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SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1901.

NO PERMANENT INJURY.

Open gambling in Dawson is now a thing of the past. At 12 o'clock last night the closing order went into effect and henceforth the operation of games of chance, commonly known as banking games, will be strictly prohibited. There are varying opinions as to the wisdom of the closing order and equally differing views as to the effect which it will have upon the business interests of the town. Discussion of the first point at this date, would be entirely futile as the law is in effect and beyond question will be rigidly enforced. As to the second point mentioned, the Nugget has always held to the view, and reiterates that opinion today, that no legitimate interest in the town will suffer permanent injury. It is to be anticipated that until affairs adjust themselves to the new order of things, certain lines of trade which have catered particularly to the gambling patronage will feel the effect of their direct loss of business. But that effect should be of a temporary nature only. The retirement of the gamblers will not lessen in any respect the amount of gold produced in the district nor will it serve to decrease for any length of time the volume of money in actual circulation. The money which in the past has gone over the gambling table will hereafter find its way into legitimate channels of trade. The temptation to gamble being removed men who have dodged their creditors in order to stake their earnings in games of chance will find themselves able to look after their obligations. Many men have become gamblers merely by reason of the fact that they have been brought into continual contact with the games. If they never saw a game in operation they would never feel the impulse to gamble. In such cases the closing order is an undisguised blessing.

It is a well known fact that the chief sufferers from open gambling are wage-earners. The opportunity always present of realizing a "take" through chancing a small sum, presents an irresistible attraction to which it is a matter of small difficulty to yield. Scores of instances may be recalled of men who have come into Dawson bringing with them the savings of months of hard toil and with the intention of investing the same to their own personal advantage, but in the end to risk and lose all their hard earnings at the gaming table. In such instances if the temptation to gamble were not at hand, the loss in all probability would not have occurred.

We are quite prepared to recognize the fact that certain interests will suffer as a consequence of the closing order, but we still hold steadfastly to the belief that from the standpoint of the general public the ultimate effect will be beneficial rather than otherwise.

MUST FAVOR THE CONSUMER.

Mr. Bryan's Commoner has put forward the idea that it is the intention of the trusts to raise prices to such an extent that ordinary people will be unable to buy the trust products. In view of the fact that the success of the trust idea is based entirely upon heavy consumption of the particular commodity concerned, it does not appear that Mr. Bryan's theory will stand very close inspection.

A case somewhat in point is furnished by the recent consolidation of large Yukon commercial interests. The announcement has been made by the management of the allied concerns that it is not the intention to attempt to work any hardship upon the consumer. On the contrary the statement has been made authoritatively that the new company expects to be able to reduce expense of operation to such a point that material advantages will ultimately accrue to the consumer.

A moment's consideration will serve to indicate that this policy, is the logical plan of action for the consolidated company to pursue even though it be actuated entirely from selfish motives.

Millions of dollars have been invested in steamboats and plant equipment by the concerns and their sole hope of realizing a dividend upon the capital expended rests in the continued prosperity of the community in general.

Any movement which would tend to decrease the extent of mining operations or lessen the consumption of commodities, would effect an immediate depreciation in the value of the company's investment.

In brief, the commercial interests of the country cannot prosper unless the community prospers. There must be buyers and consumers of goods or no goods can be sold. This fact, it appears, is thoroughly appreciated by the new concern whose active operation in Dawson dates from today.

To Protect Post Office.

Nome papers state that Postmaster Wright early in February made public announcement that he would cause the arrest and prosecution of all individuals attempting to carry letters or other mail matter to the States. It is charged that he did so in order to save to the local office the credit of stamp cancellations. His ukase sets forth that he would arrest all such carriers at Eaton and confiscate the mail.

In an issue of the Nome Gold Digger of February 6, Postmaster Wright is quoted as follows:

"The government tolerates no competition and forbids everyone but the regular carriers to carry out letters. I am acting within the limits of the constitution. It is my intention not to have the men arrested here. They can go as far as Eaton and be stopped there. I have notified Inspector Kimball, and everyone passing through Eaton with suspicious looking packages on his sled will have his belongings searched. If he is proved to have letters he will be arrested and his mail will be confiscated."

He Certainly Was a Fiend.

The stage was rolling along the canyon trail when suddenly the horses reared back on their haunches as a lone highwayman with a Winchester appeared on the scene.

"Step out of the hearse, gentlemen, and hands up!" he ordered.

