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THE RESPONSIBILITY LOCATED

The only evidence of ability which has appeared in the columns of the Sun since its change of ownership took place, is a certain talent for lying and misrepresentation. It's latest exhibition of this nature is in connection with the nomination of Dr. Thompson and its complete change of attitude on that particular subject is really worthy of the acrobatic maneuvres of the News. The first question as to Dr. Thompson's qualification, as will be seen by reference to our local columns, was raised by F. T. Congdon, who is chaperoning Mr. Macdonald's candidacy. As Mr. Congdon's opinions on all subjects are faithfully reflected in the editorial columns of the Sun, it naturally followed that the Sun in its usual crude style assailed the legality of Dr. Thompson's nomination with all the limited invective of which it is master.

It appears, however, that Mr. Congdon, after forming his own opinion in the matter, concluded to seek legal advice, and after consultation with Attorney Black, found that he was entirely wrong. He thereupon wrote a letter in which he expressed the view that Dr. Thompson's candidacy was perfectly legal, and as a matter of course the Sun has followed suit.

The amusing part of the incident is the very labored effort which the Sun has made to shift the blame of Mr. Congdon's blunders onto the Citizens' committee. As a matter of fact the Citizens' committee has never given the affair any consideration. Dr. Thompson in the field is a source of strength to the Citizens' ticket and his withdrawal is not desired.

The only public reference to Dr. Thompson's qualifications—aside from the Sun's demand that he be withdrawn—has been made by this paper, which has stated on several occasions that any man who would so far forget his dignity as to qualify for office as Dr. Thompson has done should be defeated—and we have not changed our views on the matter in any particular.

If a man cannot observe a reasonable degree of decorum in such matters, he is not a proper person to hold important public responsibilities.

Mr. Macaulay, it may be said, is too sure of his ground to resort to any such plan as Mr. Congdon had in mind for removing an objectionable candidate from the field.

The Citizens' ticket will appeal only to the intelligence and patriotism of the voters of Dawson and leave all games of jugglery and trickery to its opponents.

THE EFFORT WILL FAIL.

The most striking tribute that could be given to the popularity of Mr. Macaulay's candidacy is the fact that the opposition have combined forces in an effort to defeat him. They are making a desperate effort to cover over the apparent weaknesses of their own tickets by picking flaws in the ticket which the Citizens' party has placed in the field. The effort will fail and fall of its own weight. The men who have been nominated on the Citizen's ticket are too well known, their standing in the community is altogether too high, and their reputation for probity and business integrity of too long standing, to require any defense against the nauseating attacks that have been made against them.

The voters of Dawson are too well acquainted with the men and too familiar with the history of each, to be mislead by the abusive and slanderous diatribes which are being spread broadcast by Mr. Macaulay's envious rivals.

The strength which Mr. Macaulay has already manifested has appalled the enemy, who will hesitate at nothing too contemptible for the accomplishment of their purposes.

So far as this paper is concerned, we welcome on behalf of Mr. Macaulay the campaign of abuse to which he is being subjected. Every lie which the Sun is able to manufacture respecting Mr. Macaulay will result in turning votes in that gentleman's favor. His record as a business man in Dawson is an open book in which there is nothing that need be concealed. He is the candidate of the citizens of Dawson who have rallied to his support without regard to political affiliations and for the purpose of stamping their disapproval upon the clique of tricksters and agitators who control the opposition tickets.

Mr. Macaulay is in the field to win, and none realize that fact more thoroughly than his enemies. They are resorting to every form of abuse and vilification known to the gutter in a vain effort to discredit Mr. Macaulay before the community. This effort will fail in the end and serve only to confuse and confound the men who are responsible for it.

ENOUGH TO DEFEAT HIM.

For three years past complaints have gone from Dawson to Ottawa over the fact that men have been sent to this territory with dual appointments in their pockets. The strongest ground for complaint against the personnel of the Yukon Council has been found in the fact that each and every one of the appointed members of that body are holders of other positions of responsibility under the federal government.

If a vote could be taken upon that question at this particular time it would be practically unanimous against the appointment of men holding other government positions to seats upon the Yukon Council. Nevertheless it is proposed by a few bolters from the late Kid committee that Dawson in order to find a man suited to the office of mayor, must go to the ranks of federal office holders. Chas. Macdonald, the defeated aspirant for the Kids' nomination, holds an office under the federal government which is worth a good many thousands of dollars a year. Mr. Macdonald is under obligations to the Ottawa authorities for his appointment, and should it ever occur that the local and federal interests conflict, where would Mr. Macdonald be found in case he were elected mayor?

His position as a federal office holder should defeat him at the polls if no other objection to his candidacy could be entered.

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Stroller's Column.

