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KLONDIKE NUGGET.



CLARKE MUST BE DEFEATED.

It is scarcely necessary for the Nugget to announce that no support will be given by this paper to the candidacy of Joe Clarke. On numerous occasions the Nugget has defined the sort of man who can command its assistance in the race for parliament and if the territory had been searched with a one-tooth comb, it would be impossible to find a man who comes so short of the requirements as Clarke.

We can conceive of no greater calamity that could possibly happen to this territory than the success of Clarke at the polls. Such a catastrophe would constitute a reflection upon the intelligence and moral responsibility of the voters of the district. It would be an impeachment of the right of the community to self-government and would result in immeasurably hindering and retarding the growth and progress of the whole territory.

It is as yet too early in the campaign to go exhaustively into details and we defer much that might be said in the above connection until a later date. For the present it is sufficient to say that the Nugget will be in the fight from the start to the finish and by every legitimate means within its power will contribute to the defeat of Clarke.

A POLITICAL TRICKSTER.

The convention of Saturday last illustrates in a striking manner how the desires of the people are often thwarted through the skill of a political trickster. The bona fide, respectable opposition did not want Clarke for a candidate but willy nilly he has been jammed down their throats.

From the date of the meeting in the Auditorium until the adjournment on Saturday night the machinery of the whole show was in Clarke's hands and the success with which he pulled the wool over the eyes of his opponents became clearer and clearer as the convention day approached.

The packed primary which selected the Dawson delegates to the convention was an unmistakable indication of the direction in which the wind was blowing. The entire delegation had been selected prior to the meeting of the primary and Clarke might have had the unanimous support of the delegates had it not been regarded as a better stroke of politics to place a few of his opponents in nomination.

We mistake the temper of the people of this territory if they are prepared to endorse such tactics or submit to dictation at the hands of a political mountebank. The average of intelligence in the Yukon is altogether too high and the knowledge of men and events possessed by the people is altogether too broad to admit the possibility of their being led

astray upon such an important matter as the selection of a man to represent the territory in the Dominion house.

The Yukon as a whole will be judged by the man sent from this territory to represent the people in the councils of the federal legislative body and we deny emphatically that Joe Clarke approaches in any particular the required standard.

The flurry in politics that is now attracting general attention should not draw public notice away from the fact that local business interests demand immediate attention. As was brought out forcibly in these columns on Saturday it is time that the business men of the community came together and effected some means of organization for mutual protection. The opportunity of laying all the grievances of the community before the deputy minister of the interior should not be passed by. The board of trade should be reorganized immediately and an effort made to devise means for restoring the town to normal conditions. Concerted action will bring results which can be accomplished in no other manner.

A Washington lawyer has advanced the ingenious theory that Tracy's widow is entitled to the rewards offered for the deaths both of Tracy and Merrill. The opinion is based upon the fact that Tracy was responsible for the death of both himself and Merrill. Such being the case the reward should go to Tracy's widow. There doesn't seem to be any flaw in the reasoning but it is extremely doubtful if the governors of Oregon and Washington will consider themselves bound thereby.

In Candidate Clark's speech of acceptance, he accounted for his nomination by the fact that the convention was determined to send to Ottawa the "worst dose" that possibly could be prepared. For once, at least, Joseph came somewhere within range of the truth.

Alas, poor Beddoe! After two years spent in planning, working and wire pulling, not even to be able to receive a nomination.

Wrangle Narrows

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Seattle, Aug. 23.—Major Mills has sent a party to survey Wrangle Narrows with the view of new improvements in that waterway.

Burned to Death

Special to the Daily Nugget.
St. John, Aug. 23.—Oliver Gough and wife were burned to death at Hopewell Hill, N. B.

Child Killed

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Seattle, Aug. 23.—Myron W. McLaughlin, the child of wealthy Seattleites, was killed by a tram car.

Captain Drowned

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Seattle, Aug. 23.—Capt. Lorne Adleman, navigator, was drowned here yesterday.

Killed His Wife

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Quebec, Aug. 23.—Jos. Mathurin of Montmagny, wife-murderer, has been committed for trial. He made a full confession.

No More Cheap Rates

Special to the Daily Nugget.
London, Aug. 23.—Reduced cable rates to troops in Africa will be discontinued Sept. 1st.

Pearson—The only way for a man to learn all about women is to get married.

