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KLONDIKE NUGGET.



AMUSEMENTS THIS WEEK.

Auditorium Theatre—"Moths." New Savoy—Burlesque and Vaudeville.

A HIGH COMPLIMENT.

The members of the Yukon Council will relinquish control of the affairs of the city of Dawson with the knowledge that the charge which so long has been in their keeping has been cared for in a faithful manner.

It seldom occurs that men in public office voluntarily surrender their hold upon any source of power or authority. The aim of the average politician is rather toward the attainment of more influence. In this particular case, however, it may be truthfully said that the Council has given up its right to govern the town of Dawson entirely of its own volition.

Twelve months ago, when the proposal to incorporate the city was advanced, the confidence of the community in the council was shown by a petition, signed by a large majority of the business men and property owners, asking for a continuance of the existing conditions.

The final determination to organize a town government came upon the initiative of Commissioner Ross rather than as the result of any united demand from the community. The highest compliment that could possibly be paid to the Yukon Council is the simple fact that it has governed Dawson so well and satisfactorily that we are able to make the above statement, without in any way departing from the facts.

The case is almost without precedent.

The task of organizing the newly created municipality will by no means prove the easy affair that some people imagine it will be. The newly elected mayor and aldermen have before them responsibilities of a most serious nature, which, however, in the opinion of this paper will be met in a strong and manly way. It is an honor which any man might appreciate to be a member of the first government of Dawson, and the men who have thus been honored are of that calibre which warrants confidence in their actions and policies.

It is quite likely that when Commissioner Ross returns from Ottawa he will bring back with him the authority of parliament for the election of an M. P. from this territory. Incidentally it may be remarked in anticipation of that possibility that a few parliamentary bees are already buzzing around in spite of the prevailing coolness of the weather.

In last night's issue of the News appeared a column article alleged to have been received as special correspondence from Fortymile. In this morning's Sun the same identical article was published, word for word, as it appeared in last night's News, the only change being that where the word "News" appeared last night, the word "Sun" is inserted this morning.

The News does not propose that "parliament" shall have anything to do with sending a man from this territory to Ottawa. That privilege must come from "Congress" according to the News' view or not at all. If our contemporary keeps on its present course an examination into the News' sanity will shortly be in order.

With the erection of contemplated quartz mills and the construction of the proposed railway from Dawson to the Forks, the coming summer will be a busy one for Dawson. Already the precursors of approaching prosperity are in the air.

From the extraordinary quiet that has settled down over Dawson, no one would suspect that such things as elections ever occurred in this city.

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AFTER HIDING TWELVE YEARS

Montana Cattle Thief is at Length Arrested.

Butte, Mont., Jan. 27.—A Missoula special to The Miner says: G. A. Bennett, formerly a prominent merchant of this city, and brother to Willard Bennett of Deer Lodge, and Nelson Bennett of Washington, who for the past twelve years has been in hiding from an indictment of a grand jury issued Oct. 12, 1890, on a charge of stealing cattle, was brought last night to Missoula by Sheriff Prescott.

The story of his downfall, so far as can be learned, is that Bell Bros., prominent stockmen of Stevensville, in the summer of 1890 had been missing cattle and suspicion fell on Bennett and his range riders.

Bennett instructed his cowboys to keep a close watch on Bennett's riders, with the result that the evidence against Bennett, when laid before District Judge Marshall, was considered sufficient by that official to warrant his calling a grand jury to investigate the matter. After a session lasting several days, the grand jury returned a verdict against Bennett and four others, charging them with stealing cattle.

Bennett drove from his home directly through the city to some unknown point on the Northern Pacific, where, dressed in woman's garb, he made his escape.

The various sheriffs of this county, since the escape, have constantly been on the lookout for Bennett.

Some weeks ago the sheriff located his man at Albuquerque, N. M., and quietly left the city for the south with all the necessary papers for his arrest and return here.

At the time the affair became public Mr. Bennett was operating a slaughter house several miles west of here and in searching the place the grand jury found upwards of one hundred cattle hides bearing the brands of several Bitter Root stockmen hid in the river and buried in the ground in that vicinity.

"Cut Them Out."

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 27.—In his address to the Mississippi conference of the Methodist Episcopal colored church at Greenville, Bishop Fowler told the ministers assembled that in preparing their sermons they should eliminate the big words characteristic of colored preachers. "You don't understand what you are talking about, neither does your congregation, therefore cut the big words out," said Bishop Fowler.

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Scaring Away the Stork

Colonel Boonspook, in his article, "Scaring Away the Stork," has struck from the shoulder at a mighty subject, and not too heavily. In this instance it has a local flavor, but its importance is so nearly universal that I cannot allow it to pass without a word of comment.

