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NOTHING TO RECOMMEND HIM.

We have as yet seen no one come forward with anything in the nature of a sound reason for asking the voters of the municipality to choose Mr. Jefferson Davison for the position of mayor.

Mr. Davison has no record in the community as a public man other than rests in the fact that his vote has been claimed on both sides of nearly every question that has come before the electorate.

In the municipal campaign of a year ago a very clear issue divided the tickets in the field. Mr. Davison was unable to locate his own position with sufficient exactness to know where he stood—and in consequence ran as an independent candidate for alderman.

There were altogether 16 candidates in the field and Mr. Davison polled the next to the lowest number of votes, receiving 226 out of 725. The result simply constituted official recognition to Mr. Davison that the city was not clamoring for his services and on Monday next there will be a ratification of that same recognition.

During the whole of the late campaign, when every man of any individuality declared himself one way or another, no one was able to say with positive assurance whether Davison was for Mr. Rose or the unworthy instrument. He was studiously following his custom of trimming his sails to suit the direction of the wind, and refrained from declaring himself for either side in the fear of injuring his chances for the majority. Now Mr. Davison will undoubtedly say that it is no one's

business how he voted in the last election, and that is perfectly true. But we submit on the other hand that it is the business of everyone who has a vote in the city election to defeat a man who has not the character and backbone to take a stand one way or another. A strong man is wanted for the coming year to administer the affairs of the city and in so far as Mr. Davison is concerned, he has never manifested any strength such as the present occasion requires.

He certainly possesses the quality of "nerve" in its vulgar sense, otherwise he would not offer himself as a candidate after his humiliating defeat of last February.

But that particular species of "nerve" which considers only the promotion of the interests of its possessor is not desirable in a man into whose keeping is committed the affairs of a community.

Mr. Davison forced himself into the field and it merely remains for the electors to force him out just as they did a year ago.

THE VOTERS' OPPORTUNITY.

The voters have the opportunity of securing the services of a first class, responsible business man in the person of R. P. McLennan. He is a man whose position upon public matters is never uncertain. He never fears to give expression to his views and his influence is always on the side of what he regards as right.

The electors of Dawson know Mr. McLennan as one of the foremost among public-spirited citizens, and in supporting him they have absolute assurance that they will not be the victims of misplaced confidence.

They have important business interests to conserve and will make no mistake in placing such interests in the keeping of a strong, capable business man.

A certain local personage is possessed of such versatility that he is able to mingle the calling of merchant tradesman with that of preacher and incidentally of political orator. On Sunday last he preached upon the subject of covetousness—

undoubtedly having in mind the case of an ambitious mayoralty candidate whose eyes not long since were cast longingly in the direction of a rich claim on Magnet gulch—the rightful property of another. If the good parson will review the decision handed down in the case in question, he will discover excellent material for a

subsequent discourse on the subject of perjury.

Since the matter of granting a franchise to the Klondike Mines Railway has been under discussion, it has developed that there is considerable opposition to the measure. Heavy property owners who at first had given the subject very little thought, have now reached the conclusion that the construction of the road along the main thoroughfare of the city would result in a general depreciation of values on the street. This feeling seems to be growing in strength among those directly concerned, and, therefore, should be given proper consideration. The suggestion made by this paper a few days ago to the effect that there should be no further delays in settling the matter, arose from the belief that there was little or no sentiment in opposition to the charter. The opponents of the measure have been unduly slow in making their wishes known, but that fact should not prevent their views from being given a careful and thorough hearing.

Dr. Alfred Thompson will undoubtedly head the polls at the coming territorial election. Public sentiment—almost unanimous public sentiment, we might say—demands that the doctor become one of the Yukon councilmen. His record before the community is that of a man of unimpeachable integrity and of sterling personal worth. He will be a power for good in the council board and will in every way fulfill the expectations of his most earnest supporters.

The mining districts have selected candidates for the Yukon council through the agency of a convention composed of delegates from all the creeks. The deliberations and conclusions of the convention resulted in the nomination of two men, both of whom are well and favorably known throughout the district. The logical course before them is to come forward and support their own men and carry them into the council by good strong majorities.

Assistant Secretary

Mr. E. S. Sears, formerly with the N. C. Co., has succeeded Percy Overton as assistant secretary of the Athletic Association. The change was made last Monday.

