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DON'T SAY "GRAFT."

During the week of the tramway trial Judge Dugas twice took occasion to censure the press in general and the Nugget in particular for what he called the contempt shown the court. On the last occasion it seemed to those present that the cause of it all was the introduction of the word "graft" as applied to the tramroad which was at that time in court, charged with being illegal. The word was in the headlines over an article purporting to be a review of the tramway trial of the day before. No objection was made to the body of the article nor yet to the rest of the headlines, but that one word "graft" in the black face letters, his lordship seemed to think was not only a contempt of the court capable of interfering with the justice in the case in hand, but he also intimated that upon a recurrence of the offense there was a place awaiting us where we believe they don't publish newspapers nor write editorials.

Now, we have often listened to Judge Dugas's homilies from the bench and have frequently been impressed with their wisdom, but in this case we beg to register a most emphatic dissent. The word "graft" is a good old English word meaning the implanting of one living body upon another, as in the case of bad burns where the cuticle is destroyed and pieces of skin are taken from one man and made to grow upon the raw surfaces of the other. Of course the tramroad is no skin on anybody's carcass, yet it was in a true sense one living body, a corporation, engrafted upon another, the social body, and was as truly calculated to draw its sustenance from the latter as a Blenheim bud would draw its sustenance from a wild crab-apple stock which it was grafted upon. In our humble opinion the tramroad was a "graft" of the "graftiest" kind.

But his lordship thought the use of the word might have a tendency to influence justice in the case. Now as to that, we were altogether predisposed to consider our supreme judge as much too wide and brainy for the small word "graft" to upset his judgment.

But joking aside, we are much inclined to think the word was somewhat misunderstood. There is always something mysteriously insulting in vaguely understood terms, phrases, idioms or syllables. It is related of the eminent English scholar, Sydney Smith, that he once upon a time engaged in a wordy altercation with the Billingsgate fish-wives. It was altogether good natured on both sides, with the women using the choice language which has made Billingsgate infamous. At last the scholar laughingly declared the women to be parallel-grams—the veriest parallelipedons he had ever seen. Instantly there was a storm of indignation and Sydney Smith barely escaped with a whole skin by the aid of a squad of policemen. They simply mistook words they did not understand for direct insults. We will hereafter publish a definition with each

unusual word we use and trust the balance of this paragraph is self-explanatory, as the absolute unity of the antithesis in the notion constitutes its external being, it shows in its manifestation and intervention in externality the contradiction of its ultimate determinateness.

TWO TIMBER AGENTS

An interesting little drama has just been played among our officials. When Mr. Senkler arrived last fall with word that at a point up the river was a gentleman coming in later with credentials as crown lands and timber agent for this territory, the news dropped in official circles like a thunderbolt from a clear sky. The incumbent of that office, Mr. W. S. Willison, and the governor himself—as was learned from Mr. Gosselin who brought in his own commission—had been given no advice of the impending change, so that the news was in the nature of a complete surprise to them. So far as is known, Mr. Willison's conduct of his office has been most satisfactory, he having severely nipped the attempt last fall at a fuel monopoly for the winter. So drastic were his remedies that both the monopolizing concessionaires went into bankruptcy after a fitful existence of two months. It cannot be said that the gentleman is in anywise responsible for the obnoxious timber regulations which it was his duty to enforce, so that taking it altogether it was a surprise to all when Mr. Gosselin put in an appearance with a commission for the office, direct from Ottawa. The arrival of the new official was duly announced in these columns, and everyone, himself included, expected to see him take his office within a week or two. But as the month rolled round it became more and more evident that a snag had been struck somewhere. The interested parties were very non-committal, Mr. Gosselin saying that he was in no hurry to assume his arduous duties, and Mr. Willison replying to his interviewer that "Yes, Mr. Ogilvie can remove me," "No, I shall not resign voluntarily," and "Certainly my commission is from Ottawa and I cannot be removed but for cause."

Mr. Ogilvie was seen and disclaimed any intention of removing Mr. Willison for cause so that by commission from Ottawa there are now two crown timber agents in the territory with equal powers as far as can be seen. However, from Mr. Ogilvie we learn that what appears to be a compromise has been effected, for Mr. Willison still retains his position of crown's timber agent while Mr. Gosselin has consented to take the position of crown lands agent, a division of the office in the interests of quietness; and now the dove of peace broods over official circles once more and no man's hand is against his brother. The lion and the lamb will lie down together without the lamb being inside the lion, for lo! both will be lions in their particular sphere.

A. REBUKE

A number of our readers are comparatively new comers and have not been familiar with the early issues of this paper which has encouraged Mr. Fawcett to the following misstatement: "So long as these people confined themselves to generalities I ignored them, but now they have become specific I know the duty, etc., etc."

The inference is plainly that when the Nugget filed its list of six charges with the investigating commissioner that was the first time we had made specific charges against the administration of the ex-gold commissioner. How untrue this is our files will show. With the exception of charge No. 4 each charge has been made at least once in our columns besides being elaborated upon and much evidence of their truth furnished. No less than eight columns of our paper have been devoted to charge No. 1, Charge No. 2 has been published in three distinct issues. The case of Zorn and Nelson, as per charge No. 3, was handled in detail in two issues of the Nugget. Charge No. 4 has been reprinted from our columns into all the

conservative papers of Canada, and occupied nearly two columns of nonpareil. No. 5 was given in but one issue.

