

Stroller's Column.

To Deputy Minister of the Interior, Mr. Smart!

Dear Sir and Brother—
The Stroller has not yet had the pleasure of meeting you but hopes to before you tear yourself away. You need not dread the meeting or imagine you will be embarrassed in the Stroller's presence for he is as plain and unassuming as any man you ever met.

The Stroller is pleased at your decision to remain in the country a month or six weeks as you will then be enabled to form an intelligent opinion of the country. A short time ago a wallpaper drummer named Hees came to Dawson and stayed four or five days and when he went back east he done us up in one three minute round. He went at us with bare fists and now in the opinion of those who witnessed his spurt, the reputation of the Yukon has a gory face, tin ears and a gutta percha nose.

The Stroller has an axe to grind in addressing you and he will spring it without further delay.

He wants a concession.
(Three minutes are supposed to have elapsed since the above statement of request was made and any look of surprise is supposed to have given place to one of serenity.)

The request may seem sudden but Hold Writ tells us: "From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaketh." The request, therefore, is bona fide, at least it is as bona fide as the majority of requests on which concessions are granted.

To be more explicit the Stroller wants a concession embracing all the said bounds and metes on Hunker above Gold Bottom. It has been generally prospected and is known to be good. That is why the Stroller makes this humble request.

Please make out the grant to the Alligator Syndicate, its heirs or assigns. The Stroller is its last surviving assign.

Hoping that your trip to the Yukon will form a recollection that you will always recall with a large-sized degree of pleasure, the Stroller will refrain from thoughts of his concession while he splits some kindling.

Recent Hebraic communications published in Dawson have served to enlighten the Stroller regarding that language as they have conveyed to him the meaning of a number of English words which failed to confront him when he was wont to transcribe portions of the Hebrew vocabulary on his cuffs and then look at them askance while the professor was brushing dies off his marble-top head. Lately the Hebrew for the term "spoiled bacon" has been given and the Stroller is now scanning all local publications for the Hebraic meaning of the words "Limberger ham."

To the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa—

Dear Sir—As the Stroller has not noticed any crop statistics from the Yukon in your Dominion reports, he takes this opportunity to acquaint you with conditions as he finds them:

Our timothy is looking fine and may reach the heading out stage in three more weeks, no preventing Providence, Rhode Island.

High bush cranberries are a good yield and bears and blue jays are correspondingly corpulent. We cannot some black currants last week which we open every day to see if they are souring. They are.

The past few nights have been rather chilly on low-necked squashes. A cut-worm ate up all our butter bean crop and a toad ate the cut-worm, and there you are! It is discouraging to see the result of two months hard work eaten by a toad.

Pinders and cow-pears have not yet been grown here but your correspondent has sent to the bureau of information of one of the Gulf States for seed with which to experiment. If the pinders do well he will send you one in a letter. When you receive the letter you will know by the weight that the object on the inside is not a gold nugget.

It would not amaze your correspondent if maize would do well here.

Get Others Prices

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T. W. Grennan
GROCER
King St., Cor. Sixth Ave.

Thank goodness we are not troubled with chicken pip.

Potatoes may be kept in the ground here all winter provided the ground is contiguous to a steam pipe.

We had some egg plants in a box which were doing well, but the Shanghai hen set on them one night and the fruit all ripened prematurely.

Rolled oats are a fairly good crop while haled hay never looked better. Some of the oats we used to import from the outside before the pursuit of agriculture and grazing became general had so much mustard mixed in that the horses were all blistered on the inside but it helped them to draw. (That is a little witticism that the Stroller drops in simply to relieve the monotony. It is a duty we all owe our correspondents to drop in any little chocolate creams that may occur to our minds.)

Can you recommend any plant suitable to this climate that will soon cease buzzing from sheer want of nourishment?

Can you suggest something that will take the place of dogennel tea for colds in winter? We can grow dogennel here but must put a collar and tag on each stalk.

Wheat has not been much tried here but it is a great country for rye.

What brand of fertilizer is best to put in the hills with potatoes?

Do you believe in rotation of crops, or should a potato patch be handed down as such from one generation to another?

Would it keep worms off tomato vines to buy tobacco and scatter through the garden for them to chew?

What sort of trestles or supports are best for vines and ingrowing toe nails?

