## The Klondike Nugget

##  <br>  <br>    <br> HE (From Yridors' Daily.) Dawson's celebration of the Queen's birthday yesterd

 Queen's birthday, yesterday, waan occasion which will linger long in the memories of all who
participated in its pleasures. In respect to weather, the day was
all that could be desired. There
was an apparent well was an apparent well laid sys-
tem in the arrangements, which was sustained, during the entire
day. The various athletic events were announced and carried out crowds in attendance were skil fully and satisfactorily handled
by Sergeant Wilson and his assistants, to whom is due much
praise for so conducting affairs as to prevent any accidents oc. eurring.
rowdyism and similar disagree able adjuncts of a day of celebra tion, which gave added pleasure to the day's festivities. There was a strong representation
down from the creeks, all of which contributed their share of
merrymakers. The good nature which seemed to pervade the crowd was infectious, and kept everyone in a good humor, de-
spite the warmth of the afternoon sun. Altogether, Dawson
quite sustained her reputation as a loyal town, and one which is
always to do proper and fitting honor to such occasions as yes-
terday. terday.
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We doubt if many towns of the
same size as Dawson abserved same size as Dawson observed
her majesty's birthday with a more elaborate celebration than more elaborate celebralion
was held here.

The investigation now bei conducted in the gold commis-
sioner's office should be made the starting point for a thost searching examination of the
records of that department of the public service. The people
of the Yukon territory, and, in of the Yukon territory, and, in
fact, the people of. Canada in general, will never be satisfied
that the gold commissioner's that the gold commissioner's
office has been properly conducted, during the three years of its existence, until some prop-
erly constituted authority has gone into the nistody of the
office and delivered an unbiased and unprejudiced judgment upon the methods which have prevailed in conducting its business. Beyond the peradventure of a
doubt, there has been an amount of crookedness within the office
which would prove startling if the facts were known. This if become so firmly established in the public mind, by reason of
matters which are of common knowledge, that demonstration of its truth is not required,
although that might be easily although that
accomplished.
In view of these circumstances, it appears strange that no effor authority to sift the matter t to place the responsibility.
investig tion, held in Dawson
more than a yar ago, did not
fulfill the objects for which it fuifill the objects for which it
was ostensibly called into exist was ostensibly called into exist
ence. Had it done so, there are cases now pending before the criminal court which, in all prob-
ability, would never have arisen ability, would never have arisen.
A thoroughly good cleansing was what the commissioner office then required, and what it
still requires, in order that the administration of its business may be re-estrablished in the con
fidence of the people. As fidence of the people. As long
as ghilt is shielded, and crime allowed to flourish without
check, the invitation will remain check, the invitation will remain
open for constant repetition of just such offenses as are now being tried before the courts.
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office, an expert examination into its books and records, and access
given the public and press to all the latter, are all-needed to place
the office in the confidence of the people. Theeodium of the Fawdown to regime has been handed never will be removed until no further occasion remains for its existence. It will never be refrom the public, nor by efforts a shielding wrong-doers from the results of their offenses.
A commission, with unlimited
powers of investigation, is powers of. investigation, is much required today as ever.
The Yukon council should make a strong effort to induce the Ottawa government to divert a portion of the consolidated federal revenues for local uses in Dawson and on the neighboring creeks. Canada has had a prostire country, and a handsome surplus is now in the treasury. The Yukon territory's contribufar over and above what it costs to maintain it, and the difference back here for the purpose of improving roads and otherwise country as a place of residence A strong'plea should go down to above object jn view.
Our contemporary, the News, which prides itself, above all
things, upon the up-to-dateness of its news, published a long article, in a recent issue, concerning William Sylvester Tayor, of Kentucky, who, the News
gravely assures us, has been nominated by the Republicans of that state for the oftice of govrnor. For the beneni pathering service," we will say that Mr. Taylor was nominated in Kentucky, but that happened
some six months ago, and he i now under indictment, charged with murdering his rival, Goebel The News would do well to in vestigate its "exclusive telegraph franchises" a little. They seem to be somewhat out of order.

Tom Corwin's Ready Wit. Gov. John Brough was once matehee aganst Corwin and in his speecir said:
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home industry, has a carriage at home which he got in England; had it
shipped across the water to hm. How shipped across the water to him, How
is that for supporting home industry and lahor?n
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made a great show of embarraessment. He stammered and began slowly
: Well, gentlemen, you have Well, gentlemen, you hare hear
what $m y$ friend Mr. Brough has to sa about my carriage. I plead guilty to the charge, and I have only two things to say in my defense. The first is that lis carriage came to me from an Eng
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io take it. Asain I heme for seven years, and it has been stand
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