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WHAT WE WANT.

The Yukon has been promised representation in parliament as soon as the next census is completed. It is anticipated that this will be done in the early spring and the election will take place sometime between March and June. When two members, or more, if we are entitled to them, are chosen to go down to Ottawa from the Yukon, we shall have attained the most important concession yet asked from the federal government.

Further likelihood of unjust legislation for this country will then be removed, for it is not to be expected that parliament will pass any measures respecting the Yukon in the face of united opposition from a regularly constituted Yukon delegation. With the continued growth and expansion of our material interests, the necessity of establishing a jealous guardianship over our affairs becomes more and more apparent. The idea that the Yukon is a country for a day only has long since vanished. It has been demonstrated beyond the peradventure of a doubt and in the fact of the most trying circumstances that ever confronted and disheartened a new country, that the primal elements requisite to stability and permanence are present in the Yukon in abundance. We have the natural resources and we have the right kind of liberal nature that the work of opening up this country in the manner which its extent and richness warrants may be accomplished, without the handicap of unwise and restrictive laws.

There are other interests aside from our mines which will require attention. The matter of shipping is most important. We want navigation on the river relieved of its present difficulties and dangers. We want the matter of freight rates examined into. We want better and more equitable arrangements for getting goods through from American territory. In short, we want men at Ottawa charged with the responsibility of looking exclusively after our welfare, just as British Columbia and the other provinces are represented. And when we have elected such men and sent them to the capital with specific instructions as to the desires of our people, we may say that the "new time" for the Yukon has fairly been inaugurated.

WHERE THE DOUBT LIES.
There are probably more American voters in a quandary as to their political status at the present time than ever was the case before in the history of the great republic.

The lines on which the present campaign is being fought have brought up such a conflict of issues as to leave many men who swear by old party traditions, almost entirely at sea.

Old line Republicans who have been in the thick of the fight for that party ever since its organization at the time of the civil war have revolted from President McKinley's expansion policy and are supporting Bryan, though in almost every instance they protect themselves behind the saving clause that they are choosing the less of two evils. On the other hand, staunch old Democrats who stuck by that party for years in its times of adversity are withdrawing their support from Bryan on account of that gentleman's well-known convictions on the financial question and are swallowing McKinley, protective tariff and all, frightened out of their wits from fear that the 16 to 1 opposition may after all become a stern reality.

In this condition lies the doubt as to the outcome of the election. The uncertain voter is a much bigger factor in the States right now than ever before. The desertions from the two poles may about equalize each other and then again the last few days of the campaigns may witness an absolute landslide one way or the other.

From this distance and with the information at hand there seems little possibility of McKinley's defeat, but there will be no absolute certainty until the votes are in and counted.

THE THROUGH WIRE.

The prediction made by the Nugget some weeks ago that the through telegraph line to Vancouver would not be placed in practical operation during the present winter has proven true. Superintendent Charleson has announced, as was published in our telegraph reports of yesterday that work has been stopped with sixty-five miles of line uncompleted and nothing farther will be done in the matter of extending the line until spring. There is, however, no fault to be attached to Mr. Charleson or the manner in which he has performed his work. The task allotted to him was one of herculean proportions and the length of time he had within which to complete it was extremely short. A considerable portion of the country traversed by the line is extremely rugged and difficult to travel through, more particularly in the winter season. It is, therefore, a matter for surprise that construction work progressed as far as it did.

As was announced in the telegraphic report the distance yet to be covered is in the neighborhood of sixty-five miles. A short time only will be required to cover that distance in the spring, when through communication will finally be established. Meanwhile we must be content with receiving messages brought by steamer to Skagway and transmitted from that point to Dawson by wire.

