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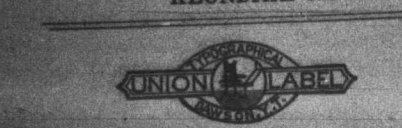
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AMUSEMENTS THIS WEEK.

Auditorium—"Ten Thousand Miles Away." Orpheum—Burlesque and Vaudeville.

THE MATTER OF FRANCHISES.

The city council will do well to go slowly in the matter of granting street railway and other franchises. Pull and complete discussion of what the various applicants propose doing should be brought out before any definite action is taken.

In respect to a street railway there are few if any people in Dawson who will not admit that Dawson is ready for such an enterprise. It would be a source of great convenience to the public and facilitate materially the transaction of business.

But it is desirable on that very account to see that the interests of the public are safeguarded in every particular. Before a franchise is granted the terms upon which it is to be given should be well understood. The people wish to know and are entitled to know what sort of service is to be given, what fare is to be charged, how soon the franchise seekers expect to begin construction work and when it will be completed.

In short, the public is keenly interested in the franchise question and looks to the city council to give thorough investigation into every detail before coming to any conclusion. Should Dawson continue to grow and thrive as everyone interested in the city has the utmost confidence will be the case, the franchisees for which applications are now before the council will assume great value—a fact which should be given due consideration at this time.

It must not be understood that the Nugget is opposed to the granting of such franchises. On the contrary, this paper is fully aware of the advantages which will accrue to Dawson therefrom and believes that the city should deal reasonably with the franchise applicants. What we ask the council to avoid is a one-sided bargain. We do not want to see any franchise granted which will permit the grantees to postpone indefinitely the work required of them and neither are we prepared to endorse any franchise which will work a hardship on the public. The responsibility of the parties should be given the very closest scrutiny in order that there may be no danger of giving valuable franchises for speculative purposes.

The city council has a difficult and important task on its hands in dealing with the franchise question, and every action taken in connection therewith will be followed by the public with the keenest interest and attention.

The morning joke, in its issue this morning, produced a brand new cut of the alleged ship supposed to be resting high and dry on top of a mountain in the Koyukuk country. Several months ago the joke published a cut of the same ship. At that time the uncanny craft was shaped very much like an old time New England clipper. Today's picture, which bears the legend "from a photograph," makes the cast-away ship out to be nothing more nor less than a common, ordinary Yukon scow. After a while it will probably take the form of a full-rigged battle ship. If the joke does not watch out people will begin to think that it is attempting to impose upon their credulity.

A number of complaints have been made to the city council respecting the condition of sidewalks in various parts of the town. The ordinance governing the matter makes it obligatory upon property owners to provide a sidewalk of certain width and to keep the same in repair. In cases where such owners refuse to comply with the ordinance, the city should have the necessary work done and charge the same to the owners of abutting property.

The public is still looking anxiously for a report from the Ottawa delegates. The committee appointed by the mass meeting which authorized the sending of representatives to Ottawa should call a public meeting and give Messrs. Wilson and Sugrue a chance to be heard.

Comparatively few wage cases have been before the courts this summer, a fact which indicates clearly that the working miners are receiving their money promptly. Business principles are now applied to mining operations as never before in the history of the Yukon.

Despite various attempts at booming new camps in the lower river country, none has yet appeared that can be classed with the Klondike.

The roads leading from Dawson to the various creeks are now in splendid condition. Coaching parties ought to become popular.

A man who goes about looking for trouble will sooner or later find it.

Just Like a Woman

The coffee was weak, the toast burnt to a cinder and the ham as hard as leather, or at least he said so. His wife's long patience gave way. "John Henry," said she, "I've tried faithfully to cook for you for twelve long years. No one in the town has better cooked food, yet you are always finding fault. Why can't you praise me once in a while? I'd like to know that."

He looked up in astonishment. "Well, if you ain't the most unreasonable woman I ever saw," he ejaculated. "Why, many and many is the time I've sat down to a meal and never said a word about it. Anybody would know there wasn't any fault to be found or I'd have found it, and yet you want a better compliment than that! That's just like a woman—she can't tell a compliment when she gets one!"

Will Go Outside.

About July first Mr. J. P. McLennan will make a hurried trip to the outside and return, being absent from Dawson not longer, perhaps, than four weeks. He will not visit other than the British Columbia and Sound cities. This will be Mr. McLennan's first vacation and visit to the outside in over two and a half years.

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FROM THE LOWER RIVER

N. C. Co.'s Str. Hannah Arrived Last Night

Brought Sixty Passengers, 200 Tons of Freight—Passengers for Outside.

