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THE OTTAWA APPROPRIATION

The council will meet tomorrow, when the matter of an appropriation toward the fund now being raised for the relief of the Ottawa sufferers will come up for consideration.

The purpose for which the appropriation is proposed is a worthy one, and, under ordinary circumstances, no objections would be raised. In the present instance, however, as set forth in these columns yesterday, there are serious considerations, which should be well weighed before a determination is reached to draw heavily upon the public funds for the object named.

While the council is a governing body for the entire Yukon territory, the revenues which are at its disposal originate almost entirely in the city of Dawson and in the settled districts immediately adjacent. It may be said, therefore, that the council, in making the proposed appropriation, would be acting simply on behalf of the people included in the area mentioned. But in this entire district, there is no one who has not been given an opportunity to subscribe to the fund, if he so desired. Subscription papers have been passed both in Dawson and on the creeks; a public entertainment has been given, at which was realized a larger sum than at any similar affair ever held in Dawson, and people who contributed in neither of the above ways have done so in others.

We are of the opinion, therefore, that the voluntary subscriptions of citizens should end the matter. The town and the creeks have come forward with generous contributions, but as much has been given as the people desire to give.

The council is already considerably in debt, and we see no reason for increasing that indebtedness under the existing circumstances.

STILL HOLDING OUT.

The tenacity with which the garrison of the little town of Mafeking has held out, while under siege, will go down in history as a case of marvelous endurance and persistence, under most trying circumstances. The siege has continued, with more or less vigor, during the entire war, but at no time has a suggestion come from Mafeking of a desire on the part of the inhabitants or garrison to surrender. Relief is advancing as rapidly as possible, but every day must be an eternity to those who are undergoing siege. Exposed to the Boer shells from without, and confronted by sickness and starvation from within, the wonder is that they have endured so long. Nothing has been heard of Plumer's column since it was driven back, some weeks ago, and all hope seems now to be placed upon Hunter, who is advancing as rapidly as possible

through a hostile country. The most welcome news that will come over the wire in connection with the war will be the announcement that the siege of Mafeking has been raised and the town relieved.

COMING AT LAST.

The evidence thus far adduced in the Struthers case must convince the most vociferous apologist of Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell that the latter's office, and the methods in vogue in conducting the same, will bear an investigation. When the cry was raised by the people of the Yukon territory for the appointment of a royal commissioner to look into governmental affairs in Dawson, a storm of slander and abuse was heaped upon every man who made himself at all prominent in the movement.

From Sifton himself, down to the most insignificant of his satellites, a systematic effort was made to sidetrack the movement by pouring abuse upon the men who fostered it. Their characters were attacked, their motives impugned, and every effort possible made to discredit them with the press and people of the Dominion.

It appears now, however, that the time is at hand when a general uncovering will be made, and wrongs, long concealed, will be brought to light.

The people have sufficient confidence in the integrity of the courts and the administrators of the law to believe that justice will be meted out with an impartial hand.

STILL FIGHTING.

The general opinion has been field of late that the war in the Philippines is practically at an end. The following, from the Seattle Times of April 23, serves effectually to prove the contrary:

Last week was one of the bloodiest of the war since the first day's fighting around Manila, authentic reports, mostly official, showing a total of 278 Filipinos killed, 12 officers and 244 men captured, and many more wounded. The number wounded is hardly guessable. Considering that the Filipinos entirely lack hospital facilities, a great majority of the wounded will die. Probably the week's work finished 1,000 insurgents. The American loss was 9 killed and 16 wounded. Two sergeants and one private were killed in ambushes while escorting provision trains.

The insurgents have been aggressive in almost every province of Luzon. General Pio del Pilar's band, numbering 300, which was out of sight for three months, the leader being reported killed, has reappeared in its old field about San Miguel. Pilar is supposed to be again in command. He gave the American garrison at San Miguel, consisting of three companies of the Thirty-fifth infantry, with a galling gun, three hours' fight during a night attack. The loss of the insurgents in this engagement is not included in the foregoing total, as they removed their dead and wounded, but presumably it was considerable.

