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AN OUTSIDE VIEW.

The leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons at Ottawa called attention to the Treadgold mining concessions in the Yukon, and the protest of the Dawson Board of Trade against their confirmation.

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM.

Communications for publication in this column are invited upon all questions of public interest. Correspondents are requested to be as brief as possible and to sign their names, which will be withheld if desired.

Dawson, Y. T., May 8th. Editor Klondike Daily Nugget:—Sir,—It was with much pleasure that those interested in quartz mining read in your paper last fall that the government had decided to build a quartz mill and assay office in Dawson, for the free testing of ore for the miners, and that such tests would be made by a man employed by the government who would be responsible to them for his actions.

The individual miners by securing equal privileges and opportunities to all so far as the law and the administration can provide therefor. But cannot this water supply be made a municipal business the same as it is now made in so many other cities for domestic and manufacturing uses?

The ordinance providing for wide tires and light loads on the roads leading to the creeks, was not framed for the purpose of hindering traffic or interfering in any line of business. The intention of the law is to protect the roads and prevent injury from accruing to them as far as is possible.

Excellent progress is being made with the celebration for Victoria Day. A snug sum has already been collected and the committee on finance have reason to believe that a sufficient amount will be subscribed to meet all legitimate expenses.

The belief that the output of last year will be considerably increased this season seems to be growing. To make the same statement true of succeeding years, nothing is required except to open up the concessions now held in defiance of the regulations.

Fate.

Two shall be born the whole wide world apart, And speak in different tongues, and have no thought Each of the other's being, and no heed;

mill and assay office, and have made free tests for a time which have shown very satisfactory results considering the amount of development work done.

The mill at present is only good for testing free milling ore, the assay office is all right. But no time should be lost in putting the mill in a first-class condition, capable of testing any kind of ore that may be found in the country, as there are many different kinds and grades of ore here.

Now, Mr. Editor, I do not think that this is a very wise move on the part of the government to discontinue the free test, especially after they have gone to the expense of building a mill. The prospectors in this territory cannot afford to pay the high charges for tests because the ordinary prospector has not got the means. All the money he can get generally goes to buying provisions etc., in order to enable him to do prospecting.

Hopeing that the Yukon council will deal with the matter at once, and thanking you in advance for your valuable space, I remain yours truly, J. A. CAMPBELL.

And bend each wand'ring step to this one end— That, one day, out of darkness, they shall meet And read life's meaning in each other's eyes.

And two shall walk some narrow way of life, So nearly side by side, that should one turn Ever so little space to left or right They needs must stand acknowledged face to face.

And yet, with wistful eyes that never meet, With groping hands that never clasp, and lips Calling in vain to ears that never hear, They seek each other all their weary days.

And die unsatisfied—and this is Fate! An exchange says, "A man who squeezes a dollar never squeezes his wife," and then adds, "Looking over our subscription list we are led to believe that some awfully good women are not getting the pressure they deserve."

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Odd Happenings Abroad

A Russian engineer arrested recently while trying to enter the fortifications of Aden was dressed in plain clothes at the time. He attempted to evade arrest by pleading ignorance, and sought to explain his presence about the exterior of the fort, which is in the most central and commanding position in Aden, by asserting that he was a geologist, and was simply engaged in pursuing his harmless vocation.

The Union-Castle Company's steamer Dunolly Castle, bound for London, on touching at Plymouth on her last home voyage reported her experiences of the terrific sand storm which she encountered when 20 degrees north of the equator and which lasted until within about thirty-six hours of her arrival at the Canary islands. It was on February 23 that the Dunolly Castle fell in with the storm, the air being charged with sand swept before the fierce easterly wind from the Sahara desert.

The Journal of Paris gives an account of a recent accident which occurred during the manoeuvres of the German Fourteenth Army Corps close to the French frontier in the Vosges. There was an exchange of shots between a concealed detachment and a reconnaissance party, when the officer in command of the latter suddenly fell from his horse shot through the body.

Speaking of the traditional policy of the United States concerning South American affairs, Prof. John B. Clark of Columbia University, tells a story attributed to Horace Greeley.

The relation was of a conversation between Mr. Greeley and an eminent Englishman on some diplomatic question in which the United States had asserted itself with some forcefulness, and Mr. Greeley remarked: "The trouble with us is that we want a darn good licking."

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GUSHER WATER.

As pretty a sluice-hood of water as ever was seen is flowing from the Eldorado gusher, and is being used every day to sluice dirt on 3a a short distance up the hillside and up stream from the gusher shaft.

It looks rather odd in this country to see water conducted up hill, but such is being done in this case. The dune hose being employed leaks considerably. The water goes through it, however, with plenty of force and ascends the hill as nicely and invisibly as a cable car.

The following unvoiced story will probably be appreciated by those who remember the enthusiasm of their first deer hunt. On one occasion in the neighborhood of Mt. Shasta, the guests who were sitting on the hotel porch described an immense elk standing composedly on the high trail about 2000 feet above them. Deer had

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The results of the recent experiments to test the temperature of the highest altitudes have just been made public by the university authorities at Berne, Switzerland. It appears that the paper balloon burst after reaching a moderate height, while the India rubber one passed an altitude of 38,000 feet, but at this height the instrument used to gauge the altitude stopped working. The temperature at the time of the start was 1 degree Centigrade, and it rose to 9 degrees in the first 980 metres; from 980 metres to 3,300 metres the temperature descended to 6 degrees Centigrade; when the balloon traversed 4,000 metres the cold became intense, and at a height of 11,500 metres the thermometer registered 58 degrees. Above 18,000 metres the thermometer was frozen.

The mayor of Catania, a town at the foot of Mount Etna, has decided to carry out a scheme which, it is possible, may before long attract the attention of political economists all over Europe. It is the manufacture and distribution of bread by the municipality, and his prospectus assures "a safe quality, a proper weight, and a moderate price." His scheme had birth in the cupidity of the local bakers. He warned the bakers and told them to lower their prices. When they refused to do so he brought a shipload of flour from Marseilles at his own expense, turned it over to the town, and is now producing daily sixty to seventy tons of good bread at what is equal to a little more than a cent a pound, while the bakers charged nearly 5 cents a pound. Catania, which is almost unknown except for its Saracenic, Hellenic, and Roman remains, has a population of nearly 150,000.

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H. Pinkiert AUCTIONEER

Is Used for Sluicing Purposes on 3a Eldorado

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