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## "UNITED WE STAND."

An opportunity will soon be presented to the voters of the Yukon Territory to cast their ballots for two men to sit as members of the Yukon Council. There are several important matters involved in this election which may well be given careful and deliberate consideration by every man whose ballot or opinion is liable in any respect to affect the result.

The men who are thus to be entrusted with the responsibility of conducting the public affairs of the territory should be of such undoubted integrity and character as to leave no doubt of their trustworthiness.

The territory must prove by its judgment in this first election—even though the men elected will constitute only a minority of the council—that this faraway portion of the Dominion is as well fitted for self-administration as any other territory or province. For two years and more the demand for representative government has been heard, but only now is heed being given thereto. The result of this election must establish our right to self-government, and that can be done only by the exercise of the utmost wisdom and discretion in the selection of the men who are to represent the community on the council.

Aside, however, from the individuality of the men themselves, there must be no doubt as to their attitude upon the various questions of public moment which have been so freely discussed during the past two years. The opinions of the men elected should reflect the views of the community at large with respect to the burden of unjust legislation which has been loaded upon this territory since its organization. The justification of the campaign for reform, which has been so long in progress, will be in the election to the council of two members who are in sympathy with the reforms demanded.

The issue is clear cut and well defined. There can be no escaping the result if the campaign is conducted with ordinary prudence. There will be no possibility of defeat if the reform forces are solidified and united. Personal differences, if any exist, must be dropped and the efforts of every man who is opposed to the present order of things must be exerted to the end that an overwhelming victory may be won.

It is announced in shipping circles that delivery of goods in Dawson will not be guaranteed for the present season when same are shipped after the first day of September. Local merchants and others who may have freight yet to be ordered should lose no time. With indications favorable for an early closing of the river, it stands every one in hand to rush his freight in the most expeditious manner possible.

Delay means another congestion at the last moment, such as occurred a year ago, with a loss in consequence running up into the hundreds of thousands.

As published exclusively in the Nugget last night, an anarchist plot, with President McKinley as the intended victim has been uncovered in New York City. If the facts are as stated, instead of deporting the anarchists, they should every man of them be hung, as an example to others who may desire to attempt a similar move. To send them back to Europe is but to invite another conspiracy which might prove more successful.

The troublesome gold dust question would be quickly settled by the establishment of the proposed government assay office. Since the announcement has been made positively that such an office will be established, there should be no further delay. Unless it is done within the next few weeks the probabilities are that the matter will have to lie in abeyance until the opening of navigation again.

The momentous dog pound question is before the council again in the shape of a petition to do away with the institution for the balance of the season. In view of the fact that the hot weather is at an end we see no further use for the dog pound this year. It has served its purpose and is no longer required.

There is more building going on in Dawson today than at any previous time in twelve months. The healthy condition of local real estate values is also a matter for congratulation. For a town which, according to various prophets of evil, should be dead by this time, Dawson has a very lively appearance.

There is no disputing the fact that no more beautiful weather can be found anywhere than what may be termed the Yukon Indian summer.

### Ironclad Fever.

In the fight between the Monitor and Merrimac it was found that there was not sufficient air in the turreted steamer for the crew and that the suffocating gasses generated by the explosion of gunpowder found their way below and rendered it practically impossible for the men to work. Necessity therefore compelled the introduction of some apparatus for artificial ventilation.

The old methods in vogue for hundreds of years had been retained even under the new conditions and but for the striking exhibition of direct interference with fighting capacity would have remained for many years longer. In the Monitor was placed a rotary blower, worked by steam. Air was thus drawn from one-halt of the steamer through a system of pipes and forced into the other. Various changes were made in later ironclads of this period. In some the air was drawn down the turrets and forced throughout the vessel, thus rendering them more than ever liable to suffocate the men below in battle, while in others the supply was obtained through armored cylinders and forced out through the turrets.

It was in the early ironclads that a peculiarity developed which, being confined to those vessels, was soon designated ironclad fever. In this affection the initial symptoms were much like those of typhus, but in a short time severe occipital pain was followed by complete aphonia and this by coma and death. The introduction of ventilating appliances caused the disappearance of this singular disease, and in times these metal boxes, almost entirely submerged, came to be regarded as probably the most salubrious vessels afloat.—Cassier's Magazine.

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## CURRENT COMMENT

### Mine Owners Views.

Editor Klondike Nugget:  
I read with considerable pleasure the article in your issue of yesterday written by a miner at Grand Forks. His position is well taken and is one which he and the other miners will experience no difficulty in holding. I am aware that one large mining syndicate has made an effort within the past few days to materially reduce the price paid to labor, but I do not apprehend that other mine owners will follow the syndicate's example.

I am a mine owner and during the past season I lost money on one of my claims on which, had I paid my men but \$4 and \$3.50 per day, the price to which the syndicate has cut, I would have come out even and possibly a little ahead; but I do not consider that \$5 and hoard per day is any too much to pay when the class of labor performed is considered, nor will I ask men to work for me at a less figure. Before I will ask them to do so I will cover over the shafts on my claims and allow them to remain idle.

While writing I will take the opportunity to say that, in my opinion, there is another thing the laborers should agitate in addition to the adoption of a satisfactory scale of wages, and that is legislation that will protect their interests and insure payment for services rendered and labor performed. Too many know from sad experience the history of the past season when many claims that are good beyond question failed to pay for the labor performed on them for the reason that gold was not in the sluice boxes when the washup was made. This was a very plausible excuse for not paying the men, and it looked reasonable when told in court, after the laborers, not knowing what else to do, had gone to law as a last resort. But even the court could not get them their money when there was not any with which to pay.

To my personal knowledge many of the same claim owners who sung tales of woe to their men and repeated them to the court, operated rockers all winter and spring, and it was by no means "waste dirt" that they rocked; on the contrary, it was the scraping from bedrock and it was not to be wondered at when the dumps failed to yield in proportion to their size at the final clean-up.

A law should be passed compelling these perpetual rocker operators to pay their men as they rock out. On the other hand, a man who is so foolish as to go along working on promises when he sees the best dirt being rocked out before his eyes every day is not entitled to much sympathy when he does not call a halt then and there, for in three cases in every four claims on which such doings are practiced fail to pay their labor in the end.

From the standpoint of a mine owner and operator I am honest in my belief that labor must be nurtured here instead of oppressed, for one more season like the past will drive labor from the country the same as shortsighted legislation has driven the prospector.

MINE OWNER.

### A Heavy Frost.

There was a heavy white frost on the ground this morning which was still visible in many places as late as 9 o'clock. Already the leaves are turning yellow, and there are other indications of an early fall, all of which brings to mind Bill Nye's fall poetry:

"The autumn leaves are falling,  
They're falling on the ground;  
The autumn leaves are falling,  
They're falling up and down.

"The autumn leaves are falling,  
They're falling, don't you know?  
The autumn leaves are falling,  
They're falling to and fro."

### A Misunderstanding.

"My dear," said a gentleman to his wife, "where did all those books on astronomy on the library come from? They are not ours."  
"A pleasant little surprise for you," responded the lady. "You know, you said this morning that we ought to study astronomy, and so I went to a bookshop and bought everything I could find on the subject."

It was some minutes before he spoke. "My dear," he then said slowly, his voice husky with emotion. "I never said we must study astronomy. I said that we must study economy."—Pearson's Weekly.

The air is now getting chilled by the frost and travel on the river is disagreeable if passengers going up stream are not protected from the biting winds. The Clifford Sifton is the most comfortable boat on the river. She sails for Whitehorse tomorrow night.

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