Gregson—And study the ways of his wife, eh?

Pearson—No, listen to what she tells him about other women.—Tit-Bits.

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JUDGE JAS. WICKERSHAM

Visits Dawson En Route to Tacoma, Wn.

Will Later Return to Valdez for Winter — Was Messenger of Prosperity for Nome.

Judge James Wickersham of Alaska, accompanied by his wife, arrived on the steamer Zealandian yesterday from Eagle City where the judge lately held a session of United States court.

Judge and Mrs. Wickersham left on the Columbian for the outside. They return to Tacoma, their old home, on a visit, the former not having been home for over two years. He will return north in time to hold a session of court at Valdez in October and will spend the winter there.

At the recent term of court held at Eagle Harry Owens was found guilty of having murdered his partner, Christensen, in a remote portion of the Forty-ninth country. The verdict being murder in the second degree, Owens was sentenced to 25 years imprisonment in the United States penitentiary on McNeil's Island near Tacoma, Wash. Owens was in Dawson today on his way in charge of Deputy U. S. Marshal Geo. G. Perry.

Another important case decided by a jury at Eagle was the case of Mrs. Fred J. Struthers of St. Michael, formerly Miss Ella Garrett of Dawson, vs. Jack Belsco, in which the title to the lower half of No. 4a, Glen Gulch, near Rampart, was involved. The jury decided in favor of the plaintiff.

Mrs. Struthers' father, W. T. Garrett, formerly well known in Dawson, was also here today and in custody of Deputy Marshal Perry. He is hopelessly insane and is being taken to the insane asylum at Steilacoom, Wash.

Traveling in the Wickersham party to the outside are Geo. Jeffries, the judge's private secretary, A. J. Ballet, U. S. commissioner at Rampart, Dr. Kellogg, post surgeon at Fort Egbert, and wife, Mrs. A. L. Heath and son of Eagle, and Deputy Marshal Geo. G. Perry and wife of Eagle. They all arrived on the Zealandian and left for Whitehorse on the Columbian this afternoon.

While a stranger to the majority of the people in the Yukon, Judge Wickersham is known by reputation to all as the man who temporarily succeeded Judge Noyes at Nome and cleared the docket of something like 600 cases, bringing order out of chaos and restoring confidence in a country where crookedness and official chicanery had formerly held sway. While in the city the judge and party were guests of the Regina where he was called upon by many old Tomcomates and others who formerly knew him on the outside.

Drought in Australia.

Seattle, Aug. 13.—The long continuance of drought in Australia, together with the continual labor difficulties, makes conditions particularly unfavorable throughout the Australian federation, according to the statement of B. L. Mann, of Sydney, New South Wales, who was in Seattle yesterday. He left the colony a month ago with Mrs. Mann. They are traveling over America.

For eight months no rain has fallen throughout the larger part of the continent. One-third of the 60,000,000 sheep in the several provinces have perished of hunger and thirst. Scarcely a vestige of green vegetation remains to be seen, and in certain parts of Australia not a drop of rain has moistened the earth for a year and a quarter.

"Conditions are almost unbearable in any Australian city," Mr. Mann declared yesterday at the Butler hotel. "And to make matters worse the influence of the predominant labor party has a blighting effect on all enterprises. The political labor organization has the balance of power and is able to turn elections to the benefit of either of the regular political parties. Labor practically rules, and such a situation is decidedly to the disadvantage of trade and commerce. Each store must close promptly at a certain hour, and by law the employer is compelled to give his employes a vacation of half a day each week in addition to Sunday. A Chinese who is found ironing a shirt five minutes after 6 o'clock in the evening is taken before the law courts and fined \$10. The effects

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Fatal Quarrel Between Men

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Placer Strike Near Yaktag.

If the information now at hand is correct, and there is no reason to doubt it, one of the richest placer discoveries ever made in Alaska has been made back of Cape Yaktag on the coast just west of Malaspina glacier. Several weeks ago a man arrived in Valdez from Yaktag with a number of locations for record and incidentally with a tale of a rich placer strike which would outrival the yellow journal stories of the Klondike in '97. Of course this man did not proclaim his find from the housetops, but on the other hand kept it as secret as possible, letting in only one man, an old friend of his, from whom he sought advice. The affair was kept quiet, although a number of men were sent from here to the new find and as they have no doubt reached there before this time there is no further need for secrecy.

