called. In view of the fact that so many considerations have arisen which seem to render municipal incorporation inexpedient at the present time, we regard the matter of representation on the Yukon Council as of increasing importance.

Judging from the present status of affairs, we are inclined to believe that the organization of a municipal government is as far away in the future as ever. It cannot be granted, apparently, without an extraordinary increase in taxation, and that we are not prepared to advocate, nor do we believe that our citizens in general desire it.

The only resource left to the community is to avail itself of the right of representation in the Council, which right has been open for a long time.

With the completion of the census, no further delays should occur. An election should be called immediately, and an opportunity given the voting population of the territory to express themselves upon the important problems of government with which the Yukon Council is called upon to deal, and which affect the interests of every person in the territory.

The effort made by the young anarchist, Sipido, to assassinate the Prince of Wales, adds another to the fanatical crimes and attempts at crime with which the pages of history are filled. There is little satisfaction in knowing that the criminal is usually shot or hanged, for invariably the life he gives up is in no degree an equivalent for the one he has taken or attempted to take. Probably the 16-year-old anarchist is insane, but he will doubtless be convinced that insanity which seeks royalty, and a six-shooter as a means of making itself known, is rather dangerous.

There is no doubt that Secretary Chamberlain struck the keynote of truth when he stated in the house of parliament, as pub-

lished in the telegraphic dispatches yesterday, that the colonies—and he referred in particular to Canada—would not sacrifice their local independence for a single vote in the house. It is very probable that Mr. Chamberlain's assertion found responsive chords in the breast of every intelligent Canadian citizen who heard of it. Being colonial secretary, it is highly probable that the eminent gentleman is better posted as to the throbbings of the colonial pulses than any individual in England. While the colonies are all loyal to England, it is but natural that they should be more loyal to their local branch of the government.

By a short telegram from Ottawa, published elsewhere in this paper, it will be seen that the price of land in the Yukon district north of Whitehorse, and not adjacent to the line of railroad, is now on the market at from \$2 to \$2.50 per acre, the price having been reduced from the original order, which fixed the price at \$10. It is possible that this reduction in the price of realty is the initiatory toward action along the same line which will really be of some interest to this arbitrary law-ridden district. The reduction in the price of land, however, will not, we opine, be conducive to any great rush to obtain property for agricultural purposes.

The accumulation of water in some of the ditches which have not as yet been opened threatens to injure a number of buildings, to say nothing of the danger to public health from the stagnant water. The ditch on Third street, between Third and Fourth avenues, is filled to overflowing, and the water has backed up until the foundations of several buildings on the street are threatened with injury. The authorities have been successful in opening up several of the sewer boxes, and the others should be placed in working order at the earliest possible moment.

The question of the boundary line between Alaska and Canadian Territory is again the subject of diplomatic discussion between the representatives of the United States and Great Britain, with the end no nearer in sight than it was several years ago. It now seems that no agreement can ever be reached and that the question will finally have to be submitted to arbitration.

The advertising rate of the Ladies' Home Journal is \$84 an inch, or \$6 an agate line, each insertion. Merchants in Dawson are good advertisers, and no complaints can be entered against them in that line; but some of them would probably fall dead if a Ladies' Home Journal advertising man would quote such a rate.

Koyukuk Rush On.

Among the many who have started or who will start from Dawson for the Koyukuk country within a day or two are Joseph Seix and wife, who started on the long journey over the ice to Fort Yukon yesterday. They are traveling by horse and sled and are provided for a comfortable trip. Many persons who had all winter intended going to Nome on the opening of navigation have changed their minds and are preparing to leave at once for the Koyukuk.

For Sale.

Steam launch, with boiler and engine complete. Apply Nugget office at 4 p. m.
Private dining rooms at the Holborn. When in town, stop at the Regina.
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STROLLER'S COLUMN

The Dawson Daily News, in its issue of April 3d, published the following item of information: "Tom Lees, of Australia, who a few years ago was regarded as the best heavyweight in that country, has arrived in America." The brief article has tended to confuse many persons who considered themselves to be well informed on sporting matters. "This alleged newspaper" is probably ignorant of the fact that Lees arrived in the United States in 1888—12 years ago. He came to the Klondike in the summer of 1898 and during the following winter he conducted a roadhouse on Hunker creek. Last summer he departed for the outside. For the information of those persons who are not familiar with the methods which are employed by certain concerns, it may be said that such stunts are obtained through the use of boiler plate material—a preparation which is manufactured in Eastern foundries for the convenience of "alleged newspapers." Evidently the Dawson Daily News has a very ancient assortment of boiler plate.

The regular weekly meeting of the Hogan order was held on the Aurora building last Sunday afternoon. The applications of Rose Blumkin, Ed. Holden and Uncle Hoffman were favorably considered. After the disposal of the routine business, Sam Yeady submitted the following resolution.

Whereas, It appears that the citizens of Dawson are desirous of municipal government, providing the proposed civic corporation be granted the right to manage and control its own police department and police court, and Whereas, It likewise appears that the Yukon council is willing, even anxious, to grant a municipal form of government to Dawson, providing said police department and said police court remain, as at present, under the supervision of the territorial officials, now, therefore, be it Resolved, That we, the Great and Mighty Hogan Order, in solemn session, do petition that these causes of contention, to-wit: the said police department and said police court, be abolished forthwith.

Every Hogan on the roof seconded the resolution, and its unanimous adoption was greeted with prolonged cheering. Several matters of minor importance were considered, after which, on motion of Ed Goggins, the meeting adjourned. The members of the order reassembled on the street, where they were photographed by a local artist.

It is a character study to watch the different expressions on the faces of the surprised and ambushed miners as they enter the town and are held up by the police in their last census taking operation. A repetition of the dubious answers to the numerous questions put to them and the expletives mentally administered would supply a fund of interesting and salacious reading.

One of these miners drifted into the Pioneer yesterday, and as he was somewhat shaky from deep libations and generally done up he ensconced himself in a chair and gently sank into forgetful slumber. Before doing so, however, he left for safe keeping with George Butler his poke containing a considerable amount of gold dust.

After a refreshing slumber he awoke and searching for his poke discovered its absence, and in its place snugly tucked in a corner of his pocket was found a small playard with his name written on it in this manner:

TAKEN.
Name..... John Doe.
SPEIM.
Constable.

"Well, I'll be damned," said John, "that takes the cheese. So they took my poke away. I remember now when that fellow stopped me on the bridge and asked me how long I was going to stay in town, and what church I went to, but I forgot all about the poke. So this is the latest; arrest a man and take his fine away on the spot; and some people say these fellers are slow. Gimme a drink, Butler, I'm off for the creek, and you won't see me again till the first boat leaves for Nome."

After a hearty laugh and a jolly by the gang, the circumstances were explained to him and his poke returned.

Yesterday was the anniversary of Daisy D'Avara's birthday, and last night she was the recipient of a very valuable present from her theatrical friends and associates. The presentation occurred on the stage during a brief intermission between numbers on the program. Robert Lawrence made a brief appropriate speech on behalf of the donors, and concluded his remarks by tendering to Daisy a beautiful solitaire diamond ring. The comely vaudeville artist was quite overcome by this manifestation on the part of her friends; and experienced considerable difficulty in expressing her gratitude. The unexpected incident was greatly appreciated by the large audience, with whom Daisy has always been a general favorite. May she live to enjoy many happy returns of her birthday anniversary.

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