A powerful argument in favor of ultimate independence for the Philippines appears in the October number of the Review of Reviews. The author who has spent several years in the Islands claims that fully 5,000,000 of the natives are sufficiently educated and civilized to be entrusted with the responsibility of self-government. He urges that the United States is bound to take immediate recognition of this fact and with the exception of the port of Manila, claims that the control of the Philippines should be turned over to the natives. Manila, the writer thinks, was fairly captured by the United States and should be permanently retained by that country as a strategic point. To accomplish what he maintains is the duty of the United States, he declares the elevation of Bryan to the presidency is absolutely necessary. The McKinley administration, he says, has so antagonized the natives that all overtures for peace coming from that quarter must of necessity prove unsuccessful. The article is one of the ablest expositions of the matter from the Philippine standpoint that we have yet seen.

The Nugget's presidential contest is assuming big proportions and indications now point to the polling of a much larger vote than was originally anticipated. To facilitate the work and secure as general an expression of opinion among Americans as possible, ballot boxes have been left at various places in the city and on the creeks, the ballots being in each instance in charge of a competent person who will personally have charge of the voting. We call particular attention to the fact that each ballot must be signed by the voter and that no unsigned ballots will be counted. This provision is necessary in order to prevent repeating. We hope that every man in the Yukon who would vote if he were at home will send in a ballot before November 6.

It certainly is shameful that our recently elected statesmen must be delayed from taking their seats on the Yukon council by a reason of the delay in the arrival of a few scattered ballot boxes. With the induction of the new members into office, material will be at hand to fill a long felt want in the local newspaper offices. There will then no longer be need of a "copy" famine, for the open council sessions ought to furnish good readable matter in quantities to suit. By all means,

we say, strain a point or two if necessary and have the new council get down to business.

The governor-general of India has forbidden the Indian princes to leave their respective domains for Europe without first obtaining permission. The habit of making tours through the great capitals of Europe has grown so extensively among the Indian sub-rulers that it has become a considerable burden upon the public treasury. Hereafter they must show cause why they should not be kept at home.

Several more communications respecting the political situation in the States are published in today's issue of this paper. If American citizens at home are as interested in the struggle as are those of them who are away, the vote cast on November 6 throughout the States will be a heavy one. Correspondence from adherents of both parties is requested and space will be given to the same with pleasure.

Why He Is for McKinley.

Editor Daily Nugget:
I have thus far watched in silence the progress of the political contest now being conducted by the Nugget, and for me it has a large amount of interest; but I have yet to see the first argument advanced against McKinley and the Republican party that is even worthy of consideration to the slightest extent. "Bryanite" talks of imperialism in the Republican ranks, while "For Light and Truth" in your issue of yesterday is so eminently Populistic as to be disgusting. One would think from his letter that gaunt famine is stalking hand in hand with starvation and pestilence all over the United States, when the writer, "For Light and Truth," knows very well, if he knows anything, which I very much doubt, that exactly the opposite is true. At no time since the surrender at Appomattox Courthouse has prosperity held such high sway all over the land as during the past four years; and when it is considered that Grover Cleveland left the nation in as bad shape as it was possible for him to sink it, the prosperity of the past four years is nothing short of phenomenal. As a government wrecker Grover made a name for himself which will ever remain a stain on the pages of American history.

As for McKinley he will get my vote, not because he is McKinley, but for the simple reason that he stands for those grand old party principles for which I for one fought and bled 37 years ago, when the virgin soil of the Southern states was baptized with my blood which flowed from wounds inflicted upon me, not by friends of the government, consequently not by Republicans, but by enemies of the government, consequently by Democrats. This is only one of many just as good and just as strong reasons why I am for McKinley first, last and all the time. My only regret is that I am entitled to but one vote which that of any hair-brained "popocrat" in the Klondike will offset.
G. A. R.

California Democrat.

Editor Daily Nugget:
It grieves me to read the writing of a person who claims to have the intelligence of the man signing himself "California Republican." No person can arrive at a conclusion regarding what he is trying to get at; whether he is trying to uphold the principles of Republicanism or the lack of them in Hannaism. Anyone with good horse sense knows that Hanna cannot buy all the people's votes; but he has the power to control a certain number of votes, and that is the abuse the American people have to submit to; that is where the rights of the people are trampled on. Hanna, trusts and the money power is the combination the masses have to fight; that is the mountain of infamy the American people are trying to climb and plant their banner upon, and uphold the true Democracy. Equal rights to all men and special privileges to none.