One by one they climbed out, with elevated hands.

The highwayman relieved the party and several times was forced to remind one nervous little man to keep his hand from his pocket.

"What's the matter with you?" he roared finally. "You make another move like that, and I'll pump the slugs in you!"

"Please let me," pleaded the little man as his hand again slid toward his pocket.

"Please let you!" roared the desperado. "Please let you perforate me? You're imposing on my generosity, sonny. Look out! Look out! Keep your mit away from that pocket, or by the Eternal!"—

"But it won't hurt you!" protested the little man. "It won't hurt you at all! Stand just as you are now and keep your rifle leveled. There! That's it!"

And while the highwayman was recovering from his astonishment the little man had flashed his kodak and snapped the button.—Ex.

Mud as a Life Saver.

In London it was noticed that when the streets were muddy there was a marked diminution of diseases that were prevalent when dust is blowing. Catarrhal troubles are plentiful when people are compelled to inhale dust. Consumption, too, often gets its start from the breathing of flying particles of filth. Add sufficient water to transform the dust into mud, and the power for harm is gone, for mud is not inhaled. The germs that infest dry dust become inert in mud, because these germs, vicious as they are, are too lazy to go anywhere unless they are carried. Moreover, mud is very likely to get ultimately into the drain pipe and the germs are carried off where they can do no harm. Even when mud dries on the clothing and is brushed off the dust that arises therefrom does not appear to be as dangerous as that which has not been recently wet.—Ex.

The Pacific Cold Storage Co. offers every facility for keeping frozen products.

Rex Hams, 25 cents, Eldorado Warehouse, Third avenue and Second street.

The old standby, Seal of North Carolina, is always generously good.

Black taffeta silks at J. P. McLennan's.

We fit glasses. Pioneer drug store.

Holland herring. Selman & Myers.

MR. DOOLEY ON REFORM.

Today of all days, being the first in Dawson of the period of prohibited gambling, the following from Mr. Dooley on the "Purity Crusade" is eminently appropriate:

"As a people, Hinnissy, we're th' greatest crusaders that iver was—f'r a short distance. On a quarter-mile thrack we can crusade at a rate that wud make Hogan's frind, Godfrey th' Bullion, look like a crab. But th' throuble is th' crusade don't last afther th' first sprint. Th' crusaders drop out iv th' procission to take a dhrink or put a little money on th' ace, an' be th' time th' end iv th' line iv march is reached th' boss crusader is alone in th' job, an' his former followers is hurlin' bricks at him from the windows iv policy shops. The boss crusader always gets th' double cross."

The police would not protect vice if it were not for the fact that "they've got to get th' money where it's comin' to thim, an' 'tis on'y comin' to thim where th' law an' vile human nature has a sthrange holt on each other. A polisman goes afther vice as an officer of th' law, an' comes a way a philosopher."

When the crusade gets into full swing "th' polis becomes active, an' whin th' polis is active 'tis a good time f'r dacint men to wear marredg certyficates outside iv their coats. Hanyous monsters is nailed in th' act iv histin in a shell iv beer in a German garden; husbands waits in th' polis station to be r-ready to bail out their wives whin they're arrested f'r shoppin' afther four o'clock; an' there's more joy over wan sinner rayturned to th' station thin f'r ninety an' nine that've rayformed.

"The boss crusader is havin' th' time iv his lilfe all th' while. His picther is in th' papers ivery mornin, an' his sermons is a directhry iv places iv amusement. He says to himself, 'I am improvin' th' wurruld, an' me name will go down to th' generations as th' greatest vice buster iv th' cinchry. Whin I get through, they wont be enough crime left in th' city to amuse a sthranger fr'm Hannybal, Missoury, f'r twinty minyits,' he says. That's where he's wrong. Afther a while people gets tired iv th' pastime. They want somewhere to go nights. Mosts people ain't vicious, Hinnissy, an' it takes vice to hunt vice. That accounts f'r polismen. Besides th' horse show or th' football games or somethin' else excitin', divarts their attintion, an' wan day th' boss crusader finds that he's alone in Sodom.

