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A STRAIGHT ISSUE.

Tomorrow night, a meeting will be held in McDonald hall for the purpose of determining the advisability of holding a convention for nominating candidates for the two seats in the Yukon council which are to be filled at the election on October 17. Such a convention as is proposed ought to be able to nominate men who will be acceptable to the majority of British subjects who are opposed to the present administration. There is no question of Dominion politics entering into the matter. It is simply a case of being for or against the methods of government which have been applied to this territory during the past two years. The government's policy has been a straight hold-up from beginning to end. No opportunity to grind a dollar out of the Yukon has been overlooked, and only now after the blood letting process has been going on for more than two years has any disposition been made manifest to lend a listening ear to our grievances. The time is at hand when it is within the power of the voters of this territory to administer a rebuke to the administration which will undoubtedly make a lasting impression.

Care must be taken that no personal ambitions be allowed to divide the opposition forces. If a united front is shown there will be no doubting the result.

Capable leadership will win the battle without any difficulty.

Bryan is introducing a new feature into the campaign this year. Instead of touring the States and addressing the people from the rear of a Pullman he spends his time in delivering speeches to phonographs. These are sent over the entire country so that it is possible to hear Bryan speak on the questions of the day at any crossroads junction from Maine to California. "Bryan on Silver," "Bryan on Expansion," "Bryan on Trusts," any and all of these can be heard by merely dropping a nickel in the slot and listening while the wheels go round. Bryan has probably done more to amuse and entertain the American people than any other man who has ever figured in national politics.

It would not help the prospector any if the Klondike and Indian river divisions were cut up into 50 districts, if the ground is not to be open for location. It is certainly to be hoped that the recent order will be followed by another, throwing open to the prospector all ground now held in reserve, no matter for what reason. There is ground enough to accommodate 4000 more actual miners if the opportunity were given them to locate and develop ground now closed against them. The royalty question is not one whit more important than the matter of opening up the territory which so long has been held in reserve.

Now is the time when the ambitious candidate goeth forth and button-hoeth every man he meets. He extendeth the glad hand and in divers and sundry other ways maketh himself generally a good fellow. He uncorketh many a small "bot" and giveth forth cigars with a lavish hand. He hath a smile for his most deadly enemy and taketh care that he oweth no man a cent. The world looketh good to him and he swelleth up when he pondereth upon his

own greatness. Nevertheless, when election time cometh he is very apt to find himself in the soup, for woman only is more fickle than the goddess of politics.

Senator J. M. Frink, of Seattle, has been selected by the Republicans of Washington as candidate for governor. The nomination is equivalent to an election, as this is distinctly a Republican year in the coast states. Senator Frink is one of the most successful and respected among Seattle's business men and his selection for the office of governor by the Republicans of the state is a well deserved tribute to his worth. He has been elected three times to the office of state senator, and if elected to the office of governor of which there seems little or no doubt, he will be in direct line for a seat in the upper house of congress.

According to the Sun, which is the government organ, the royalty is to be removed and Mr. Wade is the man who did it. According to the News, which is government organ one day, miners' organ the next and any old organ the third day, the royalty has been removed and Judge Dugas is responsible. We will hazard one guess that the royalty has not been removed, and another that when it is, it will come as a result of the indignant protests which have filled this territory for the past three years, and not by reason of any individual influence. We will be pleased to give publication to any other opinions which may be advanced on this matter.

Snow in August is something unusual even for Dawson. It appears that those people who have prophesied an early winter have good reasons for backing their opinions. It is now in order for bets to be made on the closing of the river.

A copy of the Nome Weekly News has been received at this office. The Nome News is bright editorially and neat in appearance. It seems, however, to be a considerable degree in advance of the town.

The rains which have been so prevalent during the past month have helped out the mining industry in splendid shape, reports indicating that there has at no time been any lack of water for sluicing or rocking during the summer.

According to the way Mr. Girouard views the situation it would be quite appropriate to term the bridge which is to be built across the Klondike "the bridge of lies."

Seeks Refuge in America.
London, Aug. 14.—President Kruger addressed a formal application to the United States to grant him a sanctuary in case the necessity for it arose. This occurred, according to Secretary Reitz, the day Lord Roberts entered Pretoria. The details of the event has been related to a reporter of the Associated Press by F. W. Unger, who has just returned from the Transvaal, and who secured the information from Secretary Reitz and others.

