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KLONDIKE NUGGET. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1903.



AMUSEMENTS. Auditorium—The Private Secretary.

THE MINING ENGINEERS.

It is to be hoped that the association of mining engineers will see fit to accept the invitation of the Dawson city council to visit this place during the coming summer. The plans of the association as already arranged contemplate a trip up the Alaskan coast and it will require only a slight extension of their present arrangements to secure their presence in Dawson for a brief period.

The possible benefits which might result from their visit have already been elaborated upon in the press, but we regard the matter as one of importance, of which the public should not lose sight. There is no division of sentiment in this community upon the proposition that capital is needed to develop the resources of the district. There is wealth now latent on the hills and in the creek valleys which needs only practical men with sufficient means at their back, to be realized upon, and thrown into the channels of trade and industry.

An influx of capital would mean employment for labor of all classes and renewed prosperity for all classes of business men. It is the belief of those who are informed upon the subject that the gravel beds of the district as yet undeveloped offer a field for profitable investment of capital the importance of which has as yet scarcely been realized. The important question at issue is the determination of some plan whereby the opportunities offered may be presented in such a way that capitalists will appreciate their value.

It appears to us that the proposed visit of the mining engineers will, in a measure, at least supply the needed plan. The men who compose the association are familiar with such problems as are presented in this district and would be quick to understand its possibilities. Moreover, they number among them men who can supply of interest capital, for any enterprise which they may recommend. These facts make it altogether desirable that they should be induced to include Dawson in their summer tour and the efforts of the city council in that direction should be seconded by the public in every possible manner.

FAMINE IN SWEDEN.

A communication appears elsewhere in the Nugget relative to the disastrous famine in the Northern portion of Sweden. The dispatches have been filled recently with reports of the trials hardships which the people have undergone and are undergoing at the present time, and it is apparent that untold suffering prevails.

The communication referred to is from the vice-consul for Sweden and Norway and is in the form of an appeal for assistance for the famine stricken districts. It should be answered promptly by the generously disposed people of this territory, who have never been slow to extend aid in such emergencies. There are a great many representatives of the two countries in question in and about Dawson, and among them are numbered some of the most successful

of Klondike mining operators. The call for help from their native country will naturally appeal most strongly to them, but there is room for contributions from all who are able to give their mite, and who feel disposed so to do.

The people of this territory will be able to appreciate the situation in Sweden, for the latitude of the famine stricken country is about the same as that of Yukon. It is easy to imagine the conditions which would prevail here if there were no food supply at hand, and when it is said that the peasants in the famine districts of Sweden are living largely upon moss and the bark of trees, the situation may be understood without further comment.

The cause is a worthy one, indeed, and the consul's call for assistance should meet with hearty response.

The splendid presentation of the opera "Pirates of Penzance" given last night at the Auditorium, speaks volumes for the persevering efforts of Director Scarella as also, for the faithful work of the individual members of the society. The opera deserved a larger audience and for the balance of the week should play to crowded houses.

Eagle City seems to be enjoying a very considerable degree of prosperity. It is a small town but the few people located there seem to get along and prosper. When the railroad from Valdez becomes an accomplished fact, Eagle will enjoy a decided boom.

It has not as yet been recorded that the people who voted so enthusiastically to send Joseph to parliament, have come forward with the necessary amount of checks to pay his expenses. After all, it is cold hard cash that talks.

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.

SWEDEN FAMINE.

Subscriptions From the Klondike to Relieve the Distress. Office of the Vice-Consul for Sweden and Norway. Dawson, Feb. 17.

Dear Sir,—The many readers of the Nugget have no doubt read from the dispatches of the dire suffering in Sweden from famine. Large subscriptions are being sent from all parts of Canada and the United States for the relief of the suffering. I would not like to see Yukon less generous and there is such a large population of Swedes and Norwegians in this territory, I would especially appeal to them for subscriptions for the relief of the famine stricken in the land of their nativity. All contributions should be sent to the undersigned who will forward same to the home authorities. It is important that subscriptions should be sent in at once. By giving this appeal prominence in our paper you will oblige.

Very truly yours, T. DUFFERIN PATTULLO, Vice-Consul for Sweden and Norway.

A Question of Law.

Bonanza, February 17. Editor Daily Nugget: Dear Sir,—It is said that the Matson Doyle concession will be open on the 25th at noon. About sixty-three claims have been staked already and applications accepted in the gold commissioner's office. A combination of the lawyers have undertaken to fight the case for a share of the whole spoil against the miners who will stake on the 25th. Is this the law? Please inform us.

PERPLEXED MINER.

(The question involved in the foregoing is purely of a legal character and is beyond the province of a newspaper.)

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paper to determine. Our advice is to consult a good attorney.—Ed.)

Married. WOODBURN-BENSE.—At the residence of the bride's father on Bonanza, by the Rev. C. Reed, on Wednesday evening, the 18th inst., Walter M. Woodburn of Ottawa, Ont., to Bertha, daughter of F. H. Bense of Seattle, Wash.

ALL ONE WAY.

Hockey Game Last Night Was Five to Nothing.

The D.A.A.A. hockey team won a game last night, which was a matter of surprise although it has strengthened its forces by the pick of the players that were in the police team. With this additional strength it managed to defeat the City-Eagles by five goals, the latter never scoring at all. This gives the D.A.A.A. a total score in the series of 3 games won and 5 lost, as against 8 games won and 2 lost by the City-Eagles and 7 successive victories scored by the City-Eagles against the D.A.A.A. The latter meets the City-Eagles again next Saturday evening, and a good game is sure to result.