The Stroller congratulates himself that he lives in Dawson where such a large percentage of the population are pillars of strength along the line of statesmanship. For the past two years the daily associations of the Stroller have been with men of the Blaine and Gladstone gauge and he remained in blissful ignorance of the fact until the present campaign opened. Then is when he became aware that massive intellects are met on every hand and in all of the various walks of life. Cincinnatus, who left Tom and Jerry standing for 12 years in the furrow while he led the Roman army through victory several inches deep, was a great man in his day; but there are others.

Even a casual perusal of the local papers during the past few days must cause the most unobserving to remark the fact that statesmanship exists in Dawson in flocks and herds and the question naturallya rises: "Where has all this talent been concealed during the days of the past?"

It is sad to think that by next Thursday evening fully two-thirds of these modern Gladstones will be told by the voters of Dawson to return with their bright and shining lights and replace them in the obscurity whence they but so recently emerged. Fate is cruel; but in the matter of elections and petit juries there is no telling, to use a homely and homelike expression, which way the cat will jump.

The true secret of success lies in starting out aright. But for getting off on the wrong foot, so to speak, the Stroller would at one time have been elected to a place where he could and possibly would, have caused arches of Puget Sound fir to resound with his eloquence. He was regularly nominated and made a thorough canvass of his district. He expounded on agriculture and grazing when in conversation with agriculturists; he promised the coal miners that his first bill should be one to provide for more careful inspection of mines; he promised shippers that railroad tariffs should be reduced; he even paid a cash fare one day when occupying a car seat with a farmer rather than pull out a free pass in his presence; he held calves while country girls milked cows; he ate pie with a knife, wiped his mouth an the table cloth and in many other ways endeared himself to the common people. And all this time he knew not that from the moment of his nomination he was handicapped.

Election day came and when the various precincts were heard from, the Stroller found that 419 votes in addition to what he had received would have given him a seat in the lower house of the Washington legislature as a representative from the 33rd district. He had more than polled his party vote but it was not sufficient. In making an invoice the day after election he realized what 14 Dawsonites will realize next Thursday night, namely: that he had been nominated by the wrong party—started off on the wrong foot—was out $800, had almost wrecked his constitution and had cultivated a habit that even yet is only overcome by the combined influences of resolution and shortage of funds.

The experience obtained at that time by the Stroller forever crushed his desire to sacrifice himself on the altar of public weal for the benefit of the dear people. It also had a tendency to harden his heart and cause him to solemnly declare that never, unless first bound and gagged, would he stand to be told by a defeated candidate "all about how it happened." Any defeated candidate that thinks to harrow up the emotions of the Stroller by explaining the cause of his defeat will be duly given a place on the page headed "Chump List."

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There is in Dawson an alleged military man at whose expense the practical jokers have considerable fun and yet the victim does not tumble to the fact that he is being handed large chunks of "con."

A few days ago a number of young men called on the tin soldier and addressed him as follows:

"A dispute has arisen and we know that if there is one man in Dawson who can decide the question, that man is yourself. The question to be decided is this: Suppose one company of soldiers was marching northeast by southwest and another company was marching southeast by northwest and there was danger of a collision, would you put the wheel hard aport or would you pass on the gee side? Also, what order would you give from the bridge?"

And the military expert, who was probably peddling suspenders in Jerusalem during the siege of Richmond, replied:

"If der thermometer keeps going down I dinks it vill nod be so varm, alretty."

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In view of the fact that an amateur operatic club has been formed in Dawson and will very shortly essay to entertain the public by the rendition of a popular opera, the Stroller kindly offers to the various vocalists the modest suggestion that it is not recherche in singing to pronounce the words so they can be understood. When the audience can understand the words, all interest is lost and the singer is pronounced a common warbler. In New Orleans the Stroller once paid six dollars to hear Adelaide Patti sing "Wait Till the Clouds Roll By, Jennie." What he heard was something like this:

"Wah tah the clah rah bah, Jinah,
Wah tah the clah rah bah,
Jinah, mah ough trou lou wough,
Wah tah the clah rah bah."

The audience went wild. Patti was called back four times. The Stroller's hands burned for a week, but even to this late day, although he has since, on more than one occasion been forced to borrow a postage stamp, he has never regretted the six dollars he paid to hear Patti sing. It was cheap at the price.

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Tall Tower Hubrick is considering an idea for locating an observatory on the top of his tower, having gone so far as to provide a telescope for the study of the heavens. He had his telescope mounted on the street yesterday on the corner by Tom Chisholm's paint store and, the sky being perfectly clear, a number of the heavenly bodies could be distinctly seen. Mr. Hubrick, being remarkably well informed in the science of astronomy, pointed out the various planets and satelites, calling them by name with a familiarity that stamped him as being on very familiar terms with them. A large number of people availed themselves of Hubrick's invitation to "take a peep." In case he should mount an observatory on top of his tower, some good, able-bodied man can get a lucrative job on the windlass, as that system will be employed in hoisting customers until a modern elevator can be constructed.