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NEEDING THE MONEY

More Than Ever—Bitner Co. to Disband

Unless Patronage is Larger—A Small House Grooms a Very Good Show.

Bitner is becoming discouraged at the lack of encouragement which his efforts in keeping the theatre going are receiving at the hands of the Dawson public. Four weeks ago he made the announcement that his troupe was about to disband and leave for the outside, but upon the urgent request of a large number of his patrons he decided to keep open a while longer.

At that time he issued commutation books for seats at a greatly reduced price and received pledges sufficient to tide him over the dull period, ninety per cent. of the pledges failed to come forth with the amounts of the books so that Mr. Bitner finds himself in the same predicament as before.

Last week and the week before the receipts were far behind the expenditures and it is this fact which caused the announcement last night by Mr. Bitner that unless a decided improvement was manifested the theatre would close its doors in a short while.

The play this week, "An American Girl," was produced once before this season, but notwithstanding this fact it was given a most cordial welcome last evening and as the different incidents, pathetic and comic, were disclosed, much applause was elicited.

An American Girl is a play of such excellence that it may be seen several times and still some new feature will be discovered to make it interesting. It should be largely patronized during the next two nights.

"The Old Homestead," which will be produced the last three nights of this week, is sure to be a drawing card and will be largely attended. The same specialties which were so thoroughly enjoyed will be heard again and the cast will be strengthened by Billy Mullen—who will have also a clever specialty.

Ole Olsen will probably be the bill for next week and as it is the first Swedish comedy drama produced in Dawson it will undoubtedly make a big hit.

Send a copy of the Nugget's Christmas edition to your outside friends.

Address of R. P. McLennan to the Electors of the City of Dawson

Ladies and Gentlemen,—Having allowed my name to go before you as a candidate for the mayoralty I deem it proper to publicly intimate the grounds upon which I ask your suffrages. I am strongly of the opinion that municipal government should be conducted on the same lines as the affairs of any large mercantile institution, and accordingly that political methods should be discarded in favor of business principles. I propose accordingly in this campaign to be and remain entirely independent of any ticket in order that my hands may be free to take action upon any business arising in the council, relying on the electors to strengthen my hands by the choice of an efficient body of aldermen fairly representing the various interests and localities of the city.

I do not consider that there are any great permanent abuses resulting from the administration of the retiring council. I accordingly do not advocate any radical changes and I am strongly opposed to a trifling and shifting policy, as I believe that a system once adopted cannot be altered without causing unjustifiable injury to individuals. I especially will follow the footsteps of my predecessor in maintaining and increasing the present high efficiency of the fire department and I will strongly oppose any attempt towards removing the policing of the city from the strong hands of the Northwest Mounted Police. At the same time I will insist on and expect no difficulty in securing the strict enforcement by them of all city bylaws and regulations.

I will also further extend to the city limits in a systematic manner the public works in the way of streets and sewers inaugurated by the last council and will endeavor to have the funds available for such improvements expended without unduly favoring any section.

I consider that at the earliest moment the city should move in the

matter of securing from the government the title to the water front property within the city limits and if elected I will use my best endeavors to secure for the city this remunerative asset and have strong hopes that with a proper presentation the city's claims will receive favorable treatment.

I will not now deal with the smaller details of city government. If elected it will be my business to acquaint myself thoroughly with all details, and I will personally investigate all sources of city revenue with a view to an equitable adjustment of taxation and will also check all wasteful expenditures.

Before closing I wish to mention two matters which may demand a personal explanation:

1. I am in favor of a reduction in the allowances to the mayor and aldermen to the respective sums of \$3000 and \$1000. I consider that these amounts would fairly indemnify these officers for their loss of interest though not a controlling one in the Dawson City Water Company. I deem it entirely sufficient for me to state that I regard the office of mayor as one of trust and will not allow personal considerations to affect my public conduct. There is no contract now running between the company and the city and I do not anticipate any occasion for dealings between them.

In conclusion I wish to thank my friends for the many promises of support which I have received and to assure all who support me that I elected I will endeavor to make the next year's administration a prosperous one for the city and will devote to that object my best energy and such personal care and attention as my business experience has shown me are necessarily inseparable from the financial success of any institution.

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