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KLONDIKE NUGGET.

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CONCERNING THE ROAD LAW.

The preservation of the highways of the territory is a most important matter but it is equally urgent that no unnecessary restrictions be placed upon those who are engaged in maintaining communication between Dawson and the different mining centres.

At this particular season of the year passenger travel to and from the creeks is at its height. Men are going out to secure situations in the diggings, claim owners are leaving to investigate their properties and be present at the cleanup. Representatives of local commercial and financial concerns are in the field looking after the enterests of their principals, and in short nearly everyone whose business takes him to the creeks at any time during the year will be found among those who go this month.

At the same time, there is no other period of the year when heavy traffic does so much damage to the highways.

What means to adopt in order that business may not be unduly interrupted and likewise that adequate protection to the public highways may be secured is difficult to suggest.

The point has been brought forward and it seems well worthy of consideration that the principal damage is not done by the passenger stages but by heavily loaded freight wagons.

Ten passengers on a stage make a load of less than a ton in addition to the weight of the vehicle and it does not appear that from traffic of that character, undue injury to the roads should result. Again it should be noticed that freight can be taken to the creeks in April as well as in May, at much less expense and with no damage to the highways, while in the case of passenger traffic, May as noted above is the month of all the year when travel is as its height.

In enforcing existing legislation dealing with the subject, it would seem that the practical phases in the situation should be taken into careful consideration. Heavy freight teams ought not to be sent out at this season of heavy roads, and in insisting upon this point we are unable to see that any particular hardship would result.

The transportation of passengers is however, a different matter entirely and should be interfered with as little as possible.

NEW STRIKES.

An important fact of which notice should be taken in considering the future outlook for the district is the number of stampedes that have taken place of recent date to creeks which have been staked and abandoned in past years.

Reference to the files of the Nugget brings to light the fact that as many as a half dozen tributaries to the main creeks of the district have been re-staked in the past few months, every one of which has been the scene of a new find.

The most recent of these is a gulch on Eldorado which was long ago abandoned but which by persistent and continued prospecting has been proven at length to carry excellent values.

The same thing is true of other localities which will shortly be made to contribute to the annual golden yield of the territory.

The facts serve to illustrate the point so often claimed that practically the entire district is gold bearing and lacks only thorough prospecting to make it productive.

As fast as ground is worked out, other strikes will be made and the scope of operations will constantly increase.

The prophecy that the district is good for a quarter of a century might be extended to twice that length of time and still be well within the facts.

The News keeps itself busy setting up straw men and knocking them down. As this is a perfectly harmless diversion no one should enter any objection.

THE LIEN LAW.

The men who are responsible for framing the draft of the proposed lien law have an exceedingly poor conception of the intelligence of those whom they allege are to be the beneficiaries.

The fact of the matter is simply this. A measure has been proposed which is clearly beyond the powers of the Yukon council to enact and which if made a law would undoubtedly be annulled in the courts.

It is calculated not only to hinder and discourage legitimate investment, but beyond question would defeat the very purpose it aims to accomplish.

None understand this any more thoroughly than the great body of intelligent workmen who constitute the bone and sinew of the district. These men do not want a law which will drive employers out of the field. They want work, and reasonable assurance that their wages will be paid when service has been rendered.

If the men in charge of the lien law are really desirous of benefitting the laborers of the district, they will have their proposed ordinance remodeled under competent legal advice before it is presented to the council.

Under present circumstances it looks as though the proposed measure has been prepared in the expectation that it will be defeated and with the intent of making use of it in future political contests.

The Nugget dislikes to believe that a matter of such grave importance would be subverted to such purposes, but the evidence and attendant circumstances seem to point in that direction.

VICTORIA DAY.

Dawson will celebrate Victoria Day in real old fashioned manner. Everyone feels like devoting a day or two to enjoyment at this season of the year and there is every reason for entering with spirit and enthusiasm into the proposed festivities.

The Nugget has one suggestion to offer in this connection and that is to make the programme of events as different as possible from the stereotyped form that has prevailed in past years. People will come from all over the territory to witness something new and original—and from the composition of the various committees there is best of reason for belief that the desired end will be attained.

