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PROTECT THE LABORER.

The wage question is a most vexatious one. Something should be done to effect a settlement of it upon lines which are equitable both to employer and employee. Undoubtedly, a great many men have been employed on claims during the past winter who will receive little or no remuneration for the work they have performed. They have taken the assurances of laymen that the ground worked would produce sufficiently to meet all necessary expenditures, and put in their time all winter long, only to find when spring time arrives that they were building upon a false hope.

Undoubtedly, these men entered into contracts voluntarily, and need not have agreed to work on the "cleanup" basis had they not so desired. They were willing to take chances upon the ground turning out sufficiently rich to meet all expenses, and in instances where expectations have failed of realization they have suffered accordingly. In such case, however, if any gold is washed from the dumps at all, it should, we believe, be applied toward the payment of laborers' claims over and above claims of any other nature.

We cannot agree with the theory that the claim owner should be held liable for obligations entered into by the layman. The enforcement of such a law would mean simply that claim owners would be placed practically at the mercy of laymen, and a great hardship on the former result. The responsibility should come upon the man who employed the laborer. If a layman has had men working in his employ, then we believe the laborers' wages should be a first lien upon the layman's share in the proceeds from the dump. In some such way only can security be given to the laborer, and he should be considered above all other creditors.

THE WAR ENDED.

The war in the Transvaal is practically at an end. Kruger is a fugitive, and Pretoria is, in all probability, now in the hands of the British. The successful termination of the struggle means undisputed British sovereignty in South Africa and the completion of numerous great enterprises which have had their origin in British energy, and which have been held back and handicapped through the opposition of the Transvaal government. Cecil Rhodes will now be enabled to carry forward his magnificent ideas of British South African policy, including the construction of the now world-famous "Cape to Cairo" railroad. The successful completion of this war, one of the greatest land struggles in which Britain was ever engaged, will

eventually open up an untold area of country for development. The possibilities before capitalists and men of enterprise and energy are greater in South Africa today than ever before. There will be room in Africa for Britain's overplus of population for many years to come.

There appears to be no doubt of the correctness of the reports which have come in relative to the crowds of people leaving San Francisco and Seattle for Cape Nome. So great is the demand for accommodations that many, who are unable to secure passage direct, are coming this way and will go to Nome via Skagway and Dawson. The transportation companies have made rates through from Seattle by the river route almost as cheap as the rates quoted from Seattle to Nome by ocean steamers. According to advices now at hand, Skagway, Bennett and Whitehorse are all crowded with people en route and awaiting the departure of boats down the river. If present indications count for anything, Cape Nome, from a spectacular standpoint, will double discount anything that occurred in Dawson even when the great boom of '98 was in the height of its glory.

There appears to be quite a discrepancy between the stories of preparation for defense at Pretoria and the tenor of the dispatches today. Instead of settling down for a siege of some years' duration, the Boers, apparently have not even awaited the arrival of the advance guard of the British forces, but have simply thrown up their hands. Kruger and the chief commanders have fled, and the people in general have submitted. This may be what has come to be termed a "Boer trick," but in just what way it will enable Oom Paul to win a victory we are unable to see.

According to the report published in another column, there is strong reason for belief that the reported strikes upon the Koyukuk have been much exaggerated. If the American officials in charge in the lower country have posted the notice as stated elsewhere, there has certainly been some mistake made with reference to reported discoveries. At any rate, prospectors going into that country should take no risk in so far as food supplies are concerned.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Lord Morris, one of the Irish recipients of the queen's birthday honors, who was created a life peer in 1889, has been made a hereditary peer.

The will of the late Benjamin H. Howell, the sugar merchant of New York, disposes of an estate valued at \$1,500,000, and gives \$15,000 to Brooklyn charities.

The Northwest Copper Company's mine at Iron Dyke, Union county, was sold by the United States court. The property was bid in by C. M. Warner, of Pennsylvania, for \$85,000.

Of the 450 delegates to the New York state convention, 162 are pledged to insist on Bryan delegates to the national convention, and 126, nearly all from New York city, are unpledged. The remaining delegates have not yet been chosen.

Charles Lawrence, of Harrington, Lincoln county, shot and killed himself recently because he had some trouble with Myrtle Trumbull, with whom he was in love. He left a bequest that his bicycle be sold to buy a ring for the girl.

Frederic A. Bell, who made a fortune in the bituminous coal business in Philadelphia, and who was subsequently president of the Buffalo Elevating Company, is dead at his home in Madison, N. J., aged 55. He leaves an estate valued at \$25,000,000.

