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THE SCARCITY OF WATER.

It was reasonably expected that the output for this year would be from twenty-five to fifty per cent more than last year, owing to the large amount of development that was anticipated and other causes. Last year's heavy snow fall and the rains of the early summer held out promises of a better season than ever before, but these promises have not been fulfilled, and there is a good reason why. While in parts of the United States timber is being reserved, and in some instances timber trees are being planted out in order to induce a heavier rainfall for agricultural purposes, here, where water is of at least equal importance to the mining industry of the district, all the timber is being cut down. The timber scaler has done much, the forest fires have done more to lay the hills absolutely bare. The latter have cleared off the moss which held so much moisture. Consequently, although both the snow-fall and the rainfall was over the average, we have no water. When the thaw set in all the water came down the creeks in a rush, and was soon gone. This water question is by far the most important of any in a consideration of the future of the district. It is due entirely to a lack of water that the output will be so much below the reasonable estimates formed after last season's clean-up. Elaborate preparations were made for operations this summer for sluicing after the gravel was taken out; but with these larger concerns and many smaller ones work had to be stopped because of the scarcity of water. Yet some engineers hold that there is plenty of water in the district if only it was properly handled. They argue that with one diverting the water in one way and another in a different direction, and each following his individual caprice within his rights, there is a great deal of waste, and instead of doing good to all, the streams are doing little or nothing for anybody compared with what they might be made to do if properly handled.

At this stage and with the experience of the season now closing, it would be well to give serious consideration to what has been done in other places to ensure a working supply of water for mining purposes. There is no doubt that a company of large capital could be found to supply water to all the mines, and this would be the salvation of the whole district could such a concession be drafted liberal enough in its scope to induce such large capital as an investment, and at the same time be hedged about with every protection for the miners who would be the forced customers of such a company. The rate such a company would charge, for instance, should be definitely fixed as it is in municipalities where franchises are granted for a public water supply, and the company itself should be under the control of the government just as any public corporation to whom is granted a valuable franchise for a public consideration. There is no doubt, as has been before stated, that the many millions needed for such a vast enterprise would readily be obtained upon a government franchise, and the result would be the working of many low

grade gravel beds that under existing conditions it would not pay to touch. But if it would be profitable for a company to do this, why should not the government itself do it. Its first essay in this line of public works, the telegraph line from here to Bennett, paid from the start. There were many capitalists seeking a franchise to build this line, yet the government undertook it as a matter of public utility. The supply of water on the creeks is a matter of more supreme importance; to the district and to the Dominion itself. How many times the revenue from the Klondike would be doubled by a liberal supply of water under government control to all the creeks, can scarcely be estimated. That a government issue of bonds for such a special purpose would be snapped as a good investment, there is no question, and such a scheme would prolong the life of the camp indefinitely. This grand opportunity awaits some capable engineer to prove to the government its feasibility and practical importance.

AGRICULTURE.

An exhibition of vegetables made at a local shop recently calls for more than passing notice. From the size and quality of the vegetables shown several conclusions may be drawn. Not only is the Klondike able to furnish all the vegetables required for the consumption of our population, but almost without exception they are of superior flavor. There is no longer any necessity for importing fresh vegetables of any kind. Gardening has come to a regular and profitable feature of Klondike industry and it merely requires that the scale of operations be increased, to do away entirely with shipments of vegetables from the outside.

It has also been proven by actual experience that oats, barley and wheat can all be grown and successfully harvested. Splendid samples of these grains were produced last year and a number of tracts of ground are to be found around Dawson at the present time covered with the different grains and ready for the scythe.

The profusion in which the various wild berries grow attest the possibilities of the country from a fruit standpoint, and the luxuriant growth of grass in all our creek and river valleys will afford grazing for thousands of head of stock. In short, with the lapse of time we have come to learn that the Yukon territory is capable of producing nearly all the necessities of life and not a few of the luxuries.

If, as the Nugget confidently expects will prove true, the mineral resources of the territory continue to be developed as has been the case in the past, there will be a wonderful increase in the number of people who will gain a livelihood in furnishing produce for the Dawson markets.

Afloat on the Yukon.

Judge C. A. Sehlbrede of Skagway was seen on the beach yesterday opposite the barracks giving a fresh coat of paint to the Northern Light, the boat in which he and Mr. W. A. Reed also of Skagway are making the trip to St. Michael.

During their stay in Dawson which has lasted ten days they have had a deck put onto their boat which adds to its appearance and makes it more seaworthy. They expect to start this afternoon for St. Michael which point they expect to reach in about three weeks.

