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NOTICE

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HAS BEEN VERIFIED.

Several weeks ago the Nugget predicted that the reserved ground on Dominion creek would be thrown on the market by the government. The prediction has at length been verified, as may be seen by referring to our last issue, wherein appeared an account of the proposed sale. This is the legitimate outcome of the government's "reserved ground" policy and may be taken as an indication of what will be done on other creeks where the government has claims. It is not to be expected, however, that reserved ground on creeks of unknown value will be thrown open for public tender. Sifton's game is altogether too shrewd for anything like that. It does not cost the government anything to hold the reserved ground, and meanwhile its value or worthlessness is being demonstrated every day by men who are holders of adjacent ground and believe it worth prospecting.

We can fancy no more unenviable position than that in which Sifton has placed the present Dominion government. Men have come into the Yukon by the thousand from every corner of the universe, induced to come by the fact that gold was known to be here, and by the expectation that British law and British justice would prevail. How they were mistaken the result has shown. By one sweeping act half of the country has been taken away from the prospector and held for the crown. A royalty so large as almost to preclude the development of any but the richest ground has been imposed, while petty exactions, only limited in number by the ingenuity of the authorities in inventing them, are becoming more and more burdensome every day. Now comes Sifton, the man who is most responsible for these abortions of legislation, and places on sale by public tender ground for which application by legitimate prospectors had been made long before any crown reservation was passed or thought of. More than that. When this particular territory, comprising some of the most valuable ground on Dominion creek, was first placed on the reserved list it was well understood that such action had been taken in order that disputes as to priority of title might be adjusted. Sifton's method of "adjusting" is to disregard any right the original applicants may have had and sell out the whole of the reserved part of the creek for the benefit of the government. It is small wonder that men are watching eagerly for news from the lower country.

WARMING UP.

Politics in the states are already beginning to warm up. Silver and the tariff seem gradually to be fading away from the public sight and are being replaced by such questions as expansion and trusts. As regards the former proposition, there seems to be a conviction that Uncle Sam has made a mistake in branching out as a colonial power. The result of this feeling will be that a strong effort will be made in all the national conventions to be held next year to secure a plank in direct opposition to the expansion policy as now being pursued by President McKinley. It is quite possible that there will follow as much splitting up of parties as occurred in 1896. There is a large anti-expansion element in the Republican party, and

probably an equally numerous faction of pro-expansionists in the ranks of Democracy. There is every probability that the Republican convention will endorse the management of the war as well as the expansion theory now being worked out by the administration. On the other hand, if Bryan succeeds in retaining the leadership of the Democracy that party will, as the situation now stands, declare itself as being against any further accessions of territory by the United States.

The situation will then resolve itself into a question of party loyalty, but there will probably be desertions from both sides.

On the whole, however, matters look very bright for the Republican party. It has behind it the prestige of an able administration, supported by the yet stronger prestige of having conducted one of the most remarkably successful wars yet recorded in history.

Nowhere is the old aphorism that "nothing succeeds like success" more clearly exemplified than in the field of politics. The successful party as well as the successful man can always be assured of followers.

The Republican party is in a position to take advantage of this fact to the utmost, with the altogether probable result that they will again be returned to power at the next election.

WAR IMPENDING.

The gravity of the situation in South Africa is well shown by the following editorial from a recent issue of the Victoria Times:

"No graver statement has been made in recent times by a British plenipotentiary to his government than that which Sir Alfred Milner, British high commissioner to discuss the grievances of the Uitlanders of the Rand with President Kruger, has felt himself compelled to make. Virtually it means that the resources of diplomacy have been exhausted and that only one course is open to Great Britain, if that country would come out of this matter with honor. There is every reason to fear that the British government will resort to force to protect the Uitlanders, and there is equally good reason to fear that the Boers will offer a stubborn resistance to invasion.

The language used by Sir Alfred Milner in relation to the failure of the negotiations is worth study, and we do not think it is exaggerating the gravity of the situation to say that the upshot of this difference must be war. Sir Alfred said:

"I came to the conference in the hope that I should be able to inform her majesty's government that the president of the Transvaal was prepared to afford such liberal measures of reform as to enable the Uitlanders to help themselves, and relieve the government of the obligation to interfere to redress particular grievances."

