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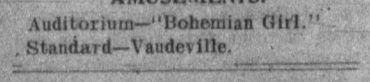
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AMUSEMENTS. Auditorium—"Bohemian Girl." Standard—Vaudeville.

SHOULD BE STOPPED. The attention of this paper has been directed by a number of miners to a flagrant abuse of the regulations which we are informed is quite commonly practiced.

It appears that numerous quartz claims have been staked and recorded in the district, the sole purpose of the locator being to secure wood contained within the boundaries of the claim.

Such action is contrary both to the spirit and letter of the regulations and should not be tolerated.

Section 33 of the regulation governing the location of quartz mining claims reads as follows:

"The holding of a mineral claim on vacant Dominion lands shall be entitled to all surface rights, including the use of all timber thereon for mining or building purposes in connection with the working of said claim for the purpose of developing the mineral contained in said claim."

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records and qualifications of candidates. There are plenty of good strong men to be had without giving consideration to men of undesirable personality.

The city of Dawson has excellent reason to be proud of its Amateur Operatic Society. The production of the Bohemian Girl as given last evening in the Auditorium theatre, would have been creditable to a much larger community than Dawson.

The malamute has seen his day in the Yukon. As a freight animal he has been almost entirely superseded by horses and excepting for prospecting and hunting trips there is now but little use for his services.

Another tempest in a teapot has broken out in Venezuela. The average South American republic is about as unstable as any government well could be.

It looks very much as though Uncle Sam is preparing to give the trusts a run for their money.

The prevailing warm weather is by no means the least of many blessings now enjoyed in the Yukon.

ATLIN OUTLOOK.

District Enters an Era of Prosperity. Few districts, especially mining centres, have a more thoroughly optimistic population than the people of Atlin.

The most remarkable feature of the following table apart from the extraordinary number of seismic and volcanic disturbances which it records is the vast area of the earth's surface over which the tremors and eruptions have occurred.

Beginning with the earthquake in Guatemala, the West Indies, Mexico, Trinidad, Alaska, Hawaii, Salvador, Sicily and Samoa, were troubled in turn.

Some of the volcanoes are separated by half the circumference of the globe and the most active are in the tropic belt.

Interesting facts to the every-day reader would be the reasons for the sudden and general awakening of the volcanoes and earthquake rumblings and the reason if any for the synchronism of their activity.

April 18th—Earthquake at Quezaltenango, Guatemala.

May 7th—La Soufriere, St. Vincent, in eruption.

May 8th—Mont Pelee, Martinique, in eruption.

May 14th—Socoules, State of Chiapas, Mexico, vomits smoke.

May 14th—Mont Pelee again in eruption for fifteen hours.

May 20th—Third outburst of Mont Pelee.

May 19th—Mont En Law, St. Vincent, in eruption.

May 19th—La Soufriere belches lava and ashes.

May 24th—Mont Pelee in eruption.

May 27th—Mont Pelee again in eruption.

May 28th—Columbia volcano, Mexico, rumbles and emits clouds of smoke.

June 2nd—Volcano, Piparo—Hill, Trinidad, spouts mud.

April 11th—Mount Blackburn, Alaska, in eruption; news published June 3rd.

Miners' wages on the creeks averaged \$4.50 a day. A large number of claim holders have remained at Atlin this winter in preference to joining the general exodus to the outside.

Mr. Lipscombe, while satisfied that Atlin has prospects of the most promising character, deprecates any attempt to boom the place to an unmerited extent.

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DISASTER AVERTED

Klondike Hotel Visited by Small Blaze

Burning Chimney Calls Out the Fire Department, But Their Services Not Required.

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Stroller's Column.

It might be said with regard to the candidature of Mr. "I dream that I dwell in marble halls," that with the following he has and "assals and serfs by my side"—his undoubted suavity and knowledge of men and—"al within the-ose walls"—and the pride, which—"I was the ho-ope and the pride."

Strange that none of those boys in the public school seem to have given a thought to the offer of a pair of new skates which the Stroller got for them some time ago.

Opie Read the novelist and playwright has been visiting in Seattle, and in an interview he refreshes one's memory of a well known coast newspaper man in this fashion:

"Ever meet Col. Will Visscher? He's from Washington. Spends most of his time telling lies in the Chicago Press Club. Worked on the Post-Intelligence once, I believe, and also founded the Fairhaven Herald. Why, Visscher made Fairhaven! Well, every one in a while some of us throw a few bootjacks at Washington and the dear old colonel raves and snorts. He declares, 'dam you, sir, that Washington is the only state in the Union, sir, and, dam you, sir, if you say anything against Washington, sir, you must settle with me, sir. Water, dam you, sir, bring on another cocktail!'"