Our reason for never giving the case involved in charge No. 4 to the printer was simply that we had passed out word not to do so, and though every particular has long been in our possession, until the evidence is brought out in the trial we feel bound not to publish it, having failed to get the consent of the interested parties. Their reasons for not wishing their story made public was not given in confidence so we now give it. The possession of two valuable claims depended upon Mr. Fawcett's decision, and the parties had good grounds to fear that to anger the retiring autocrat of the recording office was to lose their claims for sure, notwithstanding their rights.

We had not proposed to discuss Mr. Fawcett in these columns any more until the trial, but the untruthful inference that he has never before been the object of specific charges cannot be allowed to pass unrebuked.

INDIANS IN JAIL

The death of Frank Nantuck, the youthful Indian under sentence of life imprisonment for murder, and the immediate falling sick of another Indian, Joe Nantuck, under sentence of death for the same crime, brings forcibly to mind the popular theory that civilization is death to the red men. When the Russians, a century ago, swarmed to the newly discovered land which is now Alaska and British Columbia, their advent was at once the undoing of the populous native races which then thrived in these regions. Miner Bruce, who made a ten years' personal study of these natives, says that along the coasts and main waterways there are now but a scattering of Indians who are not in some measure tainted with Russian infirmities, the Russians imparting little to the hitherto healthy stock than their multitudinous diseases. Since then the Indians have been dying off like a flock of sheep with the rot, and the race is destined to extermination.

For centuries, the law of the survival of the fittest has been carrying off those of the white race who did not contain within themselves the vitality to withstand the encroachment of disease, with the result that today the vast majority of our kind can with impunity expose themselves to the germs of consumption and its thousand and one kindred diseases. Not so with the native Alaskans. At the time of the invasion of Alaska by the Russians it is stated by historians that there was absolutely no disease amongst the natives but blindness and a few simple complaints, and they were in no way fitted for the conflict which was to come with scurvy, scrofula, consumption and syphilis. There are probably not a score of Indians within a hundred miles of Dawson could live much over a year if confined in our jail closely, notwithstanding its uniform warmth, its ventilation and its regular and wholesome diet.

THAT WATER FAILURE

The momentous failure of the water supply at the recent fire cost several of our citizens their property which would have otherwise been saved. The fire commissioners realized the gravity of the situation and investigated the matter as well as they were able and we are assured by the department that there is little likelihood of its occurring again. The engineer's report was that the delay in raising steam in the first place was occasioned by the washing out of the boiler of the engine earlier in the day after its use in fighting the fire in that Second avenue cabin. The water was nearly cold when the engine was run out of the house. The loss of steam after some fifteen minutes use of the engine, he reports to be the result of the mixing of the coal in a recent purchase from a local firm. It had been taken for granted that the coal in each sack was the same, an error which cannot happen again as each separate sack will be examined. Nevertheless the fact remains that there was culpable carelessness somewhere. If the mixing of the coal now can be remedied, it certainly could have been

done before the fire. If sacks can be opened and examined now, so it could and should have been done beforehand.

The Nugget wishes to thank the Dawson volunteer fire department for their promptness in answering a still alarm from this office and suppressing what otherwise might have been a serious blaze. That the work was done with a Miller extinguisher and without damaging one dollar's worth of our valuable paper stock but adds more value to the service. That it was in the dead of night, when the boys might be expected to be more or less scattered or wrapped in slumber is another evidence of the alertness of the boys. We thank you, gentlemen.

Proverbs, xxvii:22

A fool there was, and he staked a claim—
[Even as you and I]
On a creek he knows—as he wrote his name—
He thought of wealth, and he thought of fame;
But he little thought of a little game—
[Even as you and I]
And he tramped at times, and he tramped at times—
And the work of his head, and hand,
Belonged to another, and he did not know—
And now we know that he never will know—
And never will understand.
A fool there was, and his cash he spent—
[Even as you and I]
L labored for weeks, with a good intent—
And he borrowed his money at ten per cent—
For a fool must follow his natural bent—
[Even as you and I]
Oh! the toll he did and the toll he did,
And the laudable things he planned,
Belonged to another, and he never knew why—
And now we know he will never know why—
And never will understand.
A fool there was, with his heart aflame—
[Even as you and I]
He found the wealth and he found the fame,
And he "mashed" to record his little claim;
And was told it stood in another's name—
[Even as you and I]
Oh! the breath of hope, and the death of hope!
Oh! the laudable things he planned,
Belonged to another, and he never knew why—
And now we know he will never know why,
And never will understand.
A fool was shorn of his little claim—
[Even as you and I]
And he might have seen that he wasn't a
blame;
But he little thought of a little game—
And he couldn't record it just the same—
[Even as you and I]
And it isn't the shame, but the little game
That stings like a white-hot brand;
And it's coming to know, that he never knew
why,
And seeing at last that he'll never know why—
And never will understand.
BRED HARD.

Do you know Albert W. Williams, the wood hauler, at 17 above, on Bonanza?

Remember it Well!

So where good things wait you—
Where good cooking will delight you;
Where cleanliness is manifest;
And the Menu is the very best.
To find the place where such is true—
Go to the CASE Royal on Second Avenue.

50c Buys the BEST
Meal in Dawson
AT THE
Rainier House
Clean and Commodious Bunk House
in connection with Water Front opp. A. C. Co.
F. W. Arnold, Manager.

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