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TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 1903.

YUKON OUTLOOK.

An interview which appeared in the Nugget yesterday in reference to the necessity of direct railway communication with the outside in line with similar discussion now in progress among the newspapers of the outside.

In a recent issue of the Vancouver World, under the caption "Yukon Outlook," appears the following: "The newly appointed lieutenant-governor of the Yukon district, who knows his territory well, has been expressing his opinion about it before returning to discharge the duties of his office. Mr. Congdon most emphatically believes in the Yukon. He affirms—and there seems no reason to doubt the correctness of his opinion—that there is an immense deposit of gold known to exist there, and that more is sure to be discovered in paying quantities. If he is right, the Yukon is sure to be a very important region for many years, whatever may become of Alaska and its gold. Dawson, he admits, may give place to other localities in the production of the precious metal, but it is sure to remain the chief center of trade.

All this goes to show, comments the Toronto Globe, how necessary it is to secure for the Yukon settlement access to the Pacific ocean without its being necessary to traverse foreign territory to reach it. Many matters connected with community life in that far-off region make it imperative that it shall not be cut off from the rest of the Dominion. Its government must always be directed from, and should be kept in close touch with, the capital, and this by a route that cannot be interrupted at the whim of any foreign authority. So much is this the case that if the adjudication of the Alaskan boundary dispute turns out to be adverse to Canada's claim, then the Dominion parliament should at once take up the question of a railway to Dawson from the best available harbor south of Alaska. If such a line were built it would probably be a paying road, and would side-track Skagway altogether."

MUST BE CONTINUED.

As was exclusively reported in the Nugget yesterday, the protest of the Dawson board of trade has been read before the house of parliament, calling for complete cancellation of the Treadgold grants. This will be followed by the lengthy petition recently sent out by the board and the Liberal club's resolutions will not be far behind.

It will be noticed by the dispatch as published in last night's issue of this paper that the premier in his reply sets forth the necessity of a water supply for the district and pledges himself to such further alterations and amendments as may be necessary in the interests of the community.

There can be no doubt as to the sincerity of the premier's intentions. From the tone of his remarks it is evident that in some form or other he believes a grant such as has been issued to Treadgold is calculated to promote the welfare of the district generally. The most ardent oppositionist would not impute any ulterior motive to the premier and it must, therefore, be taken for granted that he regards the Treadgold con-

cession as a desirable enterprise from the community standpoint.

Under these circumstances it becomes necessary that continued efforts be put forward to convince the premier and the other members of the government of the actual facts in the case as they are regarded by the people directly affected. The almost unanimous belief of the inhabitants of the district is that the Treadgold concession is a menace to their prosperity. They see in it a monopoly designed to place the mining industry at the mercy of a few men who themselves propose to engage extensively in mining, whose primary object in fact is to secure as great a number of claims as possible for their own purposes.

They see in Treadgold's scheme a well devised plan to squeeze the individual miner out of existence to the end that the monopoly may profit.

They see one concern of three or four men empowered by a single legislative enactment to dictate terms of operation to a great industry and indirectly to control an entire community.

All are agreed that the mining district needs a water system and needs it badly. But the price required by the Treadgold concessionaires is too great.

Yesterday's discussion in the house of parliament only serves to emphasize the fact that the fight against Treadgold must be continued, if anything, more vigorously than before.

THE SUN'S LANGUAGE.

Referring to the possibility of the government elevating Mr. Ross to a cabinet position the Sun in its issue of April 2, spoke editorially as follows:

"We now desire to go on record as unalterably opposed to any such change in Mr. Ross's position, for exactly the same reasons that lead the News to desire to see Mr. Ross called to the cabinet.

"If our member is made a member of the cabinet, another election must be held in Yukon immediately after his appointment. In the present state of affairs in this territory, such a condition is not at all to be desired.

If the language thus used by the Sun does not constitute a statement of disbelief in the ability of Mr. Ross to be re-elected, in case of his appointment to the cabinet, we confess our inability to read print.

The folly of the Sun in publishing such an arrant nonsense as is contained in the above quotation arises from the custom of that paper of taking its cues from the News. No other explanation will suffice unless perhaps it may be attributed to the traditional habit of the Sun of "putting its foot in it" every time it essays an original editorial effort.

