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THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 1901.

PASSING OF THE SPECULATOR.

The condition of the local market indicates very clearly that the present winter has not been favorable to speculative investments as was the case last year and the year before. There are few commodities in which any considerable shortage is apparent and in many lines the market, if anything, is overstocked. In consequence the consumer is now having a word to say both as to the quality of goods which he will buy and the prices he will pay.

Legitimate competition has brought the various lines of trade in Dawson, down to a basis fair to dealer and consumer alike. The feverish condition in the markets due to fear of shortages and corners has about disappeared. The dealer must be content with a reasonable profit, and success over his competitors must now be attained through fair treatment and intelligence in catering to the customers' wants.

"Any old thing" is no longer good enough for Dawson. To command ready sale, commodities must be the best obtainable and the price must be such as will convince the purchaser that he is receiving value for his money. In other words the successful merchant in Dawson now conducts his business exactly as is done in any other settled community—on strictly business principles. No other method will succeed and in fact no other method can succeed.

As a result of this change in conditions, individual speculators are no longer making the enormous profits which once were theirs, but on the other hand a much larger number of legitimate merchants are enjoying a fair profit from their various lines of trade and the consumer has the satisfaction of knowing that he is receiving the benefit of keen and close competition.

The passing of the speculator and corner man is one of our very least regrets.

The report that the blockade at Whitehorse has been broken and the mails are coming through is decidedly welcome news. In days gone by it did not make a great deal of difference if the mails were a month or two in reaching Dawson. It was the customary thing, and whatever custom decrees is usually accepted without much question. Now that we have fallen into the habit of seeing the mails arrive once, and sometimes twice a week, anything in the nature of a lengthy delay is decidedly wearisome. We have come to rely upon the mail service, with very good reason, and in consequence any hitch which results in delays is all the more annoying. It is to be hoped that the railroad may be kept open during the balance of the season and further difficulties in that respect obviated.

Reports of accidents on the creeks have been coming in of late with rather alarming frequency. In fact, the number of deaths and serious injuries which have resulted from lack of protection to men at work in shafts and drifts, is sufficient to warrant attention from the

authorities. Unless greater care is exercised in the prevention of accidents it will become necessary to institute some system of regular inspection whereby claim operators who will not voluntarily take proper measures for the protection of themselves or the men in their employ, will be forced to do so by law. We are opposed to anything in the way of unnecessary stringency, but human life is altogether too valuable to risk for the mere lack of care in timbering or ventilating a shaft or drift.

Susan B. Anthony hopes that the twentieth century will see woman released from thralldom to man. It is her highest hope that her sex may cease "from being slaves." Why Susan should thus unnecessarily stir up the masculine vanity, it is difficult to see. It certainly is flattering to man to say that woman is his slave, but like all other flattery there is no truth in it. The servitude of which Miss Anthony speaks is purely fictional. Such talk serves, however, to make man think himself much bigger potatoes than he really is and probably does no actual harm.

Wants a Dog License.
"See that malumute over there in the corner?" asked one of the star actors in a down town tonsorial parlor yesterday as he paused to see whether his victim wanted cocaine or chloroform before applying the lather. "Well, I've got him up for a long shot at \$200 nothing in a pound yard handicap."

The man who was waiting to hear the cry of "next" was just going to ask for particulars when the barber applied the painless shaving lotion and continued.

"That pup has cost me \$4 in two days now by getting his no account carcass shut up in the pound."

"Worth it? I should say nit! He has no intrinsic value whatever, but I don't know what to do with him. I can't give him to my friends, they're all too wise, and I haven't the heart to shoot him, so I go on feeding him and paying his profligate bills, and I'm willing to bet a lot of money that he can beat any dog in town into the pound. I'll also handicap him in the race, by letting the other dog start perfectly free of all restraint, just turn him loose to hustle, and then let this one get out of my sight five minutes and it will be all off. This one will be nicely housed in the pound before I set eyes on him again."