"That the British government will interfere there is little doubt, and it will do so in a manner that can lead to but one result—the destruction of the independence of the Transvaal."

Stragglers who started for the Yukon via the Edmonton route are still coming in. Many of these men have been on the way for a period of more than eighteen months, while not a few have spent fully two years in their endeavors to reach Dawson. They tell a story of hardship, privation and disaster that almost passes belief. Some forty men are still en route upon the Stewart river, and fear is expressed by those who have succeeded in reaching Dawson that many of these unfortunates will find a watery grave in that river, which for 200 miles is said to be one continuous succession of canyons and cataracts. There has been grim tragedy in connection with the stampede to the Klondike, the extent of which will never be fully realized.

The method now proposed for securing fire protection for Dawson is feasible and practicable. The cheapest insurance which our business men can carry is to contribute toward and insist upon having adequate protection against fires. We believe that the inefficiency of the former department must be attributed to the paid men rather than to the rank and file. There was certainly a deplorable lack of capacity shown at the Smith

& Hobbs fire last week. Had not means been at hand to control the fire great damage would have resulted, for the stream from the engine did not reach the building until the fire had been practically extinguished.

The refusal of the authorities to allow a Sunday benefit to be given the man whose hands and feet had been frozen almost passes comprehension. Similar affairs have been given in the past on numerous occasions and for objects far less worthy. There is satisfaction in knowing that the energetic gentlemen who had the matter in charge succeeded so well in raising funds by private subscription.

The reports of new strikes which are coming in, combined with the low passenger rates prevailing on the steamboat lines, are causing a considerable exodus from Dawson at the present time. Business, in consequence, is experiencing a temporary depression, which will be relieved when the stampede returns and purchasing of winter outfits begins in earnest.

Another fire, started in all probability by careless campers, has gone over the hill in the rear of the city, destroying hundreds of cords of timber and a number of cabins. Such carelessness as this is positively criminal, and an example should be made of the first gally man who is discovered.

The weather during the past few days would do honor to Chicago. Were it not for the almost continual breeze that comes from the river the heat at times would be scarcely endurable.

LOVE.

My love for you is deeper than
The dark blue ocean's bed
And higher than the loftiest peak
That rears its snowy head.
My love for thee is higher than
The clouds that dot the sky
And deeper than the hidden caves
Where priceless jewels lie.

SEE.

Your love may be both high and deep,
But it doesn't seem to be
Quite broad enough to make you want
To go to work for me.
For papa says we shall not have
A cent from him, you know,
And yet you will not get a job,
So take your love and go.

—Chicago News.

Notice to the Public.

All parties holding accounts or claims against the firm of Dinsmore, Spencer & McPhee will present same for adjustment as soon as possible. Also, all parties knowing themselves indebted to the said firm are requested to settle same immediately.
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BEST BRANDS OF
WINES, LIQUORS AND CIGARS
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Every Evening.
Dancing Every Tuesday and Friday Evening
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SALOON AND CLUB ROOMS
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BEST THE MARKET AFFORDS
Dining-room Service Unexcelled.
First-Class Bar in Connection.
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MAIN OFFICE: Nugget Building.
BRANCH OFFICE: Forks, Eldorado and Dawson.

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Dawson has a new volunteer fire commission. Five examinations were shown to pass above the others. The fireman appointed in the primer lessons is famous chief, M. creditable service in charge of a fireman at St. Leadville and C. the department. During the year, his reputation enough gold medals to fill an edition of not less than a series of his own proud cargo. He also highest kind of officials and representatives compare in active service. Donald, Tim C. Edwards and other fire fighter. In talking to his appointee from his knowledge of the material available here, the best volunteer that it would be will also cause medals and stoves and proper conditions. range things that side insurance believes they clear to afford of fire insurance them in the past. With the old became the due to the original meeting on St. that had been days. It is a brigade of 40 to be furnished among their tion the men be what their The old brigade Friday evening as possible. money on hand to be used glad—though and it is no