"'Vice ain't so bad, afther all. I notice business was betther whin 'twas rampant,' says wan la-ad. Sure, ye're right, says another. 'I haven't sold a single pink shirt since that man Parkers closed th' faro games,' says he. 'Th' theayter business ain't what it was whin they was more vice,' says another. 'This ain't no Connecticut village,' he says. 'So 'tis no use thryin to inthrajoose soomchury legislation in this impeeryal American city,' he says, 'where people come pursooed by th' sheriff fr'm ivry corner iv th' wurruld,' he says. 'Ye can't make laws f'r this community that wud suit a New England village, where,' he says 'th' people ar-re too civilized to be immoral,' he says. 'Vice,' he says, 'goes a long way tow'rd makin' life bearable,' he says. 'A little vice now an' thin is relished be th' best iv men,' he says. 'Who's this Parkers, anyhow, intherferin' with th' liberty iv th' individooal, an',' he says, 'makin' it hard to rent houses on th' side sthreets,' he says. 'I bet ye if ye investigate ye'll find that he's no betther thin he shud be himself,' he says.

"An' th' best Parkers gets out iv it is to be able to escape fr'm town in a wig an' false whiskers."

Judging Customers.

"I don't make any more mistakes in judging customers," said the china salesman, "because I've given up judging them. I've had my lesson.

"An old gentleman came into the store one day and asked to look at dinner sets. He was one of the plain, old fashioned, frock coat, white shirt, black bow tie kind, and I sized him as about a $30 man. I wasn't sure that he'd stand even that much, but I thought I'd risk it, and so I showed him one of the $30 sets.

"He looked it over politely for a minute or two and then said, 'Yes, that is pleasing, but it isn't—er—just what I had in mind.'

"I took him over to the $40 table then, and he examined the things in the same quiet, polite way, but I could see that they were not what he wanted. 'This is an attractive design,' he said 'and I rather like the color of that, but —er— my thought was something a little different from either.'

"Well, that brought us to the $50 and $60 goods, and it was the same with them. They were all very pretty and very nice, and he was so sorry to make me so much trouble, but would I mind showing him something a little better?

"I had made up my mind by this time that he was bluffing, that he wasn't going to buy anything anyway, so I thought I'd bluff too. I took him down the store to a set marked $250. He looked it over more carefully and didn't turn a hair when I told him the price, but said in a hesitating way, as if he was afraid of hurting my feeling: 'Perhaps you have some special sets. Something—er—a little better even than this?'

"'There is one better one,' I said, 'but it is something quite out of the ordinary and rather expensive. If you care to look at it'—

'Yes, he thought he would look at it, if I would be so kind, and I took him up stairs and showed it to him. He took up one or two of the pieces and examined them. Then he said: 'Yes, that is good. That pleases me. What is the price?'

"'Four hundred and fifty dollars,' I told him.

"'You may send it to my house,' he said quietly and gave me his card. I knew the name at once. He was a millionaire several times over. He took out his pocketbook and counted out $450 in cash, thanked me for showing him the goods and went out.

"I think he knew how I sized him up, but he didn't get mad when I showed him the cheap goods. He just led me along in his own way till he got what he wanted, and then let me down as easy as he could. No, sir, I don't judge customers by their looks or their clothes any more."—N. Y. Herald.

Money in a Stove.

Chicago, May 16.—In addition to the ill-will of the man, who is still wearing his winter overcoat and suffering from a cold in the head, the weather man has gained the enmity of Fred Werobke, a clerk employed in Peter Bohlander's store at Railroad avenue and Nineteenth avenue, and who lives in Melrose park. Werobke does not believe in banks and never read about people who used stoves for safe deposit vaults.

These characteristics and the weather cost him $300 yesterday, when his wife built a fire in the heating stove, which had not been in use since the warm days that gave promise of spring some weeks ago. Just as the fire began to crackle cheerfully Werobke came home. He happened to think that his savings of years were in a leather pocketbook in the particular stove in which his wife had just started a fire.

Later in the day Werobke appeared at the office of the United States subtreasury with a handful of burned leather and currency, which, he said, represented his savings for several years. The stuff was sent to Washington, and if the experts can figure out the denomination of the bills Werobke may recover a part of his fortune.

Old Stamp is Used.

Editor Nugget:

Why this difference? Letters sent to Dawson are addressed "Dawson, Y. T.", while those leaving the Dawson, postoffice are postmarked "Dawson, N. W. T."?

An Ignoramus from Hunker, Y. T., or N. W. T., or Both or None.

(The only reasonable answer to the above is that the old stamp bearing the letters N. W. T. is still used, although Y. T. has been the proper thing ever since this became the Yukon territory. There is a glaring possibility that the present parliament will make an appropriation for a new canceling stamp for the Dawson postoffice at the present session.)

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