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THE SUN AND TREADGOLD.

Intelligent discussion of the concessions subject is entirely wasted upon the Sun, by reason of the fact that our contemporary has already declared its adherence to the theory that a newspaper must "talk the way it is paid." Following up that idea the Sun, undoubtedly, is prepared to clamor for Treadgold until the last.

Our contemporary professes to deal with the subject as though it were still a matter upon which the people have given no expression of opinion. It seems to forget for the time being that a matter of two years has been given to the subject and that during such time the question has been considered in all its phases, by all classes and conditions of people, with the unvarying conclusion that Treadgold's scheme has been universally condemned.

When the Nugget states that the Treadgold concession has passed beyond the debatable point, we speak by the book. The Sun might just as well essay the task of convincing the people that the 10 per cent. royalty and the alternate claim reservation regulations were passed for the public benefit as to try and induce the people to regard the Treadgold grant as favorable to their interests.

If two years spent in continual discussion, if the declarations of every party platform written in the territory; if the resolutions adopted by all our political and commercial organizations; if memorials from mass meetings and from the public elected servants; if petitions with thousands of signatures attached; if the enunciations of platform speakers of all shades of thought and opinion — if all or any of the foregoing count for anything, then our contemporary may rest assured that the Treadgold matter has passed the stage for argument as to its merits.

The public is still interested in the subject but only to the extent of seeking ways and means for accomplishing the revocation of the objectionable grants. If these views as coming from the Nugget are not sufficiently convincing for our contemporary, we suggest a review of the observations of the present commissioner of the territory upon the same subject.

A CLEAR CASE.

The purpose for which the Treadgold investigation commission has been appointed, is to determine as nearly as possible whether the Treadgold and other concessions are likely to prove an advantage or hindrance to the territory. If the commission is escorted to the creeks and made acquainted by personal inspection with the facts which cover the situation there can be little doubt of the conclusion which they will reach.

When they are shown huge tracts of ground, every foot of which is gold bearing and well adapted to placer mining, lying idle and undeveloped, they must see that the long drawn out fight against the concessions has been waged upon sound reasons. It will be pointed out and explained that such ground secured upon affidavit as to its fitness for hydraulic working alone, is directly in the rich mineral belt and contiguous to individual claims which are and for years have been turning out fortunes by ordinary placer methods.

Facts and figures will be adduced to indicate to the commission the

probable value of such ground and the number of men to whom lucrative employment would be furnished by opening the concessions to individual staking.

The information which the committee having the subject in hand will be able to bring to bear is exhaustive and accurate, and before any fair-minded tribunal should warrant a decision in accord with the popular wishes.

There is best of reason for belief that the commission will be constituted of men who will be animated by a desire to determine the real merits of the case and to render a report in accordance therewith. Under such circumstances necessary care and attention to detail is all that should be required to insure the final triumph of the people over the concessions.

Progress is being made in the direction of quartz development which ultimately should result in the establishment of quartz mining upon a paying basis. It takes time to interest and convince capital in such undertakings, but there seems good reason to hope something substantial in that direction will be accomplished this year. It is an encouraging sign when local money is found ready to go ahead in opening up new industries, and it may be stated as a fact that Dawson capital is now being expended quite freely in quartz development. A favorable showing during the next few months will work wonders for the future.

There are sufficient claims in the Territory for everyone provided the bars are let down. The policy of tying up the public domain in concessions is ruinous, both from the government and individual standpoint.

If communication with Whitehorse is not opened in the very near future butter and meats will become absolute monarchs of the Klondike.

The ice in Lake Lebarge is holding its grip with a strenuousness worthy of a better cause.

Reasons for it.