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STROLLER'S COLUMN.

For real exhilaration there is nothing that excels a horseback ride especially when care is manifested in the selection of a horse. The Stroller took a horseback ride a few days ago and has taken nothing since but the greatest care in sitting down, rising up and walking. He knows now what Old General Deblitty means when he talks of aching in every bone.

A pony that has the reputation of being "safe" was procured from Orr & Tukey who winked at each other when the application was made and the information imparted by the Stroller that not for five years had he "sot" a saddle. The contemplated voyage extended to Gold Bottom and returns and as 40 miles is a fairly good day's journey it was necessary to make an early start. Very soon after setting out the Stroller became aware that the pony was the anchor brand in that it had a tendency to stay in one place. It seemed to be afraid to go to Gold Bottom lest it would never get back and in the afternoon it seemed to be afraid to come back lest it might have to make the trip over again. This antipathy was, however, overcome to some extent by the use of a long, lithe willow branch. But the willow developed another peculiar trait that was not rechecked in good saddle horses ten years ago. The pony could canter with the grace and ease of a gazelle but when it stopped, it stopped like a pile driver and the Stroller would go on,



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stopping on all fours several feet in advance. On leaving Dawson the Stroller was solemnly informed that the new government road was completed the entire distance to Gold Bottom. Perhaps it is for crows and balloonists, but for travelers who remain with the earth's surface several miles yet remain in the virgin state and for several long stretches it is necessary to hop from one niggerhead to another, the landing place usually being in the mire between them. If no preventing Providence stays the hands that wield the ax, pick, shovel, plow and scraper, the missing gaps in the Hunker road may be supplied before the curtains of winter are pinned down.

A suspicious looking man has just reached town on horseback and you had better detail a man to watch him while you telephone to Dawson and ask if the theft of a horse has been reported.

That is what a member of the Gold Bottom police detachment said to Corporal Paddy Ryan two minutes after the Stroller had arrived and but for the latter's acquaintance with the officer in charge there is a glaring possibility that the constables' advice would have been acted upon.

The trip home was very much enjoyed by the Stroller for the reason that the constant jolting and jarring had paralyzed everything below the belt, rendering that portion of his anatomy insensible to pain. But the next time he has business at Gold Bottom that he can not conduct by telephone he

will go in an automobile—provided, of course, the missing links in the government road are supplied in the meantime.

Dr. F. P. Jackson of Gold Run, is in receipt of a letter from a doctor friend of his in Chicago and the latter states that he had but recently presided an floor manager of an event, the occasion of which was the presentation to Dr. L. O. Wilcoxson, a former well-known Dawsonite, of a lousy son. The Chicago physician writes that Dr. Wilcoxson informed him that he (Wilcoxson) will not come back to the Klondike; that he has \$70,000 which he took from one claim; that he is building a fine residence on the North Side and that he is engaged by wealthy men to look up mining property for them of a mining expert.

There many Dawsonites who will be surprised, to learn that Dr. Wilcoxson is so well fixed in Chicago. With a good job, a fine house on the "North Side," \$70,000 and a brand new boy the to-quacious ex-partner of Humboldt Gates should be very happy indeed.

Of course the writer of the letter did not see the fine residence on the "North Side," neither did he see any part of the \$70,000, but he saw the boy and Wilcoxson told him about the remainder of his assets, therefore there can be no doubt about it.

The following is printed verbatim as received by the Stroller. It came through the postoffice and with the exception of the title, "The First Love,"

I got back to the bluff that night and worked hard for two weeks and got my share off the dump in a sack it was a long sack and well filled. I got to town at the end of the two weeks and bought me a new outfit of clothes after that I seen my love often and my puke: we did not due a thing to it we could tie a new knot in it every week.

One day I called at her house she was there and so was her old sweetheart he was not in the best of humor for I think he tied the last knot in his puke. At my arrival he took his departure and then she told how it happened. Through an absent minded way she called him Bartholomew and he got red headed and left, or that was my name. Thinking I was all solid then she got sweeter every time I seen her and we kept company for a year or more until one day I meet my rival his name was Jack. ten day after that we had a quarrel and I have not been back for she called me Jack.