The N. C. Company's steamer Hannah arrived at half past five yesterday with sixty passengers and about 200 tons of freight, nearly all of which was wines and liquors. She left her winter quarters at Andreaski at ten o'clock on the evening of May 28th and had an uneventful passage to Dawson with the exception of a delay of 24 hours at Koltag. The cable was broken and in-order to telegraph to St. Michael the message had to be sent down the bay five miles in a row boat. The Hannah drew one barge as far as the Tanana station, laden with lumber to rebuild the company's store there, which was destroyed by fire during the winter. Some provisions were left at Rampart and passengers and late news were picked up all up the river. The following is the list: Howard Turner, J. R. Matthews, Mrs. S. R. Matthews, Jules Marion, B. S. Downing, Sam Larsen, F. R. McNichols, Wm. Kelley, J. P. Kennedy, J. B. Miller, Mrs. J. R. Miller, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. M. E. Purchase, W. C. Schultz, H. Britt, John Yule, O. Lorencen, Joe Thowey, P. M. Mullen, Mrs. P. M. Mullen, A. Samuelson, H. L. Schartzka, W. M. Woodworth, J. L. Moseler, H. Gillpin, C. E. Mawn, Judd Parchall, Arthur A. Schwartz, J. F. Oldfield, F. E. Drake, John Noli, Willis D. Johns, H. Montague, J. W. Darling, John J. Walker, Geo. F. Sharp, W. A. Reid, Mrs. Hewitt, Geo. G. Belt, James Atchison, Calvin L. Williams, Chas. W. Gallagher, A. W. Johnson, Jerry Gravel, E. Johnson, A. C. Patterson, N. W. Goff, Carl Aanland, G. A. Ketterer, Rev. L. H. J. Wooden, Geo. Little, R. Maderson, F. A. Etzel, O. A. Nelson, P. D. Josup, Mrs. Ella Corney, Felix J. Bourssan, Paul Oberman, Joseph Coyner, Al Mayo, E. M. Bruhn, L. S. Colman, and 58 local passengers.

Manager Mizner returned on the Hannah, having met her about 100 miles below Eagle on his way to Circle City to ascertain the amount of damage sustained by the company there owing to the recent floods. He says the water was too deep in their buildings and all the stock which was on the floors was damaged. He did not think the damage would amount to more than \$6,000 to \$7,000.

Mr. Mizner learned that the ice went out of the mouth of the Yukon on May 30th, and would not be surprised if the Leah or some one of the boats that have been wintering at St. Michael is already on its way to Dawson. There was plenty of cargo there for them, and the steamers Ohio and Indiana were already on their way from Seattle. Nome opened earlier than St. Michael, about the middle of May, probably, and steamers will have had time to get back to Seattle by this time.

United States Marshall Perry and other court officials came up to Eagle, with seven prisoners, six men and one woman, none of them charged with capital offences. The body of the drowned man supposed to be Labland, who fell from the Klondike bridge, was picked up twenty miles below the boundary line, and was taken to Eagle.

Chief Engineer Mathews, of the Paris, and his assistant and Mrs. Mathews, came down from Bettles on the Hannah, on their way to Whitehorse where they will join the new N. C. Co.'s steamer Koyukuk.

Rev. L. J. H. Wooden, missionary, of Fort Yukon, says the water had been very high there for several days until just before the Hannah left when it was going down very fast. A few miners were in from Koyukuk, but owing to adverse reports there was no rush in that direction now. The general health of Fort Yukon had been good during the winter.

Two men in the United States uniform were on board. They were Sergeant Schwartz, who was on a furlough to take out Private Boursaw, who is suffering from consumption and being taken to Fort Bear.

W. A. Reid, for so long secretary of the Y.M.C.A. of Skagway, returned on the Hannah. He and Judge Schibrede, of Skagway, started from Whitehorse for Nome in a small boat last fall. At Koltag the ice began to give them trouble and Mr. Schibrede caught a steamer to St. Michael.

Mr. Reid remained at Fort Gibbon all winter, doing missionary work among the soldiers. He is called out to attend the wedding of his elder brother.

Mr. Reid says that the ice jam three miles below Circle seems to have done a lot of damage. The log building covering the town well on the high bank was swept away, and some of the people living in cabins had to take refuge on the roofs. Matters had been quiet at Fort Gibbon. One private named Rea had gone insane and managed to escape three times. He would be taken out for treatment as soon as the necessary papers arrived.

Adam Never Was a Boy. Of all the men the world has seen Since time his rounds began, There's one I pity every day— Earth's first and foremost man; Just think of all the fun he missed By failing to enjoy, The dear delights of youthtime, For—he never was a boy.

He never stubbed his naked toe Against a root or stone, He never with a pin hook fished For minnows all alone. He never sought the bumblebee, Among the daisies coy, Nor felt its business end, Because—he never was a boy.

He never hookey played, nor tied A bright and shining pall Down in the alley all alone, To a trusting poodle's tail, And when he home from swimming came His pleasure to destroy No slipper interfered Because—he never was a boy.

He might remember splendid times In Eden's bowers—yet He never acted Romeo To a six-year Juliet. He never sent a valentine Intended to annoy, His good but maiden aunt, Because he never was a boy.

He never cut a kite string, no, Nor hid an Easter egg; He never spoiled his pantaloons A playin' mumble-peg. He never from the attic stole A 'coon hunt to enjoy, Nor found the "old man" waiting, For—he never was a boy.