The theory that the old creeks of the district have been worked out or have begun to be worked out, will be disproved when the washup is over this summer. Bonanza, Eldorado and Hunker are all working on an exceedingly large scale and pay dirt is being taken out on all of them in very satisfactory quantities.

Easy for Hughey

Philadelphia, March 14. — Hughey McGovern, brother of the ex-champion featherweight, and "Kid" Beebe of Philadelphia, met in a six-round bout at the National Athletic Club tonight. Beebe was not in it at any stage of the game and the New Yorker would easily have earned the decision had there been one.

LOST—One Irish Setter bitch,

in good condition, answers to name of Bell. Scar on fore foot. White-horse Stables.

THE REPLY COURTEOUS

Addressed to "Senior" Member

Regrets That Peace of "Unworthy Instrument" Should be Disturbed.

The disposition that had been made of Joe Clarke's letter addressed to the mayor concerning the vice that was rampant in the town and which so annoyed the angelic soul of the "senior member," as Clarke now chooses to subscribe himself, was made known last night at the council meeting through an inquiry made by Alderman La Lande. He was asked what if anything had been done in the matter and his worship replied that the communication had been answered and that the reply was on file in the clerk's office. It was produced and read for the edification of the members and the reporters present. Smiles overspread the countenance of more than one in the room as the reading of the letter was proceeded with. It was not known that his worship had the command of such delicate sarcasm and irony as was betrayed in the letter. The reply was dignified and courteous, but was of a character that to any person other than one possessing the epigrams of a hippopotamus it would have been considered as a stinging rebuke. It read as follows:

"Dear Sir,—Your favor of the 28th ult. at hand, and in reply I desire to thank you for the interest taken by you in the observance of the laws governing the city.

"I regret that you should be burdened with continual complaints from persons regarding the dance halls and other evils in the city. It might be well in future to refer such complaints to the aldermen or to Major Cutbert, and we shall be pleased to act to the best of our ability. As the police force is under control of Major Cutbert, a direct complaint to that gentleman will insure the matter being looked into speedily, though there is no desire to avoid responsibility on my part.

"As a matter of fact, the chairman of the committee on license, police and health and myself have discussed the dance halls referred to by you with the police officers on several occasions, and while we are all of the opinion the law is being broken, yet we realize it is difficult to obtain convictions.

"The matter of selling liquor on Sunday is being dealt with, and trust it is satisfactory to you.

"In conclusion I may remark that while such continual daily complaints have been made to yourself, not one complaint has been made to me since taking office regarding either the dance halls or the selling of liquor on Sundays, and so insinuate that such law-breaking is done with the connivance of the police, or of any one else whose duty it is to prevent such work, is scarcely worthy of the senior member of the Yukon council for district No. 1.

"R. P. McLENNAN, Mayor."

No Extra Postage

Lower Bonanza, April 7, 1903. Editor Nugget: Will you kindly state whether a letter coming from the states must be re-stamped to be returned. By answering the above you will greatly oblige.

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Stroller's Column.

Mine Host Russell of the Gold Hill hotel came into Dawson on the first of the month, for the purpose of transacting a lot of important business. He wanted to get back the same day and therefore had no time to spare on matters of a frivolous character.

Of course, however, when Tom Chisholm told him that Dick Cowan wanted to see him at the Bank of Commerce on a mining deal, he found time to cross over to the bank to see what was up.

A long line of customers was in front of the paying teller's window and it was about 20 minutes before Russell succeeded in getting a word in edgewise with the genial Richard. Dick had not left any word with Chisholm for Mr. Russell and he guessed the latter must have made a mistake. He had better go back and see Tom or better yet consult a calendar.

Russell perceived immediately that he had been jobbed so he returned to the Aurora and proceeded to read the riot act to the assembled joshers.

