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A PUBLIC BRIDGE.

The construction of a public bridge across the Klondike, whereby heavy loads of freight may be taken over without resort to ferry boats or pack horses, is an absolute necessity. The council has planned a system of roads leading to the creeks, and that plan has been partially carried into effect. A bridge, which must form the connecting link between the town and the creek trails, should be built at public cost, and without any toll or charge being fixed for its use.

For two years the public has been at the mercy of the toll bridge and ferry, neither of which is suited to the required purpose, and both of which come under the head of what, from long experience, we have been accustomed in this country to term "grafts." It is time, however, that we outgrew the "graft" stage.

The toll bridge is a relic of what may properly be called the medieval period of Dawson history. It was instituted at a time when "grafts" grew on every tree, and in places where there were no trees they grew on the niggerheads.

Nobody expected then to turn clear around without paying for the privilege, and if one, by mistake, turned around twice, instead of once, he instinctively placed his hand in his pocket to double the original fee.

Two years have passed since that time, and, while it cannot be said that the genus "graft" is completely extinct, it has learned in most cases, at least, not to flaunt itself too freely before the public gaze.

But the toll bridge, despite the disappearance of many of its fellow "grafts," is still with us. It refuses to down, even when threatened by a jam of ice, and doubtless will continue to extend its tentacles after the hard-earned quarters of the people until it is replaced by a suitable structure, built at public expense.

The quicker the last of these reminders of the Yukon middle ages disappears, the better for all parties concerned.

Contracts are being let every day by property owners for the construction of new buildings or for making repairs on old ones. In fact, it appears as though there will be almost as much building done this spring as last. In view of the fact that the time is now at hand when Dawson is supposed to be ready to migrate en masse to Nome, this circumstance seems rather surprising. It may be, however, that the rush from Dawson to Nome will prove more a matter of supposition than reality. This, we are inclined to believe, will ultimately prove to be the case.

It is a saying, the truth of which has often been proven, that good frequently comes out

of evil. It may develop that Mr. Bell's action, in shutting off the records of his office from the press, will result beneficially in the long run. A few more instances, such as occurred yesterday, will serve to reveal a great deal of interesting matter in the assistant commissioner's office, which may work a revolution in the methods which prevail in that department of the federal service.

Yesterday afternoon the first steamer of the season came up the water front, under a full head of steam. Notwithstanding the fact that the distance covered by the boat was included within the limits of the town front, the event furnished a sight which was good for sore eyes to look upon. In a very few more days the first boat will be in from Lake Lebarge, at which time navigation for the season may authoritatively be said to have opened.

A motion came up in the council yesterday, providing for the admission of the press to the legislative sessions of our local governing body. The motion is along lines in favor of which the people have often spoken, and, if passed, will have a greater influence in establishing the council in the confidence of the public than any other action it has ever taken.

Men are coming down from the creeks every day, bringing with them the fruits of their winter's labor at the diggings. The Klondike harvest season will be on in full swing very shortly, and all indications point to a yield as great, if not greater than has been realized in any past season.

No call for aid, in behalf of a worthy cause, has ever gone unheeded in Dawson. The last call, made for relief of sufferers from the Ottawa fire, has been responded to with the accustomed generosity of our citizens, and a handsome sum will be realized.

Modern Battleships.

The recent naval activity has revealed one curious fact, that while we have about 30 efficient cruisers in reserve, there is not a single modern battleship. In the Mediterranean and Channel squadrons we have a splendid collection of 18 up-to-date battleships—ships that are unrivalled; in China waters there are a couple; and the reserve squadron of guardships, which, though not new, are quite able to give a good account of themselves. In the North America, Southeast coast of America, Pacific, Cape of Good Hope, East Indies and Australia squadrons, there is not a single battleship.

This is not satisfactory. For instance, the flagship at the Cape, in the East Indies, and on the North American coast should be a battleship; and in the Pacific, in view of developments of the future, it is not an exaggeration to say that we ought to have three or four. But we cannot commission ships which we have not got. What are required are some battleships of moderate dimensions, well armored and armed, and of moderate speed, and the new estimates should provide for the construction of a few such vessels, which should not cost more than £750,000 each. — London Daily Telegraph.

Some Regimental Pets.

The regimental dog of the "Fighting Fifth"—a dog who won great praise for his cool demeanor at Omdurman—has been given official leave to accompany the regiment to the relief of Kimberley. The dog would probably have gone, in any case, for the love of Tommy Atkins for his dog overleaps all barriers of reticence. Once, in marching from an Indian station, the commanding officer ordered that only a certain number of dogs should be allowed to accompany the regiment. The selected dogs marched out, each with its comany, but the haversacks were strangely bulky and strangely lively. At the end of the day's march, every pet dog in the regiment mysteriously appeared in camp. Sooner than part with their four-legged friends, the men had carried them the 20 miles of the march stowed away in

their haversacks. The order limiting the number of dogs was that evening withdrawn.

The shifts and expedients that the men are put in order to keep pets with them are sometimes extraordinary. Journeying once on a hired troopship, we put in at Malta, and a sergeant, having gone on land, reappeared with a little woolly dog. The quartermaster on duty would not allow the dog on the ship, for the official number of dogs was on board. The sergeant scratched his head, thought deeply, and then went on shore again. An hour later he came back with a strange creature in a cage. It had four feet, but it was covered with hen's feathers. "Can't pass that there dog on board," said the stern quartermaster. "Dog?" said the sergeant with an innocent look of surprise. "This is no dog. It is a Maltese four footed bird of Paradise, and there are not rules against taking birds on board." The laugh was with the sergeant, and the pet was allowed on board ship.

Many regimental pets have gone to the war. The Gordons have taken their parrot, the Welsh regiment has taken its goat, and at Pietermaritzburg and Cape Town, where the pets probably stay while the regiments are to the front, is a strange collection of animals. — The Clubman, in the Sketch.

A Birthday Party.

A banquet was tendered to Mrs. Leroy Tozier and Miss Annie O'Brien at the Hotel McDonald last evening in honor of their birthday anniversaries. A sumptuous repast was served, and then the company were entertained with speeches, recitations, songs and dances. The enjoyable time continued till an early hour this morning. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Tozier, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie O'Brien, Miss Annie O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Edwards, Mrs. York, Miss Marion Tracy, Capt. Jack Crawford, Sergeant McIntosh, Messrs. Wills, Stevenson, McMillen, Norris, Carmack, Ferguson, Hoffman, Smith, Blank, Macdonald, Meadows, Port and Kruger.

They Didn't Like It.

Yesterday evening an attempt was made to muzzle one of the street salesmen of the Daily Nugget who was calling out the announcement that the paper contained a full account of the charge of receiving bribes being preferred against one of Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell's clerks, William Struthers by name. The attempt was not successful and the vender of news was not intimidated. On the other hand he prosecuted his trade with that vigor which is natural to a man who is fully "onto" his job.

The statement made some time ago by Mr. Bell that the gold commissioner's office is run for the people and against the newspapers is now, in part, again applicable. The Nugget is run for the people and not for or against the gold commissioner's office.

Visited the Creeks.

Capt. Donald E. Olson, manager of the Dawson Electric Light Co., and of the Telephone Co., returned last night from a two days' pedestrianizing over the various creeks, and a visit to Grand Forks in the interests of the latter company. He advises people going to the Forks afoot to take the creek road which he says is in very fair condition for foot travelers; but the ridge road is at present very rough, wet and muddy.

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