

THORNBURN HAS A MEETING

One of the Most Entertaining of the Whole Campaign—The Age of Chivalry and the Three-Bottle Man Revived and Illustrated.

The mass meeting in A. B. hall on Saturday night may be said to have contributed little or nothing to the elucidation of the issues that are supposed to aid the people in deciding for which of the candidates they are to vote.

There were three exceptions to this. Mr. Gilbert, the labor candidate, said he saw that the great crowd wanted to be amused, and in a very dignified manner he cut his remarks short.

Dr. Thompson also made a good speech of solid argument, but he was interrupted by puerile personal questions, which were fully answered readily enough but had not the least to do with the choice of a candidate.

While the doctor was speaking there was quite a tumult raised by the general disturber, and the chairman very properly called him down. The audience was with the chairman, but the cause of the tumult did not take his seat and insisted upon being heard.

The meeting had been called by Wm. Thornburn, and Jeff. W. Davison was called to the chair. Without much of a preface he introduced Mr. Thornburn, whose name was politely cheered.

He spoke on the lien law, and for the rewarding of the placer prospector suggested that if a discoverer worked the ground for one year, and proved it to be rich, he should be given a crown grant, so that he

ally described by him, had proven an interesting episode.

He went on to criticize briefly some of the sayings of the other speakers, and in regard to the matter of farm lands he expressed the belief that agriculture in this territory was only in its infancy.

He then reiterated his plan to encourage the placer prospector, and from this naturally passed on to the subject of quartz mining. Sooner or later, he said, in the history of all mining camps, the quartz was worked after the placers had given out.

Mr. Gregory had informed him that in Australia the government had established quartz mills every twenty miles along a large quartz area, where the miner could have his quartz treated and the results in gold returned to him.

W. A. Beddoe's speech was largely made up of interesting personal explanations, often interrupted by the other party to them, who at one point rose and determined to be heard and the chairman was just as determined to maintain order.

Mr. Beddoe then took up his advocacy of the labor candidate, and urged all working men to give Mr. Gilbert their votes. He was also eloquent in his own behalf, and drew a magnificent picture of the reforms which could be accomplished with Mr. Gilbert and himself on the Yukon council.

When Mr. Beddoe concluded Miss Beatrice Wilson arose in the gallery and said, "I am the lady Mr. Beddoe referred to and I am exceedingly sorry that my suggestion did not meet with Mr. Beddoe's wishes and that he regretted it."

George K. Gilbert made an exceedingly brief speech. He referred to his lengthy address on the previous evening, and he said that he saw the audience wanted to be amused, and he believed there was more amusement to come.

Mr. Shoff asked them to stand together in the interests of labor. It was not for the laboring man to stand aloof from the union man, for if by dint of organization the unions obtained an increase of wages the non-union workman got an increase of wages also.

Dr. Thompson was then called and responded amid hearty cheers. He said that as the hour was late he would not go into his platform, or address them at any length, but would reserve what he had to say until this evening, when a meeting of the labor party would be held in this hall and he should then deliver his final address.

AN INDIAN SUMMER CAROL

By Agnes Maule Machar

All day the dreaming sunshine steeps In gold the yellowing beeches; In softest blue the river sleeps Among the island reaches.

Against the distant purple hills The autumn tints are glowing; With blood-red wine the sumach fills, Rich line of carmine showing.

Upon the glassy stream the boat glides softly like a vision; And, with its shadow, seems to float Among the isles Elysian.

About the plummy golden-rod The tireless bees are humming; The aster's clusters star the sod And wait the rover's coming.

The birch and maple glow with dyes Of scarlet, rose and amber; And like a flame from sunset skies, Bright tangled creepers clamber.

The oaks in Tyrian purple light Burn, where the sunlight presses; The birch stands like a dryad bright Beneath her golden tresses.

So still the air, so like a dream, We hear the acorn falling; And o'er the scarcely rippled stream The loon's long quavered calling.

The robin softly o'er the lea His farewell song is trilling; The squirrel fits from tree to tree, His winter storehouse filling.

Like him we, too, may gather store From all this glorious nature; Then leave, my friend, dry bookish lore And dreary nomenclature.

Leave the old thinkers to the dreams That have been dreamed for ages; Leave dry old scientific reams And study Nature's pages.

Hasten to the woods, throw books away; They'll wait the tardy comer; For 'them' there's many a winter day, But brief's our Indian summer.

Miss Machar is the daughter of the late Rev. Mr. Machar, the second principal of Queen's University, and is a resident long been familiar to Canadian readers over the pen-name of "Fidelis." She is active, also, in philanthropic and reform circles. The above lines are quoted from a volume of her verse published in 1899 under the title of "Lays of the True North."