Paris, May 23. — Apropos of the statement of Prof. Lars, the Norwegian scientist, that the unusually cold spring season in Europe was caused by abnormal conditions prevailing in the Arctic regions, as shown by many icebergs sighted in the low latitudes, as well as an extraordinary number of Arctic whales and seals seen in the same waters, the Herald has received an interesting letter, signed "T. Mertens, Madrid," on the subject. The writer explains Europe's chilly weather this spring as follows:

"Outgoing and incoming vessels from the Atlantic reported during April and early May this year an unusually large number of immense icebergs at extraordinarily low latitudes. These were evidently set afloat by a heat wave which visited this section of the globe in February, March and early April. The appearance of these icebergs in the gulf stream and their melting and cooling of atmosphere was sufficient to cause a current of westerly and southwesterly winds or gales of colder air in the thinner, warmer vacuum reigning over Europe at that time.

"In ordinary springs and summers the movements of icebergs from the north occur later in the season than they did this year, when the sun and ocean are warm enough to melt them before they reach low latitudes and prevent them from exercising any considerable influence on the climate which is regulated by the gulf stream."

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BUTTER AT A PREMIUM

None to be Had in the Market

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Unless speedy relief is soon had by the opening of Lebarge so that steamers can arrive direct from Whitehorse, there is one article in the eatable line that every table in the city will soon be without and that is butter. There is not enough of that very essential necessity in the city to last a week and all day yesterday buyers of various houses were skimming everywhere in order to secure enough to carry them over until the arrival of the boats. Price was no object, in one instance one of the big companies offering a dollar a pound for every ounce a small dealer had, but the latter would not part with it, preferring to protect his own customers rather than closing out his supply even at an exorbitant rate. In another instance an order had been taken for quite a quantity of goods for shipment to the creeks and at the last moment it was found impossible to fill it in full as it called for a case of butter, which could not be procured.

All the butter now in the city is the stock that came over the lake ice and down either in scows or the first steamers, which as is well known was comparatively small in amount. The restaurants are some of them in a most desperate straits, particularly if their regular dealer happens to be out. They can not go to another dealer and be accommodated as they will not sell to them, preferring to keep their stock for their regular customers rather than dispose of it to a transient. Should relief not soon be had the camp will have to fall back on the custom of '98 when bacon grease made a most admirable substitute.

Another article which is very scarce and held at a price which is prohibitive to people of ordinary means, and that is fresh beef. Not since the first year of the camp has been seen at such an exorbitant price as it now is, the best cuts retailing at 87 cents. It is said to be not the fault of the retailers who complain that even at those enormous rates they can not pay what they are compelled to for a quarter, cut it up and break even on the deal. The fault lies with the combine which at present has the territory by the throat.

No possible relief can be anticipated until the arrival of the boats from Whitehorse. There is nothing below Lebarge and no way of getting anything below until the ice leaves. Around the lake is an apology for a trail, but to pack supplies around it would increase their cost so much that such a proceeding would be almost out of the question. At the head of the lake and also at Whitehorse loaded on the boats ready to leave at a moment's notice are tons and tons of fresh goods but for the good they are now doing Dawson they might as well be in China. One dealer has estimated that within the first week after the lake opens there will arrive in the city probably 2000 tons of freight, a large percentage of which will be provisions.

The Dawson Amateur Operatic Society held a business meeting in St. Andrew's hall last evening at which it was determined to postpone the date of the concert which had been arranged for Wednesday of this week. It is stated that several of those who were to appear at the concert found it impossible to do so on the date set.

NEW CUSTOM LAW

San Francisco, May 23.—The custom house officials have been unusually busy capturing smugglers during the past two weeks, and the persons who were detected in the act, were in all cases people of education and social standing. All are well to do and poverty was no incentive to law-breaking.

Had any of these attempts been successful only a few dollars would have been saved. No arrests were made.

Collector of the Port Stratton deems that they were sufficiently punished by the exposure and the imposition of fines provided by law, which amount to three times the appraised value of the goods and their confiscation. If the fine is not paid the smugglers are prosecuted criminally. The new law and regulations of the treasury department, make it difficult for any one to bring into the country dutiable goods without going through the custom house. Under the old law the passenger was obliged to make a declaration of the articles subject to duty. He was allowed \$100 worth of personal goods without declaration.

