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TIME TO CALL A HALT.

Invariably it happens that any effort advanced along practical lines for aiding in the improvement of local conditions, meets with opposition unless the selfish personal aims of a few politicians are considered.

The men who have heavy interests at stake in the country, who have shown their faith in its future by re-investing their capital and who are mostly concerned in the prosperity of the camp, are held up to insult and their motives brought into question by men who are merely out with personal axes to grind.

In the case of the widespread movement inaugurated by the board of trade to secure renewed interest on the part of the government in the project of establishing a water supply, open hostility has manifested itself from men who merely seek to vent a little spleen occasioned by the belief that if anything were accomplished the credit might rest upon other shoulders than their own.

Such men cannot by any hoodwinking process, convince the people that they are sincere in their alleged championship of popular causes. They have nothing but their own personal ends to attain and when any hindrance is thrown in the way of their particular aims, they are found willing to sacrifice all consideration for the public good.

The Yukon has suffered enough from such tactics and the time has arrived when a halt should be called.

DAWSON WILL PROFIT.

If a really good camp is located in Alaska, no permanent injury to Dawson will result therefrom. The more people who settle in the north, no matter on which side of the line, the better it will be for all concerned. But it is the "fake" strike that does damage—such for instance as was reported from the Koyukuk country two years ago. The resultant stampede took a large number of people away from Dawson and a sum of money by no means small. Most of the men who joined in the "crook" at that time are practically "broken" today and the Koyukuk body has fallen flat. In the case of the Tanana there seems reason to believe that with the lapse of time a camp may be established and if such proves to be the case we say so much the better. Another flourishing camp on the American side will mean growth of trade and vigorous competition—two healthy essentials in any enterprising community.

Dawson will be the headquarters for lower river ventures for years to come, and if judicious advantage is taken of the opportunities presented will profit rather than be injured by new strikes, no matter how rich they may be.

Under any circumstances, "boom" stories should be guarded against, for men who permit their better judgment to be over-ruled by manifest exaggerations are certain to come to grief.

DOUBLE DYED TREACHERY. The News betrayed the opposition and stabbed the opposition candidate in the back at every opportunity which presented itself during the Dominion campaign. In the territorial fight, that paper switched, directly against Clarke and brought out Beddoe as a government candidate to accomplish Joe's defeat. This double dyed form of treachery has not been

lost upon the opposition rank and file. The News' influence may be gauged from the election returns. The 63 votes cast for Mr. Beddoe tell a story that is more eloquent than language could ever frame. Should there be another election with the same candidates the 63 votes would be reduced to about 10.

The present is a critical juncture in Yukon history and clear heads and unbiased minds are needed to steer the ship of state safely along its course. Under certain conditions the territory will go forward with leaps and bounds on a wave of prosperity not exceeded even by the palmy days of 1898-'99. No mistakes should be made, however, and every care should be taken to prevent injury accruing to movements which concern the common welfare.

The Sun never loses an opportunity to extend a bouquet to the News although the latter paper is presumed to be opposed to everything the Sun advocates. Well, if an occasional dose of blarney will keep the mortgage from dropping we can't say that we blame the Sun.

Evidently the Sun "took back" its remarks about revising correspondent Marshall's report after that gentleman came back to town.

FELL DOWN SHAFT

Mat. Neilly of 56 Bow Bonanza Gets Bad Fall.

Mat Neilly, of 56 below on Bonanza, met with a very severe accident early yesterday morning.

Mr. Neilly was working on a ladder repairing some piping in the shaft when his feet slipped and he fell to the bottom of the shaft, a distance of about 15 feet.

Luck was in his favor and he landed on his feet but sustained a severely sprained ankle and perhaps a fracture of the bone. He was brought to the Good Samaritan hospital yesterday but the injured ankle was so swollen that it was impossible to tell whether or not a fracture had been sustained. He is getting along nicely today.

Mr. Neilly is a partner to Mr. Brown who had his finger pulled off about two weeks ago on the same claim. Mr. Brown's wounds are healing rapidly and he is able to be out.

MR. JAKE HERSHBERG

Returns After Travelling Extensively Through the East.

