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CONFIDENCE WARRANTED.

Within a very short time the entire district which was burned over in the January fire will be rebuilt, and the town will again assume its wonted appearance. If, as some of the croakers have said, Dawson is to be a short-lived affair as a town of commercial importance, it is very remarkable that our shrewdest business men should be so willing to invest thousands of dollars in property which, in the absence of population, can have no value.

This confidence is the more remarkable when it is considered that a large portion of the business district of Dawson has already been burned down three times, and that the buildings which have been and are now being erected on the burned district are not covered by one dollar of insurance.

The Nugget believes that this confidence, which is being so substantially backed by hard-earned dollars, is entirely justified by the future outlook for the town.

Dawson has been an active and prosperous center of business, in spite of circumstances most discouraging. Notwithstanding the fact that there has prevailed an almost unanimous conviction throughout the territory that failure on the part of the government to grant legislative relief would ultimately end in its ruin, our citizens, with dogged persistence, have worked along, developing the country and placing it in a position to advance with rapid strides, once the long looked for relief is granted.

Already there are evidences that the needs of the Yukon country will be recognized at Ottawa, and that at no distant date. They have learned the lesson down there that, unless the hen is kept alive and well taken care of, it will not continue to lay the golden eggs. Remedial action has to an extent already been taken, and more, we feel assured, is to follow, which will mean a revival in every line of business activity. For these reasons we hold to the opinion that investments in Dawson at the present time are evidences of shrewd and far-seeing business sagacity.

SHOULD BE UNITED.

If the citizens' committee accomplishes the ends for which it was created, all differences between its members must be settled immediately. Factional disagreements will tend only to postpone the attainments of what the committee was told to use its efforts in securing and what the community at large desires should be secured.

It is not a time for advocacy of personal interests. United action for the betterment of the people at large is what the occasion demands. The committee is a representative body, and a policy outlined and approved by its entire membership is bound to carry weight, not only with citizens who created the committee, but with the government as well. Differences, if such exist, should be set aside, and the committee should act as a unit.

Ottawa seems to be suffering from a dearth of good men.

When an official becomes thoroughly established in the confidence of the people of Dawson, somebody back at Ottawa discovers that he is badly needed for some other duty. Such changes as have been made, and more particularly those among the officers in the Northwest Mounted Police, simply tend to demoralize the service. It will be something remarkable if the morale of the police department does not suffer from these sudden changes.

Rudyard Kipling, who went to South Africa for the purpose, as he expressed it, of "being in at the death," has been corresponding with Harper's Weekly. Kipling has discovered evidences of much disloyalty in Cape Colony, from his graphic account of which, extracts are printed elsewhere in this issue. When the war is ended, it is altogether probable that some of these disloyal Cape Colonists will be made to feel the force of John Bull's hand.

The Council, in passing the ordinance respecting a reduction in the amounts previously charged for liquor licenses, has acted in a spirit which will commend itself to most of our citizens. The former fees charged for liquor licenses were altogether too high, considering the fact that the original fees were fixed during the height of the boom in '98.

Lord Roberts will endeavor to bring the war to a successful conclusion before the return of the Queen's birthday anniversary. Should his expectations be realized, there will be a celebration throughout the empire such as never before occurred. The festivities which took place at the Queen's jubilee will doubtless be outdone.

Some provision should be made for caring for the insane of the territory other than is afforded by the jail. The authorities have several cases of insanity on their hands now. These people require special care, and should not be incarcerated along with ordinary criminals.

Water Application.

George H. Lytle has applied to the mining recorder for a three years' grant of 60 inches of water, to be diverted at a point about the center of creek claim No. 80 below discovery on Bonanza. Said water is to be used for mining purposes on a claim, particularly described as gulch claim No. 1 on a pup which enters Bonanza on the left limit at No. 81a below.

The Eagles Celebrated.

Last night, in response to the invitation of manager Alex Pantage, the Eagles attended the performance at the Orpheum theater. Prior to the commencement of the entertainment, the order formed in parade lines behind the band and marched through the principal streets of the city. The capacity of the theater was crowded to its utmost, and the guests enjoyed a very pleasant evening. The entertainment consisted of the production of a melo-drama, entitled "Only a Mountain Maid," and the rendition of an olio. The performers acquitted themselves most creditably. Capt. Jack Crawford, on behalf of the Eagle fraternity, delivered a very appropriate speech, in which he tendered to the theatrical management, the actors and actresses the hearty thanks of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Placer Claim Grants.