The new regulations, which went into effect six months ago, make many changes. The passenger is required to make a declaration under oath of all articles that he brings to this country, dutiable or otherwise. The inspector then passed on what is to pay duty.

Travelers from the Orient state that the native merchants encourage tourists in their smuggling operations. They offer to pack the goods in such a manner as to deceive the inspector. In nearly all these cases it was shown that the articles had been packed by Japanese merchants. The same manner of packing is noticeable in all cases. The garments are ripped open, and particularly the sleeves of dresses. The fine embroidery and drawn work, as well as objects of art, are placed between the folds. The garment is then sewn up and folded so that the contraband goods cannot be seen.

The rule is that where there is no attempt at evasion by hiding the articles in other packages the goods are assessed and regular duty collected. But if it is shown by the way the articles are packed that it is done to evade payment of the duty the goods are seized and the owner subjected to a fine of three times, the appraised value of the contraband article and the other goods in the package.

When the Coptic arrived on Thursday night it was too late to examine the baggage, and the work was put off until yesterday. One of the first to make a declaration was Crammond Kennedy, of the New York law firm of Conder & Kennedy, who, with his wife, was a cabin passenger. He reported that he had three bronze bells, valued at \$7, \$4 and \$12 respectively; a gong valued at \$3; a small vase valued at \$5 and a kimono worth \$2.

Mr. Kennedy added a note that there were half a dozen things that he did not remember, but they were less in value than \$200. He intimated that if the inspectors found any dutiable goods he would be willing to pay the duty.

Mr. St. John refused to accept such a declaration, and Mr. Kennedy proceeded to lecture him on the way he should do his duty. Mr. Kennedy is from Alpine, Bergen county, in the state of New Jersey, and is an attorney of large practice in New York City. To Mr. St. John he declared that he was a particular friend of Secretary Shaw of the treasury and also of Secretary of State Hay. Nevertheless, between the folds of garments were found a quantity of goods on which duty should be paid. Mr. St. John ordered the goods to be taken to the appraiser's store and notified Collector Stratton of the seizure.

There were three trunks, three bags and one piece. In the baggage were one piece of silk crepe, eighteen embroidered linen doilies, one embroidered table cover, two silk embroidered silk center pieces.

Miss Cayce of Richmond, Va., who was a passenger on the steamer Coptic last Thursday, and who is at the Palace on her way home, had some of her baggage seized by the customs officers yesterday on the ground that the things were dutiable and had not been declared by her on landing from the vessel. The goods, which are worth about \$50, will be appraised and then Miss Cayce will be called upon to pay three times that amount.

Falls to Pay

Berlin, May 23.—It was recently reported that a big insurance company had struck the name of King Alexander of Serbia off its books because of his failure to pay the premium.

The circumstances which led to this juncture are now made public. Soon after the king's marriage he was induced by the queen to entertain the idea of insuring his life in her favor. He experienced the greatest difficulty in finding a company willing to insure him. Most of the companies feared that he would be assassinated, and therefore declined to take the risk. Finally one company insured him at an abnormally high premium, which the king has evidently been unable to pay.

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SULPHUR DOMINION

Much Activity on Both Creeks

Dance to be Given on Friday Night—Several Claims Change Owners.

At the city hall, Granville, on Friday, June 12th, a dance will be given by the Bachelors' club. Supper will be served at the Grant hotel.

Major Wood and Attorney McDougal with their wives, of Dawson, and Messrs. Percy Reed and Dr. Wills of Gold Run, as a pleasure party visited Granville for a few hours on Monday last. They were delighted with the rapid growth and other signs of enterprise of the city.

On Monday, 6th inst., a boxing match was given by Messrs. Slavin and Burley who are touring the creeks. It was a splendid exhibition of the manly art and the skill of these well known performers was highly appreciated by all who were present.

