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The platform upon which Mr. Ross appeals to the electors of the Yukon for support is a practical document in its every provision. It deals with no vagaries or impossibilities but in a straightforward, clear and concise manner touches upon every live question now before the community.

It presents the needs of the miners in a manner that speaks on the part of those who framed the platform a thorough and complete knowledge of the requirements of the mining industry. In connection with the necessity of a public system of water supply and the general demand that private corporations be restrained from enjoying any exclusive privileges in that particular the platform deals as follows:

"Whereas, The supply of water and power to the mines on the creeks is one of the most serious questions of the day in the Yukon territory; and

"Whereas, In the opinion of the convention, the matter of such supply on fair and reasonable terms should best be dealt with by the government itself, and should not be left to private individuals; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the government be requested immediately to make careful examination and obtain reports upon the subject with a view of cancelling forthwith the Treadgold concession and undertaking such supply as a national enterprise."

This briefly but fully is covered one of the vital questions which sooner or later will affect the welfare of every placer mining operator and every wage earner in the district.

The matter of water supply has grown in importance from the day that gold was first discovered on Bonanza creek. With the clearing of the timber from the hills adjacent to the producing streams of the district the problem has presented new and increased difficulties. Along several of the most important creeks all vegetation has practically been removed from the hillsides and there is nothing left to retain moisture. As a consequence the early freshets are carried off immediately and excepting in an unusually wet season such as by good fortune the past one has been, great hardship is certain to ensue.

The water question is of such great and far-reaching importance that it is practically necessary that the government should take a hand in settling it.

To turn the mining community over to the mercies of a private concession will not be satisfactory to anyone and this fact was amply recognized by the convention in adopting the resolution above quoted.

It is apparent, therefore, that the platform upon which Mr. Ross stands is not a mere collection of catch phrases intended merely to win votes. On the contrary it is a broad-gauge document, designed to furnish a working basis for the candidate who champions it and may be accepted as the guide which Mr. Ross will follow when the action of the Liberal convention has received popular endorsement at the polls.

THE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

The new athletic association gives promise of filling a want which Dawson has felt for a long time. Efforts of a similar nature which have been attempted in the past have failed owing usually to the lack of financial backing and also to the fact that sufficient patronage has never been forthcoming to pay running expenses.

Several skating rinks have been constructed but have never afforded any degree of comfort either to skaters or onlookers, and consequently have not proven a success from any standpoint. Under the plans as now proposed every provision will be made to insure the members and patrons of the association every possible comfort and convenience. Spectators will be able to watch the various sports without imminent danger of freezing and the participants themselves will have ample quarters for their accommodation.

There is a general desire which is confined to no particular class in the community to see the new athletic association a success, and the fact that construction work is progressing rapidly is a source of universal satisfaction. The building as now outlined will afford wholesome and invigorating enjoyment to all who may desire to take advantage of it and it may confidently be anticipated that every lover of good, clean sport will give his support to the project.

The manner in which the support of the News was peddled all over town at the Prudhomme and Wilson election has not been forgotten by the voters of the district. The details of the whole transaction are on record in the Nugget office, and it is ancient history to want this paper will undertake to furnish it by the column or full page. The great trouble with the News rests in the fact that it changes editors too frequently. If Brother Beddoe would put himself on previous policies of his paper he would not make so many bad breaks.

The determination of the city council to give needed assistance to the free library will meet with general approval. The free library is a worthy institution and has been an untold blessing to hundreds of men both of Dawson and from the creeks. Until the Carnegie library is established it will be necessary to maintain the existing institution or go without altogether—and no one desires to see the last alternative in effect.

Clarke does not possess a single qualification which makes him a desirable candidate. From the time he had charge of the back door in Thomas Fawcett's office until the present time he has done nothing which should commend him to the voters of the Yukon. On his private record alone he would be defeated ten times over.

The election is still more than two months away but if it were twice as far it would be impossible to exhaust the anti-Clarke ammunition at hand. The campaign so far as that particular feature is concerned has not as yet opened, in spite of the rambling comments of Clarke's organ.

It is to be hoped that Clarke's domination of the News will not result as disastrously as has been the case with the Miner. Josephus telegit nihil nisi spoliat—which being broadly interpreted means that Joe hoodooes everything he comes in contact with.

