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THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 1901.

ANOTHER LINE.

There is good reason for believing that construction work will begin in earnest during the coming spring on the Alaskan railway line from Valdez to Eagle. The completion of that line will mark a turning point in the history of Alaska. It will open up an immense district which is rich in natural resources, but which under existing circumstances must remain undeveloped.

The vital question which confronts both Alaska and the Yukon territory at the present time is the matter of freight rates. Cheap freight is the slogan which should be taken up and sounded throughout the Yukon valley, from White Pass to St. Michael. The development of this great northern country will really begin when the transportation companies are enabled to cut down freight charges to such a point that a princely income will not be required for the payment of bare living expenses.

A few people who have happened to "strike it rich" are of no material benefit to a new country. A large industrial population is what is needed, but that population will not, in fact cannot, be found in the valley of the Yukon until the cost of living is reduced far below what it is at the present time.

The construction of a competing railway line across Alaska will be one step toward the attainment of this purpose.

It is time that the old idea respecting the life of this country should be forgotten. It has not been opened up for a day, but for all time. The natural resources requisite for sustaining a large population are present in abundance. Fortunes are not to be made in a moment, but there is liberal reward ahead for industry and legitimate enterprise. People who come into the Yukon impressed with these facts have every prospect of success. Others are likely to meet disappointment.

Last year at this time fresh potatoes were worth one dollar per pound and hard to get at that price. At the present time they can be bought at one-ninth as much. This does not go to prove that a great deal of money was made in the succulent tubers last year or that any considerable sum is being lost now. It merely goes to show that the Dawson market is a fearful and wonderful thing and no more to be banked upon than feminine whims.

Lord Roberts' requisition upon the war office for 20,000 additional troops was not made for a useless purpose. The commander-in-chief understands, if the departmental people do not, that there is still work to be done in South Africa. Mutterings among the Cape Dutch indicate very clearly the necessity of sleeping with one eye open.

The Nugget's presidential souvenir has probably reached its destination in Lincoln, Nebraska are this. In our telegraphic columns will be noted the impression which the souvenir created in Seattle. The presidential souvenir and our holiday issue are two of the

best advertisements ever sent out from the Klondike.

The talk of the world is toward socialism. The action of the world is in the direction of keener competition, the victory being to the fittest. So long as this condition remains, the socialistic era is in the dim and distant future. Action is the thing from which to judge. Mere words are a cheap commodity.

Seattle has scored another point in securing the construction of one of Uncle Sam's new warships. Some day the city at the Golden Gate will bestir itself, wipe the dust from its eyes and wonder how it all happened.

The success of the water company in keeping their mains open during the cold weather is worthy of note. A constant supply of fresh water during the winter season is a boon which Dawson thoroughly appreciates.

The days are appreciably lengthening, for all of which in the language of the immortal Squeers, "May the Lord make us truly thankful."

Their Neighboring Way.

A young woman of Washington birth and rearing, who has made her home for these three years past in small Indiana town, says that for tact and diplomacy she knows nobody to equal her neighbors out there. She had scarcely settled herself in her new home when one day she heard a hen proudly cackling in her back yard. She went out to see what could have brought a strange hen into her yard and found that the fowl had just laid an egg in the woodbox outside the kitchen door. While she was still wondering where on earth the creature had come from the shock head of a thin and tall girl of 12 rose over the fence which divided the yard from the yard of the house next door.

"Hello," said the girl.

"Good morning," answered the Washingtonian.

"We got plenty of eggs," remarked the girl. "Maw says you kin have that one our hen jes' laid in that woodbox of yours."

"Thank you very much," said the Washingtonian.

The girl still hung on the fence.

"We aint' gin to charge you nothin' fer it," she went on.

"That's very kind, indeed," answered the new neighbor.

"It's a gift," remarked the girl.

Then there was silence for a few moments. The girl still clung to her side of the fence.

"Say," she said finally, "maw says now you're acquainted with us folks she'd like to borry a tack hammer."

Ex.

Preparing for Moral Suasion.

"Don't you believe in moral suasion?" asked the neighbor.

The indignant father stopped with the switch poised in the air.

"Of course I do," he answered. "I tried it once, and I'm going to try it again just as soon as I lick this boy hard enough so that he'll know enough to be ruled by it the next time I try it. Yes, sir; moral suasion is a great thing, and I'm going to teach this boy how good it is if I have to whale the life out of him to do it. He doesn't appreciate its advantages yet."

