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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1901.

COULD NOT BE AVOIDED.

The report has been given widespread publication that the queen's death was precipitated by the Boer war. It is well known fact that during her entire reign Queen Victoria strove to the utmost of her ability to preserve peace throughout her dominions. In more than one instance when a crisis seemed at hand which must of necessity result in war, consideration for the wishes of the queen brought about a peaceful solution of the difficulty.

Undoubtedly, the war with the Boers caused her majesty much anxiety. The casualties resulting from the struggle were large in comparison to the number of men engaged, and many of England's noblest families are represented in the lists of killed and wounded. These circumstances certainly had their effect upon the health of the queen who accepted her subjects losses as her own and felt personal grief at the death of her soldiers no matter what their rank might have been. It does not appear, however, that the war was undertaken in direct opposition to the queen's wishes, nor is it possible to understand in what manner it could have been deferred much longer than it was. Months, and in fact, almost years before the actual opening of hostilities the Boers had been making preparations for the conflict and no particular effort was made to conceal the same. Developments have proven that a widespread conspiracy of long duration had been planned to drive the British power from South Africa. The plan was a most ambitious one and involved the establishment of an united South African republic to include the Transvaal, the Orange Free State and the bulk of Cape Colony.

The utmost advantage was taken by the Boers of the pronounced anti-war sentiment in England. While Mr. Chamberlain was conducting negotiations with Kruger the object being to avert a resort to hostilities, the Boers were making ready for war, and when Kruger finally delivered his ultimatum, the Boer troops were all ready to invest the British border towns.

Great Britain could not have avoided the conflict without national humiliation. She was forced to take up the issue in spite of the good queen's desire that no more wars should be prosecuted during her lifetime.

Beyond question Victoria's already failing strength and faculties were further affected by the varying events of the war and it is no cause for surprise that the end should have been hastened thereby. Even with this knowledge, however, it would have been impossible for the country to have avoided the conflict. The question of supremacy in South Africa had to be settled and events have proven that no solution aside from the issue of war was possible.

LET US HAVE LIGHT.

The discovery of mastodon and mammoth bones in such quantities opens up a very wide and equally interesting field for speculation. Some of our local scientists might turn their attention to the subject with pleasure and profit,

both to themselves and to the general public.

The remains of these animals now being brought to light after thousands of years of interment ought to throw some light upon the date of the great upheaval which most people are agreed once occurred throughout this country.

It would be very interesting to know if the Klondike ever had a climate which required the use of palm leaf fans and admitted of the wearing of fig leaf apparel at Christmas time. This is the claim set up by some authorities and certainly there is evidence of a very plausible nature to substantiate the theory.

The Nugget invites discussion of the subject through its columns and will be pleased to give publication to the views of any one who may desire to express an opinion.

Much enthusiasm has been evoked among the ultra-opponents of President McKinley's Philippine policy, by reason of a recently issued petition asking for Filipino independence. The document is worded in very bad English and sets forth the claims of Aguinaldo and his fellows for a withdrawal of American troops from the islands. The petition bears some 2000 signatures which is about one-fourth hundredth part of the population of the islands. It is not anticipated that Uncle Sam's soldiers will be ordered home immediately.

Reports about the Clear creek country seem to vary considerably. That is to be expected. Very few men ever told the same story about the Klondike. The tendency is to judge a country by individual experiences. One man succeeds and the country is all right. Another fails and the country is all wrong. Respecting the Clear creek country we incline to the opinion that it will be the scene of a flourishing camp ere long. At any rate the preponderance of evidence leans that way.

The moment we begin to congratulate ourselves upon the arrival of spring, the mercury drops down again a matter of twenty-five degrees or thirty degrees. The trouble with the average Klondike thermometer is that it never does what is desired or expected of it.

There is at least one redeeming feature about life in the Yukon valley. We don't need to worry for fear that late frosts will ruin the fruit crop.

Kokomo and Others.
We should not have stopped off in Chicago only I had to go down to Kokomo—funny name. I wouldn't have believed there was such a place until I found some of the best automobiles made come from there.—Extract from an interview with Earl Russell.

Oh, when you're through with Kokomo,
Most noble Earl, perchance
You'd like to fare to Kickapoo
Or go and have a glance
At Ogemaw or Hackensack,
And pass through Chickopee,
And then from there you might come back

By way of Kankakee
To Oshkosh and Menominee
And journey on to Muscogee
And Keokuk and Oskaloosa,
Muscatine and Tallapoosa,
Chickasaw
And Haverstraw
And thence to Walla Walla,
—And pass along to Shakopee
And stop for lunch at Albert Lea
And dine at Pumpkin Hollow.
Moreover, there is Waukesha
And fair Oconomowoc,
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Sheboygan, Sauk and Bariboo,
Pensaukee, Peshtigo,
Oconto, Ox Bow, Kalamazoo,
Bad Axe and Romeo,
Where man and beast
May rest or feast.
So promise, Earl, old chap,
That when you go back home, you
know,
You'll not tell people Kokomo
Is the only town that shows up so
Blamed funny on the map.
—Chicago Times-Herald.

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STROLLER'S COLUMN.

When it comes to "density" that is agonizing Dawson can hold her own with many older and more religious communities. On the whole the people of Dawson, regardless of race and nationality, are rather quick to discover the point to a joke or the thin streak of humor that may be sandwiched between statements of a more solid and substantial nature. But there are people in Dawson whose heads it is necessary to first open with crowbars before they are susceptible of entertaining or digesting an idea.

For example, the Stroller innocently remarked the other day that all automobiles are made in Mobile, Alabama, and a man from New York followed him two blocks denying the statement, calling the Stroller bad names and threatening him with annihilation until the Stroller told him he would have him sandbagged by a man from Sandusky, Ohio, when the fellow desisted and went away muttering something about the first automobile ever seen in Mobile coming from New York.

A matter of fact man wanted to whip the Stroller one day last week for what he termed directing him on a "false stampede." He said that during the recent cold weather he had frozen both his hands in a vain search after ice worms.

We have all heard of Chauncey Depew, the greatest story teller in America. Depew tells one on himself which is illustrative of that "density" found everywhere and of which Dawson is not without her full share. Depew was on an Atlantic liner en route from Liverpool to New York. Being good company, he was always surrounded whether on the deck, in the saloon or smoking room by an admiring crowd eager to hear his stories, jokes and witticisms which appeared to be greatly enjoyed by all except one large, florid gentleman who wore very loud plaid and an eyeglass. This man was never seen to give even the faintest trace of a smile notwithstanding Depew was at his best.

The stolidness of the man in plaid somewhat nettled the story teller who decided to make it his special aim to tell a story to which the dense gentleman could see the point. Accordingly one day after lunch Depew cornered the big man in a pleasant nook on the deck, regaled him with a choice Havana and began the task of forcing him to laugh at one of his stories. But, alas! Depew told as he had never told before his entire repertoire of stories and jokes and his auditor only looked at him with that blank expression peculiar to Chinese gods. Finally Depew got mad and said: "Confound you! You couldn't see the point to a joke if it was fired at you from a gun!" "Then," says Depew, "that big thing reared up on its hind legs and said: 'Naow, do tell! Haow could any man fire a joake out of a gun, don't you know?'"

And it is told of Depew that he at once sought his stateroom and was carried ashore on a stretcher when the boat reached New York.

That the force of habit is strong was clearly defined in police court this morning when a prisoner who was fined for being drunk asked to have the amount "chalked down" as he was short of funds. But as that part of the governmental machine is not run on "tick" the modest request was denied and the prisoner, probably for the first time in his life, realized the full force of the time-honored motto, "Pay as you go."

In Commissioner Ogilvie's office some one with a humorous streak in his system, possibly the governor, but probably Dr. Brown or Al Watson, has hung an illustration clipped from a paper which shows the typical old maid tract distributor in conversation with a hardened looking criminal in stripes. "Poor man," says the spectacled old maid, "when you get out of this horrid place you must join our church and teach one of our Sunday school classes." "Dat's wot I'll do miss," said the convict, "jes as soon as I've killed Tim Hennessy an' Kid McClure wot peached on me an' got me here."

Hanging at Kalama.

Kalama, Jan. 25.—Martin Stickers, the triple murderer, has paid the penalty of his crimes so far as earthly tribunals can reach. At 9:40 he was brought to the scaffold from his cell by Sheriff Huntington and ex-Sheriff Watson. The prisoner had slept well and eaten a moderate breakfast. He walked steadily and when he reached the top of the scaffold he addressed the crowd as follows:

"Gentlemen, I bid you good by. God help me and bless you all." During this time his limbs were being bound by Sheriff Huntington and

ex-Sheriff Watson. The noose and cap were placed in position by J. M. Bush. Stickers began to sing "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." When Watson gave the signal, Huntington sprung the trap and the doomed man passed through the trap to a six and a half foot drop.

The force of the fall partly severed the head from the body and his blood flowed over his garments in streams. It was about four minutes until Drs. McLaren, Levering and Darnell pronounced life extinct. The sheriff and all parties concerned did their parts well.

The body was taken in charge by relatives. The remains will be buried tomorrow at Catlin.

Martin Stickers confessed that he murdered three people. His victims were William B. Shanklin, who lived on a farm near Kelso, Cowlitz county, and Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Knapp, an aged couple living near Castle Rock. Shanklin was shot while eating supper some time in November, 1899, and his body cremated in the house, which was burned to the ground by the murderer. The crime remained a mystery for more than a year and not until after the murder of Cornelius Knapp and his wife did the authorities get a clew to the murderer. The Knapps were shot while at the supper table on November 28, 1900, and the fact that the shots were fired through the window in the same manner that the Shanklin murder was committed, led the authorities to believe that the same man had committed all three murders.

Stickers lived on a scow at the mouth of the Cowlitz river and shortly after the Knapp murder his movements became mysterious. Sheriff Kirby, of Cowlitz county, and Detective Samuel Simmons, of Portland, arrested him and found on his person Shanklin's watch and keys. Stickers maintained his innocence for a time but finally he made a partial confession, implicating his neighbor, Edward Pierce. Stickers asserted that he was present when the murder was committed but that Pierce did the shooting. After it became known that Stickers had made a confession there were threats of lynching and the sheriff took the prisoner to Tacoma for safe keeping. While in jail there he joined the Salvation Army and soon thereafter made a full confession that he committed all three murders and that he was alone in the matter. His motive was robbery in both murders. On his trial here, however, he pleaded not guilty, his defense being that he inherited a criminal disposition to the extent that he was not accountable for his actions. His mother testified that before her son's birth she was of a surly and morose disposition and that the child was born sick and was always an unnatural child. The trial was finished in one day and the jury returned a verdict of murder in the first degree after deliberating only one hour.

Missionaries all Right.

Pekin, Jan. 25.—The foreign ministers have sent a note to the Chinese plenipotentiaries on the lines previously stated. On the receipt of the dispatch announcing the death of Queen Victoria, the meeting of ministers then in session immediately adjourned.

Prince Ching yesterday assured a committee of missionaries there was no intention or desire on the part of the Chinese government to place restrictions upon the missions and that the government itself never had in the past any objections to the missionaries nor their methods. The missionaries are greatly pleased with Prince Ching's frankly expressed assurance.

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Notice.

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appears open for relocation upon records. The allowance of two weeks which has hitherto been made in holders of claims to take out a certificate of work will cease on and after March 1st. Holders of claims awarded, in order to avoid trouble with relocators, to take out a renewal of their claims on or before the expiration of their former lease.
(Signed) J. LANGLOIS BELL,
c28 Assistant Gold Commissioner.

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