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KLONDIKE NUGGET. WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1903.

SEASON'S OUTPUT.

There is excellent reason for belief that the cleanup for the present season will be considerably in excess of that of last year.

This theory is based upon the fact that extensive operations are now in progress upon ground hitherto left practically unworked and upon the probable effect of the improved machinery employed.

The falling off in the output of last year was due primarily to the comparatively small product from a number of rich Eldorado and Bonanza claims which previously had been pretty well worked out.

The volume of work and amount of dirt handled last year easily equalled that of prior seasons but the average of pay was less than usual and hence the decrease in the output.

With respect to the operations of the current season, a tremendous volume of work is in progress on practically virgin ground which gives promise of yielding splendid results. It is not to be anticipated that the new territory now in course of development will yield enough gold to offset the decrease in the product of the fabulously rich ground which gave the district its initial start.

After all, the real basis of the district's prosperity rests primarily in the amount of dirt handled and in the number of men employed at remunerative compensation and regarded from this point of view, the season of 1903 should make an excellent showing in comparison with any of its predecessors.

PRACTICAL EFFECTS.

No legislation will prove favorable to the cause of labor in the long run which has the effect of curtailing the amount of employment offered. No wages can accrue unless there is work to be done, and it is therefore most essential that no unnecessary obstacles be placed in the way of those who furnish employment.

This is not the result which the laboring men of the district generally are desirous of seeing occur, and it is altogether undesirable that any such results should take place.

For the sake of all interests concerned, steps should be taken to modify the proposed lien law to the end that it may be relieved of features which are essentially opposed to the common good. Otherwise the hopes of those who have placed such great reliance upon the lien law agitation seem well nigh destined to fail utterly of realization.

MAIL SERVICE.

Postmaster Hartman's efforts in the direction of securing substantial increase in the mail service for Dawson bid fair to accomplish substantial results.

By direction of the postmaster-general the recent calls for tenders for delivery of mail in Dawson will be withdrawn and others issued in their place providing for a greatly increased and far more effective service. By

the terms of the original call for tenders, mail to the extent of 1700 lbs. only, including both first and second class, was to be forwarded weekly.

It now rests with the contractors to shade their tenders down to a point where the government will be justified in giving the full service.

There are a vast number of public improvements needed in and around the city which everyone would like to see undertaken and carried out.

The resources of the council, however, are limited and there is no desire on the part of the taxpayers to see extensive indebtedness created. The problem of making both ends meet is a serious one with the city fathers and it will require close and conservative handling of city finances to make the outcome satisfactory.

The recent cases brought in the courts against certain parties for trespassing upon the toll bridge across the Klondike river serve to renew attention to the necessity of the same or a similar structure for the convenience of the public.

The toll bridge has served its purpose and should no longer be maintained as such. The bridge is a public necessity and it is not in keeping with established practice that it should be conducted as a source of private gain.

All Against Sheep. Pilot Rock, Ore., April 15.—While the grass is better than it has been at this time of year for upwards of ten years, and the prospects generally good for the flockmasters of Umatilla county, nevertheless their complaints are many.

One of the pair of mammoth lions for the decoration of the grounds will be completed within the next five days. These lions will be 24 feet long and about eight feet wide, and on account of the poses, nearly 16 feet high.

Figures of Heroic Size. Weekawken, N. J., April 18.—Bitter, director of the department of sculpture of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, Gustav H. Gerlach, superintendent of Mr. Bitter's shop, and a score of workmen, have loaded into cars a part of the heroic-size statuette which is to decorate the World's Fair grounds and buildings.

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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.

Dear Sir.—The first question to be decided is whether a lien shall be given to the workman alone, or also to the merchants who supply hardware and groceries. The hardware man generally by mortgage or lien note holds a title to the property he has sold.

The miner's lien for numerous reasons cannot attach on the property of anyone except the person who hires him unless the property of that third person has been enhanced in value by the said miner's labors.

Another method of preventing the workman being overreached is by forcing the employer to keep books or prepare statements open to the workmen, showing title to claim, debts of employer and costs of operation in detail.

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Bargains in Ladies' Tailor-Made Garments. Ladies' Suits. Ladies' Skirts. Homespun in Grey, Brown and Black (walking length) \$6.00.

There is a big rush of miners into the Innaha country in Idaho, said Mr. Craig yesterday. The miners are going into the country by way of Elgin, from which point the mineral belt is easily reached.

The new irrigation ditch which has opened up the country in Umatilla county near Coyote, is certain to make that district a veritable garden. There is a big demand for lands which are benefited by the water and the number of settlers has been increasing rapidly.

The irrigation ditch which benefits the country lying on the west side of the company's tracks between Haines and Baker City has been a thorough success.

The Powder River country is being benefited by a new irrigation ditch and the district lying below Shoshone in Idaho is to be improved by irrigation.

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H. Pinkiert AUCTIONEER. And Commission Merchant. Friday, May 8th, 2 p. m. I will sell at public auction at the whole contents of the N. E. C. mess house, consisting of crockery, glass and silver ware, cooking utensils, kitchen range, etc., etc.

YUKON AUCTION MART. Front St., Opp. L. & C. Dock. The above is for absolute sale. Good chance for restaurants. Open for inspection on day of sale.

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EXPENSES ESTIMATE. Cost of Fire Department for One Year. Salaries Alone Amount to \$50,000—Report of Street Committee.

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