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WHAT WE MIGHT HAVE SAID.

In both law and journalism it is considered unprofessional to engage in personalities with opponents. Newspaper men of experience hold this unwritten law inviolable. Tyros and ignorant blatherskites who have a difference with a rival journal often find themselves so circumscribed in ideas and so obtuse in their mental processes as to leave them helpless in the hands of the enemy unless they indulge in the tabooed personalities. The following is from the pen of the ex-telegraph operator who handles the shears on the Sun:

"The yellow rag's heart is filled with anguish * * * * * The 'operator' does not smear the reflections of his debased mind * * * * * over the flashy cover of an alleged anniversary number, etc., etc."

The above and much more is presumed to apply to an excellent half-tone photo seen by our readers on the cover of The Nugget special recently issued.

Now, as we have said, we object strongly to an exchange of personalities. In the first place the public which we cater to is inimical to such a display of bad manners, and in the second place no good is accomplished. Were we as disposed to personalities as the ex-operator, and should we desire to call attention to the personal peculiarities of the author of the above extract from the Sun, we should call him a pigeon-toed, bandy-legged, attenuated specimen of humanity. It wouldn't be nice and we object seriously to descending to this personal equation; and that is all that bids us refrain. Only for our intense dislike to do it, we could laugh at the pompous vacancy of his air; the empty forlornness of his countenance; the spindle-shanked eccentricity of his physique; the palsied imbecility of his speech; the incoherent insanity of his effusions; the ignorant illiteracy of his phrases, and the moral obliquity of his policy. We refuse to do it, however. It is not germane to the issues before the people, and then our own delicacy of feeling prevents us saying such things of one whose chief fault—which we deprecate sincerely—is one of ignorance—ignorance of the commonest requirements of journalistic etiquette. It is hard to convince such people that they are presuming upon the forbearance of their betters; that which is sauce for the goose may be made to serve also for the gander.

We decline to do so, but if we would, we could make a phrenological demonstration of the impossibility of the ex-operator ever being, or ever having been anything else but the subservient tool of his masters. We refuse the temptation to make a phrenological chart of the most extraordinary-shaped head out of the guard house room. From deference to the traditions of the

profession we restrain our pen from a hankering desire it betrays to tell the ex-operator that he is in need of a review of the fundamental and primary lessons in politeness, etiquette, grammar and syntax; that his brainbox is shallower than a gold pan and quite as superficial; that his stock of ideas is as numerically plentiful as chickens in a single egg; that his taste is as bad as the smell of guano island; that Delilah was faithful to Sampson in comparison to him in his attitude to the people; that Ananias was a model of probity and truth if mentioned in the same breath; that Judas was a shining example of good faith, and Haman of singleness of motive to this modern Fabula; that Delphian virtue, Neroic sympathy and the modesty of a Venus are his. All this and more could we claim for the ex-operator, but positively refuse to descend to his intellectual level. Selah.

WHY NOT AN ELECTION?

The government appears to have been only handing a "sop" to Yukoners during the late session of parliament, when it passed a law giving us representation on the Yukon-Ogilvie-Star-Chamber. The law was to go into effect at any time indicated by the governor-in-council at Ottawa. In that last section can be seen the fine Italian hand of that master of political craft, Sifton. To the present time the governor-in-council has withheld his hand from indicating the time for the law to become operative. Like a boy illicitly exploiting a stolen jam pot, Sifton hesitates in relinquishing one iota of his powers for evil in this territory. He fears to allow the council even in a small measure to become representative. His advisers here have undoubtedly apprised him of the extreme probability of the two elective members of the council being anything but devout worshippers of the Sifton-Ogilvie combination. The peculiar and amusing characteristics of the Yukon commissioner undoubtedly make him sincerely dread the day when two independent representatives of the outraged people of the Yukon shall face him in council and scrutinize his every official act. It will just as certainly be a good thing for the welfare of the territory when this shall occur. With two members of this Ogilvie star chamber dependent for their position—not upon the estimation of Sifton—but of the miners of the Yukon, one vast stride towards purity of administration will have been made. It is not surprising, under such circumstances, that Mr. Ogilvie, in his reports to his owner, should advise him that this country is not ready for representation.

A man needs not be a Solomon to understand also the motives behind the withholding of a municipal franchise for Dawson. One feels like hurling the epithet "coward" at those who are authorized to grant the petition of incorporation presented last year, and yet who fear themselves too much to allow themselves to be placed before the public in competition with a representative body of common citizens. There is probably not another white population in the British empire as important and great as this governed as we are, without a vestige of representation. The self governing traditions of the race, developed through centuries, of empire, are all trampled upon to perpetuate a wealth creating ring

rule in this corner of the earth. The greed of those in control is so vast that it is hopeless to look for a time when they shall voluntarily say "We have enough; let further spoilation cease."

BOER SUCCESSES.