So far as casting a doubt on the integrity of an independent voter is concerned, the independent voter is the one above all who is endowed with good sense. He and his followers are the very ones that carry the balance of power. The independent voter is the very existence of both the great parties; far more so than a hide-bound Republican or hard-shell Democrat. So far as the present issue is concerned, all the issues before the American people are as much alive as they were in '06, and from the activity of the old parties they are resorting to all kinds of means to get another hold on the people. I will quote from a paper of September 23 that shows that Ringmaster Hanna is in close touch with all that is going on. It reads: "Despite the president's protests it is believed he will find a way to make at least a few speeches. The president has before

changed his mind after a visit from his manager—in fact, instances are common in the history of the four years past. It is said that Hanna gave the president a scolding for pleading dignity and told him to get off his high horse. There is even talk that threats of punishment were employed. It is announced that the president's stay in Canton is indefinite, as he may be called to Washington at any moment, and Hanna says the campaign is becoming more heated all over the country. The senator says: "By next week the campaign will be lively enough for any one. No I am not making any claims, I leave that for the other fellow."

You can readily see that all of the issues of the campaign are alive, and it is nip and tuck between the parties, with Bryan in the lead. The way money—the almighty dollar—is spoken of may be slanderous, but nevertheless, I am sorry to say it is true. With slight exception the American people in general use all means in the greed of gold, and the almighty dollar and money is king the world over. That is beyond dispute.

"California Republican" seems to think it mainly stand by his party, right or wrong. No, never! When a party becomes so corrupt and seeks to control all interests of the people by forming trusts and combination against the masses, it is time a man of nobility and patriotism should desert that party and leave it in its filth and mire. Why should he throw his arm up and yell, "Away with this bogie imperialism and other issues." They are like Hamlet's ghost, he can't get away from them. And in justice to the independent or a Democratic voter, I will say vote for the benefit of the masses and not the classes. Vote for a true disciple of the people, who stands out for the masses and who has thrust a thorn in the side of trusts and centralization of wealth. Vote for a man who is a leader among men; who has endeared himself in the hearts of his people. Not a more noble or truer man ever walked than our Hon. W. J. Bryan.

CALIFORNIA DEMOCRAT.

The Professor's Prophecy Failed.
While a student at Harvard university Phillips Brooks was walking in the yard one day with a professor, who asked him what he intended making of himself.

"I am thinking of the ministry," answered the youth.

"Then banish such thoughts," said the professor earnestly. "Your manner of speech would forever bar you from being successful in that calling."

Many years later, when Phillips Brooks was one of the world's great pulpit orators, the most expert stenographer in England took down one of his sermons and said:

"Any stenographer who thinks he has conquered fast talkers should try Phillips Brooks."—Ladies' Home Journal.

Vote Only Once.

Owing to the fact that the Nugget's presidential election has assumed such proportions as to render it almost impossible to accommodate the vast throngs of American citizens at one polling station, additional ballot boxes have been provided and placed at the following places: Sam-Bonnifield's, the Northern Annex, Geo. Butler's, Pioneer and the Aurora No. 1 in Dawson; one at the Gold Hill hotel at the Forks and one at the mouth of Caribou on Dominion. At all these points tickets have been left with those in charge of the boxes and from whom they may be obtained by voters. Every American citizen who would be entitled to vote if on the outside, and only such, are entitled or expected to vote. No unsigned tickets will be counted.

The object of this contest is to poll the relative strength of the two presidential candidates in the Klondike and any crooked work on the part of any one would serve to destroy all interest in it, and would be like cheating in a social game of cards. The central polling station, the Nugget office, is still open for the reception of votes, but those who desire to place their ballots in the down town boxes are at liberty to do so. All votes must be in by 6 o'clock on the evening of the 6th of November.

A Ten-Round Go.

The Colorado Kid and Frank Rafael are matched to appear in a fistic encounter in the near future. Rafael, it is understood, will endeavor to make the Kid quit within ten rounds.