Ice Depot.

Julian Blaker has bought the ice bin of Judge Morford and is now ready to deliver ice in any part of the city. His office is at the ice depot on First avenue, where you can leave orders and they will be promptly filled.

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STROLLER'S COLUMN

The day may not be far distant, when a great sanitarium will be established within a few miles of Dawson, as there is on Bonanza creek the first requisite to an institution of that kind.

One day lately the Stroller strolled up Bonanza to the Forks, and was delighted to come upon a beautiful spot about six miles up which is dignified with the appellation of "Bonanza Park." On another sign on the side of the curbing of a well in the park were the words "mineral water." Now, if there is anything that the Stroller likes fully as well as old Bourbon, it is mineral water fresh from the bowels of the earth. Investigation on the occasion referred to disclosed the statement that the water in the Bonanza park well is strongly impregnated with magnesia, and none can deny but that a few gallons of magnesia is excellent for the human system.

The Stroller approached the well from which he took a long, deep draught. He was at once firmly convinced that there is something in that well besides common water; it may be magnesia or it may be a wagon load of garbage; but so long as people drink it in the belief that it is magnesia there is no doubt but that good results will follow. The Bonanza mineral well brought to the mind of the Stroller a true story:

Some years ago a farmer in the southwestern part of Georgia near Valdosta noticed that the water from his well was changing to a dark brown color and at the same time taking on a heretofore unnoticed taste. The attention of a local chemist was called to the matter; he made an analysis of the water which resulted in the discovery of magnesia, sulphur and other health-promoting, pro-longing properties. The fame of the wonderful fountain of life-giving water became noised abroad; people came for miles with jugs, demijohns and casks of all descriptions to procure some of the famous water which they gladly paid for at the rate of 25 cents per gallon. From an obscure farmer the owner of the well became the magnate of Carrot county; his wife stopped wearing a sunbonnet to church and his children quit eating pie with a knife and took to saying eyether and neyther. The fame of the wonderful well spread as the water became darker in color and the taste more pronounced. In fact, so great became the demand for the water that the well which was a very deep one, showed signs of going dry. The owner decided to dig it a few feet deeper and sent a man into it for that purpose. This is all there is to the story, except that when the man reached the bottom of the well he found a dead nigger.

There is a great deal of comment around town as to the apparent apathy manifested around the office of the gold commissioner in the proceedings against the clerk whom uncontradicted evidence has placed in a very unenviable position before the public, and which proceedings have not, by any manner of means, shrouded that office in a halo of glory. People are free to talk, and they are doing it. Some assert that they smelled a rat when the newspapers were shut out from obtaining for publication the record of transfers. The Stroller does not believe all this to be true, as it is not probable that the newspapers would have ever gotten on to the particular renewal case that is causing the present odor even if their reporters had been allowed the freedom of the assistant gold commissioner's office. But many are of the opinion that it one corner of the room is dirty the entire floor needs sweeping.

"This thing of 'rushing' off to Nome and Koyukuk and other places where there ain't nothin' for certain known to exist, is all tarnation foolishness," said the old timer who, with a crowd, was standing on the Aurora dock yesterday watching two small boats go around the bend below town on their way to Nome. Continuing he said:

"If fellers wants to dig gold, I can put 'em on to a field nearer here than Koyukuk and it ain't never seen but two white men, me and my old pardner what fell offen a precipice comin' home and killed hisself."

By this time the talker had quite an attentive lot of listeners around him, and one man quietly slipped a dollar into the old man's hand as he said:

"Tell us all about it and how to get there."

"See that garden up there," said the old man, pointing to the inclosure on the sidehill above the northeast part of the city. "Just take that path leadin' up past that garden and follow it till it runs out and then keep straight ahead for 430 miles and you'll come to the finest minin' country you ever seed. When I was there I never took out a pan that went less than \$600. I am goin' back next year, but if any of you fellers want to go in this year I'll supply you with a map of the country, for ten pounds of chewin' and a gallon of hooch."

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