If the mining industry in the territory were generally conducted upon a cash basis, an average saving of at least ten per cent. in the cost of operations would be effected. There is no escaping from the fact that the credit system in the long run is expensive to everyone concerned.

There will be no election in this territory other than municipal for a matter of two years. In view of this fact it looks very much as though certain politicians will completely exhaust themselves before the time arrives.

GREAT CARE EXERCISED

By Public Works Superintendent Bertrand

To Keep in Repair Government Highways During the Present Hight Water.

Superintendent of Public Works Bertrand and his efficient assistant David Macfarlane are kept busy these days looking after the public highways and bridges throughout the district.

The rapidly melting snow has caused torrents of water to be poured down from the hillsides and in many cases great damage to sections of road is worked in the course of very short time. In view of this a large force of men is now employed and a systematic patrol of all dangerous places is being kept up.

Mr. Bertrand and Mr. Macfarlane returned yesterday from an extended trip over the roads and the latter started out this morning to continue the vigil. It is thought that in many places the worst stage of high water will not be reached yet for several days. At present from 40 to 50 men are employed in the road service but it may be necessary to increase the number very materially within the very near future.

CHURCH NOTICES

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church—At tomorrow evening's service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church the following special music will be rendered: Mrs. P. R. Ritchie will sing "With Verdure Clad," an aria from Haydn's "Creation," and the choir will sing "Hosanna in the Highest," an anthem by Stainer.

Methodist Church.—The pastor's morning subject, "Temporal and Eternal Conditions." Evening subject, "Earth's Tragedies." The choir will furnish the following music in the evening: Anthem, "Father, I Know Thy Ways Are Just," Stainer; solos by Mrs. F. A. H. Fysh and Mr. McLeod. Trio, "Savior, Breathe an Evening Blessing," Smythe; Mrs. Fysh, Miss Elsie Larsen and Mr. McLeod. Violin solo, "Angels' Voices," Schubert; Miss Elsie Larsen. After the benediction, "Give Ear Unto Us" Parker, the choir.

Scandal in France.

Paris, April 13.—The correspondent of the Figaro at Grenoble telegraphs that an article is published in this morning's Petit Dauphinois in which the editor, M. Besson, repeats his recent charges that he was approached with an offer to secure authorization for the monks of the Grande Chartreuse monastery to remain in France on payment of $200,000.

M. Besson declares that the person on whose behalf the offer was made by the intermediary approaching him was Edgar Combes, the son of the premier; and that the intermediary was a prominent politician named Vervoort. Vervoort explained that $20,000 of the $200,000 would go to M. Besson as his commission on the transaction.

M. Besson challenges MM. Combes, father and son, to take the case before the courts.

Opposed to Asiatics

Honolulu, T.H., April 13.—A house committee report on an act to regulate the sale and use of opium contains the statement that the opium-smoking habit is spreading alarmingly among the natives. The movement against the competition of Asiatic labor is increasing all over the islands. At a meeting of mechanics and other workmen in Hilo resolutions were adopted by which all agreed not to work with any Asiatics and not to work on any job begun by Asiatics. In Honolulu there is a movement against Asiatic storekeepers, of which there are large numbers.

The insects sent here from Mexico by Prof. Koebele, entomologist of the Hawaiian government, for the destruction of the lantana weed are proving a success. They have been colonized and distributed, and the results of their attacks on the weed lead many to believe that they will reclaim thousands of acres of land here which are so overrun with lantana as to be valueless.

The house has passed a joint resolution to appropriate the sum of $20,000 for the use of Prince Kuhio Kalanianaole, delegate to congress, in furthering the interests of the coffee industry and others. A joint resolution for the appropriation of $15,000 for ex-Queen Liliuokalani has passed the house without a dissenting voice. The last legislature made a similar provision for her for the last fiscal period.

Stops Fight

Bucoda, April 11.—The prize fight which was scheduled to come off tonight between Andy King, the featherweight from Montana, and Jack Smith, the 126-pound champion from Minneapolis, was called off on account of interference of the authorities.

