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A CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

The campaign to fill two seats in the Yukon council may fairly be said to be on. The candidates have been announced, two of them are out with signed statements of the platform upon which they propose to appeal to the people for support and it is probable that the others will make public similar declarations in a short time.

The Nugget hopes to see the cam paign conducted on open and fair lines without appeal to the passions or prej- tic gathering. udices of any man or faction.

The candidates are well enough known to the community and the interests which each represent will be made clear as the campaign progresses.

The issues represented in the different platforms will be carefully threshed out and the whole situation made clear to the voter so that the approach of election day will see every man in possession of the facts and able to cast his ballot intelligently.

The merits of the candidates form fair matter for discussion as well as the measures which each advocates. But such discussion can be carried on in a way that will reflect dignity rather than disgrace upon the community. This is the first election in which the people of the Yukon have been allowed to participate and we trust that it will be handled in a manner which will convince the outside politicians of the Dominion that we have really and truly arrived at a period when we have earned a right to self-government.

WAGE CONTRACTS.

Laborers who are seeking employment on the creeks should exercise care in signing contracts. Last winter many men who were the victims of one sided agreements whereby the laborer was practically placed at the mercy of the employer, did not know the real terms of the documents which they had signed until it was too late for them to protect themselves. Contracts were entered into in a number of cases under the terms of which the right of summary discharge was left with the employer with a specific agreement made that accrued wages should not be paid until the cleanup. The laborer was thus left under the liability of losing his place at any moment and turned out in the cold without a dollar, no matter what amount may rightly have stood to his,

The Nugget is of the opinion that the number of employers of labor who B. McMillan, a mining expert who is would take such an unfair advantage of here in the interests of J. Wesley Allitheir laborers are few, but nevertheless it stands every man in hand who contemplates signing a labor contract, to understand exactly what he is doing.

The laborer has certain rights which he is entitled to have respected and which he need not forfeit unless through his own carelessness or negligence. There is no reason for him signing a one-sided contract, if he looks out for the rights which are properly his. Contracts were made last winter whereby the laborer agreed to stand an equal chance with the claim operator in the value of the dump. That is to say, agreements were entered into whereby wages would be paid if the cleanup yielded sufficiently and if the dump CURRENT COMMENT failed to wash up as anticipated the workmen suffered accordingly.

On such a contract the laborer has no one to blame but himself if he fails to receive proper remuneration for his

The remedy in such cases is simply that every laborer who enters into a contract should acquaint himself with the exact terms of the documents which he signs and refuse his signature to any agreement so manifestly unfair.

Tonight the four gentlemen who are to contest forseats in the Yukon council will hold forth in the Orpheum theater and show cause why the votes of the electorate of the Yukon territory should be cast in their particular behalf. We hope they will be greeted by a full house in order that the necessary inspiration may be present to call forth all manner of torrents of eloquence. There is nothing so disheartening to the spirit of a candidate as to be confronted by a ghastly array of empty seats. There is something in their mute vacancy that strikes a chill in the breast of the most eloquent. For this opening gun of the campaign, therefore, we urge that everyone who can, turn out and start the political ball rolling in a manner befitting the circumstances. The occasion may be accepted as the birthday of real politics in the Yukon, and so momentous an in front of him, so one day he ran without unnecessary mud slinging, and event is worthy a large and enthusias-

> Dawson will not lack during the coming winter for places of recreation. Several clubs fitted with every luxury known in similar institutions on the outside have been established, while various forms of winter sport are in contemplation. Socially the approaching season of cold weather bids fair to prove eminently successful.

Challenge Accepted.

Dawson, Y. T., Sept. 19, 1900. To Editor Daily Nugget:

Sir-I see by an issue of the Daily News of Sept. 14 a challenge from Prof. Anderson for a mounted sword contest to take place in Dawson within 30 days. Now, I will meet Prof. Anderson at any time or place for any sum of money, the contest to be conducted un- him. der either the French or English rules governing such contests.

CAPT. BENJ. KIMBALL.

Creek News Items.

Winfield Reese, of 31 hill, left for the outside this week.

