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KLONDIKE NUGGET. THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1903.

CASH VS. CREDIT.

Each succeeding winter in this territory invariably is accompanied by a return of hard times. Money begins to get close about the first of November and gradually tightens up until during the last few months prior to the cleanup a dollar assumes the proportions of the proverbial cartwheel.

It is the custom of the country speaking in a very general sense to conduct winter mining operations upon the credit system. This custom originated in the early days when claim owners had no capital on which to work and necessarily were compelled to look to the commercial and financial concerns of the district to see them through until the spring washup.

This policy has undoubtedly contributed vastly to the rapid and successful development of the district which in past years would have been greatly hampered but for the credit system. It has eventuated, however, that many successful operators who find themselves possessed of a handsome margin at the conclusion of their summer sluicing, will send their spare capital to the outside for investment instead of retaining the same for the conduct of their next winter's operations.

Thus it comes about that men who are able to pay as they go prefer to work on a credit basis, although that system invariably costs far more money in the end than would be involved in a cash plan of operating.

By pursuing this method money which should be in general circulation for purposes of trade during the winter, is lying in outside safe deposit, or being used in the purchase of warrants, bonds or in other investments.

Now the question arises as to who is the real sufferer from this system, the man who asks the credit, the one who gives it, or the general public? In our opinion the greatest sufferer is the public, because a financial stringency, no matter in what way occasioned, affects directly or indirectly every individual in the community.

The man who secures the credit is the next heaviest loser because in the end he must pay for the accommodations received.

The cash purchaser who goes into the market for an outfit in the early fall will average at least 10 per cent better in making his trade than will the man who wants to be carried until cleanup. If he employs labor he will hire his men more cheaply and secure far better results from their work if he pays them regularly during the winter than by working on the bedrock basis.

Obviously these observations apply only to the class of operators who are able to pay as they go. There are a great many who are compelled to ask credit or leave their ground undeveloped and to such the credit system is an undisguised blessing. But those operators who are able to pay as they go and who still continue sending their annual surplus to the outside, relying upon local accommodations for conducting their

operations, are not only injuring themselves but also every other legitimate interest in the community. If one-half the men employed at wages during the winter were paid off every Saturday night, the annual winter stringency would soon begin to disappear. The credit system has been of wonderful assistance in developing the district, but it certainly has its limit of usefulness.

FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES ONLY.

The News is unable to regard any public movement inaugurated for the betterment of local conditions other than from a standpoint of politics. The first and foremost consideration with that paper is the possibility of making political capital. Everything else is lost sight of and our contemporary is ready and willing to see important interests sacrificed rather than risk the possibility of any shadow of glory being deflected from the small coterie of radical anti who control the destinies of the News.

The News has sought to nullify the efforts made in the direction of securing the annulment of the Treadgold concession and has endeavored to promote misunderstanding between the mining and commercial interests of the territory—all for purposes political.

Our contemporary has no sincere desire to see conditions in the territory bettered or to have existing grievances remedied—simply because the News would lose its entire stock in trade.

Our contemporary lives, moves and has its being upon agitation and abuse. In the absence of an excuse to heap abuse upon the government and its policy, the News would die for pure want of something to say.

AWFUL CATASTROPHE.

The terrible disaster which occurred at the little mining town of Frank in the Northwest territory, again serves to illustrate the uncertainty of human existence. Without warning of any character upwards of 100 people have suddenly been crushed out of existence, and a busy and thriving little hamlet, has literally been wiped from the face of the earth.

We read often of similar catastrophes in distant quarters of the globe and give little thought to them, on account of their remoteness. Floods in China or famine in India may destroy thousands of human lives and the event serves to create scarcely a ripple on the surface of the western world.

But when a tragedy so appalling and frightful in character occurs so closely at hand it may well give pause to the most light hearted and flippant. In all probability a call will come from the stricken hamlet for assistance in burying the dead and caring for the injured, and if such is the case, it is to be hoped that charitably disposed persons in this community will do their share. Dawson as a mining town should feel a peculiar interest and sympathy in the victims of yesterday's tragedy, and with customary generosity will undoubtedly do its full share in the event that assistance is called for.