To Increase Chinese Trade

Chicago, Sept. 9.—China and the United States are to be brought into closer business relations by commercial museums in the large cities of each country. Chicago, New York and San Francisco are the American cities in which permanent exhibitions of Chinese products will be established, and exhibits of American manufactures will be displayed in Canton, Peking, Singapore, Hongkong, Hankow and perhaps other centers of population in China.

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New York, Sept. 9.—Governor Stone of Pennsylvania, who arrived in the city last night, made a brief statement today relative to his presence here and the coal situation. He said:

"I am here on private business. I expect to return to Harrisburg today. I am as anxious to see the strike settled in Pennsylvania as any one can possibly be. I can only repeat what I have said in previous interviews, that if I can be satisfied that the legislature would pass a law that would be constitutional and that would settle the strike and prevent others, I would not hesitate to call it together, but I must be satisfied that such a law can be passed."

In reply to a question, the governor said he had no appointment to meet President Baer of the Reading railroad should the latter come to the city today to attend an expected conference of coal operators.

The governor was told of a report in circulation which was supposed to account for Senator Platt's prediction that the coal strike would be ended this week. It was to the effect that Senator Platt had knowledge of a plan to have a committee appointed representing New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, the committee to act in an advisory capacity and to suggest legislation for the settling of the strike and preventing other labor troubles. Governor Stone refused to comment on this report.

Governor Stone this afternoon paid a visit to the offices of the United States Steel Corporation. Upon leaving he said:

"Attorney General Elkin, Senator Linn and myself have been in consultation for some hours today with P. A. B. Widener of Philadelphia, who is a director in the United States Steel Corporation and is associated with Mr. Morgan—in many business interests. Mr. Widener is very anxious to see the strike settled and today took the matter up with Mr. Morgan. We are doing what we can."

SPEAKER HENDERSON

Withdraws From the Race

Dubuque, Ia., Sept. 17.—Speaker David B. Henderson of the national house of representatives, has withdrawn from the race for re-election to congress and declines the nomination which was tendered him some weeks ago. The cause assigned for the action is dissatisfaction with the Republican platform adopted in Iowa. The platform denounces the trusts and demanded that trust-made goods should go on the free list. The speaker refused to stand by the declaration and declines to run for congress.

Bishop Brynat Welcom.

A meeting was held in St. Mary's school on Sunday evening to consider what steps should be taken to provide a fitting reception to the new bishop of this diocese, Bishop Brynat. It resulted in the appointment of a committee to draft an address of welcome and to suggest the character of the proceedings. The committee consists of Mayor Macaulay, Mr. Justice Macaulay, Alex. Macdonald, Aug. Noel, E. J. Goselin, J. E. Girouard, L. J. James and J. McNamee. This committee will meet this evening at eight o'clock, in Mr. Girouard's office.

For the Curlers.

For the information of the curlers Secretary Burns states that the accommodations in the new athletic building for curling will be most ample. There will be two aisles of the regulation size, well lighted, and a smoking room about thirty feet square heated by steam. This room will have a frontage entirely of glass, thus giving ladies and others splendid facilities for witnessing the games with all the comfort and warmth of their own parlors.

There will be an entrance to the curling rink on the alley next to A. B. hall, and also from the main building. The curling members of the association who are shareholders will have all the privileges of the association, including the skating rink and the use of the gymnasium and reading and writing rooms.

Alleged Gambling.

The case of Louis Spitz, charged with keeping a common gaming house at the rear of the Aurora saloon, came up for hearing yesterday afternoon but was again enlarged to tomorrow afternoon.

REVIEW OF THE SITUATION

Progress of the Campaign up to the Present Time—Clarke Has Steadily Lost Since the Day of His Nomination—The News Support is Very Weak.

Just now there seems to be a pause in the discussion of matters political. The acrimonious feeling displayed by the Sun against the News seems to have taken a rest, or to be settling and fermenting for another outbreak. Meantime its new manager has gone back to safe subjects for comment and criticism, matters at a distance in which there is no public interest felt whatever; a return to the innocuous apple crop stage, in short.

The editor of the evening edition of the News is also taking a rest. He has contented himself every day for a week by asking the question "What has Ross done?" so as to give the morning edition of the News something to answer. Some time the morning edition may get tired of being held up to the public as the naughty boy who is incapable of learning his lesson and may boldly dare to put the question to the editor of the evening edition, "What has Joe Clarke done to entitle him to public confidence and such high honors?" Then there will be Hades to pay in the News office, and no pitch hot.

