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NOME A GOOD CAMP.

According to the latest advices received from the new diggings on the Alaskan coast, upwards of 6000 or 7000 men will winter at Cape Nome. This number, while it is but a small fraction of the great masses of enthusiastic gold seekers who left during the summer and spring for the Nome diggings is sufficiently large to bear out the opinion that Nome is, after all, the center of a mining country of exceptional richness. This is the mature judgment of almost all those who spent sufficient time in the new coast camp to give them anything of an accurate idea as to its possibilities.

The same difficulties have been encountered at Nome which were met in Dawson in the days of the early rush and which have not entirely been overcome as yet. Thousands of men went to Nome just as they came to Dawson who were not prepared in any respect to encounter the stern realities of life as they are in a new mining camp. A sitting process necessarily ensued just as the same thing occurred in Dawson and by the working of perfectly natural laws conditions at Nome have been brought down to something of a normal basis, as has been the case with Dawson.

A greater hindrance to the development and growth of Nome has been the effect of the mining laws which govern the location of claims in Alaska.

The Yukon territory has suffered during the past three years from laws which have tended to repress the exercise of individual rights. Alaska has been injured to even a greater extent by regulations which have gone to the opposite extreme. The law whereby claims may be located by power of attorney has been frightfully abused and has resulted in tying up immense tracts of territory which otherwise would be in process of development. As an object lesson to the United States government, "Lucky" Baldwin, the California speculator who went to Nome in the early spring, has engaged himself during the summer in demonstrating how one man can locate as many as 1000 claims by power of attorney. There is but little question that he has succeeded in carrying out his design.

The practical effect of this law has been to tie up the Nome country in such a way that a small portion only of an immense extent of rich ground is being worked. In time, however, Nome will work itself out of its difficulties just as the Klondike has done and the beach city will be the center of an industrious and thriving community. There is no longer doubt that it has a rich gold bearing district back of it and that is the essential point to the growth of the camp.

WILL BE RETURNED.

Indications from the outside press point to the prospect that the present government will be returned to power with a strong majority. Such being the case we may well congratulate ourselves in the Yukon territory that the government has taken us underneath its protecting wing. Outside political questions do not affect us to any great

extent, but it is certainly cheering to know that the party which in all probability will again be placed in charge of Dominion affairs is favorably disposed toward our interests. It has taken us three years to bring about this happy state of affairs, and if by any chance the present government should be defeated, we would in all probability be compelled to do the same work over again. Our long and arduous campaign of education is now reaching fruition and it would be unfortunate should its results be neutralized by the accession of an entirely new regime to power.

The work accomplished by the free reading room last winter was eminently satisfactory and in every way worth while. Hundreds of men whose leisure moments must otherwise have been spent in the stifling atmosphere of densely crowded bar rooms were afforded the opportunity through the free reading room to pass their time with pleasure and profit to themselves and under refining influences. The Nugget regards the free reading room as one of Dawson's most important institutions and we hail with pleasure the knowledge that plans for the extension of its scope of influence are in contemplation with every prospect of reaching successful maturity.

The movement in the direction of giving some adequate protection to dumb animals is certainly a step in the right direction, and the ladies and gentlemen concerned in the matter are worthy of every encouragement from the public generally. Dogs in particular are so important a feature of life in this country that they are specially entitled to recognition. Abuse of these faithful animals should be made a serious offence.

Favors Expansion.

Editor Nugget:

Dear Sir—If you will allow me a little space I should very much like to reply to the letter signed "Independent Voter," which appeared in the Nugget of Saturday last. Like all politically interested persons who argue national politics from a standpoint of what is termed the issue of anti-expansion or non-imperialism, the writer by his letter stamps his opinions as superficial by the arguments he uses.

