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KLONDIKE NUGGET.

From Friday's Daily.

A MISTAKE.

It will be a fatal mistake to attempt at this time to give fictitious values to the many quartz prospects which have been found in this district. Dawson cannot become the center of a prosperous quartz camp by the publication of exaggerated stories of rich strikes which will not stand investigation. The plain unvarnished truth is all that is required, and anything that goes beyond the truth will merely react upon the community in a most unfortunate manner.

There is every reason for belief, in fact there seems scarcely room for doubt, that quartz of a character that will pay to mill has been located within a short distance of Dawson. It is not true, however, that any of the rock thus far tested has proven of extraordinary value, nor has development progressed sufficiently to warrant the statement that a quartz boom is actually in progress. The Nugget coincides with the opinion that anything of the "boom" order is to be carefully avoided.

Desired results cannot be accomplished by sending broadcast fictitious statements and highly colored reports. Such tactics will result, eventually in discrediting the country with capitalists and will only serve to give the community a set back from which it will require years to recover.

The Nugget confidently believes that quartz development on a large scale will be in progress within the near future, but we feel convinced at the same time that it is a mistake to herald broadcast rumors and reports which cannot be substantiated on investigation.

CONSISTENCY

An inspection of the assessor's rolls would disclose a startling state of affairs. The combined amount of taxes paid by the chief promoters of the incorporation movement would not pay for a single wheel of the fire engine. The willingness of a great many men to sacrifice themselves on the altar of public service often stands in an inverse ratio to amount of taxes they pay. Such is the case in Dawson. The moment an announcement is made that an election is brewing, out from their various hiding places come the would-be moulders of public policies and immediately begin proclaiming themselves the saviors of the people. It would be more in accordance with the eternal fitness of things if some of these worthy emulators of Cincinnatus would make themselves right with the assessor's office before beginning to pose before the community in the guise of leaders and directors of affairs. If they would display the same alacrity in paying their own taxes that they would manifest in expending the taxes paid by other people the community would be under lasting obligation to them. Consistency is still a jewel.

Within a very few weeks the lengthening days will proclaim the fact that winter is rapidly passing. Should the record of the past two months be duplicated in January and February, it will be almost impossible to realize that there has been any winter at all.

Our esteemed contemporaries, the News and the Sun, are engaged in a controversy as to the calibre of the gray matter which lies behind the composition of their respective editorial columns. In the opinion of this paper it is another case of much ado about nothing.

A movement has been inaugurated among the pro-incorporationists to side track the most undesirable of the agitators, and fill their places with reputable business men. This is a step in the right direction. Turn them out.

Slips by Great Authors.

When Mr. Anthony Trollope pictured Andy Scott as "coming whistling up the street with a cigar in his mouth" he not only proved that he had never made personal experiment of the double feat of smoking a cigar and whistling a tune, but he was unconsciously following in the steps of still greater writers who make their heroes do amazing and impossible things.

Those who remember their Robinson Crusoe may recall a most wonderful feat of this hero of childhood. When he decided to abandon the wreck and try to swim ashore he took the precaution to remove all his clothes and yet by some strange magic, of which the secret has been lost, the author makes him, when in this condition of nature, fill his pockets with biscuits.

The great Shakespeare himself had a peculiar facility for making the impossible happen in his plays. One of the most remarkable of these feats occurs in the fifth act of "Othello," when Desdemona, after she has been duly smothered by the Moor, comes to life again and enters into conversation quite rationally, even inventing a generous falsehood to shield him from the consequence of his crime before she decides to die. The improbability of a person recovering consciousness and speech after being smothered, and of dying after performing such a feat, scarcely needs pointing out.

Shakespeare, too, had a trick of introducing the most glaring anachronisms—so glaring, in fact, that there is more than a suspicion that they must have been introduced consciously for some unknown reason.

For instance, he makes a clock strike in ancient Rome at a time more than a thousand years before clocks were invented, when such an event would certainly have been the eighth wonder of the world.

Quite regardless of the evidence of geography, he transports Bohemia to the seaside, and he introduces a printing press long before the days of Gutenberg. He calmly introduces a billiard table into Cleopatra's palace, and makes cannon familiar to King John and his Barons.

Thackery was no mean rival of Shakespeare in vagaries of this kind, but in his case they appear to have been the result of pure carelessness and forgetfulness. The most flagrant case, perhaps, is where, after burying Lady Kew and effectively dismissing her from the story, he brings her to life again to help him out with his plot, and in other cases his capacity for mixing up the names of his characters is as confusing as it is wonderful.

Emile Zola, in spite of his carefulness, makes the astonishing statement in one of his novels (Lourdes) that the deaf and dumb recovered their hearing and sight, an event which savors very much of the miraculous.

The moon has innocently been the cause of much blundering on the part of authors. Wilkie Collins in some mysterious fashion made it rise on one occasion in the west, Rider Haggard in "King Solomon's Mines" contrives an eclipse of the moon for the benefit of his readers, and Coleridge ingeniously places a star between the horns of the crescent moon as she rises in the east.

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Stroller's Column.

