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KLONDIKE NUGGET.



AMUSEMENTS THIS WEEK.

Auditorium Theatre—"In Old Kentucky." Auditorium Theatre, Friday Night—A. B. Circus. New Savoy—Burlesque and Vaudeville.

GOVERNMENT AID NECESSARY.

The time is certainly ripe for the government to manifest its good faith toward this territory by giving financial assistance toward the solution of the water problem. The fabulously rich claims in this district are largely a thing of the past. The future of the territory rests to a great extent on the development of its low grade placer ground, and in that work an abundant supply of water is the first and most important essential. Without water, ground known to carry gold in paying quantities will remain idle for years to come.

As a mere matter of guaranteeing future revenue and of establishing a market for the great produce and manufacturing centres of the Dominion, the federal government can easily afford to furnish the money required to place water on every claim within the district. The present population forms only a small proportion of the number whom the territory would require and sustain if the means of working all the gold bearing ground in the district were at hand.

With every increase in population a greater market would be opened for Canadian commodities, and the prosperity of the Yukon would be reflected in every Canadian community requiring a point of consumption for its products.

The government would, therefore be justified in taking action in the matter for reasons of a purely selfish nature if for no other. The farming and manufacturing centres of the Dominion should be interested in furthering the movement from exactly similar motives.

If the case is properly presented before the government, there seems no reason to doubt that aid will be given. Railroads have received heavy subsidies and other enterprises have been given aid at various times and there is every reason for belief that the same policy would be pursued with respect to this territory. In any event it is worth making a very strong effort.

When the time to elect a member of parliament arrives the men who have actually saved the Yukon from destruction in the present crisis will number twenty-five at the very least. The question now arises, in what manner will it be possible to compensate these self-sacrificing gentlemen for their heroic efforts. If the Yukon is allowed one seat in the house, and there are 25 men who are entitled to fill it, the only way out of the difficulty is to send them all to Ottawa

and let each take his turn in occupying the seat set apart for this territory. In that manner two very desirable ends would be accomplished. In the first place the community would have the satisfaction of knowing that men who have been martyrs to the public weal for the past five years were at least to receive some sort of reward for their services. In the second place—and this to our mind is a far more important consideration—we should have the knowledge that at last the Yukon would be getting revenge for the abuses that Ottawa has so plentifully heaped upon it. What punishment more condign could be visited upon parliament than the necessity of listening to the flow of rhetoric that would emanate from 25 of our star Yukon platform athletes? And what a season of rest and comfort those of us who remained behind would enjoy! Really, the idea seems born almost of inspiration.

Commissioner Ross will arrive in Ottawa within a very few days and in the meanwhile assurance has been given that the Treadgold matter rests in abeyance. In view of the favorable change in the situation, the necessity of sending a delegation to Ottawa is not now as apparent as was originally the case. A thousand dollars expended in telegraphing the details of the situation to Commissioner Ross ought to accomplish as much as five times that amount expended in sending a delegation. If Mr. Ross is not able to secure justice for this territory at the hands of the Ottawa government, it will be hard to find anyone who possesses the ability to do so.

For the Miners.

Dawson, Y.T., Feb. 21, 1902. Editor of the Klondike Nugget: Sir,—As chairman of the Gold Hill association of miners, which body was the first in the Yukon to prepare and sign any written protest to the Government against the Treadgold concessions, I crave the indulgence of your valuable columns to make a few remarks on the work of the committee of the miners, particularly the selection of the miners' delegate. In addition to being the first of any petition of protest, this Gold Hill protest is the only protest confined exclusively to miners yet prepared. My personal knowledge of the miners' individual feelings justifies me in saying that I speak with authority when I say that in this time of common peril the working miners this side of the Dome demand a delegate who will take instructions and carry them out to protect the miners and them alone. It is not the miners' intention to work at cross purposes with any other industry which is being crippled, as well as mining, but at this time our only salvation is a determined and solid stand taken by us through our delegate which admits of no compromise with the Treadgold people.

As working miners we demand first a delegate whose worth has been in a manner tried and whose record we know; we demand a delegate who has the ability to present our case at the bar of the House of Commons and the courage of his convictions. We in short want a fighter and one who will stand to his guns and fight to a finish.

Such a man can, I think, be found among us and we as miners demand such a one and none other. Better no delegate than a poor one.

Yours in the cause against the common enemy,

THEO. CHARLTON.

Spring Suits

Robinson, the tailor, from Vancouver, is here and will remain during the entire week to take your orders. Room 6, Melbourne Hotel.

Two Kinds of Genius.

Nature has endowed Josef Hofmann with two kinds of genius. He is not

only a pianist of wonderful power—he is an inventor. He not only can make melody—he can make automobiles. The contrast between the two gifts possessed by young Hofmann is certainly great. There can be no possible connection between the putting together of machinery and the playing of a Mozart masterpiece. Yet Josef Hofmann has been successful in both fields—that of mechanical, and that of artistic, endeavor.

This peculiar combination of talents places the famous pianist in a position at once unusual and interesting. He demonstrates that a musical artist, supposedly a dreamy person to whom machinery is as dull as mathematics, may take enthusiastic delight with measurements and tools. Machinery is his recreation; but not as mere play does he regard it. It is his unique ambition to become as well known in the line of invention as he now is in the world of music.

