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KLONDIKE NUGGET.

FREIGHT CHARGES.

Should the proposed railroad from Valdes to Eagle materialize, and the indications are that it certainly will, then will the shippers of Dawson see an entirely different demeanor in the attitude of the officials of the W. P. & Y. R. who will then be as meek and humble as they are austere and dictatorial now. When it becomes possible for both passengers and freight to reach Dawson from salt water within 24 or 30 hours the W. P. & Y. R. will realize that it has an opposition many times stronger than that which now exists in the all-water route via St. Michael, which today is the only thing that prevents the up-river company from doubling its already exorbitant charges.

But the proposed railroad from Valdes to Eagle, and possibly to Dawson, does not alleviate the present situation, although for the remainder of the present season, except in late shipments and perishable goods, the bulk of stuff received in Dawson will come by the lower river, a saving of hundreds of thousands of dollars to the business interest of Dawson and the Yukon. But even the rates by the lower river are much too high for the welfare and future interests of the country. These also would be speedily remedied with the construction of a railroad from Valdes to the Yukon and after that time "unprecedented storms" can sweep the coast in quest of barges to wreck at pleasure, and yet no damage will be done. It can be "understood the captain's telegram will read" any old thing and no one need worry about it.

But in the meantime it behooves the shippers to make some effort to better their present condition and to issue an edict as to what they will stand in the way of freight charges next year.

BRYAN VERSUS HILL.

It is evident that the late Democratic convention in the state of Ohio involved much more than appeared upon the surface when that convention adjourned. Developments have been rapid and conclusive touching this suggestion.

Within three days from the date of that adjournment the followers of Mr. Bryan showed evidence of discontent, the immediate excuse being that the Democratic convention of Ohio had without precedent refused to recognize in any manner the national platform upon which the Democratic candidates stood in 1900.

Per se, this did not seem to be a reasonable excuse, but the New York World has suddenly brought to the surface a different reason for the action of the Democratic convention—and that reason involves the candidacy of David B. Hill of New York for the presidency in 1904.

Mr. Bryan has now come out boldly and assures the country that he will fight Mr. Hill's candidacy to a finish, and it remains to be seen what sort of a battle these two great leaders will put up.

It develops in the course of the discussion of this proposition that Mr. Hill has won over John R. McLean of

Cincinnati, to the candidacy of the New Yorker—and, says the Seattle Times, since Mr. McLean wants to be Senator from Ohio, the election for which depends upon the results of the present state campaign, there is a strong reason for the alliance between Hill and McLean.

Mr. Bryan charges that pending the Kansas City convention Mr. Hill came to his house and urged that the platform to be adopted at Kansas City in 1900 ignore the money question altogether, or at least ignore the "silver plank" thereof.

It is well known that Mr. Bryan refused to permit this so emphatically that he not only told Mr. Hill that he would not accept the nomination on any other platform but that as late as 3 o'clock on the morning of the night in which the platform committee sat under a tie vote on the money plank of the platform, Mr. Bryan phoned that committee through one of his trusted lieutenants, that "if the silver plank be omitted from the platform to withdraw my name from the convention."

Mr. Bryan now claims that Hill went to Kansas City and did all he could to beat the platform which Bryan desired, and then afterwards rejoiced at Bryan's defeat at the polls—and Mr. Bryan considers this "conduct on the part of Hill to be sufficient to make an open fight against Hill, to say nothing of the other fact that Hill represents the "Clevelandism" of Democracy, which is both un-American and antiquated.

Without taking sides with either at the present time, it is fair to observe that Mr. Hill's fight against the Kansas City platform was open and bold, and unless he expected to receive the nomination himself as a result of defeating the plank which Bryan insisted should be inserted into the platform, the Hill's conduct was not reprehensible in that convention.

It is also true that, barring Mr. Bryan's, there was no name spoken in the Kansas City convention during its session that received the amount of applause both from delegates and spectators as did the name David B. Hill.

It goes without saying that it Hill rejoiced at Bryan's defeat at the polls, he deserves Bryan's opposition now, and ultimate defeat in 1904.

