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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1900

MUST ALL BE ELECTED.

Dawson's first real public school was opened this morning. It has required more than two years of laborious effort on the part of the Yukon council to reach finally a point where so important a problem could be successfully solved.

But the school has finally been established and for that we may be properly thankful. The history of the school matter in Dawson serves to emphasize the absolute necessity of a readjustment of our local governmental machinery. Had the Yukon council been an elective body composed of men dependent upon the people of the Yukon territory for their positions it would have been a matter of absolute impossibility that the school question should be so long delayed in reaching a satisfactory solution.

As a matter of fact there is every reason for belief that there would even now be no school were it not that the council has dwindled down to less than a quorum and the members now remaining act only in the capacity of a committee. It has been demonstrated time and again that the council as at present constituted is able to accomplish more real work when half of its members are on the outside than when the roll-call of our august legislative assembly finds no vacant chairs. This was amply proven last summer and in the present instance history is but repeating itself.

The Yukon council will never be satisfactory to the people of the Yukon territory until its entire membership is elective. The theory of empowering with legislative authority men who already hold positions under the government by virtue of appointment is altogether wrong. Every man who is at the present time a member of the council is also responsible to the government for the conduct of a separate and distinct office. That they cannot fill both positions satisfactorily is, we believe, no more patent to the people of the territory than to the members of the council themselves.

The natural and logical end of the matter is the establishment of an elective legislative body empowered with the same authority that is accorded to representative assemblies of other territories and provinces. The election of two members on the council will be the first step in this direction and that step must eventually be followed by the election under popular ballot of the entire membership of the council. The manner in which the school question has been handled is only one of many examples which might be cited to indicate the pressing necessity of this change.

It remains now only to place upon the council at the approaching election two men who by their fitness for the position will prove the desirability of entrusting to elected members the full responsibility of handling our legislative affairs.

Wood is quite likely to be wood in Dawson during the coming winter. The steamboat trade has taken such an immense amount of wood during the present season and the prices paid have made it so profitable for the loggers to

cater to steamboat business that as a consequence the local market has to an extent been neglected. While there is no likelihood of a scarcity, it is the opinion of those who are in touch with the market that the prevailing price for wood will be every bit as high this winter as last. One thing must be reckoned on, however, and that is the fact that coal is now being quite extensively used and as time progresses will come into more general use. We are informed that there is an abundant supply of coal stoves in the city, the demand for which is steadily increasing.

When the telegraph system now in process of construction by the United States government is completed almost every point of importance in our neighboring territory will be connected with the others by the subtle electric fluid. It now takes the governor of Alaska almost a year to make a tour of the territory, and in doing so he is compelled to pass out of American territory or else subject himself to great inconvenience and delays. When the telegraph line is completed the government will be in constant touch with all parts of Alaska and many annoying difficulties will be overcome.

The election for two members of the Yukon council is set for the 19th day of October. We think this will be pretty tough on defeated candidates. The ice is due to close up in the river about that time and they will not be able to get up or down for thirty days after.

Those people who invested their spare change in cabins when the rush for Nome was at its height have good reason now for congratulating themselves. Cabins in Dawson are as good property as wheat when the crop in India and Russia is a failure.

Regarding Gold Dust.

The following letter has been received by the Board of Trade in answer to one forwarded to the Yukon council regarding legislation to prevent the adulteration of gold dust:

Dawson, Y. T., Aug. 24, 1900.
F. W. Clayton, Secretary Board of Trade:
Sir—I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your communication containing a resolution asking that the council take some action towards the prevention of the tampering with and adulteration of gold dust, and to say that it is not within the jurisdiction of the council to legislate on this matter. Your obedient servant,
J. N. E. BROWNE,
Territorial Secretary.

The following resolution has been passed by the Board:

Whereas, The Board of Trade of Dawson has carefully considered the communications and arguments of the various persons objecting to the reduction of the rate of commercial gold dust from \$16 to \$15 per ounce, and while there is some argument against it, by far the better reasons appear to favor it, and especially as the reduction will help a man who works for wages and takes his pay in dust and who is the real producer; and

Whereas, The resolution passed Aug. 22d and circulated for signatures has been signed almost unanimously by the business houses and firms of Dawson representing all kinds of classes of business including mine owners; and

Whereas, It appears from a communication received from the territorial secretary that nothing can be done by the council to prohibit the adulteration of gold dust; and

Whereas, Gold dust of greater intrinsic value than \$15 per ounce can readily be disposed of at its proper valuation in Dawson; and

Whereas, There are several reliable assay offices in Dawson where any one having gold dust which he believes to be of greater value than \$15 per ounce may have its true mint value ascertained.

Now, therefore, the Board of Trade of Dawson for and on behalf of the business community hereby declares that on and after September 15th, 1900, the rate of commercial or trade dust shall be \$15 per ounce.

Indians Not Dying Out.

