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KLONDIKE NUGGET. SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1903.

POINT NOT CLEAR. The Bonanza Record, the enterprising Grand Forks weekly, takes the view that the establishment of a public water system would be hostile to the interests of the individual miner and prospector.

The original agitation in favor of the proposed water system arose among the miners themselves. It came about by reason of the fact that hundreds of claims and more particularly those located on hill-sides and benches were practically barred from development owing to the fact that no water for sluicing has been available.

On many of the creeks, the same trouble has occurred from year to year, the supply of water not infrequently being so small that sluicing has been possible for a comparatively short time only during the summer.

Invariably when the supply of water begins to run low in July, the opinion is heard all over the creeks that a public system which would bring plenty of water within reach of every miner, would prove the salvation of the district.

In just what particular such an enterprise backed by the government would work to the detriment of the small miner is not apparent.

Whether a man owns one claim or ten, he must have water to sluice his dumps and if he is unable to get water he simply cannot work his ground.

Undeniably, holders of large tracts of claims would profit from a water system, but they would be in a position to take the same advantage that would be open to the individual and no more.

Hydraulics upon an extensive scale cannot be introduced effectively until the creek claims are either worked out or so nearly so that their owners will dispose of them for comparatively small sums.

The arrival of that time is a matter of years and, meanwhile, the question is, in what way is the best number of unworked hillsides and bench claims now the property of individual miners to be made productive at a profit to their owners?

This question brings the matter back to the original starting point. The main requirement is water, to be brought within reach of the hill-side miner at a price which he can afford to pay.

Were the Bonanza Record directing its remarks against a water monopoly such as is contemplated in the Treadgold concession, the point it makes would be quite clear, and applicable to the situation. But just in what particular the individual claim owner will suffer by having a cheap and plentiful supply of water brought within his reach, is not apparent.

HUMAN NATURE. Dawson is not the only place in the world where heart burnings and little jealousies arise over public ceremonies in honor of distinguished folk. When President Roosevelt arrived at Chicago on his way west he discovered that the reception committee composed of Republican politicians had completely sidetracked Carter Harrison, the Windy City's Democratic mayor. The committee had a nice little scheme all worked

out whereby the mayor, if he wanted to get a look at the president, must needs take chances with the crowd. The facts were reported to Mr. Roosevelt who took prompt and vigorous means of placing himself "right."

He wrote a letter to Harrison assuring him of his disapproval of the slight and inviting him to a private conference. The action of the president caused the committee to back down and Chicago's mayor took his proper part in the affair.

After all it seems that there is as much human nature in some folks as there is in others, as David Harum was wont to remark.

Concessions have been granted in the territory upon misrepresentation and in several instances there has been absolute failure to comply with requirements. Under these circumstances, it is asking none too much that such concessions be cancelled in toto.

The crown prince and princess of Saxony are to be married again after affording the civilized world an insight into one of the most odorous scandals of the day. In view of the fact that the princess' father-in-law referred to her in a public document as a woman "long fallen" this outcome would seem on the face of it rather surprising.

It was something like two years ago that Andrew Carnegie offered a library to the city of Seattle and there was no delay in accepting the offer. Still the people of that city are waiting to see their hopes realized. There seems to be an awful amount of red tape involved in securing results from Mr. Carnegie's benefactions.

It is to be hoped that one certain Japanese gentleman, Wada by name, will shortly return to Dawson and report the amount of the Tanana spring cleanup. According to the reverend Wada's story as originally published in a local morning paper, the output ought not to fall short of a million.

The press dispatches are filled with reports of new strikes—but they are not the variety of strike that creates a stampede or makes business lively. There are strikes and strikes.

If Mr. Heney expects to begin throwing those promised rocks before the opening of navigation he would do well to give notice of intention.

A few hundred men are killed in Turkey every little while just to show that the sick man is still able to be around.

The Tanana stampede has given ample proof of the soundness of the old saw that well enough is a good thing to let alone.

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If the News carries out its threat of "supporting" Mr. Ross in his con-

cession policy, then may heaven help the country. Any movement which the News "supports" is invariably foredoomed to defeat. Something should be done to ward off the impending calamity.

Lawyer's Fees. There was a time when lawyers' gowns had pockets in the back, in which a client could deposit an "honorarium" without giving a solid, mercantile character to his relations with his counsel. But ex-Judge Porty says the law isn't what it was even fifty years ago, and "has passed the days of the honorarium. Lawyers are simply the paid employees of their clients."

All Want the Canal. Panama, April 4.—The date of the meeting of the Colombian congress has not been decreed by the government, which, while desiring by all means the approval of the canal treaty, wanted to know the opinion of all the representatives beforehand and, therefore, sent special commissioners through the country. It is said that lucrative government positions have been offered to some of the congressmen who were decidedly unfriendly to the canal, which they will lose by going to the meeting of congress.

A SURPRISE AT SEA. By MYRA ETHEL WESTBROOK.

It was evening in the West Indies. On a pier overlooking the ocean nearly the whole population of the town of D were lounging, the men smoking, the women gossiping and watching the children who were romping on the heavy planks.

What was he waiting for? There was not a gun on his deck nor protruding from portholes below, but half a dozen men were visible, and they were lounging about apparently waiting for a breeze.

At the moment a sloop rounded the point mentioned and bore steadily up to the wharf. When within hearing distance, her master shouted:

"The Marguerita is chasing the Inez. We left them ten miles out, both becalmed. We caught a breeze three miles this side of them and got away."

All looked at Chamberlain, for all knew that the girl he loved either had fallen or would doubtless soon fall into the hands of the pirate. He saw down on the top of one of the projecting spiles of the pier and covered his face with his hands.

In another hour the Alice, the sloop, that had brought the news sailed away under command of Ned Chamberlain. The moon, slightly past full, came up out of the water, illuminating all within the circle of the horizon.

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Public Must Pay Increase. New York, March 21.—Ten per cent increase in the price of anthracite coal and suspension of mining during the summer is planned by the coal trust as a means of settling accounts with the miners and the public, which supported these workmen during the recent strike.

As soon as it was known, even unofficially, that the coal strike commission intended to grant the miners a 10 per cent increase the operators began to prepare a new schedule for the retail price of coal.

The larger part of the hard coal mined in February is being stored and sidetracked in the yards of the coal roads.

The miners will be worked night and day for the next two months and then the anthracite collieries will be shut down for the summer.

Snow in New York. New York, April 5.—A heavy rain storm, which began last night and continued during the forenoon, turned to snow shortly before noon today.

The temperature fell and the snow fall was accompanied by a high west wind. Cold weather with snow prevailed generally throughout this state today.

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The choral concert given at the Auditorium last night under the direction of Mr. Arthur Boyle in aid of the free library fund was a huge success both from an artistic and financial standpoint.

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So he gave you a dog? "Yes," answered Mr. Pinley. "He must like you." "Well, I can't make out whether he likes me or whether he doesn't, like a dog."

"I'm afraid our boy Josh is one of them geniuses who doesn't know the value of a dollar," said Mrs. Corn-tassel.

"I dunno 'bout that," answered her husband, "from the way that Josh keeps writin' for dollars I should say he was pretty appreciative."

"That new man won't do," said the London editor. "He's one of those sensational American journalists."

"How do you know?" "He wrote a joke and failed to put any italics or parentheses on it."

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