"Say, why don't the council pass an ordinance compelling every one owning a dog to take out a license in order to keep his dog out of the pound. It isn't the dog that is fed that ought to be taken up, it's the one that hasn't any home."

"I'd rather pay for a license than pay a man \$2 a day for catching my dog—I can catch him myself, if they'll let him alone." And the barber applied a little more cocaine as the victim stirred uneasily in the chair.

No Time for Friendship.
Friendship is said to be out of date. We certainly have not much time to spare nowadays, even to reflect on what the rush and hurry and bustle of modern life are costing us. Now and again, however, there is borne in upon us the sad realization of the losses we sustain as we tear and scramble through what we now call life. And is not one of these the power of establishing close friendships?

It is a sad reflection, but the more we think of it the truer we shall find it to be, that we no longer have time to knit together those bonds of true friendship and affection which bound our predecessors together and made life sweet to them.

We are always in a hurry, rushing here and there. We meet and know many people in crowds and yet never have time to understand them, to give them or gain from them sympathy. We can scarcely spare an hour that is unconnected with some form of entertainment or some business matter to those we call our closest friends.

Letter writing has been reduced to its least common denominator as time presses on us heavily, and we have no pursuits that we can share without so-called friends that enable us to study each other's characters. Friendship, in fact, has become a mere term with the general run of people.—Ex.

Steel marten traps, just in—0, 1 and 1 1/2. Shindler's.

We fit glasses. Pioneer drug store.

Hay, oats, 10c in ton lots. More than ton lots, less than 10c. I will meet any price quoted by anybody. S. Archibald.

Films of all kinds at Goetzman's.

Splendid baking apples, 7¢. Meeker's.

CURRENT COMMENT

Protect the Workmen.

Editor Nugget:

As your paper has always been true and faithful to the interests of the miner, I desire, with your help and through your columns, to call attention to the greatest need or needs of the district at the present time, namely: The necessity of having inspecting officers and of having the interior of all working mines inspected at regular intervals throughout the working season. Scarcely an issue of your paper for the past two weeks but has contained one or more accounts of accidents, some of which have resulted fatally, on the creeks. Only this week occurred a double funeral, both bodies being crushed almost beyond recognition as the result of cave-ins of mines. In addition to the numerous deaths the hospitals are today overflowing with the victims of accidents, the result of badly constructed ladders as a means of entrance to and exit from the mines. Within the past four days two men have been badly injured, one perhaps fatally, on Eldorado by falling from so-called ladders into the shafts.

I do not pretend to say that all these accidents are due to carelessness or poorly arranged fixtures, for they are not. Accidents are bound to happen occasionally regardless of the care exercised in having all things as they should be; but it is safe to assert that fully one-half the accidents are due wholly and entirely to the carelessness of those in direct charge of the mines who are not willing to take the time from the actual work of increasing the dumps in order that suitable accommodations may be made for the workmen about the mine and in order that their lives and persons may be given some protection from dangers that either result in death or enforced cessation from work for months during which they run up hospital bills which require the work and economy of months to settle.

The remedy I suggest is that there be official inspectors appointed in sufficient number to enable them to visit all mines at least once every fortnight and that they be vested with the authority to order work suspended until repairs are made wherever needed. With an inspecting system of this sort in vogue the number of accidents and deaths would be decreased fully 75 per cent and at the same time give to the workmen a feeling of security which they can not now feel.

The fact that there are now more men in the country than can find employment is no reason why they should be killed off like rats as the result of carelessness.

WORKMAN WITH A JOB.

Sanctum Stories.

Tuesday night while the editor of The Tribune was waiting at the post-office for the mail to be distributed Jonas Williams approached us and put his fist against our nose and said he could whip us in two minutes. We have been criticised for turning away from him without replying, but we wish it understood that we promised our dying first wife never to strike a man in anger, and we felt that she was looking down upon us from heaven and expecting us to keep our promise. It was no lack of courage on our part, but simply that we remembered our promise and restrained ourself.