MORGAN'S IDEA

Democrats Should Pledge to Pay Off the National Debt

New York, Dec. 20.—Responding to a request from the New York American as to his opinion regarding proper planks for the next Democratic national platform, Senator John T. Morgan of Alabama writes:

I believe that the next Democratic national platform should be reaffirmation of the old-time, sound Democratic principles, a resounding of the clarion call that has repeatedly swept the party to victory. It should be short, concise and explicit, deal plainly with the evils which confront us, and suggest effective remedies therefor.

My first plank would be a pledge to pay the public debt. To all thinking men this would be the soundest financial plank that could be inserted in the platform. It would have a far-reaching and salutary effect on all the great business interests of the country, and do much toward settling at once and forever the vexatious financial questions upon which dissensions and bitterness exist.

The payment of the national debt would not necessarily disturb the national banks, but it would improve the methods employed by them, with the approval of a Republican secretary of the treasury, to relieve financial stringencies.

Its many advantages are self-evident and require no further elaboration. My second plank would favor free trade between all the states and territories of the American union. This we now have.

Following this, I would suggest the insertion of a plank advocating absolute free trade between the states and territories, whether the latter be on the continent or on the islands of the sea. This would effectively do away with the injustice from which Puerto Rico and the Philippine Islands are now suffering, and should commend itself to all patriotic Americans.

Free trade with Cuba should have a prominent place in the platform. This plank could be made the cornerstone upon which could be erected an imposing structure of tariff reform. In our relations with Cuba reciprocity would fail utterly to meet the requirements of the situation.

Hewitt—I pay big money for my clothes. Jewett—Perhaps you wouldn't have to pay so much for them if you paid for them.

Was He Murdered?

Sah Bernardino, Cal., Dec. 24.—John Doyle, a wealthy mine owner, has been missing for two weeks and foul play is suspected. Doyle left Grays Landing, on the Colorado river, well provisioned for a trip to Salton, ninety miles distant, to employ miners to take the places of twenty miners who had refused to work.

die animals wandered into Ehrenburg with everything intact. Ehrenburg is in an opposite direction from Salton, and it is surmised that some of the Mexicans waylaid and killed Doyle and led the animals toward the Nevada settlement to conceal the crime. Doyle was the largest owner in the rich group of gold mines at Grays Landing and was well known. His disappearance stops negotiations for the sale of the mines to a Pittsburg syndicate.

Senator Grab—A man called on me this morning and offered me \$1,000 for my vote on a certain measure, but I refused it. Political purist—Bravo! You ought to have the approval of your conscience. Senator Grab—I have, we finally agreed on \$2,000.—Boston Post.

Cause of Stage Fright An expert claims that stage fright really comes from a disordered stomach. He argues from this fact that persons in Dawson contemplating appearance should be careful of their diet and always buy groceries of Dunham, where they are always sure of getting the purest and best. Job printing at Nugget office.

Address to the Electors of Dawson by C. W. C. Tabor.

To the Electors of District No. 1, Yukon Territory: Gentlemen.—Having been nominated as a candidate for election for District No. 1 for the Yukon council, it has become my duty to announce to you my views on matters politic affecting the welfare of the Yukon territory.

My interest, and the interest of every earnest man, is in and for the development and advancement of the resources of this territory, and I am of the opinion that such development is worthy of assistance, in so far as such may be possible, by government aid. Members of the Yukon council occupy a position of trust, not only with regard to the formation of local laws, but also in effecting the amendment and improvement of laws peculiarly within the jurisdiction of the federal government affecting this territory.

I am in favor of and will support earnestly a strong progressive policy in the interest of all classes of the community, and shall endeavor to advance to the best of my power the following matters which vitally affect the interest and future of this territory:

Dependent as we are now on Ottawa, I am strongly in favor of a wholly elective council for this territory, with control of all legislation affecting purely local matters, and having control of all local offices and officials. The domain of the territory is now, and will be for many years, possibly, the property of the federal government, who alone will have the power to make laws affecting lands, timber, mines, etc., but a local legislature here, if representative wholly, would exercise a greater influence on Dominion legislation than it can as at present constituted.

Productive labor, which is the source of all wealth, should be protected and provided for by every possible means of legislation. Having labored myself at one time, I am able to appreciate the disability under which labor struggles. That good and sufficient lien laws for the protection of labor should be enacted is agreed by all, and it would be my particular care to see that such should be enacted and the laborer protected, if I become a member of the council. Other matters of government assistance and government legislation affect labor perhaps more seriously than the lien law, and I deem that measures which will assist in procuring employment for labor are of as great import as laws which protect the wages of labor. I am in favor, therefore, and will endeavor, if elected, to have the government provide the means of bringing water to such grade gravels of this country. This is a matter which should be undertaken and carried out by the government alone and not entrusted to private enterprise. If water is placed in such position that these low grade gravels can be successfully and profitably worked, it will tend to provide employment for labor here for many years to come.

