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FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 1901.

FEDERAL STATUTES GOVERN.

The inducement held out that incorporation of Dawson into a municipality will give the local government control of gambling is not based upon facts. The entire matter is covered by federal statutes which may be enforced at any moment in spite of any local ordinance which could be passed to the contrary.

It would make no difference what views were entertained by the elected municipal council, the general laws applying in the premises could be brought into effect at any moment.

We are unable to see that the merits of the incorporation question are in any respect affected by the announcement that gambling is to be closed down. Unless revocation or modification of the order is received from Ottawa direct, the order will be enforced beyond question. In the meanwhile the incorporation question is not one bit more attractive than it was three months ago.

SHOULD COME TO DAWSON.

A telegram today conveys the information that the Dominion government has determined to establish an assay office at Vancouver. This action will be of valuable assistance to the latter city in securing a hold upon the Klondike trade, but will not prove of any immediate advantage to Dawson. An assay office in this city where all gold dust might be exchanged for its value in currency would effectually settle the gold dust question. Dust would be taken out of circulation immediately and Dawson would be placed upon a currency basis. Vancouver is to be congratulated upon her good fortune in securing the assay office which will serve to deflect a large portion of Klondike trade to that city. We have nothing against Vancouver, but we would be much better satisfied to know that the assay office would come to Dawson.

Reports from South Africa are as conflicting at the present time as they were when the Boer war was at its height. Two days ago the dispatches had Kitchener's baggage train captured and the general himself escaping only by a hair's breadth. Today it is Dewet the Boer commander who has been taken prisoner and Botha is suing for peace. The reliability of both reports is open to question, for it is well known that a strict censorship is still maintained over all news sent from the seat of the struggle.

When the steamers now under construction on the outside are added to the already large fleet of boats on the Yukon, the service during the summer between Dawson and Whitehorse will be unsurpassed. Evidently the railroad company has perfect confidence in the future of the territory. Considering the profits shown by the railroad's balance sheet for this past year this is by no means a matter for surprise.

The disaster which overtook the steamer Rio de Janeiro when almost in sight of the Golden Gate is one of the saddest events that have been recorded for some time. The fact that the passenger lists were lost adds to the horror

of the calamity for it leaves an element of uncertainty respecting the identity of the lost which may never be entirely removed.

The new customs regulation covering personal baggage of parties bound to Dawson from the outside will prove a very satisfactory. Instead of examining baggage at the boundary, trunks, valises, etc., are to be corded and sealed at Skagway, and no examination will take place until after arrival in Dawson.

San Francisco supports a regular slave market, in which the merchandise offered for sale consists of Chinese girls. The missionary societies might find a valuable field for their efforts without going beyond the limits of the Golden Gate. It is a first-class principle to allow charity to begin at home.

The service given by the telephone company has proven an undisguised blessing. Dawson is now connected with all the creeks by phone, and local business concerns are fast coming to realize that a phone is one of the necessary fixtures of store or office.

The ladies' night entertainments inaugurated by a local theater are meeting with deserved patronage. The opinion expressed many times in these columns that Dawson would support such an undertaking seems to be pretty well borne out by results.

One hundred and fifty people en route to Dawson landed from one steamer at Skagway yesterday. From this time on the tide of travel will turn in this direction and will steadily increase as long as the trails continue in good condition.

Echoes from the Nugget's Bryan souvenir still continue to come in. If all the comment of the outside press were published in the Nugget they would fill the columns of the paper many times over.

Emperor William has stated publicly that he loves France very much and will never allow any injury to come to her. William's self-constituted guardianship is not likely to prove popular in France.

March has come in upon us with certain "leontine" accompaniments which must be accepted as foretelling weather of lamblike quality toward the end of the month.

The poundmaster is out on his rounds and the wail of "dog gone" is heard from many a cabin.

And still the stampedes continue.

Where is Grief?

Editor Nugget:
I have a communication from the U. S. Consul at Reichenberg, Austria, making inquiry for Frank or Franz Grief, who was known to be in Dawson working at his trade as cabinet maker in 1898.

Anyone who can furnish information regarding this person will confer a favor by communicating with Vice-Consul H. Te Roller.

The President's Power.

In the same breath, almost, President McKinley has asked congress to abdicate its civil authority in the Philippines to him, and has complained that the burden of responsibility of recognizing the independence of Cuba is too great to be borne by the executive branch of the government alone. There is no patronage at the disposal of the president in free Cuba. But in the Philippines there is a distant vista of place giving and commercial enfranchisement that staggers the imagination.

It is clearly within the power of the president to withdraw the American army from Cuba and enter into official relations with an independent republic in that island. He does not need the co-operation or consent of congress. The recognition of the republic of Cuba has been a purely executive matter ever since Spain relinquished her sovereignty in the Antilles. That fact is admitted by everybody.

Yet Mr. McKinley shrinks from acting alone. His argument for an extra session of congress is founded entirely upon his desire that congress shall divide with him the blame or glory of acknowledging the complete sovereignty of the people of Cuba.