The government of Mexico is sending a large force of troops into the Yaqui country to reinforce the troops now there under command of Gen. Torres in quelling the rebellious Indians. Two regiments have left Mazatlan. The summer campaign is to be pushed with vigor.

The arbitration committee of the International Foundrymen's Association of Employers and the Iron Molders'

Union of North America have reached a settlement of their wage controversy. It is announced that the agreement was entirely satisfactory, but the details are withheld.

Considerable California capital has been invested in an extensive mining enterprise in Siberia and Manchuria. Concessions for large tracts of land have been obtained from the Russian and Siberian governments, and the work of development will soon begin. A representative of the syndicate has engaged 52 experienced miners in California and ordered \$300,000 worth of modern mining machinery, besides making arrangements for the shipment of \$1,000,000 worth within a year.

The German government intends to make strong representations at Peking because the notorious Li Ping Hang, former governor of Shantung, who is hostile to Europeans, and whom the Chinese government, in 1897, dismissed from the governorship on the demand of Germany, with an express promise that he should never again hold office, has been appointed governor of the Shansi district, one of the most important posts in China.

A train of box cars, laden with merchandise, including a large quantity of dynamite and black powder, caught fire recently in railroad yards at Oakland, Cal. There was a scarcity of water, and though facing almost certain death, the firemen and train hands coupled the cars to switch engines, and, drawing them under the tank used for filling the locomotives, succeeded in extinguishing the flames before an explosion occurred. The roof of the car containing several tons of dynamite was burned through.

The comptroller of the treasury has decided adversely to the claimants in the case of Dudley & Michener against the government for equitable compensation on account of alleged breach of an altered contract for the purchase from them in 1898 of 20,000 Mauser rifles and 3,000,000 cartridges. The only evidence of a contract in this case, the comptroller says, is found in a quoted letter to them from Gen. Alger, secretary of war, directing them to deliver the arms and ammunition within five weeks from that date. On August 18, the goods not having been delivered, the order was countermanded.

There has within the last few weeks been an advance of something like 25 per cent in the ocean steamship freight rates to Australia. This is a development that has accompanied the formation of an agreement between the London steamship combination and New York parties, who are backing the United States & Australian Steamship Company. The steamship, and to a large extent the sailing vessel, business with Australia will now be carried on by the three lines acting independently. These lines are the Tyser line, which has maintained its independence throughout the recent contest; the United States & Australian Steamship Company, representing the New York parties, and the London steamship people, including the Bucknall Bros., Houlder Bros. & Co. and the Federal Steam Navigation Company.

Library Reopening.

The free library will be reopened to night at the corner of Harper street and Third avenue. The doors will be opened at 8 and the concert will begin at 8:30 p. m. The committee will receive contributions to keep the library running.

Managing the Store.

Mr. J. J. Chisholm is now in charge of Parsons & Co.'s store on Second street during the absence of Mr. Parsons, who is now in the East. Mr. Chisholm is thoroughly acquainted with the business and has a host of friends, consequently an impetus in the affairs of the concern is to be expected.

Back From Ottawa.

Mr. J. F. McGregor was a passenger on the steamer Flora, which arrived in port yesterday. Mr. McGregor has just returned from Ottawa where he successfully contested a decision of Gold Commissioner Senkler concerning title to No. 2 Magnet gulch, one of the richest claims in the district. A synopsis of the case was published in the Nugget some time ago. Mr. McGregor is receiving the congratulations of friends on all sides.

Railroad Contemplated.

The Alaska Exploration Company contemplates the construction of a railroad to its coal mines, which are located on Coal creek. The fuel is of excellent quality and the directors of the company consider that they have a profitable commercial article, amply sufficient in quantity to supply the demand in this territory. Surveyors will be engaged at once to select the railway route, and they will be followed by the graders and trackmen. The system will probably be completed before the snow flies.

A Challenge.

Samuel Howie wishes to notify the general public that he has posted \$250 with Harry Edwards at the Aurora for a six days' go-as-you-please race for four hours each day, the race to start early in July so as to be on to include the Fourth; the entrance fee to be \$250, the winner to take the stakes and such part of the gate receipts as may be arranged for with the management. Mr. Howie requests that all acceptances of his offer be made within a week from this publication. The challenger has a record which he is anxious to be called upon to defend in the Yukon, and there is

no doubt but that his wishes will be gratified.

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Get ready for the warm weather and get one of our hammocks. There are only a few.

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