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KLONDIKE NUGGET.



STREET GRADING.

Attention has been called in these columns on several occasions to the system now in vogue of paying for street improvements. A good many thousands of dollars have been expended by the city council in street grading, all of which has been or is to be paid from the general fund. Third avenue for instance has received the greatest amount of consideration at the hands of the council, the money spent in its improvement alone totaling a handsome sum. By virtue of the expenditures thus made, property abutting on that thoroughfare has appreciated in value to a very considerable extent. Nevertheless the owners of the property thus directly benefitted bear no greater part of the expense involved than the taxpayer who happens to live on a street where none of the city council own property.

It is quite true that the city generally profits to a certain extent from all such improvements and hence we are prepared to say that a proportion of the expense should be met from the general fund. But it is certainly inequitable and unjust that those taxpayers who receive no direct benefit from such improvements should be taxed equally with those who profit immediately thereby.

A fair arrangement for providing for street grading would be made by apportioning the cost between the city and the property owners concerned. If the city should pay one-half the cost and the other half be charged against the property owners or some similar plan placed in effect there would be little ground for objection. There need be no extra expense involved in collecting the assessments, for they could be apportioned to the various owners and collected when the regular taxes are levied. Some such arrangement as suggested would place the matter of street grading upon a business basis. The method now followed has nothing to commend it.

It is to be hoped that the report that Major Wood is to be acting commissioner while Governor Ross is incapacitated for duty is true. Major Wood has been sufficiently long in the Yukon to understand the conditions which are to be met, without requiring any length of time to familiarize himself therewith. It would certainly be unfortunate under existing circumstances should a new man, with no personal knowledge of the country or its requirements, be sent to Dawson at the present time.

The News, which has been whooping up the opposition business for the past month, passed over the first definite step in the way of organization without editorial recognition. Looks funny at first thought but not so much so upon further considera-

tion. Brother Beddoe is, or would like to be, a candidate. To make a try for the nomination at the hands of the coming convention means a prior pledge to support Joe Clarke, should the latter capture the plum. It is almost as difficult to edit a newspaper and be a politician as it is to attempt to serve God and Mammon at one and the same time.

The strike among the telegraph operators is certainly a disgraceful episode and one which it will be difficult for those who are responsible to explain away. The one fact that the men are from six to twelve months in arrears for their pay, is sufficient in itself to justify their attitude. The situation calls for close investigation. Any business institution that attempted such usage of its employes would have passed into bankruptcy long ago.

The Sun and the News still continue their puerile exhibition of hostility toward each other in spite of the well known fact that the two sheets are essentially one and the same concern. The efforts of the two to fool the public cannot succeed. They might just as well organize a mutual admiration society at once and have done with it.

One of the orators at Monday night's meeting stated that no man of honor would sign his own resignation before taking office. The orator overlooked the fact that "honor" is not always found among candidates for office.

It can scarcely be said that the political atmosphere has been cleared to any extent during the past 48 hours. On the contrary the situation appears if anything more complicated than before.

Two Glimpses of Eugenie

I can still hear the strains of "Partant Pour la Syrie," which the bands played in honor as she embarked in the imperial yacht Aigle on leaving the ball at Cairo, and the salutes by which her departure was proclaimed. The ball took place in November, 1869. I did not see the empress again till a few months after. It so chanced that hot, dull afternoon in London, in the middle of September in 1870, I was waiting for some friends at the Charing Cross railway station, when I saw a one horse fly, driven by a coachman whose shabby oiled hat and dirty white Berlin gloves proclaimed him as belonging to some second rate livery stable, stop at the station. Its sole occupant was a lady attired in very dusty black, looking weary and travel worn, and all alone. The lady was the Empress Eugenie—"The Story of the Khedive."

A Flourishing Order.

Kingston, Ont., July 16.—The annual meeting of the Oddfellows' Mutual Relief Association of Canada opened here today. Delegates are in attendance from nearly every province of the Dominion. Membership is 141,159, carrying \$18,245,350 insurance. Reserve fund is now \$284,156.99, increase of \$50,912.80 over last year. The total assets over all liabilities is \$292,643.97. Ontario leads in membership, British Columbia coming next. The past year has been the most successful in the history of the association.

Success of Marconigrams

London, July 15.—Marconi, who is on board the Italian flag-ship Carlo Alberto at Kronstadt, Russia, has cabled to his London office that he has received wireless signals from the Cornwall station, about 1,400 miles distant, partly overland. Complete messages were received as far as Skagen, Denmark, about 850 miles from Cornwall.