Now return to the Philippines. The

constitution expressly delegates to congress the right and duty of governing or disposing of all territory belonging to the United States. The president is not mentioned in the matter. Today Mr. McKinley governs the Philippines simply as a military officer. He has not a shadow of civil jurisdiction there. He may hold the islands and rule them until congress is ready to assume its expense and exclusive power, but not a day longer.

The president, who asks congress to relieve him of his official responsibility in the Cuba question, is unwilling to have congress touch the Philippine question—a question committed to congress alone by the constitution. He asks for the enactment of Spooner's bill, which provides that as soon as the insurrection in the Philippines is suppressed all military, civil and judicial powers in the archipelago shall be exercised by such person or persons, and in such manner as the president shall direct; in other words, that the president himself shall be the government.

Think of the power this would add to the presidential office! Think of the myriad offices to be distributed to the government favorites, and the thousand concessions for mining and public lands and precious timber cutting and railways, all within the unimpaired gift of the president.

In the fever of change from the old order of things in America the nation seems to have lost sight of the fact that the power of the president is increasing so swiftly, so irresistibly, that already the carefully planned balance of authority between the executive, legislative and judicial departments of the government has been largely destroyed, and the president has practically secured the control of national legislation.

During the very first session of congress this inevitable engulfment of power by the president was foreseen and pointed out. Mr. Maclay, the first senator from Pennsylvania, in discussing the attempt of President Washington to secure power in congress by means of increased patronage, wrote:

"A system is daily developing itself which must gradually undermine and finally destroy our so much boasted equality, liberty and republicanism. High wages, ample compensations, great salaries to every person connected with the government of the United States. Men of pride, ambition, talent, all press forward to exhibit their abilities in the theater of the general government.

"The second stage is to create and multiply offices and appointments under the general government by every possible means in the diplomacy, revenue, judiciary and military. This is called giving the president a respectable patronage—a term, I confess, new to me in the present sense of it, which I take to mean neither more or less than that the president should always have a number of lucrative places in his gift to reward those members of congress who may promote his views or support his measures—more especially if, by such conduct, they should forfeit the esteem of their constituents. We talk of corruption in Great Britain. I pray we may not have occasion for complaints of a similar nature here."

That was the criticism of an experienced statesman, who declared Washington to be the "first man in all the world."

But no one sounds the note of alarm now. The power of the president, whether gradually assumed or directly conferred by congress—as in the case of the army bill, which authorized the president to increase or decrease the army at will—is growing by leaps and bounds. Yet, beyond an occasional snarl in congress or a flippant partisan fling in the press, the swift extension of executive control goes on almost unnoticed.

The powerful men who are consolidating the railways of the country into one vast system, stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific, are the men who secured the nomination and election of President McKinley. Their mighty transcontinental line will be connected with the Philippines by their own steamships. With the president free to bestow railway, mining and banking rights on whom he chooses with sixty-eight millions acres of public lands in the Philippines to be sold or given away on any terms the president may fix, the situation is pregnant with possibilities.

How long can congress maintain even a semblance of independence if the powers of the president are to exceed the powers of any monarch in the world?

The perfect balance of power between the three great departments of the government has been regarded as the real sheet anchor of the nation.

Who will say that our anchor is not dragging?

And what is the remedy?
JAMES CREELMAN.

Obeys As Wife Only.

The Hague, Feb. 8.—The Queen and Prince Heinrich have bound themselves by the marriage contract, in accordance with the statutes, to recognize the husband as the head of the matrimonial union and to provide for and educate the children of the union. The husband assumes responsibility of representing the wife in all civil actions. The wife promises to obey the husband, but by a special recent act of the Dutch parliament, she is exempted from the usual promises "to dwell with him wherever he deems it best to live."

The contract also provides that the Queen shall allow the husband interest on 50,000,000 guilders and that he shall receive no income from the state except in the case of the queen's death. It is further provided that the queen shall yield obedience to the husband as wife, but not as queen, and husband relinquishes the right to administer the wife's property.

The Court Gazette publishes a decree, signed by the queen, announcing that the prince of the Netherlands will have a seat in the advisory state council.

McKinley and Edward.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The text of the telegram of acknowledgment from King Edward VII to President McKinley is as follows:

"I desire to express my high appreciation of the respect shown to the memory of her late majesty by your attendance and by that of your cabinet at the memorial service in Washington.

"I am deeply touched by this and other special marks of sympathy received from the United States.

(Signed) "EDWARD, R. & I."
President McKinley sent the following reply:

"His Majesty, King Edward VII, London:

"I am gratified by your majesty's message. The tribute of the American people to the memory of your illustrious mother was general and heartfelt.

(Signed) "WM. MCKINLEY."

Local dealers report that hay and oats have taken a jump, the latter being particularly firm.

Hay, oats and chopped feed. Meeker. The fire never touched us. We are doing more business than ever. Murphy Bros., butchers.

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