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KLONDIKE NUGGET.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1903.

PECULIAR TACTICS.

We fail to see in what particular the exponents of opposition policies hope to benefit the district by the tack on which they are sailing at the present time. Admittedly the aim and purpose of political organizations is the improvement of general conditions and the advancement of the popular welfare. When any such organization or the leaders thereof deliberately essay a line of policy in direct contravention of the public good, their sincerity and earnestness of intention become immediately a matter of open question.

At the present time certain self-styled leaders of the opposition are engaged in throwing every possible stumbling block in the way of those who are seeking a method of restoring prosperity to this territory and of giving it a renewed lease of commercial and industrial life.

Irrespective of the fact that in following a policy so obviously foolish, they are hindering important legislation, designed to benefit the whole community, from being enacted, these men continue on in their course having nothing in view but the promotion of their own selfish personal ends.

An extraordinary effort is being put forward at the present time by the business men and mining operators of the district to head off the Treadgold grants and to induce the government to provide a water system for supplying the mining district. This action is directly in line with the enunciations made in every political platform written in the territory in the past six months.

The election of Mr. Ross, the present member for the Dominion house, was made the occasion of many stirring addresses from men of all shades of political belief upon the subject and without a dissenting voice it was agreed that the suppression of Treadgold and the establishment of a suitable public water system were two questions of paramount importance to the whole community.

For the purpose of carrying the views of the people as thus expressed into practical effect, the board of trade of Dawson is taking vigorous steps based upon common sense and thorough understanding of the demands of the situation. The movement is totally devoid of political significance and is designed to furnish for the benefit of parliament an expression of sentiment from a people who are absolutely and indissolubly united upon the issues at stake.

Nevertheless, there have not been wanting a few who have chosen to belittle the undertaking and question the motives of those who have taken it in hand. We are pleased to be able to say that the number of such men is few and that they are animated solely by selfish purposes. Their claims to leadership of any considerable portion of the community are baseless (witness vote for Beddoe in territorial election) and their influence is nil.

This movement is going ahead more strongly every day and when it reaches the climax there will be none left to say that the voice of the people has not spoken.

The small number of men who are willing to sacrifice community interests for the sake of individual purposes, cannot exert any effect worthy of consideration. They cannot and will not be permitted to thwart the purposes of the whole people.

Messrs. Prudhomme and Clarke were the candidates of the opposition in the contest for the Yukon council. Both of these men were opposed by the News which paper went to the extent of placing Mr. Beddoe in the field for the sole purpose of securing Mr. Clarke's defeat. The statement of the former that he had been brought into the fight by the government coupled with his announcement that a seat in the Yukon council could be his for the asking has led to much guessing in the opposition ranks. The correct explanation of the situation was set forth in the Nugget of Saturday.

Exciting Hand Ball

One of the most exciting games of hand ball that has ever been played on the athletic court was that of Saturday evening between "Tiv" Krelling and Jack Buckley. What added zest to the game was the fact that it was played for $50 a side. The play was the best two sets out of three and Krelling won them both by the remarkably close score of 21-20 and 21-19. Buckley still considers he is the better man and can defeat Krelling. The probabilities are that another game with the same stake will be played next Saturday evening.

A Son and Heir.

Recent advices from Seattle state that Capt. Donald B. Olsen, formerly manager of the Dawson Telephone Co., is the biggest man in Seattle these days. The occasion for his recent wonderful growth is the fact that on the 21st of February a son and heir arrived in his family circle. Mrs. Olsen and son are reported as getting along nicely.

Out for a Walk

Yesterday having been such a magnificent day the teacher of the public kindergarten had her diminutive charges out in the afternoon for an airing. The little tots walked up and down the street with a military precision and all seemed to greatly enjoy the outing, the first they have had of the kind since last fall.

Cycles Win

The Klondike Cycle Co.'s hockey team bested Avery's team at the D. A. A. rink Sunday. The score was 3 to 2 in favor of the Klondike Cycle team. Geo. Delfel made the winning score at a quarter of a minute before the end of the play.

