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THE CONVENTION.

The convention now in session at McDonald hall is charged with highly important duties. The voters of the district have delegated the men who are in the convention to represent them in selecting candidates for the first elective offices which have ever been granted to the people of the Yukon to fill by popular vote. If this convention so conducts the business before it as to thoroughly establish itself in the confidence of the people, the effects of today's work will be felt for years yet to come. This convention may be, and in fact should be, the germ from which will spring a systematic organization of all forces pledged to the work of securing for the Yukon territory such recognition from the federal government as the territory is entitled to.

The people have placed their interests in the hands of the convention and look to see that these interests are zealously and jealously guarded. We feel satisfied that the trust has been well placed.

The leading business men of Seattle have undertaken the work of holding a grand international exposition in that city during the year 1904. The exposition is to commemorate the Lewis and Clarke expedition which nearly a century ago opened up the great Northwest country for settlement. The project is certainly an ambitious one, but Seattle is noted for the energy which she throws into all matters of public enterprise. We have no doubt that the old spirit which erected a magnificent city out of a mass of smoking embers ten years ago, will again come to the front and make as great a success out of the proposed exposition. Should Seattle continue to grow in the future as she has during the past three years, another decade will find her laying just claim to the title of Queen City of the coast, instead of confining herself to the Sound.

Just laws for the government of the Yukon territory means a constantly increasing self-sustaining population. Every additional man at work in the country means an increase in the government's revenue. In the long run the Dominion government will realize far more from the Yukon by establishing fair laws and encouraging development than can possibly be obtained from the present oppressive regulations. Fair treatment from this government will make the Yukon five times as heavy a consumer of commodities than it is at the present time. This would mean an increase in revenues from importations which would more than offset the amount now received by the present direct and onerous method of taxation. The Yukon is willing and able to pay its own way, but in so doing it is certainly entitled to a chance to live.

Fresh potatoes will be kept in warm storage during the coming winter in quantities sufficient to supply the town at a very reasonable charge. Such, at any rate, is the promise made by dealers in the succulent tubers. It remains now to be seen whether these fair promises will be redeemed. It is certainly

to be hoped that such will prove to be the case, for if there is anything which will contribute toward lessening the hardships of a Klondike winter, it is the prospect of being able to indulge in fresh potatoes along toward Christmas and New Years. Only the elect were enabled so to indulge last winter. Potatoes at \$1.25 per pound—the prevailing price during the latter part of last winter—are a rather expensive luxury even for the Klondike.

We venture to say that if Mr. Sifton would constitute himself a committee of one to investigate the moral conditions of the city of Ottawa, he would find more real, genuine cause for alarm than need be felt over Dawson, with all its open gambling and dance halls. It looks very much as though a bid is being made for the vote of temperance and other reformers throughout Canada. We have no objections to such worthy people and believe they fill an important and necessary niche in the world. However, we think they could do the country at large a service by requesting Mr. Sifton to begin his wave of moral reform right in the capital city. The best kind of charity is that which is dispensed first in the home circle.

On behalf of the citizens of Dawson the Nugget extends a hearty greeting to the visiting delegates who are in attendance upon the convention today. The freedom of the town is yours, gentlemen, and we hope that aside from the important business you have come to perform your visit will have its pleasurable features. Dawson is glad to see you and welcomes your presence in all sincerity.

The dog pound is a thing of the past. A knowledge of this fact will serve to bring a sigh of relief from many a troubled soul. The dog pound has been the source of almost as much heart burning as the police court during the past summer.

Nobody can tell who will be selected as candidates by the convention today until the votes are counted. It is quite plain that somebody, in fact several somebodies are bound to be disappointed.

British Columbia's Kick.

A memorial, signed by a number of persons and companies interested in the mining industry, has been forwarded to the government at Victoria, pointing out the detrimental effect which is likely to be caused the principal industry by the proposed doubling of the tax on the output of the metalliferous mines of the province.