The Beacon congratulates Mrs. Elmer Clymer on her heroism. Although only the wife of a humble carpenter, she is possessed of those traits of character that made Joan of Arc world famous. On Sunday night last, as Mr. Clymer was descending the cellar stairs to bring up some potatoes for breakfast, he tripped and pitched forward and landed in a barrel of soft soap. Only his heels were visible as the heroic wife ran down to his assistance, but instead of losing precious time by calling out for the fire department, of which we are foreman, she grabbed those heels, heaved away, with a prayer in her heart, and after a terrific struggle brought her loved one out of the barrel. He was insensible, and she worked over him for half an hour before he recovered. He was all right next morning, however, though still feeling soapy on the inside. But for the presence of mind of his wife—but for heroism without a parallel for the last hundred years—he would now be lying in his grave. We are willing to give a quarter to head a public subscription to give the heroine a testimonial—a shell back comb, a new corset or something to be treasured as a souvenir.

M. QUAD.

A Decimated Party.

Final returns from the P. E. I. local elections show that only six Tories were returned in a house of thirty. Just after the general Dominion election of 1896, Sir Charles Tupper declared that the various Liberal local

governments must be defeated preparatory to the grand onslaught on Laurier. He commenced with Nova Scotia, then came Quebec, next New Brunswick, but none of the administrations in these provinces yielded to the Tory assault. Now Prince Edward Island had joined in the grand Liberal triumph, and the Tory opposition in the four legislatures are ridiculously small and powerless.

This is how the parties stand: Quebec, 67 government; 5 opposition; Nova Scotia, 34 government; 4 opposition; New Brunswick 40 government; 6 opposition; P. E. Island, 24 government; 9 opposition; total, 165 government; 21 opposition.

Two elections are yet to be held in Quebec, and when they are over the local government supporters in the four provinces will outnumber the opposition 8 to 1, so that Sir Charles' announcement that the local governments must be captured has had a most ludicrous answer from the people. And Tory journalistic organism in these provinces just represents the 21 columns in the above, and no more.—Ex.

Harmsworth's Opinions.

New York, Dec. 28.—Alfred C. Harmsworth, the editor and owner of the London Daily Mail, who has just arrived here, says in an interview: "There is no adverse criticism, on the part of the English, of the amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, so far as I have ascertained. You are going to build the canal, pay for it, and why should you not control it. If we dug a canal we would certainly expect to control it, and I think America looks at the matter in much the same light."

Referring to the insurrection in the Philippines, he said: "The Germans are watching the course events are taking, thinking that America will finally give up the job as a bad proposition and then they expect to come in and finish matters. France is also watching closely the trend of affairs over there."

Snow in Vancouver.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 1.—Fifteen inches of snow cover the streets as a result of a storm which has been in progress during the past 24 hours, and still continues. The storm is local, no snowfall being reported from points in the interior.

Good stock large eggs. See Meeker.

Mumm's, Pomeroy or Perinet champagne \$5 per bottle at the Regina Club hotel.

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Josquin Miller's Beautiful Tale of Southern California, entitled

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FOUND—A black-and-tan sporting dog. If not claimed in 15 days will be sold. The Lander, Dry, Caribou, Dominion Creek.

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SOCIETIES.

THE REGULAR COMMUNICATION OF Yukon Lodge, (U. D.) A. F. & F. M., will be held at Masonic hall, Mission street, monthly, Thursday or on the full moon at 8:00 p. m. C. M. Wells, W. M. J. A. Donald, Sec'y.

Brewitt makes clothes fit.

Any kind of wine \$5 per bottle at the Regina Club hotel.

Our pop corn popped. Meeker's.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that a list of all placer mining claims in the Yukon territory which were sold at public auction and which have not been taken up, is being prepared for publication at once, and after the first publication thereof no grant will be issued, under such sale as aforesaid, for any claim so advertised. All purchasers are, therefore, notified to apply for their grants immediately.

(Signed) J. LANGLOIS BELL, Assistant Gold Commissioner. Dated at Dawson this 14 day of December, 1900.

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