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A correspondent writes the Stroller for information regarding the cost of taking one dollar's worth of gold from the Klondike.

The Stroller feels that the question is an insult to him as an honest man. He never tried to take a dollar from the country.

Write to Daniels in Seattle or maybe you will be permitted by the guards to interview someone in the royal fuel reduction works who attempted to take gold from the country and who can give you the desired information.

If the correspondent had decired to know how easy it is to get rid of a dollar's worth of gold in the Klondike, the Stroller could very easily supply the information. It is this way: Start out with $20 worth of gold dust in a sack; buy a drink for yourself and three other fellows and have a dollar weighed out; then buy a beefsteak and weigh out another dollar; stop at the grocery and invest another dollar in canned goods. After the grocer takes out his dollar tell him you wish to use his scales for a moment. Weigh what is left in your sack and you will have just an even ounce or $16 left. That is the way to lose a dollar's worth of gold in the Klondike without physical exertion.

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To Candidate:

If you left that sack under the sidewalk as you promised, some other fellow got there ahead of the Stroller, in whose mind there exists a grave doubt about your leaving it. If you did not leave it and have not the money to pay for the information that you must have in order to insure your election, the Stroller will take your note provided you get George Butler, Tom Chisholm and Pete McDonald to endorse for you. If you can do this, send a reply by the Evaporated Kid, as no one will suspect him of being mixed up in any campaign intrigues.

Remember, there is now less than a week in which to perform delicate operations. Tempus fugit.

FIGHTING ELEMENTS

In Italy Large Funnel Shaped Cannons are Used to Dispel Clouds

Big, funnel-shaped cannon that look like gigantic speaking trumpets set up on three legs are objects of wonder to the traveller passing through the vineyard districts of Italy. Some of them stand as high from the ground as the roof of an ordinary house, while others are not more than ten or fifteen feet high. The largest could hold three or four men in their bell-shaped openings and still have room to spare.

For a hundred miles or so these great megaphones loom here and and there. Some of the smaller ones are 500 or 600 feet apart, while gaps of half a mile stretch between the larger.

When dark clouds begin to gather and drift toward the vineyard districts, men may been seen hurrying toward the cannon carrying rolls of ammunition. They are coming to drive off the threatening thunderstorm if possible.

As the storm approaches, a dull boom, like the discharge of a piece of heavy artillery, is heard, and a ring of smoke rises from one of the trumpets nearest the cloud bank. More cannon are discharged as the storm clouds draw closer to the vineyards until it seems as if a battery was engaged in a contest with the elements.

If the storm promises to be heavy, all the available cannon are called into action in the effort to prevent the thunder and hail storm from sweeping over that part of the country and doing enormous damage.

Even these determined attempts to fight off the thunderstorms are sometimes ineffective. The elements come off victorious, with the result that a mass of hailstones descends, cutting down the vines and other vegetation as if hewn with knives. In five minutes the work of a year may be destroyed and every bunch of grapes in the vineyard ruined.

The weather cannon have been in use for about two years in Northern Italy, as well as in parts of Spain and Southern France. The idea originated in the French republic, where winemakers near Marseilles discovered that the rapid discharge of a field piece tended to ward off hailstorms.

The barrel is constructed of sheet iron about one-fourth of an inch in thickness at the top, the plates being closely riveted together. At the bottom the thickness of the barrel is about half an inch. The barrel is set in a steel framework, which contains the orifice for the cartridge. It is in the steel framework that the force of the expolsion occures, the barrel being used principally to form rings of gas and smoke, which are forced up by the explosion to a height of a thousand feet, if the wind currents are not too great.

The steel framework and barrel are set upon a tripod of cast iron. In the lower part of the framework is an opening into which the cartridge can be pushed by hand, working like a breech-loading gun. The framework is really a mortar and is opened by means of a lever. After the cartridge is inserted, the mortar is closed and fastened by a set screw. Connected with the carriage is a percussion cap placed over an opening similar to the touchhole of an oldfashioned cannon. When it is to be discharged, the gunner simply strikes the cap with a small hammer. The load consists entirely of black powder which is sold to the peasants by the government.

Rings of gas and smoke are forced at a very rapid rate together with a column of heated air when the cannon is fired. It is supposed that their combined action, with the concussion, produces the effect desired, but just in what manner is yet to be demonstrated. It has been demonstrated, however, that if the clouds are within 1,000 feet of the earth they can usually be prevented from discharging hail if the explosions begin as soon as they approach.

