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KLONDIKE NUGGET
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25, 1903.



WANTED! MORE LIGHT.

The fact is that what is known as the opposition is the party in power in this district and the sooner the fact is realized, the better for all concerned.

The foregoing gem plucked from the obscurity of the News' editorial columns is really worthy of widespread circulation. It's just about the choicest morsel of real genuine humor that has come to our notice in a long time and we hasten to bring it to the attention of our readers.

Just think of it, the opposition—or what is known as such—as the News puts it, is in power. The information is startling—but in the north, people are accustomed to matters startling and don't mind them in the least. Nevertheless, our contemporary might be a little more specific. It would be interesting to have the position in the opposition ranks of some of the "powers" defined.

For instance, there's that fierce oppositionist, Hon. Jas. Hamilton Ross, representing the territory as its first member at Ottawa in the Dominion parliament. He is quite an important feature among the powers that be in the district—and doubtless was in the mind of the author of the above quoted gem. What is his rank in the opposition? Then there is Hon. F. T. