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SHOULD BE REVIVED.

Some time ago a movement was inaugurated in Dawson for the purpose of organizing a local stock company, the objects of which were to secure and develop placer mining properties in this district. The idea, while it did not at the time develop into any substantial results, was certainly along the right lines. Some such plan, headed by the solid conservative business men of the town, would furnish a strong inducement for the retention of local capital for home investment. It would also present an opportunity to persons of small means to safely invest their savings with a prospect of getting a share in the riches of the Klondike, whereas under present circumstances mining investments are luxuries which men of large means only can afford to make. The Nugget is of the opinion that a company such as suggested would have little or no difficulty in securing all necessary subscriptions for stock, provided only that the men backing it up held the confidence of the community. The idea is a good one and should be again taken up and carried through to a successful issue. The present is a favorable time for carrying the plan into effect. The complete change in the attitude of the Dominion government toward the Klondike has made mining a more profitable industry than ever. The same influence has created opportunities for investment which did not exist heretofore, and has restored confidence generally among the people, as to the future prosperity of the district. The time is ripe for such an undertaking, which carried out along the right lines could not be otherwise than successful.

As fully set forth in another column of this paper the Nugget proposes to give the Americans of Dawson and the Yukon territory in general an opportunity to express themselves as to their choice for president and vice president of the United States. To this end a form of ballot has been prepared which will be published each day in the Nugget until the night of election which occurs on Nov. 6, when the polls will close. The terms of the contest are published with the ballot. We hope all Americans will interest themselves in the contest sufficiently to vote.

The gold dust thief receives very little consideration at the hands of a Klondike jury. It is a good thing that such is the case, for it is the easiest of all crimes to commit and the one which above all others strikes most deeply at the welfare of the general community. Were men allowed to rob sluice boxes with impunity, the business of placer mining would cease to be profitable. Public opinion will sustain the administration of the law in giving severe punishment for this crime.

The school question has not been adjusted satisfactorily even yet. The council did very well, as far as they went, the only fault to be found being the fact that they did not go far enough. All who had given the matter any consideration at all were unanimous in the opinion that the building

at the south end of town would in no degree accommodate the number of pupils. The use of the churches for overflow purposes is highly unsatisfactory. A commodious building at some point north of the central part of town is absolutely necessary to meet in any respect the pressing requirements of the situation. The council ought certainly to have had sufficient time to ponder over the matter by this time. If some action is not taken immediately cold weather will be on us and it will be too late.

It is a remarkable fact that people who have spent a year or two in Dawson are seldom satisfied to go outside to remain permanently. It may be due to the fact that it is human nature to be dissatisfied under any circumstance or it may be the result of some hypnotic influence in the Klondike atmosphere. At any rate it remains a fact that the sour dough who betakes himself to the outside will in the end turn his face toward Dawson again as did the faithful Mussulman toward his Mecca.

Some sort of public recognition ought to be taken of the fact that most of the reforms which have been sought so earnestly during the past three years have been granted by the government. The period of new birth and regeneration for the Yukon is at hand. We ought to plant a tree, or set up a monument, or do something else equally appropriate in honor of the state of affairs.

A few small blocks of ice have already swept down the Yukon past Dawson, furnishing the very best of evidence that winter's icy hand is slowly reaching out and will soon have the Yukon territory well in its grasp. It may be said, however, by way of consolation that the people of the Klondike are better prepared to undergo a winter's siege than ever they were before.

Kafir Fairy Story.

Here is a Kafir fairy story. It is called "Demane and Demanza" and is a very good example of the kind of story current among the dusky "boys" of South Africa.

Demane and Demanza are husband and wife, living together in a cave. Demane one day goes out to hunt, but tells his wife before starting that on no account must she cook any food during his absence, lest the cannibals, attracted by the smell of the cooking, find out the cave and carry her off and eat her. Demanza, directly her lord has gone, commences to prepare a meal, with the result that one of the cannibals knocks at the "door" of the cave and demands admission. This is refused him. So the cannibal goes and consults with his tribesmen, and they burn his throat, which changes his voice to a very smooth tone, like that of a girl. He returns to the cave and is this time admitted. The cannibal at once ties Demanza up in a sack he has brought with him and takes her away to his own habitation. Demane, returning home with a swarm of bees he has found, discovers his wife's abduction. Forthwith he tracks the cannibal to his lair. The latter has left Demanza tied up in the sack while he goes to fetch some relations to share in the feast which is to follow. So Demane releases his wife and substitutes in the sack the swarm of bees, and the husband and wife at once make themselves scarce. The would be feasters arrive, and the cannibal tells one of them to get something good out of the sack.

He attempts this, but is stung for his pains. So mine host himself, to disprove the charge of practical joking that has been unanimously preferred, goes to the sack, on opening which all the bees swarm out and sting him so unmercifully that he rushes from the cave and jumps into a pond headfirst and sticks in the mud at the bottom. Thus he dies, and Demane and Demanza appropriate all his wealth and live happy ever after.

There are plenty of other "fairy tales" equally strange, and nearly all of them treat of the fruit of disobedience, virtue is its own reward and like matters, but they have no story emblematic of our well known proverb, "Honesty is the best policy."—London Mail.

Notice to the Ladies.

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CURRENT COMMENT

Is Sympathy Dead?

Bonanza Creek, Oct. 7th, 1900.

Editor Daily Nugget:

I have been waiting and watching for some person in Dawson to make a move in behalf of the tidal wave sufferers of Galveston, but as yet I have seen no movement or symptoms of a movement in that direction. If I remember rightly, it was only last May that many of us, in fact the whole Klondike country, were canvassed for aid to those who lost their homes, few if any lives were lost, by a very disastrous fire which swept over the city of Ottawa. At that time we all responded according to our means and goodly sum was realized for the sufferers. At that same time a mine explosion down in Utah had killed a couple of hundred family supporters and I thought at the time that something should be done for them, but it wasn't. Now Galveston is furnishing the most extensive field for help that has been known in the past decade and yet I hear of no movement being made in her behalf.

About the only thing I see left for us to do is to fervently pray that Ottawa will not have another fire, or that cities contemplating disaster will first change their names to Ottawa. TEXAN.

How He Got It.

In one of Chauncey M. Depew's stories he told of meeting a man as funny as himself.

"One day," said Mr. Depew, "I met a soldier who had been wounded in the face. He was a Union man, and I asked him in which battle he had been injured."

"In the last battle of Bull Run, sir," he replied.

"But how could you get hit in the face at Bull Run?" I asked.

"Well, sir," said the man, half apologetically "after I had run a mile or two I got careless and looked back."

The Situation Serious.

New York, Sept. 27.—A dispatch to the Herald from Shanghai says:

The situation in China is now more serious than ever before for those who are interested in preserving the integrity of the empire. The Chinese government is in the power of Boxer leaders who are not likely to submit to the empress dowager's proposition unfavorable to them. The friendly viceroys of the south are still loyal to the throne, and any foreign aggression in Southern China will precipitate an armed uprising.

Already the governor of Nganhwei province has addressed a memorial to the empress dowager, declaring that his signature to the viceroy's agreement with the foreign consuls in Shanghai was forged. There is danger that the friendly viceroys will be replaced. Sheng, the friendly taotai of Shanghai, has been ordered north.

Russia is holding all the forts and strategical points from Taku to Peking. Russia's possession of the railway shows by the permanent arrangement which her officers are making that she intends to swallow the north of China.

No one here believes that Russia will ever move out except under overwhelming pressure from other powers. Germany's assurance that she does not desire territory in China if the latter be able to pay an indemnity is misleading.

Her demand for the punishment of the leaders of the Boxers as a condition precedent to peace negotiations means continued war and perhaps the complete disruption of the Chinese government. Friendly feeling between Russia and Japan is increasing. France is hand in glove with Russia. Vice-Admiral Seymour's attempt to undertake the isolated British occupation of Shanghai and to patrol the Yangtse Kiang has weakened the British position, while losing an opportunity to make a definite agreement for non-partition of the empire with Japan.

The United States is consistent, but powerless. Lu Li Cuan Liu, who it is unofficially announced, is to be the new viceroy of Canton, is anti-foreign. Unless the allies protest, the friendly viceroys are likely to have no friends left in China.

The only method for dealing with the situation not involving the division of Chinese territory is through the friendly viceroys, gradually removing the throne from the power of the Boxer leaders. Americans on the spot believe that the settlement of the present question will decide the fate of the enormous and increasing American and Chinese trade.

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