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SUNDAY, MAY 5, 1901.

From Saturday's Daily. NAMES AND NUMBERS.

A petition has been presented to the Yukon council requesting that a new system be devised for naming the streets and avenues of Dawson. It is to be hoped that immediate and favorable action will be taken. The present system of designating both streets and avenues by numbers has been the cause of too much profanity already. It certainly is time that steps should be taken to remedy an error which would be simply ludicrous, were it not so exasperating.

With the whole wide world of names to select from it would appear that the original platters of the townsites might have found some means of distinguishing the streets from the avenues other than by applying numbers to both. Such, however, was not the case, and Dawson has been compelled to suffer the consequences.

It is a simple matter to straighten out the difficulty, all that is required being the substitution of names in the place of numbers. While this matter is engaging the attention of the council the question of numbering business houses and residences should also be taken up.

Some sort of franchise for this purpose was granted about a year and a half ago, but so far as practical results are concerned they are as yet nil. If the holders of the franchise have forfeited their rights other arrangements should be made for accomplishing the end in view. If the rights granted under the franchise still exist, immediate action should be taken to force the parties concerned to come forward and carry out their share of the contract.

Both the naming of streets and numbering of houses are important matters and naturally should be linked together. While the first question is before the council, we hope attention will be given to the second as well, and that some satisfactory conclusion will be reached in respect to both.

UNCLE SAM PROSPERING.

The last report of the United States treasury department shows that on the 17th of last month the government's holdings in gold alone exceeded \$500,000,000. This is said to be the largest sum ever held in possession at one time by any government or financial institution. Uncle Sam is prospering just at present in a manner that discounts anything in the history of the States. It will be remarkable, however, if a reaction does not occur within a few years. A period of unusual prosperity is almost invariably succeeded by a depression.

Flourishing conditions always give rise to liberal spending and speculative investments which in the end result more or less disastrously. At the present time all classes of industries in the States are prospering, money is cheap, and easy to get and it is safe to say that as a whole the people are spending more money than ever did before. The time must come, however, unless all precedents are to be overturned when a depression will set in.

Speculations will fail to materialize, money will get tight and those people who have not had the proverbial rainy day in sight, will find themselves the victims. Just now Uncle Sam's pockets are bulging with coin; he has everything he wants and money to send to Europe for investment. As long as this condition lasts he will not take much heed for the morrow, for he goes on the theory that the good as well as

the evil of each day is sufficient unto itself. In any event he takes things philosophically, making the most of the full dinner pail when he has it—but never despairing if rations happen to run short for the time being.

In brief he accepts things as he finds them, and adopts himself to the immediate circumstances which surround him, which after all is perhaps as profitable a way to go through life as any that could be suggested.

A rate war has broken out among the steamship lines running between Sound ports and Skagway. Tariffs have been cut steadily until according to yesterday's dispatches, fares have been placed at \$5 and \$2.50 for first-class and second-class respectively. If we could only manage to get the White Pass railroad into a rate war with itself, there would be a chance for the Yukon country to secure a portion of its just deserts.

Bryan is to be a candidate for the governorship of Nebraska. William Jennings evidently subscribes to the belief that in the absence of an entire loaf a small piece of bread is not to be sneezed at.

The Lien Law.

Editor Nugget: Space is asked in your valuable paper for the following:

In the Weekly Nugget of April 21 I read an editorial entitled "The Lien Law." I have not read the proposed lien law now before the Yukon council but from what I can gather from the above mentioned article the lien law appears to me to be a beautiful piece of work, inasmuch as it leaves the workingman worse off than if there was no lien law at all, as I have always understood that a claim for wages had precedence of any other claim and that would be right because it is the workingman who enables the claim owner to get at the gate in his claim in order to pay the other, but now comes the proposed lien law and expressly says that any lien recorded before he starts to work shall have precedence over him, who then can prevent the mine owner from mortgaging his claim for and even exceeding its entire value and when the laborer asks for his wages elevate his other shoulder and incline his head a la Parce. Beautiful.

Now, if I ask for work I have to find out if there is any prior lien on the claim and if the claim owner declines to enlighten me on the subject which I, by the way, think he would be very apt to do, I would be compelled to rush to Dawson perhaps from Dominion, Eureka or any other creek to find out and it would be very probable that I would not have a cent in my pocket at the same time, then if I could manage to get a meal here and there to enable me to get to Dawson and back it would be very likely that the claim owner had got mad at me for my impertinent questions and had hired another man, then I would have to ask another employer and perhaps again rush and so on until, like the lover in "Bonnie Annie Laurie," I would be ready to lie me down and die. Well, I'll be —. Further the editorial says that the lien law proposes to give the laborer lien for three months' wages. I would like to ask the framers of the proposed law why a laborer is not as well entitled to wages for five or six months' work as for three. The editorial further says in commenting on the proposed law, that "No man should work for a longer period (three months) without reaching a settlement with his employer." To this I would say that as far as summer mining is concerned the sentiment quoted is all right, but as the majority of the claims are worked in the winter, and because the laborer or miner has to agree to receive his pay after sluicing in the spring and the work in the fall begins in November or December, and the sluicing late in April or early in May, I don't see any other possible way for the workingman to reach a settlement than to demand his wages after three months' work which would be contrary to his agreement, quit work and starve or work three months more until sluicing time, the law only giving him lien for three months' work, that is, he would have to work three months for nothing. The fact is that this territory will be a good place for the workingman to clear out from pretty soon, because between the combination of the companies and butchers the extermination of game, heavy taxing (proposed) of scows who have helped a little to keep down the price of commodities, low wages, poor food and last but not least the three months' lien the workingman gets squeezed like a ripe orange and the undersigned (and there are many others) is going to make a dive for South Africa, China or the Philippines and leave the combinations and claim owners to dig for themselves. EMIL ESTERBERG.

