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CANNOT SUPPORT CLARKE.

The position of the Whitehorse Star with reference to the candidacy of Clarke is in direct support of the attitude of the Nugget and may be accepted as indicative of the opinion held by the great majority of people who have been and are opposed to the general policy of the government in this territory.

As far as the mass of intelligent, law abiding, self respecting citizens are concerned, they would prefer to see the district without representation in parliament rather than have it eternally disgraced by a man like Joe Clarke. If the situation is sifted down to a point where it becomes necessary for the voters to choose between Commissioner Ross and Clarke an election will scarcely be necessary.

It may be accepted by a foregone conclusion that Clarke will be turned down by such an extraordinarily large majority that the people will wonder at his ability to carry the late convention, notwithstanding the manner in which it was packed and jobbed. Clarke was stronger the day after the convention than he is at the present time, and he is stronger today than he will be at any future time within the campaign.

Among those who have been straightforward and consistent opponents of the government from the beginning of Yukon history, and who have devoted themselves steadfastly to the task of securing redress of grievances from which the territory has suffered, are found today Clarke's strongest opponents. Naturally enough such men decline to have themselves and their work, judged by the standard of Clarke. They cannot and will not permit the people of Canada, who flock to the federal capital during the parliamentary sessions, to be forced into accepting Clarke as a representative of the opposition in this territory. Rather than admit of such a catastrophe occurring they will turn almost as one man to the support of Commissioner Ross should he become the Liberal candidate.

A PITIABLE SPECTACLE.

The shifting, wavering, always inconsistent position, occupied by the News upon every public question, has entirely neutralized any influence which the sheet acquired in the days when Sam Wall was its editor. This fact was painfully illustrated by the absolutely insignificant part played by Editor Beddoe in the late convention, and by the further fact that the delegates paid not the slightest attention to the oft-repeated comments of the News concerning the kind of man who ought to be nominated. After a year spent in planning, scheming and devising means of securing a nomination and with the alleged "influence" of the News at his back

Beddoe could not even secure one supporter in the convention to nominate him. He was passed up with a quiet smile in identically the same manner in which he was turned down when he sought so assiduously to be sent as a delegate to Ottawa in opposition to Treadgold's concession. On that occasion he received one vote accounted for by the fact that he was present in the meeting himself. At the city election last winter after occupying five, separate and distinct positions the News finally wound up by supporting Dr. Thompson and thereby contributed materially toward accomplishing that gentleman's defeat. It will do the same thing for Clarke this year.

Scuffed at and ridiculed by its enemies and distrusted and regarded with suspicion by those whom it claims as its friends, the News presents today the weakest and most pitiable spectacle that has ever been in the local newspaper field.

The News having swallowed Clarke bodily is now taking its editorial inspirations from old Miner files. It is noticeable, however, that Clarke's opinions of Roediger and Beddoe have not been republished in the News as yet. Joe's real, unbiased, unprejudiced estimate of his chief backers, is actually worth reading. Clarke knew his men from long and intimate association and what he said about them acquires a double interest in view of existing conditions.

The Sun seems to be under the impression that there is enough money left in the city treasury to pay for lighting the streets at night. The Sun is probably not aware that the salary bylaw is in force.

If the News puts up Clarke's deficit the government will get back a small portion of the revenues which it is now contributing to the News' support.

Geo. H. Hees should be made past grand master of the Independent Order of Knockers.

Shoots Parents

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 23.—Will Upshaw of Salem, a small town near Columbia, Mo., shot and fatally wounded his father and mother this morning, then placed the muzzle of his revolver in his mouth, pulled the trigger and put a bullet through his brain, killing himself instantly.

Young Upshaw, who is but a lad of eighteen, had formed an attachment for Mattie Yarrow, the twelve-year-old daughter of a neighboring farmer. At times he would leave his work at his father's place and go to the Yarrow farm and insist that Mattie accompany him on a walk to the town, where he would buy candy for her and then tell her that she must be his wife.

The young maid seemed flattered with his attentions until her parents objected on the ground of her extreme youth. They forbade Upshaw to come to their house and informed his parents of his doings. They reasoned with him yesterday and told him he must keep away from the Yarrow girl.

After supper last night he left the house stating he would return soon. As his actions seemed queer his father followed him and found him at the gate alone. Returning to the house, words between father, mother and son ensued, whereupon young Upshaw drew a revolver, shot his father and mother and then ended his life.

Those best posted think the young man was insane over his hopeless love for the young girl.

Mrs. Geo. M. Allen returned on the steamer Whitehorse yesterday after a brief visit to Whitehorse and Skagway.

The Senator at Auditorium.