I pity him, why should I not? I even drop a tear; He never knew how much he missed; He never will, I fear. And always when those dear old days My memories employ, I pity him, Earth's only man Who—never was a boy. —Pittsburg Dispatch.

REGARDING THE KOYUKUK

'Tis Said to be Peopled With Loafers

Very Few Men There Who Care to Go Out and Prospect Its Creeks.

It is not surprising that the development of the Koyukuk country should be very slow for the very good reason that not one in every twenty persons that have ever left Dawson to go there have gone with any idea of getting out and prospecting or with any knowledge of how or where to prospect in case they were so disposed.

Another thing that has served to retard the development of the Koyukuk is the fact that very little capital has as yet gone there, each claim developed having had to pay its own way from the time the first pick was put in the ground.

While the majority of the Koyukuk's present population has gone there from Dawson, it is a fact that but a very small per centage of it belongs to that class that has ever been known to develop other than holes in their wearing apparel by sitting around on saloon chairs.

Late arrivals from Koyukuk say that with a couple of hundred men in that country who are not afraid to get out and work, it will rapidly come to the front as a heavy gold producer; that the country has as yet been but superficially prospected.

Uncle Hoffman's diamond sale is surprising experts in value, quantity and display. It is a good investment at such prices. Ice cream soda—at Gandolfo's 174

The Maoris of New Zealand cook their potatoes and other vegetables in volcanic heat. There are a few volcanoes in New Zealand, and some of the Maoris live up in the mountains near them. They make the volcanoes do several useful things, for them, but the queerest is the cooking.

Papa—See that spider, my boy spinning his web. Is it not wonderful? Do you reflect that, try as he may, no man could spin that web? Johnny—What of it? See me spin this top! Do you reflect that, try as he may, no spider could spin this top? Job Printing at Nugget office.

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Romance of

Paris, April 15.—In a melodramatic narrative reading like a... Gaboriau or Dumas, and... for its scene of action Russia, London and South Africa... Blowitz has communicated... signature to The Paris... "De la Blouitz" that hastened the... Rhodés. The statement... M. de Blowitz attract widespread attention. It is known that... of foreign correspondents... various periods of his life... of close acquaintance, if not... friendship, with the leading... figure in the tragedy... which, with due apology to... I summarize and... retaining as far as may be... phraseology of the... "Shortly after these lines... appeared," writes M. de... the body of Cecil Rhodes... of Rhodes—will lie in... the heart of the land of... on the hill of Matopos, v... wished to make the Wallha... (the future South African Feder... something besides fame, imm... and an imperial legacy... ing that of Caesar's has been... humanity by Cecil Rhodes, f... the threshold of his tomb stand... enigmas, personified by a... of exalted birth. This w... assumed a place beside Cecil R... the later years of his life... now sunk into the lowest d... the judicial abyss. "The scales in which the... will soon weigh the action... woman will also serve to v... reputation of Cecil Rhodes... this woman comes forth inn... the ordeal of the South Afr... the scourge raised or... or against her must... furnish the renown of her... It is for this reason, I... elator now resounding about... oper becomes silent, that I... make known the salient fe... the life, the hopes and de... Princess Radziwill, whose... in such bitter irony with... trumpets that proclaim... of Cecil Rhodes. Princess Catherine Radziwill... Polish origin. She was... Rzewuska, and she... the sister of that Countess Rze... maiden name was Dac... mother, when little over... old, fell in love with... swaska, who was in his fi... and, notwithstanding the... of her parents, she m... Princess Catherine Rad... was won this marriage. "Very young she married Princ... Radziwill, of the Pr... of that family. By this... she had three children. O... daughters is Princess Bl... husband, for whom Pr... she never entertained... lives in obscurity, ... not removed even after... eration, and it is only the... lighting that has now figh... the Princess that can sed... on the grey shadow in... Prince William is enveloped... in the district of Pottava... when Mlle. Danhoff m... Count Rzewuski, there lived a... whose ancestors dated from... latest period of the Russian... This boyard's name was... He led a royal and ex... life on his magnificent es... had his own regiment of cav... own musicians, his private... of actors, actresses and... and the nobility for a h... around flocked to his cas... participate in the magnificent... Packhoff had a serf, who... serf, had no proper name, ... he entrusted the manag... of this serf was... and had a son, who was ju... ago as Mlle. Packhoff, th... daughter. The children u... together, and Packhoff... serf's son to be educated... same care as his own da... serf's son passed his ex... with great brilliancy, a... his admission into th... Cadet College, Packhoff... freedom to the father and... Poltavzeff, that is t... man from Pottava. "Packhoff entered the Cade... and soon after his grad... his regiment and bec... again. He returned on leave... to Pottava to see his... also saw Mlle. Packhoff. S... his arrival Packhoff g... and let, to which 150 fami... district were invited. "It is necessary to explain... of the narrative that for... years each time th... ward brought to Packhoff t... of the estate, the old