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BUILD TRAILS NOW.

The extraordinary amount of energy which the Yukon Council displayed some weeks ago in grappling with the momentous problem of constructing trails on the creeks seems to have exhausted that body for the time being. The action which they took was most creditable, and it looked as though reparation for long months of neglect was at length to be made.

We beg to remind the Honorable Council, however, that what we wish to see, and what the miners on the creeks desire to see, is a system of roads constructed on the creeks and not confined to paper.

We are quite aware of the fact, and we credit the Yukon Council with the possession of an equal amount of information on the subject, that hundreds of tons of machinery and supplies would now be in course of transit to the diggings were there anything adequate in the way of roadbeds over which they could be transported.

When it is remembered that upon the creeks, from which millions upon millions of dollars of the precious yellow dust have been already extracted, the same crude methods of packing are still in use that were employed in the days of the early discoveries, there is small room for surprise that men are beginning to wonder if any change in the attitude of the government is ever going to come.

If you intend carrying out your very laudable plans, gentlemen of the Yukon Council, the time for so doing is right now. Already there is a tinge of chill in the evening air that indicates the approach of winter. Your proposed roadways, if they are to serve any considerable degree of usefulness, should be constructed immediately. Put your men to work and complete the job at the earliest possible moment. You will have lots of time to think about it afterwards.

NO MAIL.

"No mail by the Columbian" is the legend displayed at the postoffice after the arrival of the last "Royal Mail" steamer. It looks very much as though the thousands of people throughout every state in the Union and Canadian provinces who have friends and relatives in the Yukon have entirely forgotten this fact and ceased to make use of our splendid (?) mail facilities.

Certainly it would be the acme of presumption to intimate that the non-arrival of long-expected letters is due to any deficiency in the mail service.

As a matter of fact, however, the mail service during the open season of navigation has been little, if any, more satisfactory than it was during the winter. Boat after boat has come in with little or no mail on board, and continued disappointment has met the anxious and expectant hundreds eagerly awaiting long delayed letters. For a town of Dawson's size, with its large contiguous population, the amount of mail that has been brought in during the summer has been altogether out of proportion.

If the Hon. Postmaster-General, who, from the recesses of his leather cushioned chair in the department office at Ottawa, assures all anxious inquirers that the Dawson mail service is all right, could be transformed for a time into a Yukon prospector and make a few

calls at the Dawson postoffice for mail he would soon have his mind disabused on the subject.

THE PEACE COMMISSION.

The peace commission has finally dissolved and its members have gone their way to their respective homes. After all the weeks of argument and discussion but little was accomplished toward attaining the results for which, ostensibly, the commission was called together.

It is manifest, however, that the desire for such international agreement as will bring about ultimate universal peace is steadily on the increase. The very fact that millions upon millions of money must be expended annually to keep the great nations upon what they consider a proper war footing is becoming the most potent factor in securing converts to the theory that universal peace should prevail. The continually increasing effectiveness of offensive warfare equipment renders a resort to arms at the present time an exceedingly serious affair.

England has expended her millions on her navy, rather in the expectation that she would be able to compel the preservation of peace than with the idea of equipping herself for further conquest. The United States and Great Britain have a mutual interest in throwing their influence on the side of peace. The great commercial interests of the two, the ramifications of which reach the furthestmost point of the globe, demand that war, when by any honorable means possible, should be avoided. So we may expect that, while no tangible results have ensued from the sittings of the late commission, discussion and agitation will be continued until in the end some definite line of action will be followed looking to the settlement of all international disputes by means of a universally constituted and recognized tribunal.

In simply keeping the question before the masses of the civilized people of the world the peace commission has justified its existence.

The Geographical Board in its efforts to establish uniformity in Yukon nomenclature has become a veritable iconoclast. We can forgive the board for some of the changes it has made; but in taking away the musical and poetical name "Hootalinqua" and substituting therefor the less euphonious term "Teslin," especially when the latter name is so closely associated with all the frightful memories of the Stikene route we think it time to object. The name Hootalinqua is akin to Longfellow's Hiawatha and Minnehaha. It has become fixed in the minds of Yukoners from long years of usage. We apprehend that unless some penalty is attached for violation of the board's rulings in regard to names that the Hootalinqua will continue to live at least so far as popular usage is concerned.