A new butcher shop is the latest addition to the already large number of businesses represented at Granville. The butcher has a large stock of choice meats and is meeting with good success. Messrs. Wilcox, collector for Ladue Co., and Grey, assistant manager of Ames Mercantile Company, are doing business in connection with their respective firms on this part of Dominion. Mr. Grey is interested in the rich celebrated Mc Graw claim, No. 245.

Stone & Laundrie are having some exceptionally good cleanups on No. 242. They are to be congratulated on the richness of their claim.

Another daily stage comes from Dawson to Granville. It is an extension of the well known and popular St. Louis line. The finger of destiny points steadily and unerringly towards Granville.

Mrs. Lindsay, late of Hunker, has opened a first class laundry in Granville.

The baths in connection with the Golden Flgt hotel are now in operation.

Mr. Minnie, foreman of road repair on Sulphur, has leased the beautiful cabin opposite the Dale roadhouse where he has taken up his residence for the summer. His wife and two children will join him in a few days. Mrs. Dyer offers for sale her roadhouse on No. 3 below. She intends removing to Duncan creek as soon as possible.

Messrs. McMillan & Jones, blacksmiths, of No. 2 below are meeting with success in their new enterprise. In addition to their present business they are opening up a new machine shop at the above mentioned location and will in consequence be enabled to supply a much needed want.

That excellent claim No. 10 above has been sold by Matheson Bros. to Sullivan & Slater of No. 3 below. Samuel Matheson, late manager of the claim, will commence prospecting property on another part of the creek.

Mr. Wm. Williamson of 32 above is busy on the creek taking contracts from the miners for the purpose of extracting the gold from the black sand left after the cleanup of the dumps. He has a chemical process entirely his own by which he can undoubtedly save more gold than can be done by any other process in this country. All the leading miners of the creeks are his patrons and have already secured his services, he having had similar contracts with them last season. The success of this process is phenomenal. Mr. Williamson intends to clean up all the black sand of Sulphur and Dominion this season.

Archie McBride of the firm of Griffin & McBride who operate the hotel and general store at No. 2 below, has sold his interest in the above mentioned business to Frank Mahan of the Sulphur meat market. The firm will now be known as Griffin & Mahan. Mr. McBride and his wife will proceed to the outside on one of the first boats.

On 124 Sulphur near the mouth the large dump taken out last winter by Meace & Co. has been cleaned up. It averaged 50c to the bucket, each of the partners receiving a magnificent reward for the winter's work.

On Sunday evening last at the tabernacle, No. 1 below, Mrs. Rutherford delivered her lecture on the subject of "The Rejected Corsor Stone, or Compulsory Divorce." The lecture was original and philosophical, was entirely non-political and non-sectarian and was both entertaining and instructive. A large audience greeted the talented lecturer and her remarks were generously applauded. By universal request Mrs. Rutherford has consented to deliver another lecture on a popular subject on Friday night next, 12th inst. This lecture will be one of the items in a free entertainment to be given on that night. Recitations, speeches, songs and instrumental music as well as dancing will be other features of the evening. It is the intention of Mrs. Rutherford to make a lecturing tour of the dif-

ferent creeks. Dawson will do well to invite her to deliver one of her popular lectures in the city.

Tour of the West

San Francisco, May 23.—A party of distinguished Germans will arrive here tomorrow. It is safe to say that never at one time has San Francisco been visited by so many titled foreigners. Accompanying them is I. B. Shulte, assistant agriculturist in the experiment station of agriculture, and a member of the German United States department of agronomy embassy at Washington. A prominent member of the delegation is Herr Erich von Pleunge of Spec-Pomerania, owner of 12,000 acres and son-in-law of Commissioner Aeschel-tow, president of the Vulcan Ship-building Company at Stettin, which built the Kaiser Wilhelm II.

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Stroller. Captain Jack Crawford. WRECK CAUSE. The lady, who was graciously pointed out which was skimming across the road at a lively rate, was sighted on one of the great was its weight that she took a lot to starboard, and she went on, along the road, as though she were a balloon.