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UNION AND NON-UNION

Feeling Caused Shooting on Lake Superior

Armed Policemen Now Accompany All Tugs of Union Wrecking and Towing Co.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Duluth, Minn., July 29.— Captain James Taylor, master of the tug Abbott, who fired two shots at Engineer Wilson of the tug Raber Sunday night, has been released on bail while the wounded man is hovering between life and death. Until the trouble between union and non-union tug men is settled, special policemen will accompany all tugs belonging to the Union Wrecking and Towing Co. whenever they go out after tows, in the hope of preventing further bloodshed. Captain Taylor declared the men on the Independent began the throwing stones at his boat and that he warned them to desist. When they refused he drew his revolver without aiming at any one in particular and fired. Wilson had taken no part in the fracas but had just come up from the engine room when a bullet laid him low.

Fishermen Saved

Special to the Daily Nugget. Vancouver, July 29.— Hunt and Crankshaw, the fishermen who were blown out to sea from Steveston and their sloop wrecked, clung to the pinnacle of a rock and subsisting on mush for weeks were rescued today by the steamer Strathcona.

FULL VALUE RECEIVED

Dust is Assayed Free of Charge

Full Value Paid for Same at the Government Assay Office at Vancouver.

Seeing the gold from the Klondike going to Seattle and San Francisco in a continuous stream has always been a bitter pill for the merchants of Vancouver and Victoria to swallow. Every effort has been made to turn the current toward Canada, the last attempt in that line being direct legislation at Ottawa allowing miners who presented their gold in person at the assay office in Victoria together with a certificate from the gold commissioner showing the royalty to have been paid, a refund of one per cent. on such amount. The order in council to that effect was passed last September and has been in force until very recently. Owing to the royalty having been reduced from five to two and one-half per cent. it was considered that the one per cent. refund should be abolished, and a little over a month ago the following order was passed:

"On a report dated 11th of June, 1902, from the minister of the Interior submitting that by an order in council dated 11th September, 1901, provision was made that when a miner in person produced to the manager of the provincial government assay office at Victoria a certificate from the gold commissioner of Dawson that the royalty had been paid on the gold which accompanied such certificate, a refund would be made to him of one per cent. of the value of the gold when assayed: 'The minister recommends, as the royalty on gold mined in the Yukon territory has now been reduced from 5 to 2 1/2 per cent., that the refund of 1 per cent. referred to above be now abolished.'"

Recently, still greater inducements are held out to the miners to take their gold to the Canadian ports. It is now so arranged that miners depositing their dust in the assay office at Vancouver may have the same assayed free of charge and will receive its full assay value in cash without any reductions whatever. It is understood an order in council to that effect has been recently passed though no copy has so far been received at the gold commissioner's office here.

FOR WHITEHORSE! THE NEW AND PALATIAL... STR. THISTLE The Swiftest Boat on the Yukon. All Modern Improvements—Bath Rooms Etc. Will Sail Thursday, July 31st AT 8:00 P. M. For Tickets, Rates, Etc., Apply Merchants' Transportation Company R. W. CALDERHEAD, Manager. L. & C. DOCK

The Valdez Railroad.

Many railroad stories came up on the Excelsior, all of them to the effect that the railroad was assured and many of them too good to be true. One story told by some of the passengers is that the rails for the road have been purchased from the Illinois Steel Co. and that a representative of that company is now in Skagway for the purpose of purchasing the rolling stock of that road for use here; that the White Pass will widen their road from a narrow to standard gauge and that a narrow gauge will be laid here. This story is not credited here for various reasons. It is known that rails have been purchased for the Klondike Mines Railroad and are soon to be shipped north and it may be that this fact has some bearing on the story that arrived here.

The rails for the Valdez road were shipped soon after the contract was let and are now on their way here around the horn. These rails are part of a lot let over from a big contract in South America recently completed by the contractor for this road. Rails for 70 miles of road are on hand and are being shipped to Valdez for use here. From information received by the last mail it is learned that the contractor for the construction of the road is now on the way from New York to Valdez and he will be here on either the Bertha or the Santa Ana. He will be accompanied by one of the head men of the deal and possibly several others. It is the intention to begin actual construction as soon as the material can be gotten here and the work will be pushed all winter. It is expected to have 30 miles of the road completed by spring when a big rush of people is expected to go into the country.

The surveyors now in the field are running grade lines across the flats and everything will be in readiness to make the permanent surveys and begin construction immediately. Chief Engineer Gillette and about 35 surveyors are now on their way here and the work of making the survey to the summit will be rapidly completed. It is also the intention to run a preliminary line through to the Chityna district this year. — Valdez News, July 12.