Meanwhile, during this apparent truce, an opportunity is afforded to impartially review the situation as it at present stands, and the manner in which it was brought about.

There are two political parties now in the field, and one independent party. It is the extreme of courtesy, however, to designate the following of Joe Clarke as a political party. It was hoped to make it such by dragging into it those who in politics call themselves Conservatives, and thus make of it an opposition party to the government. But this attempt woefully and miserably failed, as those Conservatives who attended the first meeting saw at once that it was a scheme for the nomination of Clarke, and not for the election of a member of the Conservative or opposition party, and they therefore withdrew.

There were not many of them who attended that first meeting. Dr. Thompson, W. L. Walsh, C. P. McCaul and others were conspicuous by their absence. Those on the platform were Clarke, Clendennin, Prudhomme, Woodworth and Black. Those who absented themselves did so because they had no confidence that the mass meeting would prove to be conducted on the fair, frank, broad lines that should distinguish such a gathering, and later developments showed that their want of confidence was justified.

There was a platform read at that meeting, which had been prepared by Dr. Catto. With some emendations, it was adopted as the platform of the new opposition party, and it was determined to hold a convention. The feature of the meeting was a long discussion upon a proposition by Clarke, that no candidate should be accepted by the convention unless he first gave his resignation as member of parliament into the hands of a committee. Dr. Catto made an indignant speech against this. He held that to give such a pledge would show an entire lack of confidence in the candidate selected, and how could the territory be asked to support a man for parliament in whom they had no confidence? Woodworth also spoke against it, but merely that such an anti-election promise would not hold water after election. But Joe Clarke, its originator, said he would not become a candidate unless he could place his resignation, to be acted upon after election, in the hands of such a committee, and he would not support any candidate who declined to do this.

So that those who vote for Clarke are in reality voting for a man who will go to Ottawa not to carry out the wishes of the people of the Yukon, but the desires of a committee of three, of which beyond the shadow of a doubt Moses McGregor will be the head and tail.

Attention is only drawn to these peculiar politics at this time in order to revive in the memory what occurred when the same trick was tried by Clarke at the beginning of the municipal campaign, when every candidate for the city council, even those of Clarke's following, thought it necessary to declare on the platform, "There are no strings on me."

So this mass meeting determined to call a convention for the election of a candidate with strings on him, and in accordance with the resolutions then passed primaries for the election of delegates were held all over the territory. The work at the mass meeting, it was pointed out by some of those who attended, was "a little coarse" so Clarke did not put in an appearance at any of these primaries outside of the city. When they took place Clarke was around town saying, "You can see the primaries are going to be on the square, for I don't go near them."

But Moses McGregor attended the primaries, and he saw to it that all Clarke's numbers were appointed as delegates.

The Dawson primary, however, was

handled by Clarke himself, and before the meeting was called to order a voter announced that the list of delegates had been cut and dried by Clarke, and he mentioned the names, and declared the meeting was not on the square. The list of delegates elected was the same as that which he had read. This man who booted the primary also stated that the names of Dr. Alfred Thompson, C. M. Woodworth and J. K. Spaulding had been put on the list "to make it look square."

The convention was held on August 30rd, and Dr. Alfred Thompson was induced to act as chairman. It has been stated that he did so under a promise from Clarke that he would get all the Clarke support when he became a candidate for the Yukon council. No one can be brought to believe this, however, who remembers the manly attitude the doctor held throughout the campaign for the mayoralty, or who knows of his absolute refusal to make any anti-election pledges to Clarke or any of his followers in regard to the policy he would adopt in the event of his election. And, at any rate, his course since the nomination of Clarke is in itself sufficient to refute any such rumors.

Woodworth was the only other candidate before the convention, and he received on the first ballot 23 votes to Clarke's 39. He moved after the next ballot the customary vote that Clarke's nomination be made unanimous, but it was in a purely perfunctory way, and he could not refrain from a broad hint that he had been jobbed, stating that many who had promised to vote for him had failed to do so.

William L. Walsh was one of those selected as a delegate to this convention for the purpose of giving the list a semblance of respectability, but Clarke was not sufficiently adroit to make a tool of him. Mr. Walsh saw through the scheme as soon as the proceedings opened, and when he denounced it the nickname of "Foxy Grandpa" was bestowed upon him.