"And there are hundreds of Col. Will Visschers throughout the East who are just eating their hearts out because they haven't the price of a ticket back home. That's why I love the west and have always loved her."

You know—at least, all the mothers know—that it is the rule now for all the little ones to make a little original talk at school every Friday afternoon, and it is not always easy to the young folks, any more than it is to the older generation, to find a subject. One little girl asked her mother, this morning, and the mother, not entirely understanding what was desired but thoroughly knowing what her child could recite, said: "Why don't you say 'The Lord is my Shepherd'?"

"Oh, mamma, you surely would not have me say a Jesus piece in school?"

My friend Dan Matheson (him not set 'em up election night) writes me that he is curbing the gusher all right, and he is not referring to "The Giddy Gusher," who used to be the correspondent of the New York Mirror some generations ago, but the great gusher on Eldorado. He says that he will have it bottled up and the cork put in good and hard by this time next week, and I am pleased to hear this, as it will be such a relief to the people living in cabins near the mouth of Eldorado.

This is the absorbing question dealt with in a book just published in Berlin by Dr. M. W. Meyer, a German astronomer. What is going to become of us all and when is the great catastrophe due?

But Dr. Meyer does not confine his speculations and reasonings to the fate of our insignificant earth. This globe is but a snowflake in the cosmic storm that sweeps the universe. The grandeur of the final catastrophe might almost reconcile us to the necessity of playing a part, however petty, in so magnificent an event.

Dr. Meyer pictures for us a coming time when the moon will no longer illuminate the nights with a cool reflection of daylight, but will, instead, precipitate herself upon the earth and become incorporated with it. And a similar fate is declared to be in store for those wonderful retines of moons that Jupiter and Saturn display.

Finally, all the planets, in their turn, will become absorbed in the sun. But the sun himself, after he has swallowed his worlds, will not escape a similar end. He, too, is destined to form a part of a still mightier body, to be composed of innumerable suns that have crashed together and been welded into one.

And so, as age after age elapses, vaster and vaster will grow the suns and more immeasurable the systems of gigantic worlds circling around them, the same story of creation and destruction following upon another's heels being repeated over and over again, the number of independent bodies in the universe becoming smaller and smaller, until, at last, after an immense lapse of time, nothing will remain of all the starry systems but one enormous body, which has also swallowed up its attendants, and then, with no more collisions to maintain its temperature and its very life, has gradually lost its heat and become cold, black and inert.

If this were an event close at hand it would overshadow every other subject of human interest. Removed a few thousand years in the future, it would still cast a chilling shadow over mankind. But being untold millions of years off, only an academic interest is excited by it.

And then, too, it is by no means certain that Dr. Meyer is right. No doubt the world will come to an end and all the suns, one after another, will cease to shine, but new ones will spring into existence—ah, in fact, continually springing into existence—and there is no certain evidence that the end for all will be to fall together into a single mass.

The universe may have inexhaustible energies, and the alternate creation and destruction of solar systems may go on forever. It certainly is easier to think of suns shining and of worlds blooming throughout eternity than to think of a dead mass, lost in the night of rayless space, without life, light, or energy of any kind, yet endlessly existing.

These discussions are not in vain.

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They have a broad usefulness. It is well for man to recognize the fact that in belonging to the earth he belongs to the universe, and that so long as he claims to be immortal he cannot withdraw himself from sharing in whatever the remotest conceivable future may have in store for the cosmos of which he is an imperishable part.

Will Attend Funeral

Berlin, Nov. 24.—Emperor William will attend the funeral of Herr Krupp, which will take place from the little old house where his father lived poorly while striving to cast the first steel gun.

The suicide theory has not yet quieted. The Cologne Gazette says: "Whether he died of shock due to excitement and embitterment over the attacks made upon him, or whether, adjudging himself guilty, he took his own life, are questions which, however answered by the accusation itself, must half at his death."

The physicians who were in attendance upon Herr Krupp have drawn up a statement which for the present is kept secret, but it is understood that it declares he died on apoplexy.

It appears that after Herr Krupp regained consciousness on Saturday he insisted on discussing with his solicitor, Herr Korn, the prosecution of the newspapers for publishing accusations against him, and that thereupon the second stroke followed.

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