It has not been as yet decided when the go will be given, as a large attendance is expected to witness the event and a suitable place is looked for to accommodate a large crowd. Probably one of the theaters will be engaged for the occasion.

Special Power of Attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office

PERSONALITIES.

John W. Hendrie, of Sound Beach, Conn., has given \$5000 to the Masonic home at Wallingford, Conn.

The father of Sir Charles Tupper, the Canadian statesman, was a Baptist minister who at 65 years of age mastered eight different languages.

G. W. Brodbeck, of Kansas, says that he heard President McKinley make his first public speech at Massillon, Ohio, on July 4, just before the civil war.

It is recorded of Thomas Figg, a postman at Tring, England, who has just retired on a pension, that in the course of 40 years of service he has walked 220,000 miles.

Senator Platt, of Connecticut, is a man of much influence and is an important factor in affairs at Washington. He is not, however, gifted as an orator. "I always hesitate to get on my feet in public," he says.

Senator Pettus, of Alabama, was one of the officers in the Confederate army who did not allow defeat at war to discourage them in civil life. At the conclusion of the rebellion he at once opened a law office at Selma, Ala.

Before starting on his vacation recently Judge Oliver H. Horton, of Chicago, sent to the bureau of charities 12,000 street car tickets and 1000 steamboat tickets to be used in giving poor children of the city a day's pleasure.

Senator Chandler's eyeglasses are always with him. It has been said that he sleeps in them, and it is known that he eats with them before his eyes. They are big, black rimmed glasses, with a black string that is hitched somewhere down in the senator's waistcoat.

Major Lothaire, the Belgian officer who executed the Englishman named Stokes in the Kongo Free State; has been dismissed from his position as manager of the Kongo Free State Trading Company. It is understood that that is the result of the charges brought against him of cruelty to the natives.

President Gary, of the Federal Steel Company, is to build a Methodist church at Wheaton, Ill., as a memorial to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gary, his father and mother, who for a lifetime resided in Wheaton and were closely identified with the religious life of that place. The building will cost between \$50,000 and \$75,000.

A portrait of the late Walter Q. Gresham, secretary of state under President Cleveland, will have a place of honor in the galleries of the emperor of Japan. This is to be done as a tribute to Mr. Gresham's services in negotiating the treaty between the United States and Japan which was adopted during Cleveland's second term. Frank M. Peebles painted the portrait.

Accident to Mrs. Chisholm.

Yesterday afternoon Tom Chisholm had his wife out riding behind the only dog team in the territory warranted to fight at sight of a harness; an accident was met with which might easily have proved very serious to one or even both of the sleigh riders.

When on First avenue at a point near the postoffice a double team attached to a sleigh came in collision with the dog team, and in the mishap that followed Mrs. Chisholm was thrown from her sleigh and was jumped over by the team. She lay just at the heels of one of the plunging horses, in a position to be kicked to death. While she lay there, Tom, who now comes before the public in a somewhat new light, saw and instantly recognized the peril of his wife's position, and relying upon his great strength and weight, threw himself upon the animal, wrapping his arms about its hind legs and actually, by main strength prevented the animal kicking. While he was holding the horse down others helped Mrs. Chisholm from her perilous predicament.

Leaking Roofs.

Owing to the fact that snow to the depth of several inches fell in Dawson this season before the ground was frozen to any extent, many gravel covered roofs are now leaking for the first time in their history, and many nicely papered cabins are being very much damaged in consequence. The only remedy that can be applied is to keep the snow cleared off until the gravel freezes.

A. E. Company's Hockey Club.

The members of the big force employed by the A. E. Co. have formed a hockey club and elected the following officers: L. R. Fulda, president; Mr. Baldwin, vice-president; Mr. Shephard, secretary and treasurer; Mr. Marsden, temporary captain. The colors adopted by the club are red, white and blue. The boys are not too modest to take a chance on winning the championship cup which will be contested for by the various clubs of the Dawson Hockey League.

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