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MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 1901.

## WHITEHORSE'S REQUESTS.

The town of Whitehorse wants a few things in the way of government. The interview published in our Saturday's issue with Engineer J. W. Tache indicates very clearly that there are various and sundry concessions which Whitehorse deems itself entitled to receive from the powers that be.

A territorial judge, an assistant commissioner and an advisory council of citizens appointed from Whitehorse itself are among the requirements which are considered essential to the future welfare of the town at the head of Yukon river navigation.

It is not probable that all the points covered in the memorial addressed by the people of Whitehorse to the federal government will receive favorable consideration immediately. Whitehorse as a center of commercial importance is comparatively young, and experience has proven that Ottawa is a long distance away when affairs in this territory are concerned.

There is no room for doubt that Whitehorse is entitled to some considerable recognition. During the approaching summer it will be constantly thronged with people en route into or out from Dawson and as the point of transfer for all traffic up and down the river, it will have a permanent population by no means small in number. There will, of course, be the usually lawless element which is invariably found in such communities, and the ordinary machinery of civil administration will be required, just as in any other center of population.

It is to be hoped that prompt and favorable consideration will be given by the federal authorities to the requests of our energetic and progressive little friend up the river. At any rate, Whitehorse will give Ottawa to understand that it has a place on the map and that it insists upon having that fact duly recognized. Bravo, Whitehorse! There is nothing like making your wants known. Just keep at it, and sooner or later you will find that everything you desire will begin to come your way.

Some time ago extended reference was made in these columns to the opportunities before the cities of Vancouver and Victoria in the way of securing their share of the Dawson trade. From our telegraphic columns today it will be noted that the C. P. R. is working along the lines as suggested by this paper. The railroad has now absorbed the Canadian Pacific Navigation Co. and purposes according to our telegraphic advices placing a line of swift steamers on the run between Vancouver and Skagway. This is the first step toward the control of the trade of the Yukon country and if successfully followed up will cause Seattle to look well to her laurels.

The points brought out by our correspondent who signs himself "An Ex-Editor," are very well taken. The News has a habit of commenting upon matters of which it has little or no actual knowledge and the case in point is only another illustration of that

habit. No country was ever developed under greater hardships than have been experienced by the pioneers who have opened up the Yukon territory. There should be no necessity of telling that fact to anyone, and it probably is known to everyone in the territory but the News, which day by day gives further evidence of its Bourbon qualities. The News has never learned anything since it began publication.

A reduction of twenty-five per cent in freight charges would do more for the future of the Yukon territory than will be accomplished by the removal of the royalty. In respect to the latter we are assured that it will be done away with entirely, or at least substantially cut down before the clean-up season is again at hand. Some information of a similar nature regarding the freight question would be very cheerful intelligence to receive at this time.

While the sound of the mocking bird and whip-poor-will has not yet been heard abroad in the land, the occasional glimpses of sunlight which we are receiving revive the hope that sooner or later winter will relax its grip and the season of running water and eternal sunlight will again be at hand. Just a little matter of four or five months—that's all.

The sour dough weather of last week has given way to a very respectable quality of temperature. Apparently the "hop yeasters" are going to have their innings now.

## Close Figuring.

She was the wife of an official of a St. Paul street corporation. Her one pet hobby was economy. Though her husband made an excellent salary, she was rigid in her rules pertaining to the buying of the necessaries for the household. She would haunt bargain counters and market stalls for hours in order to get the benefit of a reduction of a few cents on the article desired.

The corporation official, with much laughter, used to tease his better half about what he called her "stringiness." So one day, feeling hurt at his ridicule, she resolved to take him to market with her and demonstrate beyond a doubt that she was a most economical buyer. He consented, stipulating that he was not to be asked to carry the basket.

Arriving at the market, she made several purchases, and then at one stall inquired the price of eggs.

"What," she exclaimed, "16 cents a dozen? No, indeed, that is too high." She dragged her reluctant husband after her from one stand to another, still inquiring the price of eggs and always receiving the same answer until near the upper end of the market. Here she found a dealer who offered to sell her eggs in any quantity for 15 cents. To her husband she said joyously:

"There, I told you so. Why, those others were robbers."

Turning to the salesman, she ordered half a dozen eggs, gravely handed him the 8 cents asked in payment and went home, prattling away about the worth of economy in marketing and the alleged willingness of dealers to gouge the unsuspecting customer. And to this day she does not know that her husband and his friends laughed over it at the club.—Ex.

## Courting in Cordova.

At night Cordova sleeps early. A few central streets are still busy with people, but the rest are all deserted, the houses look empty, there is an almost oppressive silence. Only here and there as one passes heedlessly along a quiet street one comes suddenly upon a cloaked figure, with a broad brimmed hat, leaning against the bars of a window, and one may catch through the bars a glimpse of a vivid face, dark hair and a rose (an artificial rose) in the hair.

Not in any part of Spain have I seen the traditional Spanish lovenaking, the cloak and hat at the barred window, so frankly and so delightfully on view. It brings a touch of genuine romance which it is almost difficult for those who know comic opera better than the countries in which life is still in its way a serious travesty to take quite seriously. Lovers' faces on each side of the bars of a window at night in a narrow street of white houses—that, after all, and not even the miraculous mosque, may perhaps be the most vivid recollection that one brings away from Cordova.—Saturday Review.

Shoff, the Dawson Dog Doctor, Pioneer Drug Store.

Linen and official envelopes at Zaccarelli's Bank Cafe corner.

