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ALL THAT IS REQUIRED.

With the royalty regulation withdrawn, and the immense territory, now withheld from the prospector by virtue of the reservation act, thrown open again for location, the Yukon territory would have a population of 100,000 people within two years. The policy of the present government is to discourage immigration and retard as much as possible the development of the country's resources. Gold might be found in paying quantities in every square inch of ground in the territory, and still be of no use to anyone without men to take it out. Canada has spent millions to encourage settlers in other portions of the country, but in this territory the opposite course has been pursued. Equitable laws are all that is required. There need be no money expended in alluring pamphlets or in paying high-salaried immigrant agents.

It will be but a few days until the arrival of the first boat, with connections through from Lake Bennett. According to telegraphic advices received, a large passenger list is slated, together with heavy freight consignments. In fact, there is far more freight coming than can be handled by the first boats, and much of it will require to be kept waiting until the boats can make return trips. This is an indication of a healthy outlook for the steamboat business, and proof of a confidence on the part of Dawson merchants that there will be no decrease in the demand for commodities during the present season. The alarmists, who predicted Dawson as another "deserted village," have proven their entire lack of ability as prophets.

Since it has been decided that the game laws be enforced, notices to this effect should be sent to every portion of the territory possible. Many men are now out prospecting who are unaware of the action which the authorities have taken, and who, when they return to Dawson, intend bringing with them game for the local market. Ignorance of the law is by no means a justifiable excuse for any offense before a court, but in the present instance an effort should be made to prevent men from violating the law by informing them of its provisions. When they come into Dawson with their game, they will be subject to loss for their work, and will be placed in the position of offenders against the law as well. Notices concerning the law should be distributed as widely as possible.

Let everyone turn in and give Dawson a glorious celebration for the Fourth of July. The day is one which should not be forgotten by Americans wherever they may happen to be sojourning.

Canadians and other British subjects have expressed their willingness and desire to aid in giving the day a proper observance in Dawson, and, in fact, we believe the entire town will join heartily in carrying out the program as proposed at the meeting Monday night. The idea of an industrial parade, with floats representative of the various business interests of Dawson, is a splendid one, and there should be no difficulty in carrying it out to a successful issue. There will be sufficient time to allow a supply of fireworks to be brought in from the outside, and these, together with the other features proposed, will give Dawson a celebration entirely worthy of the town, and a concerted effort among the people of the city will leave no room for doubt as to the outcome.

It is a noticeable fact that men who come down from the creeks this season, bearing with them the results of their winter's work, are finding their way to the safe deposit vaults or taking other means for securing the fruits of their labors. There is not that disposition manifest in the average miner now to "blow in" half the proceeds of his clean-up in a single night as was formerly the case. It does not make any difference how long a "poke" may be, there is certain to be an end to it in time if its owner travels a sufficiently rapid pace. This fact seems to be thoroughly appreciated by the miners this year, and as a result Dawson will have more men with a little money laid away for investment this year than ever before.

An effort is being made to arouse local interest in athletic sports by the establishment of a field where various sporting events can be pulled off. Such a movement is in the direction of promoting wholesome amusement, and should be encouraged by the public generally. Dawson possesses a good many splendid athletes, many of whom, when in training, can compete for field honors anywhere. It behooves these men to get together and give their united support to the proposed undertaking.

Dawson presents a very much improved appearance since the ordinance respecting the displaying of signs went into effect. First avenue now would do credit to cities of much more metropolitan pretensions than Dawson claims. The police have worked unceasingly in bringing about the improved appearance of the town, and certainly are to be commended for the admirable results which they have achieved.

Forest fires have not prevailed to any serious extent as yet, and will not if proper precautions are taken by parties who have occasion to travel through the country and make use of camp fires. It is from such causes that these fires almost invariably originate, and a little care is all that is needed to prevent them.

Mrs. Conklin, Authoress.

New York, May 10.—The death is announced at New Vernon, N. J., of Mrs. Jennie M. Drinkwater Conklin, widely known as a writer of books for girls. Her writings for the religious press have also been numerous. Mrs. Conklin was the originator of the organization known as the "Shut-In Society," which is a bureau of correspondence for those who are invalids. It has an extensive membership, and publishes the Open Window.

Same old price, 25 cents, for drinks at the Regina.
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Best imported wines and liquors at the Regina.

STROLLER'S COLUMN

The fact that preparations for a grand Fourth of July celebration are being made causes the Douglass blood of the Stroller to tingle in his veins as it did in the Panama hat days of young manhood.

But there is a right and a wrong way to celebrate the Fourth of July and it is hoped the right way will be chosen in Dawson. The day was when it was considered right and proper to walk as soberly and uprightly on a Fourth of July as if it was the occasion of hanging, some man who stood well in society. On such occasions some jay lawyer or broken-down school teacher would be selected to read the Declaration of Independence when he would do much clearing of his throat, mopping of his brow and with that emphasis on every alternate word that is also noticed in a high school girl's essay on "Noble Thoughts." Following the reading of the Declaration of Independence, the orator of the day would appear in the person of some young man who had just graduated from college ten days or two weeks before, and who would deliver the greater part of his speech in Latin, while his unsophisticated auditors would look at him in open-mouthed admiration and ever and anon murmur sotto voice "Well now," "Do tell" and such other indications of approval.

By a careful canvass of a large district known as the Con Bluff country it was discovered that I was the only man in it who had a three button-cutaway coat, therefore I was selected to deliver the Fourth of July address some years ago in the land where the orange distills its perfume. The literary portion of the program was to be rendered in the forenoon; while after lunch was to be devoted to dog fighting and greased pig exercises. As all the pigs in that country were of the razor-back variety, it required all the grease from them to properly lubricate one.

I had been told to speak for two hours and, immediately following "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," patriotically rendered by the Possum Trot church choir, I arose. To me it was a glad-some moment, and with a coy look at Mary Ann Faircloth, I launched what I had conceived to be the greatest literary and oratorical production known in the annals of time for as far back as time had annated. I spoke tremulously of the peaceful bosom of the Gulf and forcibly of the icebound lakes of the north; with a majestic motion toward the land of the rising sun, and made a rhetorical gem about the pearly shores of the Atlantic, to be followed at once by a flight of oratory in which the blue waters of the Pacific were mentioned; I traced the Mississippi river, a mere rivulet flowing from Lake Itaska, and caused it to widen until it became the pride of the commercial world; I drew comparisons from it as readily as I ever drew a salary, and these comparisons I hurled at my hearers, as I thought, with astounding effect.

Unfortunately for me and the remainder of my address, the man who conducted a "moonshine" enterprise a mile down the river had arrived early in the day with ten gallons of his product, otherwise the remainder of my address would have been delivered; but before I was half through some fellow yelled "Tuhn loose da greased pokkah," which was done. Not deigning to notice the interruption, I continued to speak although all my audience but one blind man, a lame woman and Mary Ann Faircloth had joined in the race for the pig which finally ran under and upset the platform on which I was standing, with the result that there has been surging within me for the past 17 years an undelivered Fourth of July oration. (I mention this for the benefit of the local committee on literary exercises for the approaching event.) The pig was never caught, and in the mad race two friends of the man with the "moonshine" industry fell into the Suwanee river and were nabbed by alligators before they could be rescued. Four days later the pig was heard from. It had crossed the state of Georgia and concealed itself in the Cumberland mountains in Tennessee.

I hope the committee in charge of the local celebration will profit by my experience and not attempt to have any literary performances at a time when the desires of the people are some exciting amusement.

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