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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1901.

REDUCTION ALMOST DUE.

It is almost time that news should be received respecting the promised reduction of the royalty tax. This promise was authoritatively given last fall when it was stated that the long expected reduction would go into effect before the cleanup of the coming summer.

There is every reason for belief that the output for the current year will, if anything, exceed that of last year, but it will be more widely distributed. The number of claims which may be spoken of as being extraordinarily heavy producer is less this year than ever. In some cases they have been pretty well worked out and in others they are not being worked upon as extensive a scale as formerly.

Meanwhile, however, a large amount of new ground is being opened up which in the aggregate will serve to offset the decrease in the output from the comparatively few claims of enormous richness.

For the most part the new ground now in process of development is not of Eldorado richness. The claim owner who pays expenses of operation, royalty, etc., and has a few thousand dollars left to compensate him for his own time and labor is among the fortunate ones.

It is this condition which calls particularly for the removal or material reduction of the royalty before the coming clean up season. Claims which will produce profits running into hundreds of thousands of dollars might well afford to pay the royalty as it stands at the present time. But that class of claims is largely a thing of the past.

The dependence of the territory is now upon ground of comparatively low grade and such ground cannot be profitably worked and pay the present royalty. That tax cannot be reduced any too early.

The local political pot will probably begin to seethe with considerable vigor ere a great many moons have gone by.

Commissioner Ogilvie has definitely announced his determination to resign his position and the selection of his successor will soon be the live question of the hour. There is a general feeling that the office should be filled by a local man. It must be remembered, however, that there are many men at the elbow of the appointing authority whose claims for recognition are strong enough to demand consideration and who have never as yet received anything worth while. When this feature of the situation is reckoned with it seems doubtful if the hopes of those who believe a local man should be appointed will be realized.

The tax upon beer brought into Dawson is altogether too high. If the law did not practically prohibit the consumption of the beverage, there would be much less hot whisky used. Either the present tax should be materially reduced or the law altered in such a manner that a brewery might be legally operated. The introduction of cheap beer into Dawson would be a long step

toward the accomplishment of temperance reform.

The city of Tacoma, Washington, better known as the City of Destiny, is making a strong effort to secure the state capital. Tacoma has made many other strong efforts along various lines, resulting usually in failure, so that the certain disappointment which will attend the present move will not be hard to bear. Tacoma is accustomed to adversity.

We had intended publishing today a poem written by a local communicant with the muse and entitled "The Approach of Spring." Consultation with our thermometer reveals the fact that it is a bad day for poems so our readers are spared the misery which otherwise would have been inflicted upon them.

Grief for the death of Queen Victoria has in no respect lessened the loyalty of Britons for the new sovereign. "God Save the King," which is another way of saying "God save the empire," will be sung with fervor in every land where British rule is recognized.

A senator from Utah in making his maiden speech in Uncle Sam's dignified upper house referred to the natives of the Philippines as "Fillyponies." The aforesaid statesman probably owns a big stock ranch somewhere in the wilds of Utah's muddy wastes.

If the News doesn't stop ringing the changes on the century question some public spirited citizen ought to begin ringing the changes on the chestnut bell.

Ice Broke With Skaters.

New York, Jan. 27.—Sixty skaters, including many women and children, broke through the ice on a large pond back of Evergreen cemetery, Brooklyn, today, and in the wild struggle for life two boys were drowned. The ice over the center of the pond, where the water was deepest and where the skaters were assembled in greatest numbers, suddenly sank. The whole crowd was panic stricken. Men and women fought to save themselves and children suffered in the unequal struggle.

The screams of the skaters were heard by men employed in a factory near by, and they ran to the pond. They dragged long planks with them, which were pushed toward the center of the pond. Along this footing a life line was formed. Effort was first made to rescue the women and children. By twos and threes they were taken from the water and hustled along the planks to the shore. The police reserves and surgeons arrived in ambulances and succored many of the half-drowned skaters. The bodies of the two boys were recovered.

Arrested After Twelve Years.

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 27.—Frank Hyatt was arrested here tonight for the murder of Steve Pressley, committed in Elrath county, Texas, July 7, 1889. Hyatt has made a full confession, claiming self defense. He has been residing in this city for the past nine years and was employed in the railroad shops under the name of Charles Eaves. He has a wife and step-son. In his signed confession he claims that it was his intention to return to Texas next year and stand trial for the killing.

He says the quarrel between himself and Pressley, who was the stepfather of his former wife, occurred over some building material. Pressley picked up a large stone to throw at him. He struck at Pressley's arm with a club to make him drop the stone, and the latter in dodging was struck on the head and died. Hyatt claims that he feared he would not get a fair trial, as all the witnesses were relatives of Pressley, so he fled.

Crushed to Death.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Stella Thomas, 20 years old, was crushed to death today by the elevator in the Young Women's Christian Association building. She had watched a physician vaccinate the inmates and took the elevator to go to her room. She fainted, and, falling forward, her head caught between the floor and the ascending car. Her head was badly crushed and she died within five minutes.

Elegantly furnished rooms with electric lights at the Regina Club hotel.

Brewitt makes five pants. crt

Fresh turkeys at the Denver Market.

When in want of laundry work call up phone 52. Cascade Laundry.

Films of all kinds at Goetzman's.

Fresh halibut at the Denver Market.

VICTORIA, WOMAN AND QUEEN.

Queen Victoria's death furnishes one of those rare cases where there is genuine sorrow and deep respect back of the words expressing them.—Salem Statesman.

As a wife and mother, she will be revered by wives and mothers for all time; as a queen and ruler, she set an example that should be followed by all who are chosen to rule or govern their fellow men.—Nelson Tribune.