Sheriff Jesse Mills, who had wind of the mill, arrived tonight in company with his deputy, John McClelland, and declared that the fight could not take place in Thurston county. The promoters of the fight acceded and promptly declared the contest off. It is announced that the men will meet later in Tacoma. There are a number of sports in town from Tacoma, Seattle, Everett and other places. The fight was originally scheduled to come off in Elma, but the authorities there interfered. The large delegation of sports present expressed their keen disappointment, but no effort was made to disobey the edict of the authorities.

German Naval Manners

All that is definitely known about the German navy is the fact that its sea manners are very bad. It is so young, indeed, that it has had no time as yet to acquire traditions and dignity. Much of the offensiveness of Admiral von Deidrichs at Manila has often been excused on this very ground. It is told that one day this German admiral made a call upon Sir Edward Chichester, in command of the English squadron, and found him turning over the pages of a small red book. "What are you reading?" asked the German admiral. "Oh," replied the Englishman, "I am referring to our official manual on naval etiquette." "Himmel!" said Von Deidrichs, "I didn't know that there was such a publication. We have nothing like that in our navy." "Really," exclaimed Sir Edward, with significant alacrity, "let me present you with this copy. You really need it very much."—New York Evening Post.

Signature Went Free

A Genoa paper tells this delightful story of the enterprise of the Duke of Veragua. When the descendant of Christopher Columbus visited Chicago he inquired at a telegraph office the charge for a telegram of ten words to the city of Columbus.

"Fifteen cents," answered the official, "not including the signature, which is wired free."

Whereupon the duke wired: "Mayor Columbus, Shall visit your city next Monday or Tuesday. And he signed it: "Christobal Colon de Toledo y Larreategui de la Cerda Ramirez de Baquedanoi, Gante Almirante y Adelantado, Mayor de las Judias, Marques de Jamaica, Ducque de Veragua y de la Vega, Grande de Espana, Senator del Reine, Caballero de la insigne orden del Tolson d'Oro, Gran Cruz de la Conception de Villavicosa Gentil Hombre de Camara del Rey Espana."—New York Tribune.

War Relics

Manila, April 13.—The warship Reina Cristina, flagship of Admiral Montojo, which was sunk by Admiral Dewey, was floated and beached yesterday. The skeletons of about eight of her crew were found in the hulk. One skeleton was evidently that of an officer, for it had a sword by its side. There are fifteen shell holes in the hull of the Reina Christina, one made by an eight-inch and others smaller. The main injection valve is missing, showing the ship was scuttled when abandoned. The hull is in fair condition.

Capt. Albert R. Cugen, commanding the naval station at Cavite, took charge of the remains of the sailors, expressing a desire to give them an American naval funeral. The Spanish residents are anxious, however, to ship the skeletons to Spain, and it is suggested that the transport Summer convey them to Spain by the way of the Suez canal in June.

A wrecking company is endeavoring to raise all the sunken Spanish warships.

Consul for Guayaquil

Washington, April 13.—The state department announced today the appointment of Herman R. Dietrich, of Utica, Missouri, as consul general at Guayaquil, Ecuador, to succeed Thos. H. Nast, the cartoonist, who died of yellow fever, while serving at that post. Mr. Dietrich is the editor of the Herald, a newspaper published at Utica.

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ODDFELLOW'S NEW QUARTERS

Will Occupy the Second Story of T. & E. Store

Lease Taken for Period of Three Years From June 1st—Swell Ball May 13.

Dawson lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., has taken a three years' lease on the second story of the building formerly occupied as a store by the Trading & Exploration Company, and will occupy it as a lodge room June first.

The new quarters will be eminently suited to the purpose for which they have been secured. The main room is 30 by 50 feet in dimensions. There are two large and comfortable ante rooms. Previous to being occupied the new quarters will be improved by a new floor, paint and paper and suitable furniture.

For the past year the Dawson Odd Fellows have occupied A. B. hall, but now that they have provided for themselves a permanent home efforts will be put forth to make it as attractive as possible.

