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AMUSEMENTS THIS WEEK.

Orpheum—Burlesque and Vaudeville.

ROAD DRAINAGE.

A recent report issued by the Ontario commissioner of highways contains a fund of valuable information, which should prove of great assistance in the work of laying out roads for this territory.

As has been brought forward in these columns on numerous occasions the difficulties which are invariably experienced with the local roads in the spring and fall, is due largely to lack of proper drainage. Specific instances might be cited where roads have been built along side hills with practically no provision made for drainage.

Joseph should be made grand master of an independent order of apologists.

Cursed Words of the Yezidees
The Yezidees, a peculiar Turkish sect, are perhaps the only people in the world which consider certain letters, words and phrases as being cursed and the person who pronounces them a worthy subject for immediate destruction.

Changing Gauge
Des Moines, Iowa, July 7.—Four hundred and forty men working nine hours in driving rain moved both rails of the Burlington & Western road on 125 miles of track and thus broke all records in converting narrow into broad gauge track.

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tion thus resolves itself into a question of under-drainage, and the means whereby proper under-drainage is obtained must be adapted to the manner in which water finds its way under the road, and the nature of the soil. A soil retains in its texture; by capillary attraction, a certain amount of water. In the case of a plastic clay soil, which will absorb nearly one-half its weight, and bulk of water, the water retained in this way may be the cause of injury. In the case of gravelly, sandy, or other porous soil, it is necessary to remove only the water held by hydrostatic pressure in the foundation of the road. The effect of this is, that with a clay subsoil, under-drains are nearly always beneficial in securing a strong foundation, and are necessary for traffic of even moderate degree. With porous soils, on the other hand, the necessity and means of drainage will depend upon the height to which the water rises in the foundation, and the direction from which it comes. When a strong foundation is needed, these under-drains should be three or four feet below the surface of the subsoil.

When the announcement was first made that parliament had granted to the Yukon territory the right of electing a member, the Nugget urged that the election be brought on before the approach of cold weather. We are still of the same opinion. The election is certain to be a hotly contested affair, and upon its result will hinge many things of vital importance to the welfare of the community. If the election should occur before the advent of winter, the necessary expenses attendant thereon would be greatly reduced and at the same time the various candidates would be given a much better opportunity of canvassing the territory. It must not be forgotten that the up river districts are entitled to participate in the election and for that reason, if for no other it should take place before the boats cease running. It seems remarkable that the bill which authorized the election failed to name the specific date upon which it is to take place. However, the Yukon is accustomed to strange freaks of legislation so that in this particular instance time honored precedents are by no means disturbed.

For ordinary nervous toothache, which is caused by the nervous system being out of order or by excessive fatigue, a very hot bath will soothe the nerves that sleep will naturally follow, and upon getting up the patient will feel very much refreshed, and the toothache will be a thing of the past. For what is known as "jumping toothache," hot dry flannel applied to the face and neck is very effective. For common toothache, which is caused by indigestion or by strong sweet, acid or anything very hot or cold in a decayed tooth, a little piece of cotton steeped in strong camphor or oil of cloves is the best remedy.

Rain Without Clouds
We have it on the authority of Sir J. C. Ross that in the south Atlantic it rained on one occasion for over an hour when the sky was entirely free from clouds. In the Mauritius and other parts of the southern hemisphere this is not a rare occurrence, but in Europe it is, and the greatest known length of its duration was ten minutes at Constantinople.—All the Year Round.

Oil at Valdez
Special to the Daily Nugget.
Spokane, July 7.—Spokane men have secured 3000 acres of land in the Valdes oil fields. Dr. M. J. Bruner and A. S. Marshall have just returned from a month's prospecting tour of the district. They have interested with them Dr. J. G. Cunningham of Spokane and F. C. Davidson of Oakesdale, who own three-fourths interest in the oil lands. Dr. Bruner says: "The oil is here and calculations will be made into one of the greatest oil fields in the world. Sink holes and crevices in the district are filled with oil, which can be dipped up by the bucketful. We brought out about five gallons and could have had that many barrels."

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STOWAWAY'S ADVENTURES

Austrian Lad Lands in New York

After Traveling Upwards of 15000 Miles—America Was His Mecca.

New York, June 23.—Rivaling the tales of mythical fortune hunters is the experience of a little Austrian stowaway in one of the boilers of the Umbria which has just come into port. After the lad, who is 16 years old, had traveled 15,000 miles he was at last put in the hands of a friend who promised to care for him. His name is Bozo Gasino, and he comes from Dalmarra, a province of Austria. His wanderings began more than a year ago, when his father, a small farmer, gave him 100 florins and told him to seek America.

With great glee, the little Austrian left the village of Sebenico, for he and his elder brothers quarreled continually and he had a friend in America whom he longed to join. After spending thirty of his florins, he reached Trieste, the seaport where he fell in with an obliging fellow, who for the remaining seventy florins agreed to embark Bozo for America. Bozo gave up his florins and the stranger disappeared, leaving a discouraged little lad to return to Dalmarra.

Gacino's father then apprenticed him to a druggist but the boy soon wearied of long hours and small wages and ran away to Trieste, where he hid in a steamship bound for Egypt. In Alexandria he stowed away in the Babyan and reached Liverpool a week later, then he crawled into the hold of a Cunarder, Saxonia. Upon reaching this port last spring he was speedily departed after he had a fleeting glance at the busy harbor.

When he was taken back to Liverpool, he evaded the English immigration officials and for twenty days lived off crusts found in the gutters, but always keeping a weather-eye open for an American bound vessel. Fortune smiled upon his efforts on the night of June 13, just before the Umbria sailed. He crept upon the deck looking for a hiding place.

A lantern was flashed in his face and the sentry, believing that he was one of the cabin boys ordered him below. Without realizing his danger, the boy crawled into a boiler which furnishes steam to the "donkey engine." This boiler was not used throughout the voyage or otherwise the boy would have been burnt to death. Some friendly stokers discovered his presence but instead of disclosing his secret, they fed him during the voyage.

On Thursday, however, McKechnan, the refrigerator engineer, climbed on top of the boiler and proceeded to hang up some of his washing to dry. Just as the engineer was preparing to to cross down he was startled to see a head bob up out of the opening in the boiler and then disappear again. McKechnan crawled over to the hole and peered into the darkness inside the boiler. He could dimly discern the outlines of a person and he shouted to him to come out.

Receiving no response, the engineer attempted to reach inside and grab the boy's clothing but was severely bitten for his pains. The engineer, satisfied that something was wrong went to Chief Engineer Hardy, displayed his bleeding fingers and reported the occurrence. Hardy, thinking he had a mad man to deal with, called for volunteers to descend into the boiler and two of the stokers responded. Dr. Chas. Burt and the ship's surgeon, was called and stood by to render his services if needed. When the stokers got inside the boiler they found that the boy had crawled underneath the tubes on top of the furnace. After a struggle and some tight squeezing past the tubes, they managed to get their prisoner up the manhole entrance, where he was quickly pulled out.

All laughed when they saw the supposed lunatic. He was locked up in the steamship hospital and when the vessel reached port a vigorous search for the bold lad's friend was made. He was soon located in Harlem and signed papers which permitted the young man to remain in New York.

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