How old should a shote be before it is killed and stood in a restaurant window with an apple in its mouth?

The Stroller hopes the above information will greatly assist you in compiling your next agricultural report, and that information asked will be as cheerfully given as this has been. It is but mete that we who possess vast storehouses of knowledge should impart a portion of it to others. By this means the world grows wiser and we none the poorer.

Hoping this will find you as healthy and vigorous as a stalk of red-top clover the Stroller is cultivating on top of his cabin, he will close. Not knowing your tongue he will say both goodby and olive oil.

P. S.—Should a mule's tail be lathered before being shaved, and is it not best to back him up to an international boundary line and hire a foreigner to do the tonsorial act?

On Bench as an Elk.

Seattle, Aug. 20.—Glad in an Elks' carnival uniform of white flannel with purple facings, Judge Boyd J. Tallman yesterday listened to the pleadings of attorneys whose clients demanded the disposal of their cases during vacation time.

In the receivership case of R. Mathies against the Washington Wire Works he allowed A. J. Goddard, the receiver, \$150 a month for seven months and allowed the receiver's attorney a fee of \$250. An order has been issued that the property be sold tomorrow morning, subject to a mortgage for \$5,000 owned by William Herth. Then he turned to another case while the attorneys stood agape at the picture of coolness and comfort presented by the jurist.

"But he doesn't look as fine as he did yesterday when he was Most High and Worthy Crown Bearer to Her Majesty Queen Florence," said one young lawyer.

"No, but I'll wager he feels more comfortable than he did in that yellow satin affair," responded his companion as they wandered toward the door.

Judge Tallman did not venture on wearing the uniform in the court room until after he had consulted an authority on matters of proper attire. When he reached the court house shortly after 9 o'clock he went into his office where his clerk, who has a reputation for tasty dressing, was sitting.

"What do you think about this?" said the judge. "Is it not a trifle too conspicuous?"

"Not a bit," responded the clerk warmly. "It looks cool and comfortable. Only wish I had one on myself."

So Judge Tallman wore the suit and for the first time in King county's court house an Elk in marching uniform dispensed the wise measure of justice which comforts the afflicted.

Margie Newman at Auditorium.

Job Printing at Nugget office.

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MILE OF FLUME HOSE

Large Shipment for the Eagle Mining Co.

Left on the Louise for Rampart—Property of the Company is on Glenn Gulch.

The steamer Louise which left last night for St. Michael carried one of the largest orders for flume hose ever shipped to a distant point. The consignment consisted of 4000 feet of 14-inch hose, which size has a carrying capacity of two sluiceways, and it is for the use of the Eagle Mining Company, billed to Rampart, Alaska. The property of the company is located on Glenn gulch, which in the past year has proven so immensely rich, and consists of claims Nos. 1, 2 and 3 above discovery, the tract measuring three-quarters of a mile in length. The only difficulty that has been experienced in the past in conducting operations on Glenn gulch has been due to a lack of sufficient water. The gulch in reality is but little more than a sink and while it carries considerable water in the early spring, later in the season it all but dries up and runs scarcely half a sluiceway. This trouble the Eagle Company proposes to obviate in the future by bringing water from their ground near Rhode Island creek and it was with that idea in view that nearly a mile of the flume hose was purchased. The distance which the water will be brought is several miles and ditches will for the most part be employed. The flume hose being utilized in crossing a couple of small gullies, thus doing away with the necessity of building an expensive flume of lumber.

Glenn gulch is in many respects ideal ground to work. The depth to bedrock varies from 12 to 16 feet and the pay runs very uniform, the pay-streak averaging about 50 feet in width. An abundance of wood is close at hand and the only thing that is required is a greater supply of water than that which nature has provided. Though the ground as far as prospected has not turned out to be all spotted yet there are occasional pockets struck on bedrock that are exceptionally rich. A witness in the Garrett-Beisea lawsuit over No. 3a which was recently concluded at Eagle, and who is now in the city, in speaking of the general quality of the pay and the rich spots often encountered, said:

"While working on the Garrett fraction last winter I have many times run across seams and small crevices on bedrock that looked as though some one had passed along and emptied his pocket in that particular place. At such times it was an extremely easy matter to pick up a pan that would go \$100."