The cannon vary in height from 11 feet to 32 feet, the smaller ones taking a charge of one-third of a pound of powder and the larger four pounds. The mouth of the barrel ranges from 2½ feet in diameter to 8½ feet. Of course the larger ones are much more effective, and are supposed to protect a wider area of territory. Some of the cannon in use have prevented hail from falling on a vineyard two-thirds of a mile in length and one-third in width. Other places not thus protected were ruined by the same storm. At times they prevent any rainfall whatever, but in most cases what would be a heavy downpour of water or of hail is changed into fine rain.

For people who are afraid of thunder and lightning, the Italian cannon ought to be a great boon. The results in Italy and France show that discharges seem to scatter the electric bolts, and if the clouds are near enough to the earth this form of artillery overcomes the field pieces of the sky and averts the thunder claps. Above 1,000 feet the weather target seems to be beyond range, and so far no cannon has been invented which will successfully cope with the high storms.

As most of the damage is done by the gatherings of clouds close to the earth, in the last two years the weather cannon have been the means of saving many a fine vineyard which otherwise would have been destroyed.—Ex.

"Have you forgotten that sovereign that you borrowed of me some time ago?"

"Oh, no; I still have it in mind."

"Well, don't you think this would be a good time to relieve your mind of it?"

Binns: "Man alive! What has happened to your face?"

Timms: "Oh, a fellow threw a bucket of paint at my head. I'm going to have him arrested; and I'm keeping my face as evidence!"

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Match Trying to be Arranged Between Frank Slavin and Nick Burley, a Pacific Coast Champion

It has been many moons since the Dawson sports have been treated to anything like a decent glove contest, those occurring within recent months having been but hippodromes of the rankest kind, but if negotiations now being carried on are brought to a focus the opportunity will be presented of seeing one of the best mills that was ever pulled off in the city. Alex. Pantages, manager of the New Savoy is in telegraphic communication with Nick Burley, a heavyweight of reputation now in Seattle, and is endeavoring to arrange a match between him and Frank Slavin. While in San Francisco last winter Mr. Pantages managed Burley in several contests and is confident that if he can bring him and Slavin together those interested in such events will see a go that will give everyone a good run for his money. Burley is a young man, comparatively new in pugilism, but has already established a name along the coast as a hard hitter and a square man in the ring. Slavin has been approached as to his willingness to make a match and says he is ready to accommodate the gentleman whenever there is anything in sight. There are a number of persons in the city who have seen Burley fight and are willing to back him to no small amount. Slavin has been the undisputed heavyweight champion of the far north for nearly five years, going up against everyone who came along and has never failed to carry off first money. A wire is expected from Burley today and if the pending arrangements are completed he will start inside at once and the match will be pulled off about April 1.

TROUBLE IS BREWING

England and Germany Pass Questionable Compliments.

London, Jan. 9.—The stinging rebuke administered to Mr. Chamberlain, the British colonial secretary, by Chancellor Von Buelow, in the reichstag at Berlin yesterday, for the references in Mr. Chamberlain's speech at Edinburgh, October 25 last, to the conduct of the German army in the war with France, 1870-71, has caused intense and widespread irritation here and has markedly increased the bitterness of the Anglo-German discord.

The St. James Gazette, which calls Count Von Buelow a "swaggering Pharisee," says:

"His offensive speech has brought the growing irritation between the two countries into a dangerous sphere and the kaiser's telegram of six years ago was not more disasterous to mutual good relations than this. It is an affront to a British statesman who is trusted by the country and through him to the country itself. Our attitude of easy tolerance is no longer compatible with our dignity as a nation. Even if Von Buelow had been the head of a republican ministry dependent for its life on fickle popular opinion, there would have been little excuse for his gross perversion of facts and breach of international comity."

The St. James Gazette concludes with the expression of belief that the "Pharisacial impertinence of the German press is profoundly distasteful to the kaiser, who is manfully striving to stem the torrent which is bearing his empire toward the Niagara of disaster," and warns Germany that "both eastward and westward of her there is a menace which holds her armed to the teeth in sleeping vigilance and when the expected catastrophe in Southeastern Europe leaves her alone between the upper and the nether millstone she may bitterly regret the loss of the good will of this country which she is now flinging away with both hands."

HOSPITAL BENEFIT

Auditorium Tomorrow Evening in Aid of St. Mary's.

Manager Bittner has given the use of the auditorium for tomorrow (Saturday) night for the purposes of a benefit which will be given in aid of St. Mary's hospital. The leading musical talent of the city have tendered their services and a handsome sum will doubtless be realized by the ladies of the Catholic congregation who have the affair in charge. The instrumental features will largely consist of an augmented orchestra of 12 pieces under the direction of Mr. A. P. Freimuth. Among the vocalists appearing are Miss Beatrice Lorne, Miss Katherine Krieg, Mr. G. H. McLeod, the Yukon Male Quartette and members of the different church choirs of the city. The cause is a beneficent one and well worthy of the patronage of everyone in the city.

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