I am in favor of the government assisting in the development of this country by the purchase of diamond drills to be rented for prospecting the lower strata, and further, in assistance by such ways and means as may commend themselves to the prospecting and development of quartz and placer mining.

An assay office should be established at once in Dawson by the Dominion government where the miner could procure a certificate of the value of his dust which would be negotiable at par, or where the miner could sell his dust at its assay value.

The abolition of a tax on the gross product of gold, and, if such tax is required for revenue purposes, that the same should be made on the net product of the mine. Wagon roads should be constructed at all times from settled centres to creeks which work has shown to be productive and profitable. These roads are necessary and will enable miners in procuring provisions at a lower rate and to work their ground at a greater profit to themselves.

Post offices and schools should be established in districts as soon as the increase of population will warrant the same. The mining laws of the country are in an unsatisfactory condition, subject to change at any time, and I am of opinion that the time has arrived when a settled law should be substituted for the present mining regulations. I will advocate and endeavor to have passed by the parliament of Canada a mining code free from ambiguity and which laymen as well as lawyers can understand, and such code I suggest among other matters should provide for a more secure tenure to placer mining claims, and, further, that claims in new districts be restored to their original length of 500 feet.

Mining licenses and fees for renewals and registration should be reduced. The present compensation fee in lieu of representation work should be abolished, and all mines represented by work alone.

There are many other matters which will come before the council affecting this territory and many which private members could bring their influence to introduce.

That the water front should be and become the property of the city is only a matter of equity, and, if possible, the Yukon council should bring their influence to bear upon the Dominion government to give to the city of Dawson the strip of ground which should have originally formed part of the townsite.

Many of the above questions are matters of Dominion legislation solely, but on all members of the council interested and eager for the welfare of the Yukon territory will devote the duty, either by resolution of the council or by personal recommendation, to influence having such legislation enacted by the federal authorities as will be towards the advancement of the territory.

Many matters of importance now unforeseen will from time to time arise concerning the welfare and good government of the Yukon territory. My interest is the interest of the territory. Here my home is; here will my life-work be carried out. This is a territory of unknown possibilities whose varied resources are just beginning to be appreciated by thinking men. The chief industry is the production of gold. Isolated from other portions of Canada, with but little interest in common therewith, the people of this territory must work out their own future, and by keeping before our minds at all times the territory and what is best in her interest such legislation can be secured as will secure her future progress and advancement, and to such legislation I shall, if elected, direct my earnest endeavor.

My life for the last five years is before the electorate. If you decide me worthy of your confidence, I shall endeavor to fulfill the trust imposed on me in a manner which will prove satisfactory to the people and in fulfillment of the policy which I have above partly outlined.

I am, yours truly, C. W. C. TABOR. Dawson, Jan. 9th, 1903.

Political Announcements YUKON TERRITORY.

Dr. Alfred Thompson

Is a candidate for the Yukon council from the Dawson district. The support of the electorate is respectfully requested.

VOTE FOR AND SUPPORT

The Labor Candidate for the Yukon Council, District No. 1.

GEO. K. GILBERT

Committee Rooms:—Union Hall, cor. Second Avenue and Princess Street.

For Member of the YUKON COUNCIL

Dawson District No. 1.

C. W. C. TABOR

For Yukon Council

Candidate for District No. 3, which includes Dawson, Fortymile, Miller, Glacier and Boucher.

WM. THORNBURN

If elected I shall endeavor in every matter to act for the general good of this territory, and I trust my many friends will give me their vote and influence.

For Member of the Yukon Council

District No. 2.

ARTHUR WILSON

For Member of the YUKON COUNCIL

District No. 2.

M. G. B. Henderson

FOR YUKON COUNCIL

To the Electors of Electoral District No. 2: Gentlemen.—I hereby announce myself a candidate for election as one of your representatives in the Yukon territorial council and solicit your votes and influence in my behalf.

BONANZA, 30th Dec., 1902. JOHN PRINGLE.

FOR MEMBER OF THE YUKON COUNCIL, DISTRICT NO. 1.

A. J. Prudhomme

FOR YUKON COUNCIL.

Dawson, Yukon Territory, December 26th, 1902. To the Electors of the Electoral District No. 2:—

Gentlemen:—Owing to petitions signed by numbers of voters from the creeks requesting me to become a candidate for the Yukon Council, District No. 2, I have decided to accept the nomination, and if elected the people of the Yukon Territory may rest assured that their interests will be protected and safe guarded to the best of my ability. Yours obediently, MAX. LANDEVILLE.

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