Mr. Bradley, of 31 hill sold his interests to Mr. McKay, who will work the claim this winter.

The Elby roadhouse will give semimonthly dances this winter, the second of the series to come off Saturday even-

There has been a general closing down of summer work on Bonanza and

Eldorado this week. The latest quartz strike is that just above Victoria gulch. On July 14th last Emile F. Corthay staked a quartz claim between the heads of Victoria and 7 pup, and about 1500 feet below the ridge between Victoria and Gay gulches. Since July Corthay and his partners John Stewart and F. R. Chute, have been exposing the ledge, which has been corsscut every 50 feet for over 500 feet. At one place they went down a distance of 18 feet, the wall being almost vertical for that distance. The ledge is six feet wide with three feet of mica schist and other soft material on either side making the ledge as far as has been investigated about 12 feet from wall to wall ledge has been traced from the head of Victoria to the mouth of Eldorado, and some 14 claims have been staked. G. son, of 13 Wall street, New York, says there is no question but that the boys have a genuine ledge he said it would take several days to determine whether it were a true fissure vein on account of being entirely under ground. A number of specimens can be seen containing free gold; some pieces weighing from \$10 to \$15. A number of pans were taken out of the soft material on both sides of the ledge, all showing more or less gold, some pans going as high as \$1.

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He Is in a Fix.

Editor Daily Nugget: The long expected day on which nominations must be made of candidates for election to seats in the Yukon council has come and gone and I for one am left without a ticket which I can conscienciously support. Having been for over two years both directly and indirectly connected with the government in various ways and at various times I can not support the nominees of the so-called reform element for the reason that I fail to see where reform is needed; in fact, the reforms proposed would be in direct opposition to my interests. Wilson and Prudhomme may be good enough men but the fact that both have pledged themselves to work for reform of existing laws settles them with me. There may be times when reform is a good thing but when a man is called upon to advocate a reform that will injure his business he can not be blamed if he fails to respond. Therefore, Wilson and Prudhomme will get no support from me.

On the other hand, the opposition ticket, O'Brien and Noel, is fully as bitter a pill to me as is Wilson and Prudhomme. Up to a short time ago Noel was drilling with the so-called reformers. For some reason best known by himself he broke away from his as sociates and flopped over to the opposition, and when a man begins flopping there is no telling where to find him. Noel puts me in mind of a very fleet dog a man once owned. The dog could run so fast he could not see obstacles against a sharp stake and split himself from end to end. His owner rushed up and took the two halves and put them together while they were yet warm, with the result that the dog lived; but in his haste the owner had put the halves together wrong, two legs up and two down; but it proved to be a good thing for the dog who when he got tired running one way would just flop over and use the other legs. This might be a good thing for a dog, but I don't care to see it in candidates, and for this reason Mr. Noel will not get my vote.

The only man left is Thomas O'Brien. Let us turn the searchlight on him and see how he compares as a candidate for the votes of the British subjects of the Yukon of which country he is the pioneer whisky and gambling man. This latter fact might recommend him in the estimation of some people, but to my mfnd it counts strongly against

Entertaining as I do these views of the four candidates, I do not propose to visit the polls on election day. CANDIDATELESS VOTER

Precaution the Watchword.

The election ordinance for the Yukon territory being passed, and the thin end of the wedge being inserted for future self government in this territory, it should be the careful duty of all the electors to use every endeavor to select the right persons as the unofficial members of the council. Party feelings should be scrupulously avoided and the aim of all to unite in the return of competent, honest representatives, men who place principle before self and will carefully guard and promote the best interests of the electors and residents, and not work solely in behalf of any wealthy or influential clique. The people of the Yukon have agitated for representation on the local board for some time, and now that their agitation has resulted successfully, every precaution must be taken to a void prostitution of the privilege through the return of dishonest, selfish representatives. Upon the early action of the unofficial members of the council a great deal depends. The federal government members today will closely watch their endeafors and policy, they being the chosen mouthpieces of the residents, and the policy advocated by them will be accepted and considered as emanating from the electorate at large. - White-

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