Whither are we drifting? A late telegram from Whitehorse relates that a conductor on the White Pass railroad was discharged for smuggling. It does not say whether he was smuggling opium, whisky, silk, passengers or excess baggage. If it was the latter he was beating the company out of 12 cents per pound between Skagway and Whitehorse and he deserved to be fired. The Stroller has no sympathy for a man who will defraud a young and struggling corporation out of its just dues. No wonder the W. P. & Y. R. has to crush the tar out of its 'longshoremen when its other employees steal from it. If this sort of thing keeps up the railroad company must of necessity and in self-defense raise the rate on excess baggage to 75 or 20 cents per pound and at the same time make a corresponding cut in 'longshoring rates. Besides, if the discharged conductor was defrauding the Canadian government by his smuggling, the chances are that he was not whacking up with the company which would have been content with 98 per cent of the booty. There is no doubt in the mind of the Stroller but that the "con" man was acting the Berkshire or Jersey Red else he would have been promoted rather than discharged. The Stroller has no sympathy for a fellow that butts up against the real thing by taking it all and not whacking up, and the discharged "con" will know better by the time he gets another job. The swine method may succeed for a time,

Thinking I was about ready for my

A POLITICAL SUGGESTION.

Why is it we hear nothing these days about incorporation? Surely the city of Dawson has now reached the point, where with advantage to her citizens she can govern her own affairs without calling upon the Yukon Council for administrative action. That body has enough on its hands to look after the welfare of the territory without dabbling in local matters. There is plenty of good material here for every purpose and leaving out the great good possible to be attained by wise legislation, a city election would give us an interest in our own affairs which is viewed at present with indifference and apathy. Here's to the first mayor of Dawson! May he be honest, efficient and prone to stylish dress.

HERSHBERG, CLOTHIER

Journey after getting all their clothes but alas! I had no dry socks and there was none in camp so I slipped their shoes in with out socks and was off.

Thinking of nothing but the fair one I seen no water nor mud holes I must have been a pretty sight when I arrived at her home. She was there and met me with a smile like that of a Mississippi coon. She waved me to a seat in the front room after I had been seated there a while I crossed my legs and the overalls kept slipping up and my under ware was not not long before I noticed where my overalls had got too they were half way to my knees and there I was with my nude calls. At the time I wished they had been out in a pasture.

I would not pull my overalls back in her presence so I excused myself by telling her that I had a little business in town to tend to before I could go out and told her that I would be in town in two weeks.

She followed me to the door and watched me until I got to a round the corner of the block and I walked all that distance before I could pull my overalls down.

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but like the slumber brand of hootch, it lays out its victim in the end. "Con," you are a chump and when the Stroller meets you he will not allow you to weep on his bosom.

Sensitol is a chemical used in finishing pictures and photographic work. Goetzman is a photographer and is rather sensitive on some things. Yesterday his telephone rang and when Goetzman said "hello" the man at the other end asked the question "Have you any sensitol?" "D— little," replied Goetzman, "but it is a good thing for you, whoever you are, that you asked that question by telephone, as no man can intimate to my face that I have no sense at all unless he is a very large man. Give me your name and weight and I may call on you."

And Goetzman hung up his trumpet with a bang that jarred the innocent but perplexed party at the other end of the line.

Information Wanted. John Goetia is requested to communicate with his family about land in Albia, which can be sold at once, and to wire his address.

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We fit glasses. Pioneer drug store.

Ex-Japanese Minister in Dawson. Prof. C. C. Georgeson, M. S., formerly minister of agriculture to the Emperor of Japan, and now special agent in charge of Alaska investigations, paid Dawson a visit during the latter part of last week.

The professor, accompanied by Captain Galpin, made an inspection of the farms and gardens in the neighborhood of Dawson, and afterwards visited the chief mines at work on Bonanza and Eldorado.

Mr. Georgeson left for Washington, D. C., on Monday to report to his government the results of his investigations in Alaska, and will recommend the further development of agriculture in Alaska, as he has demonstrated obviously that grain and vegetables can be grown most successfully at Dawson and along the banks of the Yukon.

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George Dixon is pugilist that can son, but the late never aspire to the championship while Peter was the heavy-weight Dixon were very both were away above the average male both of the their own race, friends among ring. Jackson's ed for more than redly due to the pions of the ring.

According to the burg at Porto Rico 3, 1861, which is than a month over the time of his mons, who also is just about a year Jackson. The physical condition been a wreck for son's ring career 1882. He had a and came to Sa 1888, with a clear his credit. His country was ag from whom he at San Francisco McAniff and Francisco he a country, meeting stack up against he fought at Vt cago, Buffalo, H against men of their lasted over ber, 1889, he w tween October

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