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Stroller's Column.

A doctor was hastily summoned by telephone to a Dawson residence a few nights ago. Repairing to the scene of sickness the doctor found his patient a man tossing about in bed and apparently unconscious. After an examination the doctor announced, "He has an attack of fever." Thereupon the patient opened his eyes and remarked, "I've had the Tanana fever for two weeks, doc, but I didn't suppose it would strike in like this."

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"It's a mighty good horse that will pull a load of double his own weight even over an icy boulevard," remarked an old time stage man to the Stroller. "Of course on a short trip such as hauling around town, bigger loads may be drawn, but in a stampede such as is now in progress to the Tanana a horse should not be expected to pull more than a pound and a half for each pound of his own weight."

The observations of the stage man were called forth by an outfit just preparing to leave. A small horse whose weight was well under 1000 lbs. was harnessed to a load that looked good for a ton and a half but perhaps it might have been a trifle less.

"It's dollars to doughnuts they never see Tanana," said the Stroller's informant, "and the Stroller hopes they won't."

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Gambling has been made a felony in the state of Washington and it is expected that the other coast states will shortly follow suit. The knights of the green who have flocked to Seattle and other coast towns by the hundreds are therefore getting hungry and all of them are looking for pastures new. This situation has presented a suggestion to the Stroller who will put his friends wise in the matter, and incidentally allow them to get in on the ground floor.

The scheme is to form a stock company and purchase either from the American or British government one of the many small islands on the route from Skagway to Puget sound. The Stroller would assume the title of emperor of the island which would be conducted on the lines which prevail at Monte Carlo. All steamers carrying Klondikers would be compelled to stop and give their passengers a chance to back the tiger ad lib.

The Stroller thinks he sees a fortune in the scheme and the first man (woman or child, as the case may be) who subscribes and pays for $1000 worth of stock shall be lord lieutenant of the realm, the second subscriber will be vice-lord lieutenant and so on down the whole scale of officials, every member having a title according to the time he pays in his subscription.

As this will be a limited concern, now is the time to come forward with the coin and by so doing avoid the rush and get one of the high offices.

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Yukon, you're good, both hot and cold,
Your creeks abound in placer gold,
Your hills are rich in quartz we know,
The gold just hidden from the snow.

Your goldfields, broad as the ocean deep,
With gold panned out on every creek,
With muscle and steam at the frost we smile,
And say we shall strike it after a while.

We start in the moss and down in the muck,
And still persevere for we have the luck,
Down to the bedrock twenty-five feet,
There we have struck it, a fine pay-streak.

We thank thee, oh Nature, for freezing the ground
So solid is it our picks will rebound,
For timber is scarce and scrubby you know,
Had it not been for frost we should not have the dough.

HAS BEEN ILL.

Young Son of Commissioner and Mrs. Congdon

Commissioner Congdon and family are due to arrive in Vancouver today and the former will proceed without delay to the north. From a letter received a few days ago by a lady in the city from Mrs. Congdon it is learned that she and the family will probably not arrive in Dawson until after the opening of navigation. Master Guy Congdon has been quite ill and was compelled to leave Upper Canada college at Toronto where he has been a student since the beginning of the fall term. Mrs. Congdon stated in her letter that they would probably remain in Victoria until the opening of navigation, though if it were found that the weather there did not agree with their son they would continue their journey to southern California.

ENJOYABLE DANCE

Given by the Amaranth Social Club Saturday

The Amaranth Social Club gave one of the best dances of the season Saturday night at Eagle hall. The dance was styled "a picnic party." Each gentleman was dressed in the regulation summer clothes with duck trousers, cloth shoes and outing shirt. The ladies likewise were attired in their summer gowns. The novelty of the affair was greatly increased by the manner in which the luncheon was served. Each lady furnished a basket lunch and when the time arrived tickets were drawn by the gentlemen and the ticket corresponding to the one attached to the basket which also contained the owner's name provided the gentleman with lunch and a partner for same. About thirty couples were present and everyone declared that the affair was one of the most enjoyable ever attended.