Dawson is once more reveling in free and unlimited floods of sunshine. Choice cooking butter—60 lbs to case, \$16.—Abiert & Forsha's.

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The Poets Message

Only a bit of lace, Only a few ells long, The whirl of a wing in a second's grave

Summer in Calvados, A woman all bent and old, So blind that she totters as she goes, Her hair is white as the driven snows,

Calvados' leaves are shed, The summer is over and gone, Calvados' winters are cold, 'tis said, There's a house where eyes with tears are red,

Summer across the seas, Summer on land, in sky, Summer in a heartless heart at ease, With swift, white hands to snatch and seize

Only a bit of lace, Only a few ells long, The whirl of a wing in a second's grave

Might blow it away without a trace, So light is the fairy bit of lace, Hardly the thing for a song!

Only a bit of lace, Only a few ells long, The whirl of a wing in a second's grave

Oh! the death and doom in the song! Oh! the death and doom in the song!

PosSESSION OF A PRISONER. Windsor, March 30.—There is promise of a lively row as the result of the Windsor police taking from the custody of Provincial Detective Campbell a prisoner, William Ramo, arrested in Detroit for the Chatham police.

Roosevelt Accused. New York, April 1.—The Journal has the following today from Washington: President Roosevelt was brought face to face today, on the eve of his tour of the west, with the grave charges that he has broken faith with former Senator Simon of Oregon.

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Doesn't Like Manila. Rome, April 11.—Right Rev. Geo. Montgomery, coadjutor archbishop of San Francisco, who recently was appointed archbishop of Manila, has refused that post. He prefers to stay in San Francisco, where he expects to become archbishop.

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BOWSER IN THE KLONDIKE

MR. BOWSER TAKES MRS. BOWSER FOR A MORNING RIDE

By "FOXY" WITH MANY APOLOGUES TO M. QUAD

"Come, Mrs. Bowser, I have prepared a pleasant surprise for you this morning," said Mr. Bowser one fine bright morning during the first of March. "Here we have been in the Klondike nearly a whole year and I have never taken you for a dog team ride."

"You won't, will you? I know that it is easier to drive a dog team than a horse any day of the week," said Mrs. Bowser, giving a withering look out of her left eye. "If it were allow me to inform you that I have been watching dog teams for a week and I know that it is easier to drive a dog team than a horse any day of the week."

"I am all ready," said Mrs. Bowser, who had been quietly putting on her wraps during the conversation. "Very well then, come on and I will give you the grandest time of your life. By the way, Mrs. Bowser, did you see what became of my other mitt?"

"It is just like you, Mrs. Bowser, to put my mitt on the stove and burn it up," said Mr. Bowser returning from a hurried visit to the kitchen where he found all that remained of his mitt was a little heap of charred fur on the top of the stove. "It is a trick of yours to keep me from going for that ride. You need not deny putting it there for no one else could have done so."

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Revolt of Albanians.

Constantinople, April 1.—Details of the disturbances in North Albania show that the revolt which has broken out here against the reform scheme of the powers is a very serious disturbance. Several thousand armed Albanians surrounded the town of Vuesten on the Mitrovitza-Uskup railroad, March 29, and demanded the surrender of eleven Serb gendarmes who had been enlisted in accordance with the reform plans.

Salonica, European Turkey.—Special trains with troops have been ordered from Macedonia and other places to Vostozha, where severe fighting recently occurred. It is reported here that there were hundreds of casualties. Sixteen battalions of Anatolian Redi have been ordered to Salonica.

Vienna, April 1.—A dispatch from the Neue Freie Presse from the grade, Serbia, says M. St. Charles, the Russian consul at Mitrovitza, has been wounded in the back.

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The Home Inter

When one hears of a home that has by two hearts that one is pained and such calamities are occurrence.

Why is it that in this area the home life is less ideal? It is intercourse with Latin countries less home, which was once the passion of all people?

FOR SALE.—New complete summer working outfit including boiler—GEO. R. CLAY, Judge Street.

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