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KLONDIKE NUGGET. THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1903.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

The Nugget was the first paper in the city of Dawson to advocate the adoption of a proper and effective law for the protection of laborers' wages. It is a notorious fact that means have been adopted by unscrupulous employees to defraud their workmen—and the records of the courts, particularly in the earlier days, indicate the advantage which has been taken.

An individual or company who gives employment to labor should be held for the settlement of wages to the extent of available resources. From this principle there can be no dissension and it is the application of such principle which should be sought in approaching the question of labor legislation.

Before any proposed lien law is presented to the consideration of the territorial council, the utmost care should be exercised to avoid the inclusion of provisions which are beyond the authority of the council to enact.

The powers of that body are limited and if they are exceeded in the adoption of an ordinance, resort to the courts would be had and annulment undoubtedly would follow. It is such a contingency that the men who are earnestly desirous of protecting the laborer in his wages are hopeful will not occur. The Yukon council can not go beyond established limits and any measure brought forward should be framed in accordance with the practical phases of the situation.

PITIFUL RESULTS.

The great stampede to the Tanana country bids fair to form an almost tragic chapter in Yukon history.

One by one the unfortunate stampedees are returning to Dawson, all of them agreeing in the character of the story they tell.

The early reports vastly exaggerated the country and without exception the men who joined the rush did so under the influence of misrepresentations and alluring stories for which there was only the slightest foundation.

The results of the stampede started by a Jap with an axe to grind and a too glib newspaper are pitiable in the extreme. It will be a cause for surprise if actual suffering does not prevail in the Tanana camp before the opening of navigation.

The matter of salaries paid to the men in the N. W. M. P. service formed the subject of no little discussion during the federal campaign. It was then argued that in proportion to the labors performed, the men in all branches of the service were inadequately compensated. The life of a policeman in this district is not easy by any means and not infrequently carries with it a large degree of responsibility. A substantial increase in their pay would be nothing more than justice, and undoubtedly would meet with public approval.

It is to be hoped that the plan formulated by Mr. Ross during his terms as commissioner, for beautifying the grounds surrounding the public buildings in Dawson, will not be dropped. A sum of money comparatively small would park the premises nicely and afford the eyes of the public a most welcome rest from the monotony of nigger heads

and mud holes which as yet are conspicuous features of Dawson's summer scenery.

The marvelous growth and development that is taking place in the Northwest territories is merely an indication of what will occur in the Yukon within the next few years. It will take time to enlighten the east as to the exact nature and extent of the resources of this territory but time will do the work successfully and effectively.

Mr. Gamey believes his name. He is not game in any particular. When his turn for making explanations arrived, he immediately went on an extended vacation and now appears to be waiting for the clouds to roll by. Adios Mr. Gamey, and next time be more positive in your facts.

The stories brought down in reference to existing conditions in the Koyukuk country speak with eloquence of hopes destroyed and expectations unfulfilled. The great camp on the American side which we have all been predicting from year to year still remains undiscovered.

Some one should open a guessing contest as to the date when ground will be broken for the construction of the Carnegie library. The method of procedure in turning out a library building is akin to the proverbial grinding of the mills of the gods.

Winter's exit was long ago due—but so were a great many unpaid accounts. In both instances it is simply a case of waiting for warm weather.

All reports to the contrary notwithstanding, lovely spring has not registered at any of the local hotels.

A Butcher's Union

London, Ont., March 13.—The local wholesale butchers are determined to put up a stiff fight against the Toronto company which is endeavoring to control the London market. A local union, to be known as the Forest City Butcher's Union, has been organized. The new union will endeavor to secure the co-operation of all the wholesalers, retailers and clerks connected with the trade.

John Smart, who keeps a hotel at Odell's Corners, Westminster, has been summoned on a charge of keeping a cockpit on his premises, and his trial takes place on Thursday next before Squires Lacey and Smith. Should he be convicted a number of local sports who were interested in the chicken contest on March 3 will have to give an account.

William Rose, who lived alone at 55 William street, was found dead last night. The neighbors missed him as he had not been seen around as usual since Monday. The police made a search of his house and found the lifeless body of Rose in a half-sitting position half way out of bed. Death had apparently occurred at least 24 hours previously, and was due to apoplexy. About a year ago Rose's wife was found dead on the roadside in the east end. Two sisters, Mrs. Shields of 86 William street, and Mrs. Bonnell of 112 Adelaide street, and one adopted son survive.

The personators, Albert Weing and Alfred D. Carroll, were not in court today when their names were called. They had been found guilty of impersonation in connection with the referendum vote. After a lengthy argument by counsel Magistrate Love imposed a fine of \$400 and one year's imprisonment on each, and as an alternative, if the money was not paid, an extra three months, with hard labor, in both cases. As the whereabouts of the accused are not known the bondsmen will have to put up the necessary money. They are Messrs. John McMartin, James McDonald, J. B. Cox and John Fraser.

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More Removal Sale Bargains. Boys' Heavy School Shoes, Sizes 2 to 5 \$1.50. Girls' Button Shoes 2.00. Ladies' Tan Oxfords 2.00. Men's Shoes 2.50.