A public utterance on this Stork Scaring business is hazardous in that it is liable to make enemies. It hits right and left—fore and aft, everywhere, in fact, for everywhere is society, and society has decreed that children are nuisances to be avoided.

Though the Colonel has made Harvard Hill in Worcester the scene of fearful anguish, it may have been as truthfully laid on Beacon Hill in Boston, Euclid Heights in Cleveland, Fifth Avenue in New York, Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, or in that section of any other city in which wealth so hampers its possessors that they have time to think of little else.

Our children are becoming very rapidly the exclusive property of the very poor, who, whether willingly or unwillingly, are rapidly filling their homes and our country with the stock that will soon supplant Americanism in America.

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It is, of course, needless to say that the blame for this is to be laid at the feet of our American women, who are the all-powerful factors in the real life of today. As they held in their hands the yesterday, as they hold the today, so they hold as in a grip of steel the tomorrow of our politics, our religion, our country, by their power to give to this country the men it needs.

Each generation falls far short of its predecessor in the number of births in families of native born Americans. For proof of this consult the census. The days of large families belong distinctly to the past, and it is to our parents, and to their parents we must turn for these. Our grandmother, herself one of twelve or fourteen children, was inclined to give the world as great a number, but it was her fate to grieve at the lamentable change in her daughters, who found half that number burdensome, and so undesirable. It was left to her granddaughters, though, to stir the dregs in her cup of sorrow, for she saw in them an aversion bordering upon hatred for that state that should be as joyful as it is wonderful, the reign of motherhood.

So true is this and so strong the aversion, it would be safe to say that did not certain laws, beyond the ken of the average woman, prevent such a calamity, another generation would witness the extinction of the American blood of so-called respectability.

There are sins of which women are guilty, but this is the one great crime, the greatest in the category, as the future will clearly prove.

If there were reasons for it, — but there is not. It is but the sad, sorrowful abandonment of the real woman to the unnatural decrees of a false, shameless, hypocritical society, that makes of its votaries but little more than aping followers of shallow-pated leaders.

There is not a woman born of woman, in whose heart is a want of motherly love. There is not a woman who, having children, would hesitate at any sacrifice, if by means of it she would be able to lessen their sufferings or add to their pleasures or comforts. There is not a woman who, having children, is sorry that she has them.

There are very few women who would not have children, if — and this tremendous conjunction, in nine cases out of ten, marks, not the condition of physical possibility but that of social possibility.

Society has placed its stigma upon woman's bearing children. Society has given women work of more importance to do, thus making it inconvenient for them to give to race-building its needed time.

Society watches the bride with the eye of a hawk, is not only ready but anxious for the opportunity to titter, jest and gossip, and loses no chance to throw out such words of insincere, shallow, mawkish pity, that the expectant mother hides in humiliation, mortification, disgust and anger from this society, of which she has been a part, to come forth the mother, — the happy, joyful mother, — who would not exchange her motherhood for a kingdom; her child for the wealth of worlds.

It was an accident, (ask the mother) as the majority of children are accidents, feared, abhorred and fought against, in contemplation; liked, loved and worshipped, in realization.

"It was an accident," is an apology commonly heard, "that shall not occur again. The world is filled with interesting things, and life has far more profitable and entertaining work for me to do than that of a house-slave and nursery maid. Let those have children who care for them. I have had a taste and want no more."

This is the verdict of today, and to be blamed for this is the prating, meddling, galling society, that has stripped home of its completeness; woman, of her greatest and best; life, of its realness and earnestness.

Do I know of what I write? Yes, I have looked around a bit, and have possibly gossiped and meddled. Thanks to the leniency and faith of the landlord, I have lived for nearly two years in this house. The neighborhood is eminently respectable, thoroughly American. From my windows, as I write, I can count forty houses, and with accurate mental arithmetic I can reckon just seven children, under fifteen years of age.

The story, truthfully told, of these—I was about to call them homes, but they are little better than boarding-houses—would charge the lack of life, not to impotency but to the decree of a society that would cut and snub its member who would be guilty of a patent impropriety, though it be of slightest moment.

Society! And by this word I mean the "society" that its advocates "go into" and "move in." It is the quintessence of miserable sham and blatant hypocrisy. Its desire is selfish pleasure, through the avenues of luxury and ease, that can but result in the annihilation of the motive of civilization.—The Erudite.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Regina Hotel, Feb. 11, 1902.—M. F. VanCamp, Grand Forks; John Uldrik, Dominion; Fred Grash, Hunker.

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