

Dooley Knows the West

"I see," said Mr. Hennessy, "th' Sinit has rayfused f'r to confirm th' communitation iv a man f'r an office in th' West because he'd been in jail."

"Professional jealousy," said Mr. Dooley. "Ye see, th' fact iv th' mat- ter is th' Sinit don't know what th' people iv th' Far West want an' th' Prisdint does. The Sinit thinks th' country iv th' land iv th' West is th' arantuly is done if they sind out a man too weak in th' lungs to stay in th' East an' wan that can multi- ply com-pound fractions in his head. Th' Prisdint he knows that th' needed in the Far West is ac- tive, intelligent officers that can get straight through th' pocket."

"Th' other day it became necessary th' thurst on th' imperyal territory Arzonny a competent person f'r to administer th' laws an' keep th' peace iv said community an' th' poi- ticians in Wash'nton was f'r givin' some wan f'r'm Connecticut or Rhode Island with a cough an' a wheeze in th' Ligsislature. But th' Prisdint says no."

"No," he says, "None but th' best f'r th' domain iv th' settin'." "Ye says, 'I know th' country," he says, "ar' to cope with th' hardy spirits iv Arzonny, 'tis essen- tial we shud have a man that can hold a coyote f'r'm th' hip at fifty paces." "How can you draw a line betwixt th' best f'r to make him again th' full hands iv thim? Th' matter where life is wan gay an' less round iv shoot?" he says. "Ye can't expect him to ripristin th' safety iv th' government iv Wash'nton an' Lincoln. He'd be bucked off before he got his feet in th' stirrups. No, sir, th' man iv me choice is Tar- zana Jake, th' whirlwind iv Zuma. This imminent statesman has speared more balls than anny other desperado west iv Tucson an' anny desperado iv state entrusted to his hands is sure to be delivered to their object," he says, "or," he says, "th' man iv th' object," he says.

"But," says th' Sinit, "he lost an eye in a fight."

"A boyish error," says th' Prisdint. "Th' man threw th' knife at him," he says.

"An' he kilt a man," says they.

"Ye do him an injustice," says th' Prisdint. "Kilt a man, says ye! Kilt a man. Such is fame. Why," he says, "he's kilt more mer than th' Sinit has reputations," he says. "Ye might jus' as well say me frind Sin- gler Divridge wanst made a speech, what Shakespeare wrote a play, or that Shakespeare wrote a play, or that it's a fine tooth I have. If all the people Jake has kilt was alive to- day, we'd be passin' congested dis- tressed Ligsislachon f'r Arzonny. Kilt a man, is it?"

"I give ye me wurrd that ye can hardly find wan home in Arzonny f'r'm th' proudest doby story-an'-a-half pulchre of th' rich to th' lowly doby wan story huy iv th' poor that this bagrant parasite hasn't deprived iv his justie wan oryminit. 'Didn't I tell ye he is a killer? I didn't made a man that inly wanst in a while takes a life. He's a rale killer. He's no mistake. He's th' Armour iv that particular line iv slaughter."

"Ye don't suppose that I'd pro- pose f'r to entrust him with a lofty anthropochinal mission if he on'y wanst a man? Me notions iv th' public office is far higher than that, I thank hiven. Besides in that ye speak iv 'twas justifiable homicide. He had ast th' man to come with him. No, sir; I have ex- amined his record carefully an' I find th' man ivly equipped f'r anny emergen- cy. He never misses. Th' cororer fol- low him like a horse after a hay stack. He's th' man f'r th' place, quick dhravin', readily passion- less hammerless gun firin' terror iv Great Desert."

"Th' Sinit didn't approve iv th' Sinit f'r'm Massachoo- setts, where human life is held so cheap that no wan thinks of takin' protested agath' him, an' 'twas only discovered that early in his life he'd been caught runnin' off a horse iv caws an' oushed into jail, what was too much f'r th' hon'r- ary body, hardly wan member of the body has ever been caught. So they kilt Jake th' go-by."

