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KLONDIKE NUGGET.



AMUSEMENTS.

Auditorium - "Under Sealed Orders." Standard - "The Governor's Wife."

AN INSULT RESENTED.

The famous labor meeting held in Pioneer hall last Saturday night has proven a veritable boomerang to Clarke.

Joe's oft repeated boast that he would turn the labor unions of Dawson into a machine for furthering his own political ends has thus terminated in dismal failure.

The communication from the secretary of the organization which was published in yesterday's issue of the Nugget constitutes a complete and emphatic repudiation of Clarke and Clarke methods.

There is no mistaking the intent and purpose of the language used by the secretary, and to further set forth and make clear to the public the real position of the labor union we re-publish herewith a portion of the communication in question.

Dealing with the meeting which has been the cause of so much comment the secretary's letter reads as follows:

"That Saturday evening meeting in Pioneer hall at which this matter was discussed, and out of which the News and Sun endeavored to make so much political capital, was called for the one purpose of carefully considering such a lien law. The council drew up and presented for the consideration of the members of all the unions, such a lien law as they thought covered the situation. It was thoroughly discussed and at length adopted. Then we adjourned and our chairman and secretary withdrew."

Immediately after this the hall was used for a political meeting by those who were not members of labor organizations and I am instructed to disclaim the whole of the proceedings of this second meeting both on behalf of the council and the several labor unions.

I may say further that the local political situation was never discussed in the trades council, and that neither Moses McGregor nor J. Taylor, who are members, acted under any instructions of the council but entirely upon their own responsibility. The Trades and Labor Council, and the unions it represents, entirely repudiate all they did at the meeting at Pioneer hall held after the council's own meeting had adjourned.

"J. A. CARMICHAEL, Secretary Trades and Labor Council."

There is absolutely no mistaking the meaning of that communication. The labor unions are not supporting Clarke and, moreover, they have no hesitation in making their position clear and distinct. They refuse to be bound to any machine or submit to dictation from any self-constituted boss.

The unions are made up of men who are able to determine the merits of public questions for themselves and who require no instruction at the hands of a demagogue.

Very properly they have decided to take no active part in politics from a union standpoint, and each individual member is at liberty to follow his own inclinations in selecting a man to support.

The assumption of the News that

Clarke had the unions under his personal control is an insult to the intelligence and patriotism of the union members who are men accustomed to forming their own conclusions and acting upon their own good judgment.

Very naturally, therefore, they have resented the suggestion that Clarke has them under his control and that feeling of resentment will be demonstrated in a more practical manner on election day.

FULFILLING A DUTY.

The public has the right to demand and expect from every newspaper publisher that he shall express his honest and unbiased convictions. A newspaper is charged with important and weighty responsibilities, and it is an obligation upon every publisher to discharge those responsibilities in an upright and fearless manner.

The course of the duty which the Nugget owes to the public this paper will not hesitate to criticize and condemn whenever it may become necessary. We have exposed the double dealing which is being imposed upon the public by the consolidation of the Sun and News because the public has the right to know when it is being subjected to such trickery.

If it were brought to the notice of this paper that any man who claimed to be supporting Mr. Ross in Dawson was talking for Clarke on the crooks we would feel it a duty, as an advocate of Mr. Ross' candidacy, to expose the treachery.

Similarly when Mr. Rodiger talks for Ross in the morning through the agency of the Sun and for Clarke in the evening through the agency of the News, the obligation taken by this paper to support Mr. Ross makes it incumbent upon us to explain the facts to the people.

When a man is willing to sacrifice all principle and self-respect for the sake of his greed for gain, he is certain at some time or other to overstep himself.

In a vain effort to fool the voters, the proprietor of the Sun permits himself to be hideously caricatured in his own paper—an example of mental and moral obtuseness, which we venture to say has never been duplicated in the annals of journalism.

The editorial writers of the two sheets have a slightly better and more comprehensive idea of the fitness of things and have almost entirely dropped the ridiculous exchange of hostilities, in which they formerly indulged. The Sun this morning contains only a passing reference to its twin, and hastens on to the discussion of more congenial subjects.

The situation might easily form the ground work for a farce comedy.

Polling District Workers.

The Ross Central Committee, at its meeting yesterday afternoon, decided that to call a meeting for the organization of the polling districts of the city for this evening, as was proposed, would not give sufficient time for the announcement to secure a large attendance. It was therefore decided to hold this meeting on Monday evening, in one of the large rooms at the headquarters. The whole of the Grand Hotel building is being fitted up for the purpose of the campaign, and the committee is congratulating itself on having secured such commodious and central headquarters.

