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AVOID POLITICS.

Word has been received in Dawson from an authoritative source that the Conservative party will indorse the demands of the Yukon territory for parliamentary representation. The election of two Yukon members will be recommended, and the Conservatives will pledge themselves to place their recommendation in effect in the event they are again placed in power.

There is no information at hand to indicate that the representation will be opposed by the Liberal party, and, in fact, there is some reason for belief that they, also, will go on record as favoring the election of two members of parliament from this territory, in which case representation will become an assured fact.

We are of the opinion that the interests of the territory will be best served by avoiding, if possible, a concussion of the two great parties upon questions affecting our development. Canadian citizens in Dawson, and throughout the territory in general, should consider, above the interest of any political party, what may be done to secure recognition of what is generally conceded to be the special needs of the Yukon territory.

It makes little difference to this isolated corner of the Dominion of Canada what political party is in power, or who is guiding the policies of that party, providing a disposition is made manifest to give prompt and careful consideration to our needs.

There is nothing to be gained by making the Yukon an issue between the parties. There are no questions here which should divide the parties. Every effort should be made, on the contrary, to secure from both the recognition to which we are entitled, and, if this can be done, the future of the territory should be secure.

Two members of parliament, elected by the suffrages of the voters of the territory, and supported by the promises of both political parties, should be able to accomplish lasting and beneficial results.

QUAY REJECTED.

The United States senate has won the approval of the people by declaring that Matthew S. Quay is not entitled to a seat in that body. Both of the celebrated cases that were laid before it at the beginning of the session have been settled, and in both of them the decision reached is in accord with the wishes and beliefs of the country. It is a splendid record, where to fall short of duty would have been so easy, and the senate deserves all praise and honor for its acts.

The case of Quay was one in which it was entirely possible for honest differences of opinion to exist. The legislature of Pennsylvania adjourned without

electing a senator, after a long deadlock. The governor immediately appointed Mr. Quay, assuming that he had a right under the constitution to fill the vacancy. Thus the old issue was raised, whether a governor can appoint after the legislature has refused to exercise its prerogative. There are excellent reasons for either interpretation of the constitution, and each view has strong legal support. The precedents are mainly in the negative. But it was a question upon which able men might differ sincerely.

Few men could have mustered a larger following than Mr. Quay. He was formerly a member of the senate, and his old associates felt the tie. He is a man of engaging personality. Many of those who dislike him as a politician are attached to him as a man. Very powerful influences in his native state were behind him. It seemed improbable for a time that his claim would be rejected. Yet he has lost ground from the time his case first came under consideration, and the narrow margin of one vote, by which he was rejected, could never have been overcome.—Seattle P. I.

The subject of telegrams, stolen or otherwise, is a very painful one—to our contemporary, the News. So painful is it, in fact, that our contemporary exercises the utmost caution in referring to it. We don't have any desire to appear at all officious in the matter, but, just as a matter of courtesy and good fellowship, we wish our estimable contemporary to understand that we will be glad to furnish copies of our own telegrams whenever the News' "exclusive telegraph franchise" fails to work. The two important outside events of the past week were the Corbett fight and the relief of Mafeking, both of which came to the Nugget in special telegrams after the publication of the regular issue for the day. On each of these occasions, an extra edition of the Nugget was issued to meet the demands of our readers, and no other Dawson paper made any effort to handle the news. It must be that occasionally a screw becomes loosened in our contemporary's "exclusive franchise" machinery, and, in such emergencies, we again assure our contemporary of our willingness to render any assistance in our power.

A "Practical" Joke.

An Irishman took a contract to dig a public well. When he had dug about 25 feet down, he came one morning and found it caved in—filled nearly to the top.

Pat looked cautiously round and saw that no one was near, then took off his hat and coat and hung them on the windlass, crawled into some bushes and waited events. In a short time the citizens discovered that the well had caved in, and, seeing Pat's hat and coat on the windlass, they supposed he was at the bottom of the excavation.