The memorial states that while British Columbia is rich in mineral deposits and has everything necessary for their development, nothing can be achieved without capital, and that must come from abroad. War and unsettled conditions in other parts of the world afford an opportunity for directing attention to the openings in British Columbia for mining enterprise, while the labor troubles which existed here last year have happily ended. It is, therefore, considered that to make a change in the taxation of mines at this time would be most inopportune and tend to create an impression that there is no continuity or fixity in the government's financial policy, and consequently that it is risky to invest money in this province.—Victoria Times.

Skagway's Port.

President S. L. Graves and General Manager Hawkins, of the railroad, appeared before the Chamber of Commerce, and the president expressed his views at length on the agitation for the purpose of closing the port of Skagway, says the Alaskan. He was against this but stated that the road stands willing to assist in an undertaking to secure the privileges from Canada that will make it possible for the Skagway merchants to keep Canadian goods here in bond for sale in the British Yukon market. He maintained that the proposed petition for the abrogation of the bonding privilege now accorded Canadians and for the privilege of Skagwayans keeping goods here in bond for sale in the Yukon territory are inconsistent. It was the intention of the chamber to meet in the ordinary way, but Messrs. Graves and Hawkins invited the chamber to be their guests at dinner at the German Bakery.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Graves for his exposition of the question.

Gins and brandies by the bottle or case at Northern Annex.

STROLLER'S COLUMN

"Please give me half an onion!"

The request was made of a Second avenue grocer one day this week by rather a bold-faced young woman who continuing said:

"I am in a hurry now, but will stop as I came back and pay you for it and tell what use I made of it."

Three-quarters of an hour later the young woman returned to the store with red eyes and a broad smile on her face.

"Did you see an old duffer pass going towards the dock an hour ago with an old valise in his hand?" she asked.

When the grocer answered in the affirmative she continued: "Well, the old chap has been soft on me for some time past and I have been working him for all I could get. He left today on a hurried visit to his family outside, and as he will be back on one of the last steamers I want to remain solid with him; so, you see, I put that half onion into my handkerchief and went down to the boat to see him off. Every time I would put the handkerchief to my eyes the tears would come and the old fool actually thought I was crying because he was leaving me. He actually gave me \$100 and said: 'Don't cry, little girl, I'll soon be back.' Some of these girls around Dawson may be handsomer than me, but when it comes to leg pulling I don't take a back seat for any of them."

And with a harsh and cruel laugh she passed out and the grocer said, "Well, I'll be go-durned."

If a man really wants an office, so far as the Stroller can see, there is no harm, sin or disgrace in coming out flat-footed and saying so. There are fellows who persistently assert that they are not candidates, and yet it makes them hot for their friends to work for some fellow who has sufficient stamina to speak out and admit that he is out for office, that he wants it and is making open efforts to get it. The man who really wants an office but is too modest to say so—the man who tries to make a bluff at hanging back when at the same time he is praying for his friends to get behind and push him along—is not the man for the place. The times when offices went roving around the country in quest of "Cincinnatus" are happily past. The battle is to the strong, the active and the brave.

In connection with the above it is but justice that all candidates who are defeated for the nomination today be informed that a quiet but largely attended meeting, irrespective of nationality, was held last night under the shed of the Yukon saw mill at which the following resolution was unanimously passed:

Whereas, There is to be held a nominating convention in the city of Dawson on Saturday, September 8th, and

Whereas, There are numerous candidates for such nomination, and

Whereas, Only two of the many aspirants can be placed in nomination, thereby leaving a large number of men whose rods the lightning did not strike; therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that the people of Dawson do not stand for any stories about "how it happened," and be it further

Resolved, That any defeated candidate who even attempts to explain his defeat, be taken forthwith to the garbage scows at the foot of Eighth street where a rope will be fastened around his waist and he will be thrown into the river once for every vote he lacked of securing the nomination.

A licensed Yukon river master mariner dropped into a First avenue gambling-house a few evenings since where he manifested a great deal of interest in the roulette wheel. After watching it for fully three-quarters of an hour he sideled up to the knight of the little ball and innocently asked: "When that wheel stops does it always do so with the double O directly toward the north?"

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