Piccadilly.

One of London's most famous streets is Piccadilly, which consists of shops the ruffs, or "pickadills," worn by the and fashionable dwelling houses. The name is said to have been derived from gullants of James I and Charles I, the stiffened points of which resembled spear heads or pickadills. Some years before the introduction of these collars, however, "Piccadilly" is referred to, and it is surmised that the collar may have been so called from being worn by the frequenters of Piccadilly House.

The Atmospheric Ocean.

The atmospheric ocean surrounding the earth is frequently disturbed by gigantic waves, which are invisible except when they carry parts of the air charged with moisture up into a colder atmospheric stratum, where sudden condensation occurs. In this manner long, parallel lines of clouds sometimes make their appearance at a great height, marking the crests of a ripple of air waves running miles above our heads.

Elegantly furnished rooms with electric lights at the Regina Club hotel.

We fit glasses, Pioneer drug store.

Any kind of wine \$5 per bottle at the Regina Club hotel.

Films of all kinds at Goetzman's.

Flashlight powder at Goetzman's.

Eggs by the case at Meeker's.

CURRENT COMMENT

Dewey and Von Diederich.

Gold Run, Dec. 24, 1900.

Editor Klondike Nugget:

Dear Sir—A question has recently been sprung as regards what actually occurred between Admiral Dewey and the German admiral at Manila during the Spanish-American war. Will you kindly explain in your next issue what Dewey said and did; German admiral's answer; position of the British admiral, also what did the German government say. READER.

(The incident referred to resulted from the refusal of the German flagship to refrain from entering the lines occupied by Admiral Dewey in Manila harbor. A semi-official account states that, "The German flagship in Manila declined to stop when signalled to do so by the American commander and steamed within the waters where non-combatants were not allowed and the Olympia promptly dropped a shell just ahead of the German battleship. Admiral Von Diederich protested, but retired to another position."

The popular account of the affair as published throughout the United States is to the effect that Admiral Von Diederich disregarded Admiral Dewey's orders with respect to entrance of non-combatants within the waters held by American vessels and a shot as noted above was dropped across the bow of the German flagship. Admiral Dewey thereupon asked of the German commander to define his attitude so that he might shape his course accordingly. Von Diederich inquired of Capt. Sir Edward Chichester commanding the British squadron as to what position he would assume in case of German interference with the bombardment of Manila. The reply was that only God, Admiral Dewey and himself knew. The incident thereupon closed. The German government's position is defined by the following language of Emperor William: "It is important that America should not think that either I or my government entertains unfriendly feelings toward the Union in consequence of the war with Spain. The millions of Germans in America would not understand it if their fatherland did not entertain a friendly feeling in this conflict toward their new home."—ED.)

Dawsonites Worried.

Editor Daily Nugget:

In order to insure protection for Dawson people who intend making a trip to the American territory by way of Fortymile river, I wish simply to state the treatment we received at the hands of the American customs collector at Boundary.

The law provides that each miner shall be allowed \$100 worth of American goods free of duty, which Mr. McCarty, collector, allowed us, but when it came to our dogs, three of which came from Seattle in October, it was a different proposition. He told us when it came to valuation that we were to place value upon our own dogs, which we did, placing them at \$25. Then McCarty said that he would not put the dogs in at any such money. We suggested for him to place the value on them, but he stated that he could not under the law appraise the dogs himself, but that he would not allow us to perjure ourselves and that he would not value the four dogs at less than \$200. We told him that the dogs were not worth that money and that they would not cost us that in Dawson, to which we were willing to make affidavit, but all to no avail. He arose and in a high-keyed voice said he would show the people from Dawson they could not run his office and that if we did not like those values he would appoint appraisers at our expense.

McCarty while in Fortymile made the assertion, which I am prepared to prove, in language not permissible here, that he would show them this winter; he would make them pay duty on the lash ropes on their sleds. To say the least, Mr. McCarty is one of the greatest hindrances to the development of the Fortymile country that could be placed in any country, for instead of acting as a servant to the people who pays him his salary he is acting the part of a czar, and from his ruling there is no appeal, as there is no one to whom one can appeal nearer than Eagle, some 70 miles distant.

Anyone contemplating the trip should get a consular certificate, being very sure to express definitely the exact date of the shipment, if American dogs, and have everything right, for if there is the slightest possible chance McCarty will turn it down.