The Black Death

It is recorded that the "black death," which devastated many countries in the middle of the fourteenth century, was preceded by "stinking mists," and earthquakes were frequent just before the outbreak, and volcanoes assumed unwonted activity. The air over the sea was infected as well as that over the land. It was a putrid typhus styled "black death" because the bodies turned black with rapid putrefaction. In 1348-49 at least half the population of England died, or 2,500,000 out of 5,000,000. Between 1347 and 1350 one-fourth of all the population of the world was carried off by this pestilence. Not less than 25,000,000 perished in Europe alone. The deaths in Venice were 100,000, in Florence 60,000, in Paris 50,000, in London 100,000, in Avignon a "number wholly beyond calculation." This form of pestilence has not occurred a second time. It may be that its second time is come with the belching of noxious gases by the volcanoes of the tropics.

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A Big Earner.

Newark, N.J., July 15.—The answer of the U. S. Steel Co. to the suit designed to prevent the \$200,000,000 bond conversion was filed today. The suit is based on the contention that the corporation's assets do not equal the amount of its preferred stock, and that therefore it cannot be proceeded with as indicated under the act of 1902.

The answer, which is supported by the affidavit of Charles Schwab,

states that the assets will amount to more than the entire stock, common and preferred, and that more than \$1,400,000,000 of assets are owned by the corporation. Schwab in his affidavit maintains that his position is such as to give him knowledge of actual worth of the properties and lists his estimate of their value. He says among other things that the earnings of the corporation in the fifteen months of its existence have been an average of ten per cent. of the entire capital stock. Kelly & Co., Leading Brokers

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STR. CLIFFORD SIFTON WILL SAIL FOR WHITEHORSE MONDAY, AUGUST 4th. AT 8:00 P. M. FOR TICKETS, RATES, ETC., APPLY FRANK MORTIMER, Agent, - Aurora Dock

When Clarence had been given a fair chance would have been a goodly young animal. But a man who believed in bringing the under glass had gone far to meet a Miss Nancy, with not a word about him from any person. The father of Clarence was a man and his mother—herself a daughter of a poverty-stricken man—was therefore able to indulge her peculiar theories in the rearing of Clarence. In the first place, that she had a boy to the public schools, and that she had a "gentleman's son" who was 8 he had a French tutor, and after that age he was in charge of a putty-faced young man who hated the work of hand. The tutor's most distinguishing feature was his ears. They were large and projecting, and when the thermometer was lower than zero above zero they were covered by a pair of black velvet ear muffs. By a series of progressive experiments Clarence had discovered that he could do as he pleased with his ears. For one thing, the tutor would shrivel, and Clarence would get joy in slipping up quietly behind the tutor and cutting him across the knees with a sharp, thin edge of a two-foot rule. On such occasions the tutor would be bent over in agony and express his wrath by the nearest oath to an oath he ever allowed himself to utter. "O, fury!" After Clarence had also discovered that the tutor did not like pepper in his food. He had no even a small amount of the peppermint made tears come into his pale-blue eyes of poor quality, and that a slightly paroxysm of coughing. So the tutor did not immediately with all the suggestions of Clarence would simply tell him with an application of pepper at the next meal, and he would carry his point. In such innocent and playful ways as these Clarence managed to get a little enjoyment out of the whole he was completely supremely miserable. "Poor child! He even didn't get what he wanted." And his mother was not wise enough to tell his mother of Clarence was hurried lest he should get "spoiled." To be contented, in her mind, to see her children whose parents were immediate set. With her boys, most of them spoiled as himself, Clarence would play gentlemanly under the watchful eyes of his mother but at the first sign of a more boisterous conduct the mother instructed Ja. Brings, Clarence to the house. Even under the advantages Clarence and his mother managed to get some enjoyment out of life, but as a result of his existence was a stupid. The only time when Clarence allowed to have even a few minutes of himself was when he went to the little back yard behind the house in which the family back yard had a high fence and it, and poor Mr. White had his precious little charge. One afternoon Mr. White was sitting casually out of a back yard, where there were two other boys. The other boys were dressed in dirty, and one of the boys was smoking a cigarette. Mr. White hurried down the yard. On his approach the boys scrambled over the fence like alley cats and were "Clarence," said Mr. White, "what will you mother say? You won't say nothing?" "Unless you tell her what you do, I'll tell her that you watch me when I play in the yard." "Who were those boys?" asked Mr. White. "The biggest kid is 'Nigger' de-boss de Dump gang. The kid of the Slim street has a name in 'Fally' Harst. He was dat was smokin' de cigarette." Clarence was doing his best to imitate the dialect of his new friends, and was succeeding. He was painfully realized, on his mother's ever let me hear of the tutor was interrupted by three shrill whistles.