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A SUGGESTION.

The suggestion has been made that meetings be held at central points on the creeks for the discussion of matters affecting the welfare of the country. We regard the idea as being one from which several advantages might be attained. There never has been any reform of a substantial nature accomplished which was not preceded by earnest and long continued public discussion.

It must be admitted that there is little or no difference of opinion as to the general necessity of radical reform in the legislation governing the territory. There are, however, many minor details as to the best and most equitable lines which such reform should follow and these could be well worked out by frequent public discussion among men who are actually on the ground and from practical experience are acquainted with the peculiar problems involved in placer mining in this country. A series of such meetings held at the Forks and at some central point on Dominion would be conducive of the very best results. In order to secure action such as the best interests of the country require, a united front must be presented. With expressions of opinions being elicited from all parties directly interested in the welfare and advancement of the country, a policy will gradually be outlined which will include all the essential points which should be covered when the long looked for changes are secured.

IN A NEW ROLE.

It was announced at the concert last evening that the program which is to be rendered next Sunday evening will first be submitted to Gov. Ogilvie and such numbers as receive the gubernatorial approval will constitute the evening's entertainment. This will be his excellency's debut, so to speak, in the role of histrionic critic and the result will be awaited with much interest. There are numerous little matters of detail in connection with the local stage upon the propriety and desirability of which we have often wished that some one whose opinion would carry with it the weight of authority might pronounce judgment. For instance, we would suggest from his excellency a decision as to the exact limits which our local queens of the terpsichorean art should hold themselves in performing their bewildering and intoxicating evolutions. We would consider it advisable that a maximum heel and toe elevation should be established (to coin an expression suitable to the emergency) and any attempt made to exceed the limit should be summarily vetoed by virtue of gubernatorial authority. We are of the opinion that any decision which his excellency might render in a matter of so great importance would be

received with acclaim on the part of the public.

While the matter is under discussion we would suggest that a ruling might be made determining the minimum quantity of fabric which it shall be allowable to use in the construction of stage apparel. The most careful consideration should be given to this particular point. Dawson prices on such materials are excessively high and it would certainly work a hardship upon our fair footlight celebrities should they be asked to materially increase the number of square inches of material now considered sufficient for a stage costume. His excellency may be relied upon, we think, to satisfy both the patrons of the theaters and the artists themselves, should he deem it wise to give the matter consideration.

There are numerous other little matters of seeming unimportance, but yet which could very well be given attention and settled, once for all. The seal of executive approval placed upon the program presented at a public entertainment would serve to relieve any little misgivings which might arise in the minds of the ultra particular as to the propriety of giving the affair their patronage, and carping critics would find no further field for their original malignant flings.

On the whole the Nugget congratulates his excellency upon this new and most commendable departure.

The fact that many laborers are practically anchored were by contracts to wait until the cleanup in early summer for wages is the cause of preventing hundreds from starting for Nome who will consequently remain at work here for the coming three or four months. We are inclined to the opinion that in most cases the laborer who has a winter's wages in a promising dump is to be congratulated. He is certainly sure of a good sack when the cleanup comes, while on the other hand, should he be allowed to "cash in" now and undertake the long journey over the ice the chances in four cases in every five would be that by the time he will have lots of money by remaining here, he would be stranded in Nome with no clothes, no money and no prospects of securing either, to say nothing of what he would have to accumulate in order to get himself out of that country next fall. The laborer who has his winter's wages due and payable at the cleanup is sensible to stay where he is and keep his weather eye on the dump.

A number of claim operators are working a simple yet very saving device in removing thawed dirt from the drift.

The plan consists in laying plates of sheet iron on the bottom of the drift and allowing the thawed dirt to fall upon the plates instead of on the bottom of the drift as is the ordinary method. Under these circumstances it is claimed that one man can shovel out as much dirt as two men ordinarily can shovelling off bedrock.

Gold Commissioner's Court.

On Saturday afternoon two decisions were filed for record. The case of Dorn et al. vs. Leroy Tozier, which affected the title to creek claim No. 58 below discovery on Sulphur, was decided. The judgment is as follows:

"The claim in litigation was recorded on September 1st, 1897, and renewed on September 8th, 1898. On August 16th, 1899, a partial affidavit of representation was filed and a renewal

grant erroneously issued on August 21st, 1899. The partial affidavit referred to 16 days' work, namely, from July 28th, 1899 to August 12, 1899. Upon November 13th, one Fred M. Zilly applying under a relocation of the upper half of said claim on the ground that the claim had not be represented, the grant under the original location was cancelled, and a grant issued to Mr. Zilly for said upper half. A grant was issued to Bernard M. Volkman for the lower half on November 18th. The relocators subsequently sold the whole claim to the defendant, Leroy Tozier. This protest is brought by the owners under the original location to set aside the certificates issued to Mr. Tozier on the ground that the representation work was done for the year that expired on September 1st, 1899. I am of the opinion that there was sufficient work done to constitute representation work under the regulations prior to September 1st, 1899. The claim was not, therefore, open for relocation at the time that Zilly and Volkman staked. It is, however, through the plaintiffs' neglect in not seeing that the proper affidavits of representation were filed that the relocations took place, also the subsequent sale to defendant Tozier. The defendant's certificate shall be cancelled, and the plaintiff's title restored upon the plaintiffs paying the defendant the expense he has been put to through the sale of this property up to the time he received certificates of assignment therefor."

The decision in Noble vs. Carper, which affects the title to the hillside claim on the left limit, opposite the lower half of No. 69 below lower discovery on Dominion, is as follows:

"This claim was originally recorded by one Warnock on July 23d, 1898. On April 27th, 1899, the plaintiff relocated the claim. On May 8th, the said Warnock applied through the postoffice by petition for a layover. His property not being described in the petition, he was promised a layover upon a proper description of his ground being filed. If the application for the layover had been made before the ground was open for relocation the owners under the original location would certainly be entitled to hold the ground. But the application being made subsequent to the relocation taking place by some ten days, I cannot interfere with the rights acquired by the plaintiff under the said relocation, unless there is some reason why the application for layover could not possibly have been made before May 8th, 1899. I am therefore compelled to hold that the relocater is entitled to hold the ground under his relocation."

Commissioner Senkler is now on a tour of inspection of the creeks, and no trials in his court will be held until his return. He is expected in Dawson at the latter end of this week.

Victoria Paper's Description.

Dawson's late fire is thus described in the Victoria Times of the 30th:

"The flames burned about 400 feet along the principal street, laying in ashes many of the costliest and most substantial structures in the Klondike metropolis. The fire extended along First street from Sam Bonfield's saloon and gambling house to Thomas Chisholms saloon, wiping out these two well known land marks and all intermediate buildings. These included many saloons, restaurants, opera house, grocery and general stores, and branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

"There was no loss of life, but very little of the contents of the buildings were saved. All of the burned buildings faced the Klondike river. On the opposite side of the street and nearer the water front are located the big warehouses of the transportation companies. They escaped.

"Judge Davis, a Montana man, sustained the loss of the best log block in Dawson. Its original cost was \$50,000."

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