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ST. MICHAEL ISLAND

The Scene of Military Despotism

U. S. Army Official is Sole Ruler and Exercises an Iron Sway.

Seattle, Aug. 28.—St. Michael island is not very large, yet if one-half the reports be true it has an autocrat whose rule is more burdensome than that of a governor of a Russian province.

The exploits of Captain Howell, commanding Fort St. Michael, have been heretofore referred to in the columns of the press.

The story of the banishment of a man and woman from the island last fall, and the death by drowning of both in the surf has been already told. But few of the acts of petty tyranny and insolence on the part of this army official have found their way into print.

For two years past the people of St. Michael have been ruled with a rod of iron. Men have been peremptorily ordered to leave the island; the merchants of that place have been forbidden to supply them with food under pain of themselves being put out of business and their stores closed. They have submitted to these orders because they dare not disobey them.

There is a military reservation on St. Michael island. Some years ago the government established a military reservation, including the country within a radius of 100 miles. Subsequently this was reduced to ten miles. It is about 9 1/2 miles too much according to the residents of St. Michael, who think that a few acres for a military post would be quite enough.

St. Michael is the entrepot for the entire trade of the great Yukon valley and the Klondike. It would soon develop into a commercial center, if the military restrictions were removed. It is the natural trading point not only for the lower Yukon, but the great lower Kuskokwim country, as well. But the place has no opportunity to expand. It is a little military despotism.

Time was when the military regulations were reasonable, but that was before the advent of Captain Howell. Some of the stories told, touching the military government of the island are almost incredible.

Two people, a man and a woman, were ordered to leave the island last fall in a violent storm. The man's name was Onick, the woman's Becker. Perhaps they didn't amount to much, but they were human beings, at least. This spring the woman's body was found. That of the man has not been recovered.

There are other stories similar in many respects to the above. A man known as "Frenchy," but whose name is Reiche, was frozen last winter. He had incurred the displeasure of the post commander, probably with some reason, and while yet on crutches he was deported eighteen miles to a native village, called Kikitarik, and left there, after his crutches had been taken from him, so that he could not return.

Reiche came back to St. Michael this spring, and he was again ordered to leave, and the merchants were notified not to give him provisions of any kind. There was nothing to do but obey the mandate. Reiche is now in Nome.

The sick and the suffering receive no consideration at the post. Another man was brought in from the lower Yukon with both feet frozen. The hospital surgeon, Dr. Brooks, refused to admit him and he was placed in jail. An operation became necessary, and he was carried to the hospital, the operation performed, and then the victim was hauled back to the miserably insufficient quarters in the local jail. Twice were operations necessary and twice more the man was carried back and forth to the hospital. But nature became exhausted and the man quietly died. But Surgeon Brooks rendered a bill of \$600 for his services.

It is charged, too, that the bakery attached to the post is also a hootch distillery. The officers, it is alleged, admitted that hootch was being manufactured, but they couldn't catch the moonshiners. When the web of the civil authorities was closing around the offenders two men, employed in the bakery deserted. A worse attachment even than a hootch factory is said to be in existence, but the people of St. Michael only refer to it by dumb show. They dare not

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"Any man, married or single, who criticizes my acts will be put off the island," Captain Howell is quoted as saying. And it is not a pleasant prospect to be landed on a bleak and barren shore, scores of miles from any decent habitation, winter or summer.

Instances of the abuse of military power might be multiplied in this article, but it is not necessary. What is written above is amply vouched for, and it goes to show the necessity of St. Michael ceasing to be a military reservation, and that if the government wishes to maintain troops at that point civil rather than military government should obtain.

St. Michael until July 1 last was the official seat for the second judicial division. It has a United States commissioner, a deputy clerk of the court, a deputy marshal, it was the seat of a land office. And yet all the time it was under the control of a military martinet. A strange anomaly, indeed.

New Forest Reserve.

Butte, Mont., Aug. 27.—A Helena special says: The register and receiver of the Helena land office received notice today that President Roosevelt had created two additional forest reserves in this state. One will be known as the Madison reserve, and includes a tract of many thousands of acres of timber lands located almost entirely within Madison county. The other will be known as the Little Belt forest reserve, after the range of mountains of that name, and will include a forested area in Central Montana.

Neither of the reserves are as large as the Lewis and Clarke or Flathead reservations. As both are made up entirely of unsurveyed lands it is impossible for the officers of the land office to state how many acres will be included in either.

The Theatre Brougham

In the West End at night there is a steady increase in the hum of electric broughams. They glide up to theatres one after the other, neat, well-appointed, no longer piloted by land marines, and eminently the right vehicle for use at night, when even the most exemplary of coachmen generally maltreats his horses—Court Journal.

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