Glenn gulch though rich is but a small pup as to length, there being only six claims upon it which have disclosed pay and they cover all the ground clear to the summit of a low divide at the head of the gulch. Nos. 2 and 3 are equally as rich as the Garrett fraction, whereas discovery claim is one of the poorest on the gulch. Excepting the fractions, all the claims are of the regulation size, 1320 feet in length by 660 feet in

breadth, containing 20 acres, and each would make according to the standard of size in vogue in this territory five full claims and still leave a fraction of 70 feet. Discovery claim was first staked by a Swede as a quartz claim and was subsequently staked by another as placer. In the lawsuit which followed the Swede was entirely lost sight of, deprived of both the honor of having made the discovery and the wealth that of right was his.

Blown to Pieces.

Washington, Aug. 19.—The navy department has received information concerning the explosion which completely wrecked the Chinese cruiser Kia Chih on June 22 last, while the ship was lying at her station of Nanking.

The explosion occurred at 12:33 p. m. The vessel was blown to pieces and all of the officers and men, about 130, were lost, with the exception of a seaman who was picked up slightly wounded. The jar of the explosion was felt on board the United States ship Helena, which was lying about half a mile distant from the unfortunate cruiser. The report was described as a sharp tearing sound, resembling a gun fired with smokeless powder close by, and afterward, it is stated, an immense column of smoke rose to a great height, the air being filled with broken and burning fragments of the ship as well as shells and scraps of metal. The force of the explosion threw most of the projectiles in an opposite direction from the Helena, and no injury was caused that vessel by falling fragments. In less than two minutes after the explosion six boats from the Helena, under the personal direction of Commander R. R. Ingersoll, were skimming toward the wreck.

A heavy pall of smoke settled over the spot, and when it cleared away the bow of the Kai Chih was seen sticking up in the air. The surface of the river was covered for many acres with many splinters of wood-work, but there was no sign of life. The cause of the explosion could not be ascertained definitely, but it was believed that either the careless handling of ammunition or the want of care in using lights in or near the magazine was accountable for it. The Kai Chih was a 2,100-ton cruiser and was built in 1882.

Tension is Renewed

Washington, Aug. 19.—It is admitted at the state department that there is a renewal of the tension between the United States and Turkey, but the officials do not deem it prudent to disclose the present condition of affairs. They say, however, that the condition is in no way grave but is of that strained character which has occurred from time to time with Turkey in recent years.

It is gathered that the present tension grows out of the long pending claims of Americans who suffered loss during the Armenian outbreak. To some extent the Stone abduction gave added cause for irritation. The American minister, Mr. Leischman, has been given wide latitude to deal with the situation as circumstances may demand.

What They Wanted.

A rural bride and groom boarded a Rock Island train one night last week and the young man was heard to say to the conductor: "Say, mister, we want the best accommodations on this here train for the night. Looking for a berth, eh?" said the conductor. "A berth? Thunderation po!" replied the groom. "We've just married! What we want is a place to spend the night!" —Bowie Blade.

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Theodore Snow is a Front street merchant and a young man in whom the public reposes respect and confidence. Last night a bicycle chanced to be standing on the sidewalk in front of his place of business and in the exuberance of youth he said "Whoa, Bill," and mounted it, taking short turn on the sidewalk aforesaid. Fatal error! A policeman was in sight and saw the merchant's escapade. He appeared before Magistrate Wroughton this morning and paid \$2 and costs with the air of a Chesterfield.

The Popular Standard Theatre.

The ever increasing popularity of the new Standard theater is attested by the large crowds which attend nightly. The special attraction for this week is the exhibition wrestling match between Hector and Morrison which, in itself is a good evening's entertainment. These two men are very equally matched and an excellent exhibition is the result. Tonight is the last opportunity to witness this bout as their engagement expires, so those who have not yet attended should do so this evening.

The program for the regular performance includes a long list of well-known entertainers who make the evening one of pleasure and enjoyment to all who attend.

Notice.

There will be held a meeting of the Yukon Mining Association for the purpose of perfecting permanent organization, at the board of trade rooms, N. C. office building, Dawson, at the hour of 8:30 o'clock p. m. on Monday, the 1st day of September, 1902. All persons interested in furthering the mining industry in the Yukon territory are requested to attend.

By order,
BEROY TOZIER,
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