After quoting the secretary as saying President Kruger would never take to the mountains on account of his age, but would retreat down the line, finally escaping to Portuguese territory, Mr. Unger says that the day before the British entered Pretoria President Kruger sent for Mr. W. Stanley Hollis, the American consul at Lorenzo Marques, and Mr. Hollis was taken to Machado-dorf in a special car. President Kruger asked him if his government would grant him (Kruger) an asylum in the Lorenzo Marques consulate until he, Mr. Kruger, made other arrangements for his departure.

President Kruger expressed fears concerning his treatment by the Portuguese government, and wished to guard a way to escape. Mr. Hollis asked for time to consult with his government, and President Kruger assured him he would receive a week's notice before putting the plan into execution.

In consequence of this visit to the Transvaal and the transmission of President Kruger's request to Washington, Mr. Hollis received instructions from Secretary Hay not to leave Portuguese territory again. He was thus compelled to neglect the interests of the British prisoners at Nooit Gedacht, where there was great suffering. Mr. Unger, in conclusion, said:

"I make this explanation in justice to Mr. Hollis, whose action has been

misunderstood in America and Great Britain."

Travelers in Trouble.
A number of women who arrived Sunday from Seattle had purchased in Seattle through tickets from Skagway to Dawson over the White Pass & Yukon railroad, and the steamers of an independent line. The railroad, not being protected with a guarantee from the independent line that it would carry the baggage through satisfactorily as regards the customs, and not having arranged for joint through route, at first refused to take the baggage offered.

There were several excited women in town when they learned of the conditions. After some parley the railroad got a guarantee from the steamer company for the forwarding of the baggage of the passengers, and they will be allowed to go forward as first expected.

However, one of the railroad officials said the steamer line could have been prosecuted for selling through tickets over the road without agreement. He intends to look up the responsible persons at Seattle and cause a shaking of dry bones.—Alaskan.

Stage Glints.
Madeleine Lucette Ryley's latest play is called "My Lady Dainty." It will be produced in London.

John Coleman's adaptation of "Pericles," which has not been seen for years in London, is soon to be acted there.

Miss Maude Adams has returned from her trip to London and Paris and has gone to the Catskill mountains for a summer rest.

Marie Wainwright has engaged Justin Huntly McCarthy to write for her a one act comedy which she will next season exploit in the vaudeville.

Marie Halton, the American soubrette of "Geisha" fame, made a great hit at the Berlin Theater des Westens in a new comic opera called "Rhodope."

James A. Herne has gone to Hot Springs, Ark., in the hope of removing from his system by a course of medicinal baths the last traces of rheumatic gout.

The Gerry society is more active in New York than ever, and has just stopped the performance of two Japanese acrobats, arresting them on the charge of teaching young children their acrobatic tricks.

James Young is negotiating with Mary Johnston for the right to produce "Prisoners of Hope." If the arrangements are consummated, he intends making a big spectacular production of the piece next season.

A Jail Cure.
The late Sir John Bridge, the well known London magistrate, was fond of telling his friends of a curious letter he received not long before his retirement from Bow street. It ran:

"Sir—I am sorry to occupy your time, but I feel I must write to thank you for having locked up my wife for six months. My wife had often come before the court for drunkenness, but after being fined she was worse. You were kind enough to give her six months, and she came back to me a reclaimed woman and is now the best wife in England."

This letter was all the more valued by Sir John Bridge because he was ordinarily a lenient judge.

Not a Rat Terrier.
Officer Ned Scarlett, of the Second police district, was riding to his home on an electric car one morning, and as the car slowed up at a crossing to allow some passengers to alight a woman rushed out from a neighboring house screaming shrilly and beckoning to the officer.

Scarlett jumped off the car and hurried to the woman's assistance.

"What's the matter, ma'am?" asked Ned.

"Oh, officer," shrieked the distressed female, "there's a rat in my house! Won't you come and kill it?"

"Excuse me, ma'am," responded Scarlett. "Tis many times O've bin told O was a 'tarrier,' and no doubt O am wan, but nivir can it be said that Officer Scarlett demaned himself by assumin' th' dooties av a 'rat tarrier.' Goo' day, ma'am."

And with a dignified wave of his baton Scarlett remounted the car.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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