The game last night was as the score indicates, all one way. The D.A.A.A. felt a degree of confidence when they went into the game that the efforts of their opponents were unable to totter, and they scored four goals in the first half. The second was a grand struggle on the part of the City-Eagles, with some brilliant playing, but again the athletic association team scored a goal.

Win a Million.

The great gun which was tested at Sully Hook on Saturday is the crowning of something more than five and a half centuries in the making of cannon. It has little, not even its name, in common with the "crakys of war" which Edward III fired at the Scots in the middle of the fourteenth century. Indeed, beside other pieces of its own day it is a marvel of a solution.

The tremendous gun down the bay will send a 2400-pound missile accurately into an enemy's vessel at a distance of seven miles. It has an extreme range of twenty miles. A generation ago it was a heavy gun, which had a calculated range of 5000 yards.

In 1844 a president and cabinet were invited to witness a test on shipboard of a new cannon, "The Peacemaker," which threw a ball weighing 225 pounds. The monster piece of land artillery at the Hook was nearly three times that shot's weight in powder to throw ten times that much projectile nearly forty times as far. "The Peacemaker" exploded, with fatal effect at its sixth discharge. The giant coast defender is expected to demonstrate an ultimate life of 125 shots.

Italy, France and England have built guns of slightly larger calibre than our 16-inch wonder, but with only 45, 41 and 65 per cent. of the powder. The defender at the Hook should certainly be an able peacemaker so far as tranquility might be menaced by invasion of the port.—New York World.

Mitchell's View.

President Mitchell, not only goes on record against strikes as being "foreign to the purpose of organized labor," but desires to be classed as an optimist regarding the future relations of capital and labor. He declared in fact that the interests of capital and labor are not so opposed that they cannot be reconciled, and that a better understanding—perhaps a permanent adjustment—is certain to result from the recent controversy and the suspension of operations in the anthracite mines.

While the people have suffered heavy losses and discomforts from the strike in the anthracite regions the country is fortunate in having at the head of the miners so wise and sagacious a leader as Mr. Mitchell.—Chicago Record-Herald.

German Arrested.

Hongkong, Feb. 4.—The Chinese commercial agent of a German firm has been arrested at Canton in connection with the capture at that place January 31 by the Chinese authorities, of arms, ammunition and commissary stores collected for the "reformers." The German consul has attempted unsuccessfully to obtain his release.

The prosecution of the seven Kwang-si rebels, arrested in this city January 27, whose apprehension led to the discovery of plans for a simultaneous rising here and at Canton, has been abandoned on account of the insufficient evidence. When these men were taken into custody they were found to be in possession of banners and secret codes for communicating with their fellow conspirators.

Tales of the Ugly Brass Lamp.

BY CHARLES BATELL LOOMIS.

One night—it was New Year's Eve, to be exact—Harry Munn was awakened by a noise and saw a light in the spare room. Now, it was in the spare room closet that, his mother kept all her silver, and they had a good deal of it, because Mr. Munn had a habit of bringing home something made of silver whenever he returned from a business trip.

Harry's room was on the opposite side of the hall and he could see what was happening without lifting his head from the pillow. In less than a minute he saw soft-footed burglars helping themselves without permission to the silver.

At first the boy thought he would alarm the house and then he thought of a more interesting plan than that. He had brought his brass lamp in from the barn in order to use it the first thing in the morning. The fact is, he had intended giving his parents a New Year's gift of a bag of gold as soon as it was light, and the lamp that would summon the djinn lay under his pillow.

But a bag of gold would not reconcile his mother to the loss of her silver, for it was made doubly valuable by pleasant associations, so Harry quickly pulled the lamp out and began to rub it with the sleeve of his nightshirt.

He had expected that the djinn's awesome form would issue from the lamp's neck as it had done so often before, but nothing of the kind happened. In fact, nothing at all happened. The lamp remained an ugly brass lamp of no value beyond its worth as brass.

The burglars kept on helping themselves to whatever they wanted, filling two suit cases with their plunder and proceeding in a very leisurely way as if they thought that something as a person's waking up when burglars were around was not to be thought of.

Harry half rose from his bed and then dropped back again. Why should he alarm the house? His father would be sure to come out with a pistol and he might be hurt by one of the burglars before he had a chance to shoot.

But why did not the lamp work? Harry rubbed it more vigorously and then the striking of the fast parlor clock told the story. Twelve times came the delicate tinkle and Harry knew that the new month had not yet come in and as yet the djinn had no power to help him. The parlor clock was three minutes fast. Would the burglars stay three minutes?

Oh, if he could only go in and beg them to stay until the New Year had been ushered in by steam whistles and din of bells. But burglars are contrary folk. They come without invitation and no amount of pleading will make one stay after he thinks his time is up.

Harry saw one of the burglars whisper to the other, who looked at his watch, nodded his head and began to shut and strap his suit case. They evidently were going to leave the house before the arrival of the New Year, and the djinn would not arrive in time to serve to them.

Still Harry kept on rubbing the lamp. The burglar who had fastened the suit case stepped to the window and newly opened it. Then he returned to the closet and stopped to put a few small pieces of silver in his pocket.

His companion, meantime, was buttoning his overcoat and when he had finished doing that he shut his suit case and locked it and stepped to the window just as the deepened bell of the Episcopal church filled the midnight air with melodious reverberations.

Hurry, Messrs. Burglar, or Harry will make hurry impossible. He is still rubbing the lamp and when the last tone has struck the djinn will fill the next room and then he will fill you with consternation. Ever as it was, the burglars would have escaped if one of them had not seen a little silver inkstand on a table by the bureau. He turned back to get it while the bell was striking its eleventh stroke and then it was too late to escape, for the rubbing now brought Sir Djinn, not quite as large as life, for Harry's bedroom would not admit it, but every bit as powerful as usual.

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