Since the installation of the Odd Fellows lodge in Dawson no less than three complimentary balls with elegant suppers have been given, and for these and several most enjoyable entertainments the pleasure-loving public was not asked to contribute a cent. In view of the fact, however, that a large amount of money will be required to put the new quarters in condition and as each member of the lodge has handsomely contributed from his private funds and the amount thus raised is still inadequate for the desired work, a dance at which light luncheon will served will be given by the Odd Fellows at A. B. hall the night of Wednesday, May 13. Every effort will be made to have this ball fully up to the standard formerly established by the Odd Fellows, and it is conceded by all that their entertainments are the best and most enjoyable ever presented in the city. The lodge has fixed the price of tickets to the coming ball at $3, and as all who have had the pleasure of being guests of the Odd Fellows on previous occasions are anxious to show their appreciation of past favors, it goes without saying that the coming ball will be an eminent success in every particular.

Crazy Man at Largs.

Seattle, April 12.—Almost a panic was caused last evening in the lobby of the Rainier-Grand hotel by the amazing and inexplicable actions of a dignified and well dressed stranger, who was evidently the unfortunate victim of some hitherto unknown form of lunacy.

It was a little after 9 o'clock and the lobby was crowded when the stranger made his entrance from the street.

He was tall, well dressed, wore gold-rimmed eyeglasses and had a quiet manner that would ordinarily have attracted no attention. But his actions almost immediately threw the guests into wild amazement and alarm and brought even the usually impassive Mr. Dunbar to his feet in wonder and consternation.

The stranger on entering walked directly to the cigar counter and asked for four two for a quarter cigars. On being shown several boxes he selected four, lit one, put the others in his pocket, handed the cigar clerk 50 cents in silver, and paying absolutely no attention to either slot machine, walked out of the door.

Not until a special policeman had been stationed at the door to guard against the re-entrance of the unfortunate lunatic did the excitement die down.

The police were notified and if the crazy deed is repeated the man will be placed under restraint.

Our country has the misfortune frequently to step on Germany's corns. It seems as though Germany sticks out her feet for that purpose.—Winston, N.C., Sentinel.

Senator Hanna

Syracuse, N. Y., April 13.—Senator Hanna was the guest of honor at the annual banquet of the Syracuse Chamber of Commerce tonight. About 400 covers were laid. Senator Hanna discussed "Capital and Labor," speaking at length. He said that in the great struggles between the two the advantage was with the employer, who is oftentimes selfish in maintaining his position.

Mr. Hanna then went into the history of the civic federation and discussed its work.

"Conciliation, prevention of hostility, is the one object sought by this organization and not once has it failed," declared the speaker.

The senator preached the equality of man. "I stand," he declared, "on the broad platform that in this great brotherhood of men we are all equal. I stand on the platform that every man who has the power to do service to his municipality, state and nation and to his Maker, owes to himself the use of that power to its fullest extent to do that which will produce the best for humanity."

Senator Hanna referred to the prosperity of the country and said that with a continuation of good understanding between the representatives of labor and capital he could see no reason why such prosperity should not continue.

Reputation Gone

Seattle, April 13.—Patsy Carroll, once a prizefighter of more than usual renown, is in the city jail, as sorry a specimen of a wreck as can be imagined. Among those prisoners who were sent to give the police court room its weekly cleaning yesterday was Patsy, and with a sad and woebegone appearance, as musing on his former prosperity, he might be seen swabbing up the dirty oilcloth. But his associates gave him little consolation in his misfortune, as they, too, had misfortunes.

It was not long ago that Carroll was known well in the rings of a good many cities. Intemperance gradually dimmed the luster of his star, and now he is in jail as a vagrant.

Lacrosse League

New Westminster, B. C., April 13.—The British Columbia Amateur Lacrosse Association met here this afternoon and a league, composed of Vancouver, Westminster and Victoria, was formed, each team playing two games a month. E. King, secretary of the Everett Lacrosse club, wrote asking whether chance Everett had to get into the league, but as they were not represented by delegates they could not be admitted, but will be accommodated with exhibition games. For defaulting a game last fall Victoria was ordered to pay $20 to New Westminster.

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