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AS UNCLE SAM VIEWS IT.

As was noted in the Nugget yesterday, the Interior Department of the United States has issued a pamphlet upon the Nome country, which was prepared and edited by Frank C. Schrader and Alfred H. Brooks of the United States Geological Survey. The book is conservative in tone, though it regards the Nome country as having great possibilities before it. At the close a summary is given, from which the following extract is taken. It will prove interesting, as illustrative of the fact that Uncle Sam is not glossing over the attractions of his Alaska possessions:

"In the coming spring (1900) it is expected that there will be a very large influx of population into the Nome and adjacent regions. A conservative estimate places the number at least 20,000 men. Several thousand miners and prospectors wintered at the various camps along the coast, and during the winter many will probably go down the Yukon on the ice. It is evident, therefore, that this region, compared with other parts of Alaska, will be densely populated, and it is not likely that the high rate of wages paid last year will be maintained.

"The newcomers in the spring will find that nearly all of the known gold-bearing region has been staked. If the beach strip continues to be withheld from private ownership it will undoubtedly offer good opportunities for many men. It must be remembered, however, that the beach placers, like all others, are not inexhaustible, and that they do not, by any means, extend along the whole coast.

"While the staking of new claims in the Nome region is probably nearly a thing of the past, yet those having capital to invest will undoubtedly find plenty of claims for sale. Those who lack knowledge of mining matters should invest their money very cautiously, for there is a vast army of speculators at Nome ready to 'unload' when the first steamerful of 'tenderfeet' arrives. It would be very wise for all inexperienced newcomers to save money for the return passage."

There are few if any places where prices of commodities, particularly perishables, vary as they do in Dawson. For instance, about three weeks ago potatoes—that is, the real, genuine article—were retailing at \$1.25 per pound and very few were to be had at that. Today they are selling at 20 cents, and the market appears to be stocked for some time to come. This fact serves to illustrate a point which a great many speculators who have brought goods into Dawson for sale failed to consider, with consequent loss to themselves. The Dawson market is necessarily limited. Prices

of commodities may be ever so high and yet no particular demand be indicated. It does not require a very great supply ordinarily to keep up with requirements, especially on perishable goods, and once the market is overstocked with goods which are liable to spoil, the inevitable tumble in prices occurs. In this way the consumer occasionally gets even for the abuses from which he continually suffers in Dawson from "corners" and similar manipulations.

Those parties who have left Dawson for Nome in small boats will, in all probability, be disappointed if they anticipate reaching the beach town ahead of people going on steamboats. When the flats are reached the river spreads out to such an extent that the current necessarily becomes very slow; there is the danger of running into blind sloughs, and the tide, which runs a long distance up the river, is an added hindrance which must be counted on. Parties who go in steamboats, although they may leave some time behind the small boats, will stand a very good chance of overtaking them before they reach St. Michaels, if, indeed, many of them reach that point at all.

We are, apparently, no nearer representation on the Yukon Council or in the federal house of parliament than we were six months ago. Delay has succeeded delay and yet the end does not seem to be in sight. In mass meeting and through their authorized committees the people have spoken for representation and no heed has been given to their demands, in spite of the fact that representation on the council was authorized more than a year and a half ago. It is full time that the government should begin to pay some heed to expressions of popular desires.

According to reports brought by passengers on the steamer Sybil last night, there are fully 3000 tons of freight at Lake Bennett waiting transportation to Dawson. The prevailing low water has thus far prevented the steamboats from getting the delayed freight into White Horse, and unless the water rises very soon a serious congestion is almost certain to ensue.

Ottawa Losses.

The list of dead and missing in the great Ottawa fire is as follows:
Mrs. Bessie Cook, Wellington, cremated in her own house.
Unknown man found on Broad street, charred beyond recognition.
Unknown man found in C. P. R. station yard, severely burned.
John Matthews, 15 Division street, reported dead.
John Tumpie, Somerset street, missing.
Daoust, Water street, night watchman for E. B. Eddy Co., reported dead.
Fireman Dann, and Engineer Peter Hamilton, of Hull, missing.
Many were injured, principally by burns and scorching.
Several were reported as hurt by falling debris, but so far as known none were fatally injured.