J. P. McLENNAN.

IT WAS A GOOD JOKE

Played on Proprietor of Roadhouse

By J. R. McGovern, Who Arrived in Dawson on Last Friday.

One of the best stories going the rounds of Dawson today is told about J. R. McGovern who came in last Friday night on the White Pass stage, and the landlord of a certain roadhouse between Dawson and Whitehorse. The party arriving on that stage was made up before leaving Vancouver and a telegram sent ahead reserved a stage especially for them. Each member of the party was a congenial travelling companion and during the whole trip each was trying to get the best of the other and from morning to night jokes were fired from one to another from an apparently exhausted supply.

Mr. McGovern, who was given the leadership of the party from the start, has a wit as keen as the edge of a razor, and try as they might the balance of the party could never get the best of him. There was one instance when it was thought that Mr. McGovern was stumped and he was just about to be given the big laugh when he turned the tables so neatly and completely as to floor everybody.

It was when the party stopped at a certain roadhouse that Mr. McGovern called the party, eight in number, to the bar and ordered liquid refreshments. At the roadhouses passed all drinks and cigars sold for 25 cents, but at this particular place the price has been held up to 50 cents, although the party did not know it.

When Mr. McGovern reached in his pocket for change to pay the bill, the landlord announced that \$4 was the charge.

Mr. McGovern for the time being was absolutely floored, but he stayed the hand in his pocket and for fully two minutes was in a brown study while the rest of the party held their breath in anticipation of what was coming. The bottle from which the liquor was poured was a quart bottle which had just been opened and the eight small glasses had hardly made an impression on the contents. Mr. McGovern looked first at the landlord and then at the bottle and after studying the situation over he very deliberately pulled a five dollar gold piece from his pocket and pitting it down on the bar said "I guess I will take the bottle."

That is the recognized price of that particular brand and the landlord could do nothing but accept the proposition and acknowledge that for once he had met his superior.

The charge of the landlord and the triumph expressed on the face of Mr. McGovern as he stalked out of the roadhouse carrying the bottle by its neck made a scene so ludicrous that the balance of the party burst into paroxysms of laughter from which they did not recover for 24 hours. After that incident all attempts to get the better of Mr. McGovern were abandoned and he was the acknowledged leader of all.

New Trees

Twenty-five thousand catalpa trees are to be planted in southern Illinois by the International Society of Arboriculture. The trees are to be grown for the purpose of supplying telegraph poles, and the society has a contract with twenty different railroads to plant small orchards. An orchard has been established near Duquoin, Ill., which will be for the use of the Illinois Central Railroad. The latter road is arranging to plant 200,000 trees in Louisiana.

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How Mr. Bowser Saved Over One Hundred Dollars

"What is it now?" queried Mrs. Bowser as Mr. Bowser finished his after-dinner smoke and started up stairs. "Going to save a hundred dollars in cash and indulge in a little beneficial exercise at the same time," he replied.

"You are not going to tear any of the walls down or remove the roof of the house?"

"No, ma'am. Our house is heated by a furnace. That furnace naturally has a smoke-pipe. That smoke-pipe must be cleaned out before we start a fire this fall."

"But why don't you get a man to do it?"

"For several reasons. First, I need this physical exercise. Second, I don't propose to pay no stove-mender a hundred dollars to come up here and fool around for four weeks over what will take me about twenty minutes. Thirdly and lastly, I am a domestic man and like to be doing little odd jobs around my own house."

"Mr. Bowser, please don't do it," gasped Mrs. Bowser as she turned pale. "You'll get the pipe apart and then—and then—"

"And then clean out a barrel or two of soot and put it together again," he finished. "I'm going to slip on my old clothes and have the job over in half an hour. You just sit down with the newspaper and you won't hear a sound."

"If you'll let it alone I'll get a man and pay him out of my weekly allowance," she called to him as he was half way up stairs.

"Half an hour—easy as rolling of a log—save a hundred dollars—sit right down!" he replied as he disappeared.

Ten minutes later he came down with an old suit on, and he had in his hands a gimlet, a screw-driver, a monkey wrench, a hammer, a cold chisel, a pot of glue, a glass cutter and a coil of wire.

"Why not let it go until November?" she asked as he was ready to go down, and planning to get some one next day.

"And let a cold wave catch us and freeze all the water pipes!" he exclaimed in answer. "Mrs. Bowser, you sit right down and don't worry. I was cleaning out smoke-pipes before you were born, and there's nothing in this job to get excited over."

He had scarcely disappeared down cellar when Mrs. Bowser went to her room up stairs and locked the door. Mr. Bowser lighted up the cellar and took a good look at that smoke-pipe. It was twenty feet long, with one end at the furnace and the other in the chimney, and was supported at intervals by wires attached to the ceiling.

"Save just a hundred dollars and have all the physical exercise to boot," he muttered, as he began at the wires. "There are men who run to the glazier, the plumber and the stove man whenever a little work wants to be done, and there are other men who save time and money by taking a hand themselves. The idea of my getting a man to putter around here for a month or six weeks!"