F. A. Smith has received a grant for the placer ground described as creek claim No. 1 on a pup adjoining the left limit of what is known as '53 and '54 pup," which enters Hunker creek between No. 1 and 2.

J. W. Sweeney recorded claim No. 2 on the same pup. Both properties were staked on April 5th.

When in town, stop at the Regina. Ladies' belt purses. Pioneer drug store.

"Mainland" and "British Lion" cigars 25 cents. Rochester Bar, cor. Second ave. and Third sts.

Table de hote dinners. The Holborn.

FROM WASHINGTON CITY.

Senators Tillman and Morgan Have a Tilt on the Floor.

Which in the Old Days Would Have Meant Blood—Allison's Strong Steering Committee.

In the old days a personal reference made on the floor of the senate by Senator Tillman to Senator Morgan would have resulted in pistols and coffee for two, but there is no longer any fighting in congress, even when Southern hot-heads, as Tillman and Morgan, indulge in flinging personal insults at each other. The incident grew out of the refusal of Morgan some days before to give the floor to Tillman in order that he might reply to a taunt of Senator Wolcott, about the "suppressed vote" of South Carolina. Tillman said: "I have felt indignant at the treatment I received from the senator. Never in my experience in the senate have I been treated so discourteously by any member of the senate." At this point Morgan attempted to interrupt him to make a statement, but Tillman impetuously waved him aside, and continued: "I decline to yield to the senator. He has put himself outside of the pale of courtesy and consideration, so far as I am concerned."

The most significant feature of the meeting of the Democratic national committee in Washington was the power exercised by ex Senator Gorman. It was his influence that knocked out the plan, fathered by Mr. Bryan, of holding the Democratic convention in advance of the Republican convention, and it was also his influence that caused Kansas City to be chosen for the convention after Milwaukee seemed to have a cinch. Mr. Gorman's powerful and unexpected influence in the committee is not relished by the Bryan worshippers. He has publicly said that he would support Mr. Bryan if he was nominated, but he has not said that he will help get him nominated. Mr. Gorman is one of the slickest and most slippery politicians in the country, and there is very little doubt that he will keep Mr. Bryan out of the nomination, if he can find a way to do it.

Ex Senator Edmunds put a quick stop to the report that he would join the so-called anti-imperialists in supporting Bryan, by saying: "It is absurd to think I would vote for Bryan under any circumstances. I agree with Senator Hoar that however we may differ with what seems to be the Republican Philippine policy, it will be impossible to support Bryan. He stands for so many things that are antagonistic to Republican principles that I would trust my own party before I would join him. We must take the average of things and not be influenced by a single fact."

Senator Allison has chosen for his fellow members of the Republican steering committee, the following brilliant array of senatorial talent: Hale, of Maine; Aldrich, of Rhode Island; Cullom, of Illinois; Wolcott, of Colorado; Sewell, of New Jersey; Spooner, of Wisconsin; McBride, of Oregon, and Hanna, of Ohio. With such able and experienced advisers to arrange the order of business Republicans can be certain that no mistake will be made by the senate.

A Big Shipper.

Mr. T. G. Wilson, who shipped several hundred tons of freight to Dawson last year and who also had a large lot left at Bennett on account of the overcrowded condition of the steamers and the early closing of navigation, will leave for the outside in company with Lieut. S. E. Adair on Saturday or Sunday. He has arranged for the shipment of 1100 tons of general merchandise to Dawson during the coming season. Among other plans for investment, he proposes building a large brick store here as soon as the material can be obtained.

The warmest and most comfortable hotel in Dawson is at the Regina.

Private dining rooms at the Holborn. Chewing tobacco \$1 per pound. Royal Grocery, Second ave.

Same old price, 25 cents, for drinks at the Regina.

The Holborn Cafe for delicacies.

Spring Styles Arrive.

The Star Clothing house has received today its first consignments of gent's furnishing goods over the ice. They comprise fancy shirts in swell patterns from the famous Neustadter Bros' factory, the very latest in neckwear, hats of the latest block, and a full line of high-class clothing. A. S. Levine is the enterprising proprietor of the establishment.

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