The story told by the discoverer is about as follows: He and two other men had been prospecting in the vicinity of Yaktag for some time. On one stream they found very good indications and proceeded to prospect up the creek. The further up they went the better became the prospects and after reaching a certain point they were astonished to see the gold actually sticking out of the bank on either side of the creek. They had no facilities with them for doing anything but prospecting, so they walked a distance of about 12 miles to an old beach diggings and secured a rocker which had been abandoned. They returned immediately and went to work. They worked the rocker just 30 hours and cleaned up 31 1/2 ounces in gold. They staked three claims and then left in all haste for Kayak to consult with their partners. They were under the impression that they could not locate claims for the others unless they had written powers of attorney. This accounts for their anxiety to keep the matter quiet until they could return to the find and stake more ground.—Valdez News, Aug. 9.

Tracy's Grandfather.

Miss Bessie Sudlow, a Ballard girl, is visiting in Pittsville, Wis., which is the old home of Harry Tracy. She writes her mother that while there she attended the funeral of Tracy's grandfather, whose name is J. I. Severns, and who died of a broken heart on account of the disgrace brought on the family by the outlaw.

It seems that Tracy, whose real name is Severns, was brought up by his grandparents, and the feeble old man was kept in ignorance of the career of the desperado. But Tracy wrote them a letter telling of his assumed name and of his break for liberty. This letter the old man got hold of and the news broke his heart. His death soon followed.—Seattle Times.

Tragedy Due to Jealousy.
Fort Smith, Ark., Aug. 12.—At Lone Elm, a village thirty-five miles west of Fort Smith, Manz Huggins, assistant postmaster, shot and killed his wife while in a jealous rage and then committed suicide. They leave five children.

"I see you pay your doctor's bills by check and send it by mail."
"Sure. If I took the money he might charge me for another visit."
—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Job Printing at Nugget office.

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Stebbins had hired Stebbins to do some engineering work for him along the Desplaines river, and Stebbins went to Scott's office to ask for a payment on the account. Scott replied that the work had not been satisfactory. Until this remark the men had talked in unexcited voices and Scott's stenographer, Myrtle Shumate, who was in the outer office thought that nothing except an ordinary business conference was in progress.

Suddenly the men grappled. Stebbins says Scott kicked him and he lost his temper and kicked back.

Then he caught up a paper knife that lay on Scott's desk and twice buried it in Scott's stomach. Scott fell motionless. His stenographer and another woman lifted him to the couch. A doctor came in five minutes and said that Scott had died before being laid on the lounge.

Stebbins was locked up to await the action of the coroner's jury. He said he did not know he had killed Scott and the policeman did not tell him till he led him into the office where Scott's body lay.

Miss Shumate told the following story to the police of the trouble: "Mr. Stebbins came into the office shortly after 9 o'clock and was closeted with Mr. Scott. Shortly before 10 o'clock I heard voices as if the two were quarrelling. Then there was a crash inside the private room. The door was thrown open and the

men staggered into the outer office where I sat. They were struggling and kicking and beating each other. Mr. Stebbins held the paper cutter in his hand and it flashed while they fought. They tumbled about the room until they crashed against the outer door, shattering the glass. Mr. Stebbins stabbed Mr. Scott twice in the body.

"Mr. Scott staggered back from the door and finally fell upon the floor.

"Oh, my God," he said, "he has killed me. My poor wife and boy, God save me."

"I don't remember any more, for I rushed out like one crazed and called for help.

"The whole thing occurred in a few minutes, but it seemed an age to me. I do not know what led up to the trouble. I did not see the beginning of it."

Scott lived with his wife and child at the Virginia Hotel. He was well-to-do. He made his money in the lumber business in Wisconsin and in railroad work in that state. His wife's company was a new venture, but a successful one.

"Wilbur," asked the patient little lady who taught in the night school, "why is your writing so dreadfully up and down?"

"Don't know," answered Wilbur, "less it's 'cause I run an elevator days."—New York Times.

"The late James Dick, of Glasgow, left \$10,000 to his cook," remarked Mr. Snags to his wife.

"She must have been in the family at least a year," commented Mrs. Snags.—Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.

"Money," said Plugging Pete, "slips troo me hands like water."

"Well," answered Steandering Mike, "dat's about as close as I care about comin' to takin' a bath."

Margie Newman at Auditorium.

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