A Peace Missionary.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—Bishop Samuel Fallows, who has interested himself in the condition of the striking coal miners in Pennsylvania, left here last night for Philadelphia. His mission is to investigate the situation in the anthracite coal fields. Bishop Fallows represents the Miners' Relief Committee of One Hundred of Chicago, and to that body he will report on his return.

Girl with the Gibson Girl Neck.

"You can't make me believe all that mop of hair on Kate Huckleberry's head is her own. She wears a switch. Some day I'm going to ask her hair dresser if it isn't so."

Girl with the Julia Marlowe Dimple.

"You'd better ask her dentist."

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PARKS IN THE CITY

Tenants Will be Required to Vacate

Grounds Adjoining the Executive Mansion Will be Transformed Into a Beauty Spot.

When James Hamilton Ross, former commissioner of the Yukon territory and at present candidate for parliament from the same constituency, first arrived in Dawson a year ago last March two things he saw needed very badly and those he demanded of the department he given immediately. One was an official residence that should be in little better keeping with the dignity of the chief official of the territory than a log cabin, and the other a building wherein could be housed the various departments of the government, a home, as it were, which had never before been possessed.

The result of the demands of the commissioner were seen the very next summer in the construction of the Administration building and the erection of the handsome residence adjoining the N.W.M.F. barracks. Nor was Mr. Ross content, either with the mere buildings so greatly desired, as he had an eye to the beautifying of the grounds surrounding, the making of them into miniature parks which would be a pleasing contrast to the continuous vista of nigger heads and swamps that one had been accustomed to seeing ever since the birth of Dawson.

Conditions were such, however, that the idea could not be put into execution without some delay. Permission had been given some time previous to certain institutions to occupy portions of the government reserve and these it was necessary to remove before the plans could be fully carried out.

In the case of the grounds surrounding the Administration building there was the Salvation Army on one corner, to the rear of which was the Masonic hall and a residence occupied by Mr. Tyrrell. These have been notified to vacate the premises at their earliest convenience and if by his successor next summer will see a beautiful little park laid out extending from Church street south well toward the sloop.

The same scheme has already been begun with reference to the official residence, the ground immediately adjoining the building having been filled up to the extent of two feet and made perfectly level ready for the sowing of seed-*lawn* at the beginning of spring next year. The under layer of the fill is gravel from the river bottom, the top dressing being a sandy loam in which grass will thrive at its best. Eventually the grounds will be extended from the barracks on the south to the sloop on the north. Occupying the tract at present is the mess house and melting department of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, the residence of D. W. Davis and the old Yukon Sun office, all of which will be compelled to move sooner or later. All are tenants of the government and have no title to the ground they are occupying, merely paying ground rent. The Bank of Commerce was allowed to build in their old quarters in '98 upon their consenting to establish a bank here in those days and act as financial agents for the government. Now that they have new and more elaborate quarters down town the tearing down of the old bank would work little or no inconvenience.

The residence of Mr. Davis, then collector of customs, was built in '97, and on permission from the government, as was likewise the Sun office erected in '98. How soon these tenants will be asked to vacate is not known, but it may be stated positively that within a year from the present date there will be no unsightly buildings between the barracks and the sloop to mar the beauty and attractiveness of the grounds it is proposed to lay out immediately adjoining the executive mansion.

To be Unveiled Next April

Berlin, Sept. 13.—The Kaiser expects the statue of Frederick the Great, which he has offered to the United States, and which President Roosevelt has accepted, will be unveiled at Washington next April.

If Prince Henry should not be able to be present, owing to his naval duties, then Germany will be represented either by Prince-Albrecht of Brunswick, or some other prince of the Imperial house with a distinguished staff.

The Kaiser anticipates a grand Germany-United States reunion at the unveiling. Some of his ministers are not so sanguine, and fear that the Americans will not welcome the statue of an arbitrary monarch like Frederick the Great to be placed in the capital of the United States.

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THE RING

"About 9 o'clock, Mary Ann Grant..."

"I got back to the house without anything more thrilling than small talk and after a nice little supper at which, I thought, 'Humphreys and the circle kept up a pretty steady exchange of rather tropical compliments, we went into the music-room for a song. I think there were eight besides Edith's mother in the party, all nice young people of the very best families in incinnati, and all old friends except Humphreys and the New Orleans cousin. She fitted in all right, at least with the men, but Humphreys—I just couldn't figure him out as an interloper, a misfit, a what you might call 'cheap skate'."