Her life has been a model of what a queen's should be. A true woman always, she has devoted her life and strength to the development of her people in every possible way. She has added much to the glory of England and her reign will go down to history as the best that the country has ever enjoyed.—Cowlitz Advocate.

She was an able and upright ruler and her memory will be revered by English speaking people the world over; and as Bishop Potter said recently, "She did her duty without faltering or failure; she was always womanly, pure, patient and devoted to duty." It is not necessary to add praise beyond this.—Tacoma Sun-Democrat.

But the nineteenth century will ever be known as the Victorian age, in recognition of England's gracious queen. Of all monarchs of the century that has just closed, her name is the most naturally allied with all that has made the span of her life brilliant and memorable in history. Henceforth the period of her reign will be known as the Victorian age.—Whatcom Reveille.

Had she lived in the Middle Ages, the halo of a saint had been hers; dying in the dawn of this materialistic century when ecclesiastical romance is dead and its chivalry but a legend—her memory is beautified in the hearts of her millions of subjects, whose future generations will call her blessed, though no mitered advocate may stand by her blameless soul.—Victoria Colonist.

The place she held in the hearts of her subjects was created by her own will. Her powers of fascination lay in her gentleness of character and benevolent disposition. The age of her reign will go down in history alongside of that of Elizabeth, Augustus Caesar and Washington. The new ruler of England is the Prince of Wales, whose title will be "King Edward VII."—Yakima News.

T. S. Lippy Threatened.

Some would-be emulator of Pat Crowe, or perhaps a practical joker, has made what appears to be an attempt to extort \$2500 from T. S. Lippy, the Klondike millionaire. Mr. Lippy was threatened with kidnaping, and the probable loss of his ears or an eye or two if he did not go to a lonely spot and deliver over the cash. The extraordinary demand was made in the form of a letter, signed "Black Caps." It was not complied with.

While Chief of Police Meredith, to whom the matter was reported immediately upon receipt of the letter, was inclined to regard the communication as the work of a practical joker, precautions were taken to circumvent any possible attempt to carry into execution the threats conveyed therein. Prof. Lippy himself views the letter with entire equanimity, and is convinced that, in view of his former occupation, which was that of an athletic instructor and trainer, he is in little real danger of being forcibly delivered into the hands of the blackmailers. The letter indicates an attempt to emulate the achievements of the gang of kidnapers who successfully negotiated with Millionaire Cudahy for the payment of a ransom for the return of his son.

On Friday morning last Prof. Lippy received through the mail a letter written with ink in a cramped oval hand upon letter sized linen bond paper. The contents were as follows:

"Seattle, Jan. 26.

"Mr. Lippy—We understand and know that you are a wealthy man, and it is our business to inform you that we are set to have you give us a bounty in the shape of \$2500 by Saturday night, January 26, 1901. Should you scorn our request and get after us you will only make it worse for yourself. We little value a rich man's life who refuses to meet our demands. If you wish to live a whole person without being dismembered of some of your eyes or ears, etc., in fact be tortured for refusing our request you will be not bothered any more and none will find out as we don't give away secrets. Do not trifle with this request or you will be sorry for not giving us money.

"We can easily get you and will do worse than kidnap you. We are watching you and we will not spare you if you refuse to give us the money; we will not say a word about it but will leave you in peace in the future. Make no howl about this or there will be sorrow in your Cherry street home by Sunday or some day next week. Pay

us \$2000 in paper money and \$500 in gold. Wrap it up in as small a package as possible and carry out this plan:

"Take the Madison street car to 18th street, get off at 18th, and between 18th and 19th we have put a can, an old rusty one with the top pushed in, and a brick on top—place the money in it and push it back into the brush so no one will see it and we can get it—a little path not far from the sidewalk in the middle of 18th and 19th to your left. Do this between 5 and 6 o'clock tomorrow night (Saturday night) and we will watch to see you put it there. Take the car right back and breathe not a single word to no one as we will make it so much worse for you. We are waiting to see. Heed this! We want money and will spare you.

(Signed) "BLACK CAPS."

For obvious reasons the receipt of the threatening communication was kept a secret and Chief Meredith, though inclined to ridicule the crude attempt at blackmail by intimidation, if such it be, caused officers to be stationed near the spot described in the letter at the specified hour. Their efforts went unrewarded, as no one appeared at the appointed hour, or for a considerable length of time thereafter.—P.-I., January 8.

At the present rate of consumption, the white fish the Pacific Cold Storage Co. brought in for the lenten season will all be gone long before Easter.

Fresh cabbage at Denver Market.
Fresh candies made daily at Zaccarelli's Bank Corner.
Brewitt makes clothes fit. crt
Hay and oats 10 cents at Meeker's.
Mumm's, Pomerey or Perinet champagnes \$5 per bottle at the Regina Club hotel.
Fine line of pipes at Zaccarelli's.

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SAVOY THEATRE SUNDAY, FEB. 17

GRAND SACRED CONCERT

1. March.....N. W. M. P. A. Hart Dedicated to Company B.	6. Selection.....The Daughter of the Regiment.....Donizelli
2. Overture.....Bohemian Girl.....Balfe	7. March.....A. C. Co. A. P. Friemuth Dedicated to A. E. Mizner
3. Sacred.....Calvary.....Rodney	8. Violin Solo.....A. P. Friemuth Walters & Forrest.
4. Grand Selection.....Amorita.....Czibulka	Prof. Parkes and the Wondroscope
5. Idyll.....Des Hinter Klageleid.....Carl	GOD SAVE THE KING.

Savoy Augmented Orchestra, A. P. FRIEMUTH, LEADER
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The Nugget reaches the people: in town and out of town; on every creek and every claim; in season and out of season. If you wish to reach the public you will do well to bear this in mind.

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