Only a few hours of frisk digging cleared the loose earth from the well. Just as the eager citizens had reached the bottom and were wondering where the body was Pat came walking out of the bushes and good-naturedly thanked them for relieving him of a sorry job.

Some of the tired diggers were disgusted, but the joke was too good to allow of anything more than a hearty laugh, which soon followed.—London Answers.

Commandeering.

Commandeering of private property on the part of the Boers began on the first day of the war, and has continued ever since. It has been practiced with all the greater gusto that the chief part of it has so far been done at our expense. It will be much less pleasant to the Boers by and by, when it has been done in their own territory. To drive them out of Natal and Cape Colony would be no less advantageous as a financial than as a military operation. They would then have brought home to them for the first time the terrible price of the struggle they have rushed into.

Until they are driven back on their own soil they will not seriously feel the cost of the war. Hitherto, unfortunately, they have been able to live, to a great extent, on the enemy. It will be a very different thing for their war chest when they have to live on themselves.

Commandeering is a very wide word in the Boer vocabulary nowadays. There is immense scope for it in the republic, not on the field of war only, but wherever seizable property may happen to be. In the international code of the Boers private property has no existence. Everything that can be laid hold of, from a gold mine to a roadside store, is contraband of war. Before the campaign was a month old the Boers practically commandeered the whole of the Rand gold field. It is not often that a belligerent has a chance to loot 30 miles of gold-bearing reef at a stroke. But this fabulous prize has not yielded much to the enemy so far. Evidently they cannot work the mines to great advantage, for they have now started an alternative scheme to tax them from 30 to 40 per cent on their gross output. About a dozen of the richest mines on the Rand are being worked under government supervision, ostensibly for account of the owners, but the gold passes, in the first instance, into the treasury, and the reckoning with the owners may not take place for years, if ever. Meanwhile, the government will have the use of the gold.—National Review.

Went Once too Often.

"I have had many queer experiences with transient boarders," said a lady who has kept a first-class boarding house in this city for a number of years, "but the queerest case came under my observation only last week. To be brief, an old man, at least he seemed to be about 60 years of age or thereabouts, came to me about five years ago, if I remember aright, and secured a room in my house for a week. He said he was a lecturer and gave the customary rigmorale in such a nice way, however, that I omitted, very foolishly, to ask him for his board in advance. To make a long story short, he walked out at the end of the week to go to some small town near by, where he was to lecture to young folks on the twin subjects of temperance and honesty, and conveniently forgot where he lived temporarily.

"The old man must have been mixed up in his dates or locations, for he applied to me again for board here a few days ago 'for a few days.' Foolishly I let him in and still more foolishly decided not to ask him for the price in advance, for out of curiosity I wanted to see if he was still playing the old game. Sure enough at the end of a few days he knocked at the door of my room and informed me that he would not be back for breakfast in the morning, as he was going to give a lecture to young people in a nearby town on the 'twin subjects of temperance and honesty,' but would be back to luncheon. I knew I had him and proceeded to tell him so, probably astonishing him more at his own lack of memory than my excellent ability to remember deadbeats.

"Unluckily, however, my room was on the second floor and his on the first, and when he assumed a righteous wrath that I well knew was feigned I could not but let him go to his room to get the 'filthy lucre' that would square us. I say unluckily his room was on the floor below mine, because he kept right on walking, and I haven't seen him since. You may exploit the mysteries of boarding house hash, but don't forget that the boarding house mistress has her trials, too."—Washington Star.

John Irving's New Steamer.

The shores of Lake Bennett are busy just now from activity in scow and boat yards. T. J. Watson, agent for the John Irving Navigation Company, reports that Capt. Irving's new steamer, which is to run to Atlin in alternation with the Gleaner, is fast assuming the shape and dignity of a fine craft. Her hull has been completed and painted, and men are at work putting on the upper works.

The two large scows which the railroad company is to use for the carrying of freight from Bennett to Caribou and M. J. Heaney's big steam scow are reported ready to drop into the water when the lake ice gives way. They have been built on the ice, and therefore will not have to be launched.—Alaskan.

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