When the wires had been loosened Mr. Bowser knew just what to do next, and he did it. He pulled the end of the pipe out of the chimney. As soon as that had been done the five or six joints fell apart with a great clatter and he was instantly enveloped in a cloud of soot and ashes. As the joints fell one of them struck his foot and as he made a jump to evade the soot he stumbled over another and came down on the hard bottom of the cellar and rolled over on his back.

"Woman! I see how it is!" he yelled out in his first surprise, but the words were hardly uttered before he got up and rubbed his knees and elbows and the back of his head and whispered to himself:

"It's all right—all right! I intended to take the joints apart anyway, and this has saved me a lot of trouble. It would have taken a stove man just two weeks to have done what I have done in ten minutes. It's a wonder the old lady isn't down here to ask if there has been an earthquake."

Mr. Bowser cautiously picked up each joint of the pipe and played a tattoo on it with a hammer. That is the proper way to clean 'em, and he did as well as a stove man could have done. When a smoke-pipe has been taken apart it must be put together again to be made useful. Fully realizing this fact, Mr. Bowser began work. He picked up two joints and fitted them together. No, he didn't. To his surprise they wouldn't fit. They were made to fit, had fitted and ought by natural philosophy to fit again, but he turned them over and over and end for end and failed to make a go of it. He suddenly made a discovery.

"One wants pounding out and the other pounding in!" he chuckled, as he reached for his hammer. "I don't claim to be the smartest man in America, but if I can't put two joints of pipe together—"

and he went down and saw millions of stars as the back of his head whacked the cement.

"Some one 'shall suffer for this!" he said as he finally sat up, and he was on the point of going upstairs and bringing Mrs. Bowser's perditional conduct home to her when the resolution came to have one more trial. Only an hour before he had read in his newspaper the saying: "What a man has done can be done again," and he picked up all the joints, stood them on end in a row and surveyed them in a critical way.

None were missing. The end of each and every joint had been made to fit into another. All he had to do was to exercise patience and press and squeeze and tap with the hammer. Mr. Bowser pressed. He also squeezed. He likewise tapped. He was just on "the point of success when the joints fell apart and banged around over his feet and rolled away. With a wild wail whoop he grabbed the ax and began to pound and batter and destroy, but as he raised the weapon for a fell swoop it hit the ceiling and rebounded on his head and Mr. Bowser knew no more for ten minutes. Then he realized that Mrs. Bowser and the cook were bending over him with capers. "Brandy, porous-plasters, Jamaica-ginger, ammonia, porous-sticking salve, and in a far-away voice he heard the cook asking:

"Is it a nigger?" Mrs. Bowser, who was sent up here to clean the pipe, and if so why didn't I see him?"

And in far-away tones, as the camphor bottle was placed to his nose, he heard Mrs. Bowser reply: "No—it's Mr. Bowser himself. He wanted to save a hundred dollars and have the benefit of the physical exercise besides, and I guess he's done it." While you are going for the doctor you'd better stop four or five men and ask 'em to come in and help get him up stairs, and you can stop at the grocery and order six bars of soap sent down at once."

"Woman!" began Mr. Bowser, but then the lights went out and he could not finish by announcing that his lawyer would see her lawyer in the morning.

On the London Plan

New York, March 18.—Captain Piper, Second Deputy Police Commissioner, is trying the London plan to regulate traffic on the streets in the city, and at last the truckmen are meek. The methods of the "hobbies" have been tried at Canal street with great success. Yesterday Roundman Costigan, who has studied the system in London, was assigned to the duty of teaching the four policemen stationed there how the London constables regulate traffic. He stood in the centre of Broadway, at Canal, and gave signals to his four aides with his whistle. When he whistled once it was the signal to stop the vehicles on Broadway to let those on Canal either move across Broadway, or turn into Broadway from Canal.

When he whistled twice, the vehicles in Canal had to stop, and those on Broadway moved back and forth across Canal or turned into that street. To the surprise of Costigan he found that hitherto obstreperous truckmen were quick to understand the new order of things. They quickly saw that the new code was of material benefit to themselves, and they obeyed the whistles and stood still until ordered to go on. There was no doubt of the success of the new road rules. Traffic never before moved so swiftly at this point, probably the most congested in New York.

Rumors of Conspiracy

London, March 18.—According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph rumors are current there of the discovery of widespread Anarchist conspiracy with ramifications among the workmen in industrial districts. Many arrests have been made in Galicia of Russians concerned in spreading Anarchist literature into Russia.

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Rumor Denied

London, April 4.—Colonial Secretary Chamberlain was asked today if there was any truth in the statement made by the Dublin correspondent of the Daily Chronicle yesterday, to the effect that the government intends to dissolve parliament at the end of the present session; that the leading plank of the Conservative platform would be an enormous extension of local government to Ireland; that the Irish police would be placed under the control of a legislative council; that Mr. Chamberlain warmly supported these projects of the government, and that neither Gerald Balfour, president of the board of trade, nor Mr. Brodrick, the war secretary, would be included in the next cabinet. Mr. Chamberlain replied: "The statements are absolutely false, both as regards myself and as they regard the government generally."

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