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THE "WIDE-OPEN" POLICY.

The late Seattle tragedy has called forth more comment from the papers of the northwest than has any event that has transpired within the past ten years. It is not the fact that one man killed another that has called forth all the comment, but the circumstances surrounding the killing. As mayor of Seattle Humes has always been on record as keeping his eyes closed to open and flagrant violations of the law, and to leniency and looseness on the part of the mayor is largely due the fact, not only that one man in Seattle has been killed, but that there are many more there that should be killed. The policy of those who should have held the city in check for the past three years has been such as to beckon to the refuse of the earth, sure-thing men, bunco men, robbers, thieves, sandbaggers and even murderers to make it their Mecca and they have done so. From a gentleman who arrived from Seattle this week it is learned that many members of "Soapy" Smith's old gang are now there and it is safe to say that they are not earning bread by the sweat of their faces. Seattle is the gateway to Alaska and the Yukon and it is to meet and catch the suckers traveling both to and from the north that this riff-raff of the earth makes Seattle its home port.

The more degenerate the element of a city, the more restricted should be its policy on the principle that if given a yard this class of people will take a mile. In Seattle the yard was given and the mile was taken. The result was that attempted restriction and return to the bounds of law and order resulted in trouble which culminated in murder. Regarding the "wide open" policy which has characterized Seattle for several years past the Victoria Colonist says:

"Those people who advocate what they call a wide open policy can see one of the results of such a line of action in the latest Seattle tragedy. For some years it has been freely alleged that Seattle's chiefs of police have been in the pay of the vicious element. We do not say that this has been said of all the persons who have held the office during the last fifteen years, for we believe there have been some exceptions to the rule, but in one or two instances the practice grew to scandalous proportions. The late Bolton Rogers practised backslap upon the vicious elements systematically, and Meredith, who was shot on Tuesday, apparently was carrying on the same business. It is perhaps more than a coincidence that the man who shot Meredith, that is Considine, was largely instrumental in exposing both him and Rogers. Considine is the proprietor of a variety theatre, concerning the character of which the rest is said the better.

"The disgrace to Seattle in this affair is not that one man shot another, but that the municipal politics of the city are largely dictated by such men. And this will always be the case when year after year a city is run 'wide open,' because thereby a fictitious prosperity can be maintained. The argument for this policy in Seattle has been that, if the town was kept 'wide open,' miners and others would select it as a place of residence. Municipal corruption, vice haunting itself in public places, hundreds of ruined homes, thousands of ruined lives and occasional, but not infrequent, murders, are the price that Seattle has paid for the poor kind of business suc-

cess which rests upon a foundation of vice.

"Let no one suppose that all the people of Seattle approve of this sort of thing. The majority of them do not, but unfortunately municipal politics there are run upon the same lines as the politics of the states, and the party that wins is likely to pander to the worst element in the community in the hope of retaining power. Once or twice the respectability of the people has asserted itself, and the Augean stable of municipal government has been cleansed, but after a little the pursuit of the almighty dollar has taken up all attention and vice has got into the saddle again. The latest tragedy, which is not the first by a great many attributable to the 'wide open' policy, may once more arouse them to a sense of duty. It is a gross scandal that a condition of things should exist in a civilized city, which would make the tragedy of a few days ago possible."

The emotions which now rack the mind and being of George O'Brien, who is pending execution on August 23rd, are doubtless those of which common humanity know naught. The energy shown by him in his efforts to enlist aid in his behalf is born of that inherent love of life which characterizes all humanity. The murderers may hold the lives of their victims as of no more consequence than that of the worms that crawl on the earth, yet they value their own lives as dearly as though they were of worth to the world instead of a public mepace. No one can blame O'Brien for his efforts in his own behalf. It is but human, a practicing of nature's first law, which is self-preservation.

New Alaska Railroad.

Advices received from Valdes, Alaska, give details of one of the most gigantic railroad projects yet undertaken in the north. This is the construction of a road, 400 miles in length, from Valdes to Eagle City, or some other point on the Yukon river. The leading spirit of the enterprise is M. J. Heney, who, with H. T. Harper and S. Marchison, sailed for the north on the steamer Bertha, which left Seattle on June 10th. The road will be financed by New York and London capitalists. The cost of the line will be, it is estimated, \$8,000,000, or an average of \$20,000 for each mile of road. The road will follow the valleys of the Copper and Tanana rivers, and the route, it is claimed, is quite feasible, and will present no great engineering feats. Mr. Heney took with him assistants and a complete camping and cruising outfit. In addition he took a steam launch with which to cruise in the waters in the neighborhood of Valdes for favorable terminals, the plan being to take soundings and obtain a good depth of water, with other necessary harbor accessories. He also has packhorses and all the necessary equipment for crusting through the country the line will traverse.