Since the convention not one of the leading Conservatives has given to Clarke the slightest support. Among those on the platform at the first mass meeting not one has said a word in his support since the convention except Mr. Beddoe, and he ranks as a Liberal on the ground of having a relative employed in the department of the interior at Ottawa. It is not believed, in fact it is very generally denied, that Mr. Beddoe personally has any friendly feeling for Clarke, and even as editor of the News he has yet to publish his first editorial that the so-called opposition candidate is a man in any way fitted to represent this or any other electoral district in the house of commons at Ottawa.

Since the convention in August the name of Clarke has scarcely been mentioned in the News. In the news columns of the paper it seems to have been as scrupulously ignored as it was during the time when in his newspaper he was libelling everyone of prominence in order to get into jail and be able to pose as a political martyr. And in general throughout the territory his candidacy has never been seriously regarded by those who have votes and sufficient intelligence to appreciate the dignity of the ballot.

Only once has his name been broken in regard to his candidacy, and that was last Saturday night when a meeting of the trades council was held to consider a miners' lien law. There it was proposed to redouble spring upon the meeting a resolution pledging the unions of the territory to support Clarke's candidacy, but one of the working men jumped up and waving a \$10 bill said, "If I had had that in '88 I could have got into the gold commissioner's office by the back way and registered my claim." The hearty laughter and cheers which immediately followed showed how thoroughly the remark was understood and appreciated. It even led Clarke to say in his address later on that much had been said as to his evil character, and that he realized what a revelation it would be for one such as he to appear in the house of commons.

These words are quoted from the News' report of his speech, published yesterday afternoon. The speech provides an occasion for Mr. Beddoe to say a few words editorially of the "popularity" of the News' candidate. It is generally believed that a "deal" has been made by which Mr. Beddoe is to be supported by the Clarke faction for mayor, and that his present subservient support of the man he only a few months ago contemptuously ignored is the price he is paying for it.

The first meeting of the so-called opposition party was held in July. The first meeting of the Yukon Liberal Association was not called until after the writing call for the election of a member of parliament had been fully issued. The convention which resulted was held last Thursday evening and concluded in the unanimous

choice of James Hamilton Ross as the candidate of the party. This was a convention of a recognized political party whose popularity in recent years has grown with the prosperity of the Dominion and to a large extent has kept the cause of it.

The noticeable feature of the personnel of this convention was the absence of leading politicians and the fact that the proceedings were conducted, and most of the speeches made by delegates who are miners. They argued that the man to be elected as the representative of this territory at Ottawa should be one who had already gained favorable recognition there, one whose efforts to better the condition of matters here would meet with a ready consideration by the party in power, and the conclusion was that Mr. Ross was by far and away the best man who could be selected, as his past efforts in this direction during his term as commissioner have won for him the confidence of the electorate and that of the government at Ottawa also. His name was brought forward by one of the miners; it was supported by others from every part of the territory; there was no other name mentioned. This remarkable unanimity is an arguement of that which will be presented on December 2nd.

The platform of the Liberal party presents the most comprehensive treatment of the vital questions affecting this territory that has ever been drawn up; it provides the remedy for all the grievances which the miners have suffered under in the past. The questions of concessions, Treadgold water rights, encouragement of quartz mining, and reduction of recording fees are ably taken up and handled in a thoroughly business-like manner. It is a miner's platform; so much so that the News, which pretends to represent the miners exclusively, complains that parts of it have been stolen from the Clarke platform.

In this regard it may be observed that the so-called Clarke platform was drawn and presented to the public by Dr. Catto, who is now an opposition candidate to the opposition party.

This sums up the situation to the present, Mr. Woodworth's position in regard to the candidate of the opposition party being plainly declared in his action of yesterday in regard to the plant of the opposition newspaper. There is only one other point made by the party of the opposition, and that is that the French-Canadian are not largely represented in the Liberal party. The News is making strenuous exertions to egg them on to nominate an independent French-Canadian candidate, the idea, of course, being to split up the French vote. It is well known, however, that throughout the whole of Canada and embracing this territory, the French-Canadian is loyal to his party. One of their race and tongue, one of the most remarkably able men of his time, is the leader of the Liberal party, and as the premier of Canada Sir Wilfrid Laurier is an honor to them and to his country in the power he wields as one of the foremost statesmen of the world. The French-Canadian can take care of their interests in the Klondike without the aid and support of the News.

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