Andy McKenzie was standing near by and heartily sympathized with Russell, declaring that anyone who would play such a trick was really too mean for anything, so there. Russell turned a grateful look in Andy's direction and happening to notice a white thread hanging from the lapel of the latter's coat reached forward to remove it. He jerked at the thread, as was natural with a man who had been so ruthlessly imposed upon, and in a second no less than two yards of it were in sight. Another pull and more thread. Russell grabbed at the slender string as though it was an inch rope and began drawing it hand over hand. There was no light, however, and when about 20 yards had been pulled out, he quit. He looked at Andy who was the picture of innocence and then at the crowd. One glance was enough and Russell broke for the door, the maddest man in town. When he sees Tom or Andy now he addresses them as "Mr. Chisholm" and "Mr. McKenzie," which shows the lengths to which a man may be driven when he becomes really and justifiably incensed.

The memory of J. U. Smith, for some time United States commissioner, with headquarters at Skagway, still lingers fresh in the minds of the pioneers who made their headquarters in that village during the palmy days of 1897-'98.

In the hard, coarse, but expressive language of the street, J. U. was perennially and persistently "out with the mit." He never passed anything

instead of staying at the Olyphant hotel to dinner I went on to Peckville. When I was returning on the car, imagine my surprise to find the hotel I intended stopping at for dinner had fallen 70 feet into the earth, and two other buildings with it. While I stood there two more buildings dropped into the same hole. To make the scene more horrible, the buildings were smashed to kindling wood and caught fire. The water mains were broken, and 200 men had to wade in water up to their necks, and others had to swim in order to get out of the mine. You can imagine the excitement when the main street in a town goes down 70 feet with five buildings. After they all tumbled in and were burning the flames were 50 feet below ground. Dante's Inferno would not compare with this scene. Women whose husbands were down in the mines were ringing their hands and crying. It was a sight once witnessed never forgotten. The people in the house just escaped with their lives, and one woman is missing. If the accident had occurred in the night the loss of life would have been awful."

NATIVES DYING

Alaska Tribes Will Soon be Extinct.

Unless government aid be soon forthcoming the noble tribe of red men in the Copper river valley will in a few years be extinct. This is the report brought by miners, who returned from Valdez on the Bertha. They state that within the past five years one-half of the Indians have perished.

In 1898 there were 600 Indians in the district near the mouth of the Copper river. Before that time they had not traded with white people to any great extent, since the abandonment of Alaska by the Russians. Now there are barely 300 in the region. Many have actually starved to death. A large number of the survivors are destitute of proper nourishment, and they are so physically weakened that slight colds develop rapidly into consumption.

The encroachment of the white man into the country is said to be the cause of the Indians' pitiable condition. The canneries recently established at the mouth of the Copper river have lessened the salmon run up the river, and the army of prospectors which is becoming larger every year has driven the game far inland.

The natives are said to be naturally a fine race of red men, tall in stature and friendly in manner. No missionary has been among them and they are childlike in their ignorance, though willing to learn. They frequently carry the packs of prospectors for miles, and in numerous ways show their good nature. According to legend, however, the Copper river natives were the terror of white men until the rush of 1898, when the Americans proved their friendliness for them. A party of Russians many years ago invaded their country in an attempt to enslave the natives, and the latter massacred the whole party of Europeans.

HOA, J. W. Ivey and various northern missionaries are endeavoring to secure governmental aid for the unfortunate natives. — Alaska Prospector.

Saw the Olyphant Cave-in. Cutler & Porter have received a letter from Owen Irish, one of their traveling men, from Scranto, Pa., in which he describes the recent cave-in of the Delaware and Hudson colliery at Olyphant, Pa. Mr. Irish writes as follows: "I witnessed a sight today that would almost eclipse the last days of Pompeii. I was in Olyphant, and about noon was through business, so

CITY HAS TO PAY

For Case of Drunks Litter Expended to Reimburse Treasury

Mr. R. Gaffey was in police court this morning charged with being drunk and disorderly. He was found in the Northern hotel at an early hour in a hopelessly intoxicated condition and absolutely incapable of taking care of himself. He said that he had been sick for several days past, that a certain brand of Daw-

son hootch had been recommended and that he had merely imbibed a little too freely. It was his honor's magistrate stated that apparently no harm had been done but it must be remembered that the city has to pay for the care of people who are sent to carouse, while they are in custody and that it was only right that the city treasury should be reimbursed. Therefore he would impose a fine of \$2 and costs.

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