"The Indian is by no means an extinct portion of civilization," explained an Indian bureau official to a Washington Star reporter, "as the coming census will very clearly demonstrate. Indeed, instead of running out, the last ten years will show that he has got almost as good a hold on life as the most favored of our people. The poems regretting his passing away will have to be stored for some years. The Indian of late years has been generally engaged in minding his own business. He is not much improved morally from what he was, but he has not fallen behind to any noticeable extent. It is a case of the survival of the fittest, and, while

eventually the Indian will have to go he is not gathering up his traps and getting ready to start as yet. Those who regard the Indian as a scattered race, existing in small camps in the far west, will be considerably informed when I can tell them that there is today a record of 250,000 Indians in the western states. There are many kinds there. The Choctaws number over 15,000; the Creeks even more; the Seminoles about 3500; the Cherokees about 30,000; Chickasaws about 8500. There are over 10,000 Indians in the six nations of New York state alone. The Indian is still in it, and will be in it for many years yet, and I would not be surprised if the coming census will show that there are over 300,000 of them."

Lost Fifteen Dollars.

A prominent government official while speaking of the evils and prevalence of gambling in Dawson a short time since related an evening's experience which, from the way the matter seems to have impressed him, shows him to be from a standpoint of Dawson experience, unsophisticated.

"I was invited out to dinner one evening not long since," he said, "and found upon arrival that like myself most of the guests were government officials. I supposed when I went there that the affair was to be, as I had been told, simply a dinner party.

"After dinner it developed that cards were to play in the entertainment of the evening, and a game of whist was proposed, and, as some one said 'just to make it interesting,' points were to be 25 cents.

"When the others agreed to this, I said: 'Gentlemen, this is gambling. I have never gambled and I do not propose to commence now. Please excuse me.'

"Oh, that's all right," said the gentleman who was my partner, "I will take the risk and winnings or losses whatever they are, and you need have no more interest in the game than if you were simply playing a purely social game."

"With that understanding I took the hand and played it because I did not see how to get out of it.

"Just to show to what length men will go when they get to gambling, I will say that my partner lost \$15 during the evening.

"Yes, sir; I am opposed to gambling in all forms."

Information Wanted.

Inquiries have been received at the town police station for Joseph Eaves, of Wyrkshire, England; Edward Smithers, Denver, Col.; James V. Edgar, Nietsdale, Wrexham, Wales. Of the above Edgar is known to have been in Dawson in '98 as he wrote to his people in Wales from this place that year.

A Lost Sourdough Diary.

A diary, evidently the property of a sour dough miner, has been found, and although its contents are fragmentary, in the extreme, still they throw a strong side light on a romance not wholly of the Klondike, and only connected with the writer's experience as a miner by the golden link which held him here when it is only too evident that his "heart was over the sea."

After a detailed account of the trip from Seattle to Dyea, and the difficulties encountered in getting over the Chilcoot, the writer explains, probably for the benefit of the future generations of gold-seekers, how he sailed down the lakes in a scow and floated from one sand bar to another in the Yukon, and in connection with the Whitehorse rapids and his trip through them, remarks: "It's a snap when you know how."

The touching and mysterious part of the matter comes when he writes of striking good pay, evidently on Dominion creek, and remarks in connection therewith, "Looks as if I might sell out next summer." A little further on he speaks of finding better pay yet, and naively remarks, "I'll see Em next year."

He speaks of a glacier threatening his cabin with destruction and intimates that when he is through with it, Muir will be nowhere compared with him as an authority on glaciers. In the same paragraph he says he has just returned from a 20-mile walk to get a letter from Em, and boldly declares his willingness to walk 120 to get another.

Who the writer is, together with whether he ever saw Em are matters altogether shrouded in mysterious gloom, as he did not put his name in the book and wrote no further.

Same old price, 25 cents, for drink, at the Regina.

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PHONE 36

BANKER M... Says Fifteen... in Many Cases... in Assay... Circulat... The propos... the rate of \$15... which has been... before, has bro... discussion fro... both sides of t... of securing a... opinions as to... from time to t... of leading bu... the former al... the idea and t... Mr. Thomas... the Canadian... asked his vie... Nugget repres... "I have for... the gold dust... able interest... "I have r... which have ap... and while all... the sincere o... I must say th... misconception... many people a... gold dust and... same is determ... "To illustra... fore me a serie... ering shipmen... sands of ounce... our any offic... "In each o... the dust is in... These... this extent th... as the certifi... out has been r... base metal, etc... in the melting... caused from m... cut to as hig... means that the... other worthless... reduction of f... ounce must be... must be made... the counter o... the dust is the... "Many peop... that after the... from gold dust... remains. This... For convenie... fine" as it is c... the purity of g... solely pure g... is worth \$20... States gold co... per cent copp... ounce. Comm... Dawson sold... \$15.50, which... neighborhood... a portion of s... 25 per cent, ha... "In a single... of 10 ounces a... quent, which v... the proportion... "I consider... tion at which t... used in Dawso... m. It is a... higher grade d... channels of tra... say either by... through the lo... only claim own... therefore, are t... duce a low gra... they should no... value as is r... grade of gold... of gold in circ... exchange in l... \$15.50 per ou... arrived at by... some of the b... banks as well... assay office... known that in... adulteration o... present time... chants of Daw... discount their... 3 per cent for... cept commerc... ounce... "I noticed... lie, "a statem... a claim own... sell his dust... wants to know... an ounce on... thing for him... ing for \$15.60... in currency... make better b... than though h... gold dust at \$1... Nome's... Nome's fir... this morning