Apparently temporary success is crowning the Boer arms in South Africa. The reverses met by General White's contingent, which resulted in the surrender of a considerable British force came as an unpleasant surprise to those who were aware of White's record and capacity as a commander. It now appears that Ladysmith is being heavily invested, with good prospect of being taken, should a substantial reinforcement not arrive within a short time.

It must not be forgotten that the Boers are fighting, practically, on their own ground—where all the circumstances are largely in their favor. They are as well acquainted with the topography of the country as a schoolboy with the multiplication table. Naturally they adapt themselves to the peculiarities of the country and are able to conduct a vigorous campaign more advantageously than can be done with foreign troops, no matter how experienced or skilfully trained.

Added to this the cost of transportation, the difficulties attendant upon moving large bodies of men, and the immense stores of supplies required, and it is quite evident that for a time at least no great English victories can be anticipated.

These reverses, however, unpleasant as they may be, can only be of a temporary nature. Barring the possibility of international complications, it can only be a question of time until sufficient British troops can be placed in the field to outnumber, if necessary the Boer forces, man for man.

Like the Filipino, the Boer stands in the way of progressive and expanding civilization. Sooner or later he must yield to the overwhelming force that is being thrown against him, another victim of the inexorable law that allows the fittest to survive.

SHOULD BE HELPED.

The matter of constructing a trail up the river, by means of which the immense quantities of machinery and supplies scattered along the Yukon can be brought to Dawson is of vital importance.

The individual losses involved are not worthy so great consideration as the fact that the community at large will suffer greatly if means are not taken to transport the goods to Dawson. The output of the creeks for the present season is absolutely certain to be affected in no small degree if the machinery with which scores of scows are loaded fails to arrive in time to be made use of during the winter.

In view of the fact that every line of business, as well as the government revenues are dependent entirely upon the output it would seem clearly to be a matter in which the Yukon council might very properly interest itself.

We understand from the gentlemen who are urging the matter upon the attention of the council that the sum required to complete the construction of such a trail as is needed would be small, considering the quantity and value of the goods which would be brought over it.

Moreover, there is no doubt that the

individual owners would be glad to contribute to the cost of construction should the council take the initiative in the matter.

Prompt action means the saving of thousands of dollars to Dawson merchants, to claim owners and to Dominion government as well.

All the facts with reference to the public school question have been before the Yukon council by the Dawson Board of Trade. It is something greatly to be deplored that Dawson, the three years of its existence has no school, maintained at public expense and open to all children free of charge. The council should allow no further delay in this important matter.

At this time 12 months ago the coldest weather of the winter prevailed in December came a thaw. According to all well-established methods of reasoning therefore, we must look for a tremely severe weather next month. The only difficulty is that the weather in the Yukon ordinarily refuses to be reasonable, or to be reasoned with.

Landlords should take into consideration the fact that business in Dawson is pretty dull at present. When business is good, rent does not cut much figure but in the dull season it amounts to a great deal, especially when rates as are now charged prevail.

The recent state elections have had a depressing influence on Bryan supporters. Sixteen to one and peace-at-any-price do not seem to be able to withstand the wave of prosperity and patriotism that is now sweeping over Uncle Sam's domain.

It is a remarkable fact that men who secure franchises and concessions at Ottawa always carry with them an amount of possessing much knowledge of "ropes" which is not vouchsafed to the ordinary individual.

When the Yukon council throws the doors of its session chamber wide open to the press and public, people will begin to feel that they are justified in having confidence, at least in the council's intentions.

Grand Concert.

The Presbyterian church was well filled on Tuesday evening last with representative people of different denominations, the occasion being a concert in aid of the church funds, given under the direction of W. H. Chisholm. The selections, which were choice, were well rendered throughout. Following was the programme:
Quartette—"Oh, Hush Thee, My Baby"
Duet—"Weep Ye no More"
Solo—"The Captive Greek Girl"
Solo—"Autoharp"
Song—"Life's Lullaby"
Reading—"Danny and the Major"
Song—"Yes! Let Me Like a Soldier Fall"
Song—"Tell Me, Oh Bird"
Solo—"The Devout Lover"
Solo—"Autoharp"
Song—"She Wandered Down the Mountain Side"
Song—"Absent, Yet Present"
Quartette—"Crossing the Bar"

Jack Carr.

It is presumed that every man, woman and child on the Yukon either know Jack Carr or knows of him. Some of his trips over the ice have become legendary. On Monday next, November 27, he leaves with the Nugget Express for the outside. Express packages and mail will reach the outside in time for Christmas.

Wall mirrors at Jenkins & Johnson the furniture dealers.

Nugget jewelry to order at Sale & Co.

The Nugget Express will start a dog team to Cape Nome and intermediate points after freeze-up. Letters and small packages may be left at office on Boyle's wharf.

TELEGRAM

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