Not only is a hat pin a powerful weapon in the hands of an infuriated woman, but it is also a weapon of destruction in the hands of a man who has been kept awake nearly all the time for two weeks by mice running over the paper ceiling of his house.

A certain Dawsonite who has had only snatches of sleep for some time, owing to mice in the ceiling, armed himself with a hat pin belonging to his wife a few nights ago and began warfare on the mice. He mounted a chair and listened and every time he would hear a mouse running over the paper he would give a vicious jab with the pin and then pull it out and look on it for blood. He is not sure that he succeeded in killing any mice but he managed, by driving his hat pin through the paper in fifteen or twenty places, to necessitate the outlay of $10 for having his house repapered.

"Can I borrow your cat tonight" is a request heard many times these days as the town is fairly over-run with mice and rats.

HARPOONING MICE WITH A HAT PIN

Dawson, Dec. 18, 1901.

Dear Stroller —

I am going to have a plain talk with you on a subject which is all important to me. Like the flower that blooms on the rugged mountain side I have realized after thirty-six years of observation that I was born to blush unseen. I know I would make some man a most loving and indulgent wife, but all my life I have been passed up by the men and if ever one of them found himself alone with me he would fidget and twist in his chair, look at his watch every minute and finally say something about having an engagement or going out to smoke. Other women not so attractive as myself have passed me in the race and are now loving wives and mothers of large and increasing families. Two years ago I came to Dawson hoping that I might get in the swim, but it has been no go, men are as cold towards me as they were on the outside. They treat me with respect, but turn up their coat collars and shiver everytime they meet me. Only the other day a clerk who was selling me some under garments excused himself while he went to rear of the store and put on his overcoat.

The question on which I wish your advice is this. Do you think there would be any chance for me to be captured by brigands if I were to go to Turkey or Bulgaria? Oh, how I could love a big brigand with a painted ribbon band on his hat, silver buttons and gartered leggins! Law me, what a Fra Diavolo romance it would be! If I was captured I would not want to be ransomed.

Please reply at once as every day counts with me.

I am tripple-concentrated devotion,

JANE.

Well, Jane, to use a wire-grass expression, you are in a bad way. However, the Stroller believes he can arrange to have you kidnapped here, thus saving you the expense of the long trip to Turkey. There are brigands on almost any of the creeks here who would kidnap you if you will but give them half a chance. Try Bonanza, Eldorado and Dominion, and if you fail the Stroller will go with you up Hunker and if he fails to get you kidnapped he will put up on paying your way to Turkey.

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Never was the old saying, "All things come to those who wait" more fully verified than one day this week and right here in Dawson. The story is this.

Two years ago this winter there was a young man who would get on a full head and team around burning holes in the sidewalk in making his appearance into wherever he appeared. At the saloons he was high caste at the dance halls he was good as spending money, and at the gambling houses he was a "Ruby" of the first water. It was then that the young man in question went against a faro game for $125 more than he had in his pants. But he was not nonplussed, far from it. He called for a check book and gave a check on one of the banks with the grace and air of a Chesterfield. When the check was presented to the gambler it was handed back accompanied by the two words, "no funds." Things were coming in bunches for the gambler in those days and the fact that the check was not honored gave him but little concern. Two years reeled off and then came a change. From faro and other gambling games the town became so "choppy-colkedly" moral that when long men sat down in a public house to even play a social game of whist or solo they had to use Lima beans, matches or some other such array of things instead of checks to keep tab on the game. Then is when the gambler who still carried the dishonored check began to walk around on his uppers. To him a fog-hut stew comprised of "overs" with only toothpicks on the side was a welcome sight.

In the meantime, the giver of the check had put on a rough look. He took to nutting a squirt of lemon in it, and as for dance halls, he cut them dead. Another thing that boosted him several rounds on the step-ladder of fame was being appointed to a job in the civil service. Being eminently qualified, he filled and continues to fill the job efficiently and after a few months of incumbency in office he did what very few young men do, namely, became the owner of a bank account.

The other day the gambler was bemoaning his hard fate while going over some old papers with a view of destroying them before moving into a suburban cabin where he expected to make an effort to live on Lima beans won at whist, casino, mumblepeg or some other Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor amusement.

"There," said he as he unfolded the check in question, "is a dishonored check 20 months or more old that I might as well destroy."

Being asked by his room-mate, and companion in misery who the check was on, and the information being given, the companion said:

"Why that fellow has had a good job for a year and ought to have some money by this time. Present the check again and perhaps it will be honored."

The suggestion was acted upon. The check was taken to the bank and handed to the ledger clerk. That individual looked at it and marked "O K" on its face and two minutes later the gambler walked out with $125 in his pockets and the "big feed" followed.

As the young man has probably forgotten all about having given the check he will probably have a think or two coming the next time his bank account is checked up.

The Stroller is pleased to see that celluloid checks are no longer permitted as counters in games of Lima beans at five cents per pound of matches being used instead. They are much more handy than checks and at the same time they last much better on a table. The use of canned bean[illegible] [illegible] and bake[illegible] [illegible] Now with beans or [illegible] entirely different. There [illegible] something about counting in a game with beans that revives in [illegible] the mind of the Stroller recollections of childhood days when he played [illegible] down in the [illegible] Lake to beat [illegible]

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