It all began in the simplest way imaginable: When Josef Hofmann was five years old he was given a toy chest, such as most boys are accustomed to play with, tire of and forget about. He played with it, but neither tired of it nor forgot about it. When he was a little chap of ten he went forth to astonish the public by his piano playing. Because of his small size he was unable to reach the pedals when sitting on the stool. So the precocious lad promptly invented an attachment which could be placed on the pedals and which he could adjust to any height needed by him. This he used on all of his concert tours until he was twelve years old.

At fourteen he invented a dummy keyboard for practice while traveling, to prevent his fingers from becoming stiff. This keyboard he still possesses and always carries with him. His next invention was a motor bicycle, which was so successful that some wealthy friends of the young man urged him to put it on the market. This machine came near ending Hofmann's career in Central Park, New York City, four years ago. A cylinder on the front wheel became detached, pitching the rider over the handle bars and dislocating his shoulder.

But this accident did not cure him of the inventing habit. His next idea for achievement was an ambitious one—nothing less than a motor of his own.

He immediately went to work, and to such good purpose that last year he patented an automobile in Germany, France and England. He has covered more than thirty miles an hour in the Hofmann automobile, and says that the machine in the hands of a competent chauffeur can easily make a record of fifty miles an hour.

Josef Hofmann is but twenty-four years of age.

Seattle's Sanitation.

Seattle, Feb. 5.—Health Officer Carroll's report for the month of January, to be submitted to the board of health this week, will show that during the past month 1,760 free vaccinations were made by the health officer and his three assistants, Dr. Ludlow, Dr. McLean and Dr. Cummings. Dr. Ludlow alone vaccinated 667 persons.

Another feature of the report is the number of fumigations made by Inspector George W. Devecmon. They number 1,215. He also reports 108 cases of small-pox, 35 cases of scarlet fever and 4 cases of diphtheria during the month.

The number of births during the month were 99, an increase over former months. The mortality record for the past 30 days was 79. The report for January shows that the city is in a far more healthful condition at the present time than during previous months.

The amount of work done each month by Milk Inspector Woodcock is shown in his report to Health Officer Carroll. He estimates that within the last thirty days he has inspected 15,000 gallons of milk, but 30 of which were condemned. The report is as follows: Dairies inspected, 12; milk wagons inspected, 70; milk trains inspected 50; specimens analyzed, 6.

The report of Market Inspector Frasch shows that during the month 380 pounds of meat was condemned. Other figures furnished Health Officer Carroll are as follows: Meat markets

inspected, 32; restaurants inspected, 4; slaughter houses inspected, 13; commission houses inspected, 7; cattle killed, 1,940; sheep, hogs and veal killed, 7,436.

The report of Assistant City Physician Ludlow, which was filed yesterday morning with Health Officer Carroll, is as follows: Office consultations, 124; outside visits to sick, 85; quarantine visits, 54; patients sent to county hospital, 5; patients sent to Providence hospital, 3; free vaccinations, 667; patients sent to contagion hospital, 9; patients under care during month at contagion hospital, 105.

The plumbing inspector's report shows the number of inspections made during the month. Also the number of notices served for defective plumbing.

Ten Thousand Coming Home

The war department plans to bring home 10,000 soldiers from the Philippines during the coming summer, leaving about 30,000 there for the time being, but does not expect to need as many as that next year. Secretary Root expresses himself satisfied with the progress of the government in the archipelago. Two-thirds of the area of the islands is now under civil government, and the people appear to be satisfied with American rule.

Gen. Chaffee is about to visit Samar, the seat of the most severe fighting during the winter, to look at the conditions himself and personally supervise the clearing of the island of armed insurgents. In Cebu there is very little of the insurrection left since the surrender of 365 men and as many guns a few days ago.

The Mexican Earthquake.

The earthquake shock felt in Guerrero and adjacent Mexican states last week seems to have been attended by a larger loss of life than any event of the same kind in that part of the world for a long time. Mexico is peculiarly subject to such disturbances. Almost exactly two years ago she experienced one that was felt all over the republic. Water pipes were broken, railways interrupted and the walls of great buildings badly cracked, and yet few persons were killed. While, on the other hand, the mortality in and near Chilpancingo last week was appalling, the vibration did not seriously disturb the national capital, only three hundred miles to the northward. It was felt there, but did little damage.—EX.

Education in Ireland.

According to the report of the register general of Ireland, the birth rate exceeded the deaths of last year by 13,835, but the emigration amounted to 45,228, so that the population decreased during the year by 31,435. The only gratifying feature of the report is that over 80 per cent. of the husbands and more than 89 per cent. of the wives who were married during the year could read and write, so that education is increasing at any rate, even if the population declines.—Call.

Hope For Old Maids.

Cleopatra was 40 when she won Antony! Helen of Troy was middle-aged when Paris lost his head over her—how foolish for any woman to think her day of power is over because she is no longer in her teens or twenties! How foolish to sit down in despair and long to die because one man has ceased to be attentive.—EX.

Crowded Houses.

"In Old Kentucky" is playing this week to the biggest business of the season. Last night, of the number occupying seats on the main floor nearly if not quite half were ladies and children. Saturday night, in response to a popular demand, will also be made ladies' night for this week.

Can't Humiliate Canada.

You can't humiliate Canada by telling her that Canucks to the number of one-fifth of her population dwell with Uncle Sam. She sweetly retorts that one-fifth of our truly great and modest men were kidnaped young, like James J. Hill, and smuggled over the border.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

AMUSEMENTS THE AUDITORIUM ALL THIS WEEK, EXCEPT FRIDAY. "IN OLD KENTUCKY" Mr. Bittner as the "Colonel." Life Motion Pictures.

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