Power of Attorney Blanks for the Tanana—Nugget Office.

CHAMBER MOTIONS

Matters Before Mr. Justice Craig Yesterday Morning.

Quite a number of matters came before Mr. Justice Craig yesterday morning in chambers. Probably the most important was the judgment in the case of O'Keefe vs Boyes et al. The decision was on an application for a writ of mandamus. It was ordered that the writ issue without cost. O'Dell and Robertson appeared for the writ and Pattullo contra.

In the case of Eavoldsen vs Boyes et al, also a mandamus proceeding, an application to continue the interim injunction was granted.

Hannon vs Cashman was adjourned to the foot of the April list.

McLennan vs Freeman stands a week at the request of both parties.

In Gustavson vs Cameron an application was made to discharge the garnishee summons and for the payment to defendant of the money in the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Granted.

The case of the Hobbs Hardware Co. vs J. & T. Adair was up for judgment on the admission of the claim.

OLD TIMERS

Report Enjoyable Winter Vacation in the States

Among other old sourdoughs who have returned to Dawson are Thos. A. McGowan, legal adviser for the N. C. Co., and the Lewin Bros., Eddie and Arthur. All three of the gentlemen were busy yesterday shaking hands and renewing old acquaintance.

Mr. McGowan spent the winter in California and had the time of his life, it being his first visit to civilization in four years.

The Lewin brothers have been traveling over the States and Mexico and report a fine time.

All of them expressed great pleasure at once more reaching the classic surroundings of the Klondike.

KILLING THEIR DOGS

Stampeders Via Fortymile Route

Encountering Difficulties — Running Very Short of Provisions.

The Fortymile trail is certainly a bad one, and the people who went by that route are getting into all kinds of trouble.

Every report that has been received in Dawson from people going over that route is the same and now word has come back that many of the stampeders have run out of provisions and have killed their dogs and have turned back to take the Eagle and Circle City route and are re-outfitting at the former place.

The following letter received from Eagle under date of March 9th from Sherman White whose departure was noted in the Nugget last week, gives a few facts which might be considered by those who intend joining the stampede:

Eagle City, Alaska, March 9th
Mr. Theo. Snow,
Dawson, Y. T.

Dear Friend,—I arrived here this evening all o.k. Found the trail far better than I expected. Made 41 miles today in 10 hours, and had fully 350 lbs. on my sled.

I met Capt. Perkins here, commanding 8th Regiment Co. C., and he informs me that he received a telegraph dispatch from one of his non-commissioned officers at North Fork stating there was practically no trail at all for over 100 miles on the telegraph route. The captain says it does not interfere with their work in the least for people to travel the government trail, but advises me to go via Circle City, which I shall do.

There is much water on the trails via Good Pasture. Many have killed their dogs and some have already run short of supplies and turned back. It is my honest opinion that this is the most feasible route. The trail is reported good to Circle.

It is 10:30 p.m. so will close. With best wishes to all, I remain,

Yours respectfully,
SHERMAN WHITE.

SOURDOUGH RETURNS

Louis Pond Back From His Trip to the Outside

Louis Pond, one of the sourest of the sourdoughs of Alaska and the Yukon, Dawson's pioneer jeweler and the owner of 31 below upper discovery on Dominion, returned from the outside a few days ago. He has just a little touch of the Tanana fever and may succumb to the infection within the next few days. In speaking of conditions on the outside Mr. Pond says that merchants are complaining considerably in Seattle and Tacoma. They have anticipated a large rush to the north, particularly to Valdez which has so far failed to materialize. Speculators have chartered a number of boats with the expectation of having all the business in that direction that they could accommodate and after one trip many have thrown up their charter. Seven boats are now on the Valdez run and none of them are making but little more than their expenses.

Hand Ball Tournament

For some inexplicable reason very slow progress is being made in the hand ball tournament that was begun at the rink several weeks ago. There are yet to play Barrett and Barwell, and Cautley and Storry. The winner of the first will play McKinnon and the winner of the latter will play Brimston, the winners of the two games to be the players in the finals.

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