"Th' Prisdint know all right in th' matter, an' he'll get it f'r thim. West is no effete community where th' folks likes a quiet book- ing life, an' early supper, a game of cards, lock th' windy, wind th' an' go to bed. That may be th' East. But in th' West we want shireuse life an' sudden death. We're people out here on th' plains where th' sun sets across th' gray desert an' th' moon clings to th' toe. We don't want pianny tuners or plasther saints to govern us. We want men who go with their spurs on, an' can

gin'ral is sufferin' f'r'm a slight knife wound."

"Ar-re all th' people West iv th' park shootin' men?" asked Mr. Hennessy, timidly.

"I think so," said Mr. Dooley, "but a man that's been out there tells me not. He says anywan but an Englishman cud go f'r'm wan end iv th' West to th' other without carryin' a gun, and that people that kill each other are not considered rayspectable in Tucson anny more thim they wud be in Eyesther Bay, but that they are mostly dhrunk men an' th' like iv that. Th' towns, he says, is run by men that sell ribbons, milk, yeast, spool thread, an' pills an' pull teeth an' argye little foolish law suits just as th' towns down here are run, an' th' bad men are more afraid iv thim thim they are iv each other. He says there are things doin' out West that niver get into th' dime novels an' that thim people lose their lives they do it more often in a saw mill or a smelter than in a dance hall. He says so, but I don't believe him."

"I suppose," said Mr. Hennessy, "a man iv me peaceable disposition wud niver get a job."

"Make a reputation," said Mr. Dooley. "Buy a gun."

Goodby, Darling.

Mr. H. Darling, manager of the B. Y. N. Co., arrived Monday night from Vancouver. It is with a feeling of regret that Mr. Darling's man- friends hear from the gentleman a confirmation of the recent rumor that he is to sever his connection with the B. Y. N. Co., and is here only for the purpose of straightening out the affairs of the company preparatory to turning them over to his successor, who, so far as we are able to learn, is yet unnamed.

It is Mr. Darling's intention to start on his return to Vancouver in the morning, and tonight at 8 o'clock his Whitehorse friends will tender him a farewell banquet at the Windsor hotel restaurant.—Whitehorse Star, Feb. 19.

Change of Base.

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THE WILBUR SOCIETY

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In a recent issue of the Nugget was a telegram to the effect that the government of British Columbia have offered facilities for the settlement of a society founded on the basis of mutual co-operation. This society is of local origin, the prime mover being Dr. G. Dullen Burry, lately a librarian of The Standard Circulating Library, who left Dawson in the early part of last fall with the object of travelling through the western part of Canada and the United States in the endeavor to obtain satisfactory terms from the government, which, given a satisfactory location, would enable him to enter upon the preliminary negotiations for the establishment of a socialist society organized upon the lines laid down by Edward Bellamy in "Looking Backward."

Several Dawson residents are interested in this experiment and the society has already issued a little pamphlet, a copy of which was received recently and from which it is gathered that the name of the organization is "The Wilbur Society," the Dawson representative being Mr. R. P. Wilson.

The society will probably consist of from one to two hundred members at the outset, and the scheme as at present drawn up provides for a much larger number in the event of the movement proving as successful as its promoters anticipate, for it is even provided for the sub-division of the community into townships, the maximum number in each township being fixed at 10,000 souls. The scheme embraces almost every profession and trade, the members being

attached to the particular department for which they are found to be best fitted. It is elastic in its nature and will no doubt be modified to harmonize with the particular needs of the community and locality with which it will be connected.

The standard for applicants will be kept as high as possible, great stress being laid upon the requisite qualifications of culture, refinement, education, and a thorough grasp of the philosophy of socialism. The latest offer received, that of the British Columbia government, is in substance that they will guarantee a tract of land to be held in trust by the society, each member to have for his use and benefit one hundred acres, which, however, he is not permitted to transfer or sell, and in the event of his leaving the organization the land so held will revert to the so-

ciety, to be held in trust until again needed.

Among other Dawsonites connected with this movement are C. W. Trun- ant, Arthur A. Douglas, and others, who are now expecting a letter from Dr. Burry, giving the details of the British Columbia scheme briefly referred to in the telegram. The movement will be watched by Klondikers with great interest.

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