It is his intention to go over the entire line of road the present summer, and while a surveying party will accompany the expedition, the trip will not be in the nature of a preliminary survey, but rather to rudely locate barriers which will have to be overcome or avoided, and in a general way to indicate the course for the preliminary survey. Indian guides and helpers will be employed at Valdes, and Mr. Heney believes that he can successfully cover the entire route of the road, and form an approximate idea of the regions it will permeate before the snow flies in the fall. Some preliminary surveying may be undertaken this season, but the work will be pushed with all possible vigor next year, when the line will be definitely located and active building begun.

For its income the road will depend upon three sources, any one of which, it is asserted, will amply remunerate the projectors who hazard their money in the enterprise. These are the enormous traffic to and from Valdes and the Yukon, the gold and copper treasure of the region ramified, and cattle and sheep raising on the headwaters of the Copper and Tanana rivers, which industry, it is declared, will, in the

near future, prove a great source of income to enterprising stockmen in the north.—Colonist.

Yukon Dredger.

Seattle, July 3.—In the completion of the river steamer Clara Hawse, which has been launched at Heckman & Hansen's Ballard shipyards, the preparations have almost been finished for one of the longest cruises through Alaska rivers yet proposed. In the Clara Hawse, which is only 45 feet in length, W. E. Howell and A. Hall, of Boston, with a party of several men, will explore most of the Yukon tributaries in search of placer gold diggings.

The Clara Hawse is fitted with a stern wheel, Scotch marine boilers and every contrivance which would insure the safety of the vessel in steaming up the rivers, in many cases unusually difficult to navigate.

The steamer is 45 feet in length, six feet beam and when loaded will draw only two feet and six inches of water. It will be shipped up to St. Michael on one of the steamers and then launched. From St. Michael the party will proceed up the Yukon to a point which has already been agreed upon and then will commence operations. During the winter, when the steamer is frozen in, the party will prospect the surrounding country.

The cost of the trip and in fact the money for the whole proposition is being furnished by Boston capitalists. The steamer itself cost a small fortune and the expenses of outfitting the party amount to a large sum.

Fuel for the steamer can be secured as the party advances on the trip. As often as necessary timber can be saved from the banks and enough taken aboard and when that is exhausted the operation can be repeated.

The leaders of the party are both experienced prospectors and mining men. Mr. Howell has been employed in Mexico, prospecting and developing, for several years. Mr. Hall is a competent prospector.

Tammany's Chief.

Richard Croker has not generally been credited with possessing an acute sense of humor, but he has just shown himself to have a keener appreciation of the delicately humorous than most of his intimates ever imagined. An elaborate book which is being prepared for private distribution among the friends of the Tammany leader, shows Mr. Croker has more than one little twinkle concealed about his person and kept out of sight somewhere back of his fiercely bristling beard. The book is nothing more or less than a portfolio of the Croker cartoon, pro and anti, that have appeared of late years.

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SOCIETIES.

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

And it is an easy matter to guess that the anti-Croker cartoons outnumber the pro-Croker cartoons in the ratio of something far in excess of Democratic 16 to 1. In fact, one would have to search very closely through the portfolio to find any cartoons that do favor the Tammany chieftain; most of those in the book fiercely assail him on every conceivable ground. The cartoons date from 1892, in which year was held the third Cleveland campaign during which M. Croker was most unmercifully lampooned. The work of leading cartoonists from all over the country has been drawn upon for the book, and the cartoons shown are credited to papers from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Not a few have been taken from the other side of the water, where Mr. Croker delights to roam and race horses. When Mr. Croker gets back to New York he is going to give a dinner to two or three hundred of his friends, and at this dinner one of these books of cartoons will be presented to each guest. This will exhaust the edition de luxe but another edition will be published sufficient in number to supply the needs and demands of the entire Tammany Hall membership.

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