A Valuable Possession.

New York, May 16.—Correspondence from the Manila office of the Associated Press says the Americans are just beginning to realize that in the island of Mindanao, until recently a big blot on the map, they have a wonderful empire, potentially the most valuable in all the Philippine possessions. Although nearly as large an island as Luzon, with a much better climate and capable of being made a second Cuba in commercial value, the Spaniards never really controlled nor even explored it.

For first-class meats go to the Denver Market.
Short orders served right. The Holborn.
The only first-class market in the city is the Denver Market.
When in town, stop at the Regina.

STROLLER'S COLUMN

Dawson is not without her share of philosophers, and one of them entertained a number of attentive listeners on a pile of lumber on the water front one afternoon this week. He was philosophizing on the question of populating the Yukon, and appeared to be greatly perplexed at the outlook and future of the country.

"We are confronted," said he, "by a problem that is hard to solve. There is no denying the fact that more people are going out through the back gate than are entering through the front gate; yes, three are leaving where only one is coming. Now, take a pencil and a clean board and figure out how long it will be until we have less than no population at all. You see, internal conditions are against us; the laws are bad and are not showing symptoms of improvement. There is a general narrowness here that pinches and people are getting away from it. The matter of populating the country by home industry is wholly out of the question, for the attending physician told me himself that Swift Water Bill's baby cost Swift just \$2000 even money.

"Now, sir, in view of these existing conditions, there is no hope for an increase in our population."

And the philosopher resumed the work of whittling a stick with a dull knife.

It must be humiliating to the bi-ped who has in him any of the instincts of a man to have to wade along the public street carrying in his hand a heavy iron weight fastened by a chain to his ankle; yet the sight is witnessed in Dawson every day of the week except Sunday. It is but right and proper that men who violate the laws of the land should propitiate the offence, but that does not go away with the fact that it is humiliating.

In the town of Thomasville, Georgia, the Stroller, once saw a chain gang of 45 men working on the public street, and of the number 44 were negroes; only one white man in the gang. The men were worked in threes, being fastened together by chains attached to their legs; and the lone white man was chained between two copies of the "Brother in Black."

As the gang was under the control of the city marshal, a pompous looking individual who was standing on the sidewalk, he was asked the nature of the crime charged to the account of the white man. With the air of a Chesterfield the city marshal said:

"That fellah, sah, is one of the lowest down white men in all Thomas county. In spite of all the influence that is thrown around him, sah, he was ketched a votin a Republican ticket at the last election, and by gad, sah, the respectable people would not stand it. The scoundrel even voted agin me and foh that niggah, sah, that you see chained on his right; so we just concluded that if he was so dead sot on affiliatin with niggahs, we would give him his fill of it, so we trumped up a charge agin him and thar he is; and thar he will stay, by gad, foh the next 90 days."

Mr. Meed Back.

Mr. W. Meed, who last summer was stationed in Dawson as general agent for the Canadian Development Co., arrived in Dawson last night on the steamer Sybil. Mr. Meed spent the winter on the outside and has returned to Dawson with the intention of entering into business here. A stock of goods is now coming down the river and will arrive in a short time.

Mr. Meed says that there is a practical freight blockade at Bennett, where upwards of 3000 tons of Dawson freight are lying. He thinks, however, that the congestion will be relieved in a short time, as the water is rising and the completion of the railroad to Whitehorse will soon enable all freight brought down to Caribou to be moved immediately to Whitehorse.

The large boats have experienced considerable difficulty in getting through to Whitehorse but if the present rise in the water continues there will be no further difficulty.

Mr. Meed is around viewing the improvements in Dawson to lay and expressed himself as being much pleased at the general appearance of things.

Vernon & Co. will submit to public auction at the residence of Major Perry on Thursday next, June 14th, at 11 o'clock a. m., a complete household of superior furniture and effects; also a large quantity of groceries. Full particulars later. Vernon & Co., auctioneers.

The Holborn Cafe for delicacies.

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