"Now for the ugly part of it. Somebody asked Edith to sing a ballad and of course we all insisted. She sat down to the piano, fingered the keys a moment, took off her beautiful marquis ring, laid it on the top of the instrument, and began to play and sing. I think she played four or five things before we could let her stop. She was an exquisite pianist and one of those amiable girls who loved to give pleasure without being coaxed. She didn't require any accompaniment and she played so wonderfully the big room or 'bat' will to enjoy the effect. I noticed that some of the girls couldn't resist picking up the ring. They were all envious of it, and I didn't mistake Humphreys' stand for quite a while, near the piano. At any rate it was during the music that I got my only chance to whisper to Corinne-Forgerson. That's what makes me think Humphreys must have been by the piano."

"When Edith got through playing and looked for her ring it was gone. She laughed at first and called on us to quit joking, but when we had lighted all the lights and crawled all over the floor and lifted everything movable, poor Edith began to weep, well, you can imagine how we felt. No servant had entered the room. The top of the piano was closed; it was an upright one, and we moved the instrument four times in the vain search. The men looked sheepishly at one another. The girls looked mystified and scared. Only Humphreys kept up his front. Nobody wanted to go first and everybody knew it was time to go. I, for one, was convinced that there was a thief in the company, and naturally I suspected it was Edith's fiancée, whom I hated cordially. Finally, in a burst of long suppressed anger, I suggested that the men should retire to the parlor and search one another. That made the girls angry and Edith began to cry. At last we all retired, feeling like a lot of whipped curs, all but Humphreys. He had the impudence to keep reassuring us that no doubt the ring would 'turn up' and so, forth, till I felt like choking him. Then he said something to poor Edith about her 'carelessness', and, upon my word, if Fannie Ziegler wasn't hanging to my arm I'd have smashed him one—that for an apparent reason."

"But we all went home then, and to tell the truth, I thought perhaps Humphreys was sufficiently punished when he heard about a week later that he and Edith had quarreled and that the match was broken off. Oh, yes, I tried tentatively to see her but she never saw anyone after that. Corinne Forgeron went home to New Orleans and I went back to West Point. Poor Edith's wedding never came off, but I'm sure she is happier than if she had married Humphreys. Anyway she wasted away and I—but that's another story."

"I hadn't been down here at Fort Bliss two months when I got an invitation to the wedding of Corinne Forgeron to Herbert Humphreys. I couldn't go to it and wouldn't if I could; but I was summoned just then to Washington, and, just for meanness—for I hated them both—I dropped off at New Orleans and called at the Forgeron mansion to see the tawny creole. I didn't stay five minutes."

"She put out her big white hand toward mine, but before I touched it I saw the ring. It may be a case of 'Honi soit qui mal y pense' but if it wasn't poor Edith's ring I'm a liar or an imbecile."—John H. Rattery in Chicago Record-Herald.

All for a Joss.

San Francisco, Sept. 13.—A sacred Chinese Joss was spilled overboard into the bay this morning and a Chinese canneryman named Ping Key was nearly drowned while trying to save his god from a watery resting place.

This is the way it all occurred. The bark Electra arrived this morning from Nushagak river in Alaska, with a cargo of salmon and a load of Chinese aboard from the cannery there. The Chinese were passing their clothes and household goods over the side into one of Crowley's launches, and last of all, the hideous Joss was lifted over the rail.

The fastenings suddenly broke and the image slid into the water. For a moment it floated, and in that moment Ping Key sprang overboard, clasping the idol in his arms, amid the clattering of the excited coolies on deck.

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San Francisco, Sept. 13.—Out from the north comes a Klondiker whose wife, although seeking a divorce, makes no mention of alimony or a division of property. It is a remarkable case, as Eric Lindblom, Charles Anderson and other mining millionaires can testify, for they have parted with handsome sums in payment for legal services and alimony and the like.

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Christensen is the complainant and Peter C. Christensen is the defendant. He is a miner who acquired wealth in the Yukon region, but his wife will live with him no longer because she doesn't like the idea of being pulled out of bed by the hair. She declares in her complaint that her husband has been extremely cruel toward her since their marriage in Tacoma in 1894.

Mrs. Christensen accompanied her better half on a gold-digging expedition in the north in 1901, and she says that on January 1st of that year her husband amused himself while they were in Dawson by pulling her out of bed by the hair. "Altogether it was an enjoyable New Year's day—for Mr. Christensen."

According to Mrs. Christensen, she existed for two months in coarse food with unprudent language for dessert. In the meantime they had taken a trip to Sulphur creek, but the name of the locality cannot compare to the sulphurous language that was applied to her, according to her complaint. "It was on March 1st, says the complainant, that her husband exhibited not only a very bad temper, but also his prowess as a wild west performer. He pulled out a pistol and threatened to shoot her, she says, for an apparent reason."

Then follow general allegations of cruelty, but no mention whatever is made of alimony or a division of the gold-bearing property, which Christensen has acquired. This is rather remarkable, as nearly all of the gold kings have been compelled to pay heavily for their domestic troubles.

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