Of course, July, 1901—three straight years before a Democratic candidate will be put before the people in the next presidential campaign—is altogether too far off to occasion much disturbance at the present time. Long before the next convention shall assemble to select the Democratic candidate for the presidency, other and stronger candidates than David B. Hill may come before the people—and there are too many younger men who will undoubtedly have followers in that convention—and two of them spell their names "Carter H. Harrison," mayor of Chicago, and "Tom L. Johnson," mayor of Cleveland.

The Sun is nothing if not candid. In this morning's issue it apologizes for many breaks and "bombs" made by it in the past, but promises better things in the future. It says it is importing a cargo of editors from Eastern Canada and in substance asks the people to grin and bear with it until the consignment arrives. In behalf of the Sun we ask that the people comply with its request. It does not state whether the shipment is coming as bonded freight or by express. It is now in order for our esteemed evening "contemptuous" to warn the Sun to not ship its consignment of editors in barges by way of St. Michael on account of "unprecedented storms sweeping the coast."

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THE CONCERT LAST NIGHT

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The concert at the Savoy last night was deserving of a much larger audience than that present, but those who were there were most delightfully entertained by Miss Mary Case, assisted by Mesdames Walker and Torrey (formerly the Misses Larsen) and Mr. Arthur Boyle, accompanist. Miss Case who is just from the Boston Conservatory of Music, possesses a most pleasing voice over which her control is simply wonderful. Her rendition of "Land o' the Lea" and "The Holy City" was alone worth many times the admission charged for the entertainment. The last number, in which she appeared as Liberty, holding in her hands the American and British flags and sang "Star Spangled Banner" and "God Save the King" was also a charming feature of the excellent program.

Miss Case endeavored herself to all who saw and heard her last night and now that she has thus successfully been introduced to the people here there is no doubt but that, should she decide to give a future entertainment she will be greeted by a large audience.

Court Officers Return.

Justice C. A. Dugas and Chas. E. McDonald clerk of the territorial court, returned yesterday from Whitehorse, whither they went a week ago last Monday to hear cases ready for trial at that place. Mr. McDonald said that there has been up to the present time very little litigation at Whitehorse owing to the court being at such a distance, the litigants settling their disputes rather than go to the expense of bringing their cases to Dawson. Only two cases were heard a report of which was published in the Nugget of a recent date. Regular sittings of the territorial court are to be established at Whitehorse but the time has not yet been specified. Mr. McDonald said that Whitehorse was very quiet and it seemed good to get back to the activity of Dawson.

Vacations Not Wanted.

San Juan, July 13.—Intense interest is manifested in school work in Puerto Rico by teachers and scholars alike. In schools in the United States, as a rule, the students look forward to the closing days of the spring term and hail the first day of the long summer vacation with delight. In this, Puerto Rican children are different from their northern cousins. Here the rising generation reluctantly left the schoolroom on the last day of the term, and such a demand was made for all-summer schools that arrangements have been made for them in several towns.

Ground will be broken next week for a complete professional school to train teachers of Rio Piedras. Although the returned American teachers complain of the small salaries paid by the department of education, there are more applicants for teachers' certificates for the autumn term than the authorities can handle.

The department felt that during the summer some opportunity should be given the teachers for professional improvement. To that end a systematic canvass has been made and an announcement sent out that a summer normal school session of ten weeks will be held in this city, beginning July 15.

About 500 teachers and prospective teachers have signified their intention to attend this summer school. Its function is not to teach, but to train others to teach, and a faculty has been selected with great care to carry out this idea. The fact that such a number should wish to attend the courses of instruction is a most remarkable and practical demonstration of the utility and value of the system of education that is being established in this island. It also indicates that the people at large appreciate the value of the new educational system which is being carried out under the direction of Commissioner Brumbaugh.

By the time the autumn term opens more than 30 new school houses will have been completed. But even then there will not be accommodations for half the children of school age. Extra buildings in all towns will have to be rented, as it is quite probable that the school attendance next year will be doubled.

Distinguished Visitors.