During my stay one man came up from Eagle City, but McCarty refused to let him pass without paying duty, so the party left his dogs and mushed on foot to the creeks. McCarty formerly gave three days in which to make

the trip to the creeks, and if one returned inside that time duty was returned, but even this he denied us.

In justice to McCarty I will say that last year it seems that he was quite lenient but he charged some Dawson man more than he thought right and he reported McCarty at Washington, and since that time McCarty has, like all narrow-minded people, Indians included, wreaked out vengeance on all Dawson people.

C. L. LA PLANT, Washington.

HIRED GIRL'S PROGRESS.

Fable Showing Wisdom of Silence Concerning Some Things.

Once upon a time there came into the city from the country a girl. The girl wandered from her happy home to secure employment among the wealthy families of the city, and when she made known the fact that she was willing to work many persons sought her and implored her to engage with them in domestic pursuits. The girl was overwhelmed with offers, but finally made a selection and settled in a family that valued her services very highly. The girl was happy until one day her employer met a neighbor, a very dear friend, and told her of her good fortune in finding the country girl. And this neighbor met another very dear friend and told her of her other friend's good luck, and thus did it become generally known that there was a good "hired girl" in the neighborhood.

And from that time on the mistress and the girl were unhappy until one day the very dear friend gave the girl \$1.50 more a week than she was earning in her first place, and in this manner did the girl become happy again, while her mistress and the very dear friend ceased to be on speaking terms. And then the girl became unhappy again until the other very dear friend engaged her at an advance of \$1, and the other dear friend and the first dear friend ceased to talk over the back fence. And then the good girl wore fine dresses and fine hats, and one day a dashing young man led her to the altar, and now the three friends and the poor country girl, are all very happy.

Moral—Don't talk good about your hired girl.—Detroit Free Press.

A Dachshund Tragedy.

"Stimler's collar button rolled under the bureau."

"Yes."

"And he 'sicked' his dachshund after it."

"Go on."

"The bureau is heavy and stands close to the floor."

"Proceed."

"The dachshund is the blindest dachshund that ever breathed, and he could just squeeze under the bureau."

"Well?"

"Well, the dachshund reached the collar button and at once swallowed it. It stuck half way down and thickened the dog so that he couldn't pull himself past the lump. So Stimler had to call in the janitor of the flat, and they lifted the bureau off the dog."

"What about the button?"

"Stimler said he'd let the dog keep the button. He might need it."

"Need it?"

"Yes, in case somebody collared him."

—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Long Lightning Conductor.

Bavaria boasts that it has the longest lightning conductor in the world. It rises some yards above the top of the meteorological station on the Zugspitze, the highest point in the German empire, and runs down the side of the mountain to the bottom of the Hohenlental, where there is running water all the year round. The length of the rod is five and a half kilometers, nearly three miles and a half.

A philosopher says that every failure is a step toward success.

This explains why some men become richer every time they fail.—Chicago News.

It is unfortunate that every one's memory is best in retaining things it would be more genteel to forget.—Atchison Globe.

At Whitehorse.

Winter at Whitehorse is not likely to be dull, for apart from the fact the wagon road to the mines will probably be open today and ore shipments will begin as soon as there is enough snow for sleighing possibly before, and in addition to the travel to and from Dawson in the fine sleighs of the C. D. Co. she will have a whole raft of work men employed during the winter right in town on government jobs. The mounted police post at Tagish, as announced in this paper, was moved to this point some time ago, only a few men being left at Tagish for the winter. But the Whitehorse post is to be of much greater importance than Tagish or any other point on the Yukon except Dawson, as may be assumed from the number and dimensions of the government buildings to be erected there this winter as follows:

Storehouse and commissary, 50x25; office and courthouse, 45x20; guard room, 90x20; men's barracks, two stories, 100x25; hospital, two stories, 40x20; officers' mess, two stories, 35x20; sergeant's mess, two stories, 40x20.

In addition there is to be an office for the department of public works, a residence for the resident engineer and a residence for the sergeant-major of police.—Alaskan.

Mason's Meeting.

The stated communication of Yukon lodge (M. D.) A. F. and A. M., will be held at Masonic hall, Mission street, Thursday night, Jan. 3, 1901. All master Masons in good standing are cordially invited to attend.

C. H. WELLS, M. W.

J. A. DONALD, Sec.

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