He refers to those who pin their faith to the policy of the Republican party as being people who do not think or are not capable of doing so. I want to say that while he is evidently capable of thinking, he has, to all appearances not gone far enough with the process in this case or he would not place himself in the embarrassing position of acknowledging himself a mugwump. The argument advanced is the somewhat hackneyed one about that bogie—imperialism. Let Independent Voter look backward to the time when the portly form of the Democratic Savior, Grover Cleveland, occupied the executive chair and answer if he believes there is a man living in America today who would display half the alacrity in donning a crown as would that same Grover. Have the principles of the Democratic party changed any since then? That there is an element of truth in what he says concerning the dollar mark and its coming—almost present—monarchy in the United States I trust I am too honest to deny. But, what is there in the policy of the present Democracy to lead anyone to suppose that the almighty dollar will be less potent under the rule of one party than the other. In touching thus upon the money problem, Independent Voter is, apparently without knowing it, leaving the field of politics behind.

I believe in expansion. I believe that it is a national exemplification of one of the greatest of national laws. Throughout the ages the survival of the fittest has been the constant trend of events, national and individual. Had it not been for the expansive policy of old England the United States would not be what it is today.

Switzerland has been pointed to before now as a great object lesson of successful republicanism. It is an old, the oldest republic; it is stable and strong. What then? Its people are non-progressive, slow-going, conservative. The government is good for the Swiss, would it answer for Americans? I believe that when the silent, terrible electric spark was sent flashing under the waters of the harbor of Havana to blow up the Maine and sent so many of our men to destruction; it also sent the message around the world which has been steadily carried out since—name-

ly, a notification to older powers that a new force had to be reckoned with. I believe that the hour has struck for and that the manifest destiny of the United States is, expansion. If the people of the United States are strong and brainy enough to be progressive to the extent of placing the flag in foreign lands and maintaining it there, expansion is not a mistake. The policy of England has been one of expansion all ways. Is she less powerful now than she has been in the past? Does Independent Voter think Americans are less strong or capable than Englishmen?

The present issue is not between Mr. McKinley and Mr. Bryan, it is between the platforms of the two parties they represent. "Nothing succeeds like success," and as a Republican (who has never been a Democrat) I point with pride to the achievements of that party in the past, and especially to the masterly, statesmanlike way in which my country has been carried through the troublous times of the past four years.

EXPANSIONIST.

"Wheat Stiffs."

With June the wheat harvest in the United States begins in earnest, and from that time until the 1st of September, when the last harvester has passed northward out of the Red River valley, there is not an hour of daylight when the click of the reapers cannot be heard. July and August are the harvest months of northern civilization.

In the United States the harvest time succession has developed its own typical harvester. He appears with the ripening of crops in Oklahoma, ragged, unkempt and penniless, but ready to do a man's full work for double wages. As soon as the Oklahoma grain is safely in shock he marches northward. Somewhere in Nebraska or Kansas he acquires a blanket, possibly a black tin pail, and a little money. He is then known as a "wheat stiff," or sometimes as a "blanket stiff." If he is industrious he can make a year's wages in two months. By the time he reaches the Dakotas he is one of the army of more than 50,000 men, many of whom have been drawn from St. Paul, Chicago and even farther east, tempted by low railroad fares, large wages and bountiful board.

In September the harvester, now no longer penniless, disappears from the knowledge of men; where he goes no one can say, but with another June he will be found waiting in Oklahoma ready for the ripening wheat. And he is the first, and not the least interesting, of the movers of wheat.—Ray Stannard Baker in McClure's Magazine.

Latest Story of the Cutch.

A. H. Baker told a good story of the abandoned steamer Cutch yesterday. It seems that the Union Steamship Company just before this mishap had determined to do some advertising in the interior, and a sign painter arrived two days after the Cutch had struck. He spoke of his contract with great glee, and said he was going to put the Cutch on every big rock between here and Dawson. The next morning his contract was rescinded in the curt message "Cutch is on the rocks enough."

—Alaskan, Oct. 11.

Notice.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Fourth of July committee is called to meet tonight at the Board of Trade rooms, for the final report of committees and the reading of the balance sheet.

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WM. JENNINGS BRYAN	
VICE-PRESIDENT.	
ADLAI E. STEVENSON	

SIGNED

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