Mr. Jake Hershberg, a member of the firm of Hershberg & Co., the clothiers, returned to Dawson on last night's stage from an extensive trip through eastern Canada and the United States. Mr. Hershberg reports business in both countries as being unusually active and the people generally prosperous. This condition prevails more so in the east where business is firmly established than it does in the west where the population is more fluctuating. He purchased a large supply of spring goods in gentlemen's clothing and furnishings which will commence to arrive very shortly. He also secured the agency for the Knox hats and will have a large and complete line of the latest styles. He left Dawson on one of the last boats last fall and has been travelling nearly the entire time, and says that he thoroughly enjoyed his trip. He was greatly benefited in health by it.

Butler Was Up-to-Date.

One afternoon last week Comte Robert de Montessiou called upon a lady living on upper Fifth avenue and was received at the door by a French butler, who took his hat and coat, but did not ask his name. To the surprise of Comte Robert the butler threw open the door of the drawing-room, and in his most impressive manner announced, "Monsieur le Comte Robert de Montessiou." This rather surprised the Comte, as he had not given his name or his card to the butler. When he returned to the hall, on his way out, he asked the butler how he knew him. "Monsieur," said the man, with much dignity, "I read the papers."—New York Mail and Express.

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Stroller's Column.

A school house situated not many miles distant from Dawson is attended by a crowd of boys and girls who are possessed of spirits at least as mischievous as those of youngsters in more clement communities. They play pranks upon each other with the same zest that characterized boys and girls of 20 years ago and not infrequently the long suffering teachers are made the victims of their practical joking.

It is not the Stroller's purpose to dwell upon the moral aspect of the case or to attempt to define the limits within which youthful exuberance and animal spirits should be confined. The Stroller has a pet hobby that all boys at the age of ten should be confined in close imprisonment and not liberated until they are at least 21, and as for girls—well they are not exactly in the Stroller's line, and consequently he cannot pass an opinion.

However, this is all by way of digression. Within the school house in question there happens to be a teacher who is human, and who finds it difficult at all times to restrain the human side of his nature. This is a most unfortunate feature in any teacher's make up, as to be thoroughly successful he or she should be only a trifle short of divinity.

The quiet of the school room in which this human teacher presides was broken in almost suddenly one day last week by the whirring noise of an alarm clock in the adjoining cloak room.

Now, alarm clocks do not "go off" without being wound up, neither do they find themselves hanging on a hook in a school building without some gift of assistance. And this particular alarm clock was of the class that never seems to tire. They have a sort of perpetual motive power attached to the clapper, and the longer they ring the more they want to ring.

Naturally the teacher, being human, was slightly irritated, and when after some questioning no information as to the responsibility for placing the clock in the cloak room could be secured, the irritation was increased—and all the time the alarm clock was still ringing.

Finally, patience gone to the winds, the human side of the teacher gained the ascendancy, and the pupils were informed in strong terms that they were wilful deivers, and individually and collectively guilty of a lie.

The matter was ended for the day by a command from the teacher to one of the boys to remove the objectionable clock and normal conditions again resumed sway in the school room.

The following morning when the teacher entered the school a portentous silence reigned that spoke eloquently of "things doing." Casting his eyes about the room to discover the cause of the unwanted quiet, the teacher beheld on the blackboard, in

partment there are more discharges than in almost any other department of railroad service.

Next to the switchman the necessity of youth appeals to the brakeman, and few men are put at the work after they have passed 30 years while on several roads 33 years is the limit. The same general figures apply to firemen, and it often has been remarked that few of these men who have been in the service for seven years without promotion to conductors or engineers remain longer at these posts.

Mr. Kidd has marked with a good deal of feeling this growing disposition of employers in all lines of business to take exceptions to gray hair. The least suggestion of age showing in the hair is marked as a point of disability in an applicant.

"There seems to be a fanatical purpose everywhere to make this an age of young men," he said. "So far as I am able to speak, I have no reason to think that the sober, competent, healthy workman is anything other than in his prime at 45 years old. Physically and mentally he should be all that, though one must concede that some of the trades are harder on men than are others. For instance, a structural steel man is older at 45, judged by the steadiness of nerves, than is a cabinetmaker of the same age."