## CURRENT COMMENT

### Dr. Bourke to the Front.

Editor Nugget:

Dear Sir—That the Dawson fire department has done its duty will be generally admitted. It appears to me they have not been liberally or even fairly treated. Contrast the condition of English firemen. They are dealt with in a spirit of fairness and liberality based on wise considerations. They are well paid, fed, lodged, clothed and pensioned, and when on fire duty receive necessary hot refreshment of soup, coffee, etc., and any damage to their clothing while on duty is at once made good. On the other hand, the Dawson firemen, whose duties are as laborious and vastly more dangerous, are paid a proportionately much lower rate. The other benefits mentioned are not considered with reference to them; and we should reflect that it is impossible when exposed to the rigors of this arctic climate to produce and maintain the full amount of work a man is capable of without proper hot refreshment and sufficient clothing, not to mention the probable ill effects on health; for it must be remembered that exposed to our arctic winter conditions as our firemen are, may spell death to some of them in the not remote future. The present pay is insufficient to provide them food and make good the wear and tear of clothes. Should the government not see their way to supplement it by supplying the necessary refreshments and clothing. I trust the Dawson people will feel it a duty as well as a good business arrangement to provide the necessary funds for the purpose. In conclusion it is imperative that an immediate installment of an efficient fire alarm be made and that telephones at chosen points should be instituted for the same purpose. This would often save the putting out of business temporarily of large quantities of those that would be invaluable in case of a succession of fires, as well as fulfill many other useful ends not necessary to enumerate. Yours faithfully,

ISIDORE M'WM. BOURKE, M. D.

### Pretty Rough Sport.

So full of peril is the lumberman's life that even his sports and games must be spiced with danger or they will pall upon his taste. On the long winter nights a cruel game called "Jack, where be ye?" is frequently played. The middle of the largest room in the camp is cleared. Two men are securely fastened and, having previously drawn lots for the first whack, they kneel on the floor. In his right hand each man holds a stout leather strap, in his left another leather strap, or a rope is held by the end, either close to the floor or, in some camps, actually on it. The latter strap, being kept taut by the combatants, guarantees a uniform distance between them. They are quite near enough to hurt each other severely, which not infrequently happens.

Now, the man who has been lucky enough to draw the first call shouts, "Jack, where be ye?" to which his opponent must immediately answer, "Here I be." Then the first man strikes at the place where he imagines his adversary to be with the heavy leather strap. If he hits his man, he is entitled to another blow—may call out again, "Jack, where be ye?" and the other must answer, "Here I be." This is continued till the first man misses, when he must take his turn at being struck.

The others form a ring around the two combatants, bets are made, and each fighter encourages and applauds its chosen man. There are regular rounds, and the game is usually kept up until one or the other has had enough or perhaps till one is carried off the scene wounded. Hard heads can stand hard knocks, and volunteers for the sport are numerous. At the beginning there is generally no malice. A hard blow is struck—it is expected—it is the game. But it occasionally happens that the game develops into a fierce duel.—Pearsons'.

### How Zulu Women Sew.

The skill of the Zulus of South Africa in sewing fur is a household word in South Africa, and some of the other tribes compete with them. The needle employed is widely different from that used by the ordinary needlewomen. In the first place, it has no eye; in the second, it is like a skewer, pointed at one end and thick at the other. The thread is not of cotton, but is made of the sinews of various animals, the best being made from the sinews in the neck of a giraffe. It is stiff, inelastic, with a great tendency to "kink" and tangle itself up with anything near it. Before being used it is steeped in hot water until it is quite soft and is then beaten between two smooth stones, which causes it to separate into filaments, which can thus be obtained of

any length and thickness. Thus the seamstress has a considerable amount of labor before she commences with the real work in hand.

Finally she squats on the ground (for no native stands to work or do anything—else who can possibly help it) and, taking her needle, bores two holes in the edges of the rug or garment on which she is working. The thread is then pushed through with the butt of the needle, drawn tight, and two more holes are made with a like result, the skewer progressing very slowly, but fast enough for a country where time is of no value whatever.

The skin upon which the seamstress is working is damped with water before she commences, and as the damp thread and hide dry out they bring the work very closely together.—Ex.

### His Sympathy.

An old housewife in the country was bemoaning her poverty to an unsympathetic husband.

"Things ain't as they used ter be," she complained. "Why, I ain't got anything like I used ter hev. I ain't got quilts enough ter go round the beds, there's two of the best chairs broken, and I ain't got no dress that's really fitter go ter meetin, an if I was ter die to-night I wouldn't hev a cap ter be buried in."

The old man stood the whining as long as he could.

"Blast it all, then," he fiercely ejaculated, "why didn't yer die when yer did hev a cap?"—Ex.

### Notice.

Notice is hereby given that a list of all placer mining claims in the Yukon territory which were sold at public auction and which have not been taken up, is being prepared for publication at once, and after the first publication thereof no grant will be issued, under such sale as aforesaid, for any claim so advertised. All purchasers are, therefore, notified to apply for their grants immediately. (Signed) J. LANGLOIS BELL, Assistant Gold Commissioner. Dated at Dawson this 14 day of December, 1900.

The Pacific Cold Storage Company paid the collector of customs in Dawson \$10,000 duty on the cargo of fine meats they are now offering to the trade.

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**SOCIETIES.**  
THE REGULAR COMMUNICATION of Yukon Lodge (U. D. A. F. & F. M.), will be held at Masonic Hall, MYSTON STREET, monthly, Thursday on or before full moon at 8:00 p. m. C. M. Wells, W. M. J. A. Donald, Sec'y.

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