Senator Myron Matson and C. P. Collins from Pennsylvania are recent arrivals in Dawson. They are largely interested in mining properties in this country and are en route to Nome where they are also interested. Both gentlemen are conspicuous by their similarity of avordupois and the "good fellow" appearance which sits naturally on men of an ample girth. Mr. Matson is one of Pennsylvania's U. S. senators.

It Got Him a Wife.

Major J. M. Burke told a good story of his experience in helping a friend to get the girl of his choice. "He was a good fellow," said he, "but young and without much capital. The girl was a beauty and loved the boy, but the father (the same old irate father) objected and demanded that the boy show that he was capable of supporting a wife. This was in St. Louis about ten years ago, and the boy came to me with his troubles. "Never mind," said I. "I'll fix it up all right. By the way, how much will you take for your right leg?" "He looked at me as though I were crazy, but made no answer. "I'll give you \$10,000 for it," I said. "Will you take it?" "No, I won't," he said. "What do you take me for?" "Well, I knew the girl's father; he was a merchant, and called to see him. We finally drifted around to talking about this young fellow, and the old man flared a little, stating that he wanted someone who could support a wife to have his daughter. "Support a wife!" said I, in surprise. "Why, he certainly can do all that. Only a few days ago he refused \$10,000 for a piece of property. "His own property?" asked the father. "Certainly," said I. "Who offered him the money?" asked he. "I did, and he refused it," I answered. "He claimed it was worth more."

"Well, this made a bit, and no more questions were asked. The boy is doing well now and has a good family. I haven't spoken to the father since."—Washington Times.

Washing Away.

With regard to the east coast a sorry story has to be told, the county of Yorkshire, for instance, from Bridlington to Spurn Head, has been disappearing. It is calculated, at an average rate of six feet a year. It is said that careful observation of a certain 12-mile stretch shows that the cliffs 40 feet high have been eaten away by the waves for 132 feet in 40 years. It is, however, at Spurn Head that the greatest ravages have taken place.

In Edward I's time the village of Ravenspurr, a seaport near Spurn Head, sent more than one member to parliament; in 1399 and 1471 Henry IV and Edward IV, respectively, landed there, but very soon after the latter's visit the entire town was swept away by the sea. Today the village of Kilsnes alone stands upon the head; the old site of the village, once a fair place on a hill, with a fine old church, destroyed by the waves in 1826, is now some hundreds of yards below high water mark, and when New Kilsnes joins it the sea and the Humber will not take long to destroy the entire promontory and make things very unpleasant at Grimsby.—Good Words.

Prospect of a Lynching.

Santa Paula, Cal., July 22.—Mayor Hugh O'Hara was shot and probably fatally wounded Sunday by Charles Waxsmith, an employe of the Union Oil Well Supply Company. Since the shooting the town has been in a state of turmoil, and for a time there was prospect of a lynching. There was a meeting of 2500 angry citizens and the greatest excitement prevailed. The crime was vigorously denounced and measures were taken to rid the town of objectionable characters.

The shooting was the result of the mayor's effort to preserve order among persons who insisted on fighting on the street. Four machinists, Charles Waxsmith, George Gregg, H. A. Wokly and John Bottoms, are under arrest. The mayor ordered the four men arrested for fighting with a Mexican, but Waxsmith secured a pistol and deliberately shot the mayor, who was sitting in front of his own home.

Perinet E. Fils Extra Sec Champagne, 25. Regina Club hotel.

An Individual Opinion.

SO the mighty freight problem which now occupies the minds of the railroad which has worried the merchants of Dawson sick, and raised such an uproar in press, is still as far from a satisfactory solution as ever. When you stop to think about it, it seems strange that in all the discussion which the subject has engendered, one has spoken a single word for the one most vitally interested—the one through all the vast resources of the country must be brought to fruition, by whose effort made possible to operate railroads and steamships, and who pays by coiled sweat for merchandise landed here. Why not take him, the workingman, the toiler, the miner, the farmer, the fisherman, the stock raiser, the merchant, the manufacturer, the contractor? Who but the Government can act for him? Step in, representative of the people, and grapple with the question. The welfare of the country demands it.

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