"But it seems to be going far when the railroad companies will not employ men as engineers who have passed the age of 35, that is not to say that they do not have men who are much older than this, but they are not adding to their employes men who are beyond this work. Of course a man of 45 does not promise as many years of useful service to a company as does the man of 35, but with all else equal the judgment of the man at 45 is better than the judgment of the man ten years younger while in physical equipment the older man should have enough in him to make him worth while."

More than twenty years ago the London county council appointed a commission for the purpose of determining the most trying of the trades and occupations within the metropolitan district, and in this report some of the best authorities of the time figured. The committee without question decided that the industrial world paid the fullest measure of life toward its occupation. At the same time it was discovered that certain callings in a most unexpected manner were subject to death out of all proportion to first ideas.

Gold Coin Sweaters.

Portland, Ore., March 7.—A clever gang of men known to the secret service agents as "gold coin sweaters" is working in the northwest. Its headquarters is not known, but it is believed that it is either at Portland, Seattle or Tacoma. The United States secret service agents throughout the territory are at work in an attempt to run the gang to earth.

The old time counterfeiting business is very quiet just now, but the sweating process is being worked pretty strong. The manner in which the "sweaters" work is to put a gold coin through an electrical and acid bath, extracting from it \$3 or \$4 worth of gold, leaving the face of the coin unmarred or defaced. In this manner the man who understands the business is able to make lots of money without much work.

The gang of men working the "sweating" graft in this section of the country at present are exceptionally foxy. The secret service men state that coins have come into their possession which, when weighed were short \$3.

Protocols Signed.

Washington, March 7.—Minister Bowen and Baron Moncheur today signed the Belgium protocol for the settlement of that country's claims against Venezuela. It follows the lines of the American protocol and provides that the Queen of the Netherlands shall name the umpire for the commission.

Mr. Bowen today sent notes to the representatives of the allies here announcing his return to Washington and his readiness to continue the negotiations. As the draft of the Hague protocol submitted by Mr. Bowen some days ago, was sent by special bag to London, Berlin and Rome, it is probable instructions to the Italian and British ambassadors and the German minister will not arrive until the middle of next week.

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THE PATHETIC AGE OF WORKMAN'S LIFE

Chicago, Feb. 10.—If you are a young man looking forward to getting a trade, one of the vital propositions in that selection should be the length of service possible in the work. As the extremes in this choice of a dozen trades and kindred occupations, the bridge and structural iron worker grows stale at 35 years old and after an average of only ten years at his trade, while the cabinet maker with an average of thirty years in the shop, holds the palm for long service under some of the most favorable conditions in union labor.

In the main the length of service at a trade is indicative of the hardships and dangers of the business. They take out of the man the physical force necessary to accomplishment in that line. When he is no longer equipped to meet these hardships and hazards, or when gray hairs begin to attract attention to his age, he faces life anew and must decide again upon another occupation. Under normal conditions he realizes his mentality is at its zenith between the ages of 40 and 55 years, but in nine-tenths of the present day trades the man who has attained this maximum of intellectuality is regarded as wholly undesirable in working, with his hands.

Thomas I. Kidd, general secretary of the Amalgamated Woodworkers' International Union, has made observations in general along this line, and where personally he has not had knowledge of conditions he has made inquiry as to the average age at

which the trades unionist becomes stale. With reference to the term "stale," it has been taken up by Mr. Kidd not as the limit to which the individual may work, but as the periods in which the employer finds the employe in general to be most desirable. In some of these trades the employer establishes the age limit for employment as low as thirty years.

In railroad machine shops the machinist must have youth on his side. In the shops of one of the greatest railroad systems operating in Chicago a machinist over 35 years old cannot obtain employment, no matter what is his skill. In much of the work in these shops the old man is just as available as is the young man, but he is not wanted after his hair is gray. If he be an old employe he is kept on, but in the new material youth is everything.

The steamfitter needs the equipment of a young and active body. Out of the 400 steamfitters in Chicago there are only four members of the union working with the union's card exempting them from dues. This means that out of these 400 men only four have kept to the work after the age of 50 years. Scaffold work makes a strong physique and steady nerves necessary.

In railroad work youth is one of the strongest recommendations in the applicant. Agility is so much demanded in the switchman that few of them are kept at the work after they have passed 30 years, and in this department there are more discharges than in almost any other department of railroad service.

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