The attention of the health department is again directed to the fact that the sewer boxes leading to the river are in anything but a desirable condition. Owing to the recent and continued falling in the water, the boxes now deposit the filth which runs through them upon the beach, leaving much decaying matter exposed to the sun, thus giving rise to all sorts of unpleasant and unwholesome gases. Dawson thus far this summer has maintained an enviable reputation from a sanitary standpoint, and has agreeably surprised a great many people who looked for an epidemic of typhoid and kindred diseases. The Nugget is of the opinion that the comparatively healthful state of the town at large is due largely to the vigilance of the health officer and the police department. We trust that their efforts will not lag.

It is a pity that men with murder and suicide on the brain do not as a rule commit the latter first instead of beginning with the former.

WE don't think that more ideal summer weather can be found anywhere than that which we have been enjoying in Dawson for the past three months. Summer tourists will be coming this way in large numbers before many more seasons pass by.

DAWSON bids fair to be the scene of considerable gaiety during the coming winter. Every boat from up the river adds its quota to our already comparatively large feminine population, while the presence of numerous little tots attest the fact that home life with its attendant pleasures will be a permanent feature of Dawson hereafter.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Faith Fenton is enjoying a short steamboat trip down the river.

Sergeant Pringle, of Fort Selkirk, spent a few days in town last week.

Mrs. Hughes, of Seattle, left for home this week with the remains of her son, who died a couple of months ago. She will return in about six weeks.

Orange Hadley, a bartender at the Opera House, and Louis Myer, a mixologist at the Dominion, left for the outside Monday for the benefit of their health.

Mrs. James V. Harrison and baby left on the Willie Irving Monday for Seattle, where they will spend the winter. It was like pulling a tooth for Jim to see them go.

E. E. Racer and J. C. McClurg arrived up from Jack Wade creek Monday, and the second named will continue to the outside. Mr. Racer reports that the now famous creek is receiving the greatest amount of attention, and that it justifies it all.

Mr. G. M. Munger arrived in on the Canadian last week and left again for home on its outward trip with his daughter, Mrs. Purdy. Mr. Munger's son, who is the foreman of the Klondike steam laundry, will remain here for a time, though his father, who owns a dozen or so laundries on the outside, wants him to take charge of one at Butte.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Ike Rosenthal arrived back from the states on the Columbian Tuesday.

A report received from above Tuesday is to the effect that the telegraph line is now a considerable distance this side of Selkirk.

O. W. Smith, who lately discovered a mineral spring on Bonanza creek, has sent a specimen of the water to San Francisco for analysis.

Special Treasury Agent Shot, a United States secret service official, was in Dawson a few days ago, but has left for lower river points.

Another sale of impounded dogs took place on Monday. Mr. Vernon acting as engineer. A large crowd of men were present, but they were not of a buying kind as a rule, and only 18 animals were disposed of at an average price of \$17.00.

Busch, the aerialist, and two of his sisters, Nellie and Gussie Lamore, took a sudden departure for San Francisco on Saturday, and inquiry developed a story that they had reason to fear that Nellie might be used by a certain well known young man to pose with him as one of the principals in a double tragedy like that of last Friday. Nellie hadn't enjoyed life long enough, however, and as she is believed to have a good big roll of the long green saved up, she was open to conviction that a trip to the outside at this exciting time would be agreeable and beneficial. The young man in the case is hoping to go into a decline, as love-sick swains are prone to do, but the country is too healthy.

Christy's celebrated stiff hats at McLennan's, Second avenue.

Closing out this week to dealers in jobbing lots—men's furnishings, blankets, comforters, notions, etc. Greatest bargains ever known on the Yukon. Cor. Fourth ave. and Third st.

Information Wanted.

Information is wanted at the Nugget office concerning S. H. Stewart, president of the Alaska Gold Mining and Prospecting Company.

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The above sum will be paid for the return of six head of steers, which strayed from the Forks on July 18th. For further information inquire of Chris Bartsch at Grand Forks, or T. M. Jones, Nugget office.

Notice to the Public.

OFFICE OF THE CANADIAN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LIMITED, DAWSON, AUG. 14, 1899.—To Roadhouse Keepers: Tenders wanted by the Canadian Development Company for furnishing roadhouse accommodations during the winter of 1899 and 1900, for mail carriers and their dogs, at the following points: Indian river, Stewart river, Halfway, Selwyn, Hootchiku, Five Fingers, Tantalus, Little Salmon, Big Salmon, Hootalinqua, Thirtymile, Lower Lebarge and Upper Lebarge.

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