Wanted.

To buy about 1200-lb. horse; saddle and harness. J. R. Watson, cor. 3rd ave. and 3rd st. south.

Any kind of wine \$5 per bottle at the Regia Club hotel.

STROLLER'S COLUMN.

A late arrival from the lower country—it may be Pete McDonald and it may be someone else, tells a story on a certain young man of florid complexion and quick, nervous temperament who was in St. Michael in the capacity of traveling auditor for one of the big companies last fall but who preceded the teller of the story up the river by several weeks and who is now in Dawson. The story is as follows:

The traveling auditor had a penchant for hunting, but, owing to tenderheartedness, bad marksmanship, nervousness or something of the sort, he invariably returned from the chase empty handed. Ducks and geese around St. Michael have also a penchant, and that is for high flying. In fact anything that is not a high flyer has no business around St. Michael. The traveling auditor, so the story goes, made almost daily excursions into the country over which geese and ducks were wont to fly, but invariably returned with an empty game bag flapping at his side. This continued until the company's store's stock of shells threatened to become exhausted as the traveling auditor invariably used a shot gun. His returning every day without spoils of the hunt became the occasion of much "joshing" and the pathway of the intrepid hunter did not lead through pansy blossom beds of flowery ease. He was restless at night—kicked the covers off, so to speak—was troubled with dizziness and had ringing in the ears, followed by no appetite for hot cakes in the morning. He quit attending A. B. meeting and took to rubbing his knees with Wizard oil and was troubled at night with dreaming about falling off high protuberances, and everybody knows that such a dream is not a pleasing one by a large majority.

His fruitless hunting having become a town "josh," the traveling auditor decided to astonish his friends by returning from his next hunt with something to show for the shells fired, and the result was that on the very next day he exultantly carried into the company's store a fine, fat goose which he at once offered as "exhibit A" in substantiation of his statement that his hunting was not in vain. The goose was handed around among admiring friends but those who were sufficiently apt to discover that it had been killed by a rifle bullet while the auditor invariably hunted with a shot gun, said nothing. While the spoils of the hunt were being duly admired the store door suddenly opened to admit an Indian who thus addressed the man in the expensive hunting garb as follows:

"You tell me you only want goose half hour. You keep goose full hour. You give me back goose and you pay me two dollar you say you give me loan of goose to show friends. Umph!" The hunter is said to have collapsed then and there and the next day he left on the long trip over the ice to Dawson.

Mr. Stewart Menzies, of the A. C. Co., was in St. Michael about that time and he says that to the best of his knowledge it never happened.

Eureka Creek, April 20, this year. Dear Stroller—Please answer the following questions to satisfy my partner and myself who have been here since last October, without hearing from the outside:

Who was "it," McKinley or Bryan? Is the Boer general, Dewet, still at large? Do three of a kind still beat two pair?

Are the gaiter girls any better looking than they were last fall? Is there any likelihood of there being a dancehall rate war about June first? Yours, P. SPECTOR.

In reply the Stroller is pained to inform Mr. P. Spector that Bryan was "it" and that McKinley is still scepter swayer; that he is now gallivanting around over the west in a private car trimmed with yellow niggers and having a hy-yu time while Bryan is running a country paper back in Nebraska and collecting his subscription in

Look Out for the Signal!

The A. C. Co.'s Whistle Will Blow a Signal When the Ice Goes Out. We are willing to accept that as the official time and notice is hereby given to the public that the one whose guess comes nearest to the time that whistle is blown will be awarded the outfit as advertised by us. The big company has planted a flag in the ice over the current immediately in front of their dock and when that flag, with the surrounding ice, moves down the river the whistle will blow ONE LONG, THREE SHORT AND ONE LONG WHISTLES. Carefully note the time—you may be the winner. A representative of the Nugget, News and Sun will count and tally the guesses.

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Since last fall Boer General Dewet has been at large five times and captured four times, three of which he was killed. As we go to press he is at large.

When the Stroller last played poker three of a kind beat two pairs, but the rules may have changed. You had better ask Jim Hall.

As to the gaiter girls, well—but you know that if they have changed at all it would have to be for the better.

There is no likelihood of a dance hall rate war about June first, as a sort of hop, skip and jump order is now out to the effect that there will be a general promenade to seats about June first and there is a glaring possibility that a dance hall trust may be formed about the middle of May that may advance the price of "partners' salute" to \$2.50 per, not including swamp water and strychnine at the bar.

The question you asked on the 4th I can not answer as I have not been to Moosehide in over three months.

"Talk about oratory," said a man who has been employed on a Hunker claim during the past winter, "the late Robert Ingersoll, Henry W. Grady, John Temple Graves, James Hamilton Aurore Bory, in fact, none of the old time soakers ever saw the day when they could hold a candle to any one of a dozen or more bunkhouse orators we have out on the claim. You would not think it to see these fellows around the claim in daylight, but after the day's work is over and they settle down to smoke and steam their German socks around the bunkhouse stove, Lord, Lord, how they do talk, argue and indulge in long dissertations on all known subjects from aerial navigation down to the most likely breed of 'possum dogs. Every man is a portable encyclopedia, a fountain of information, a well-spring of knowledge, an oracle whom there is no gaining saying. I have seen these scientists sit on the edge of their bunks until 2 o'clock in the morning and argue upon the theory of perpetual motion or as to which is the mother of the chicken, the laying or hatching hen. When it comes to orators—why, bless me, they are manufactured in bunkhouses the same as Oliver chilled plowers are manufactured at South Bend, Indiana. The Pacific Cold Storage Co. offers every facility for keeping frozen products.

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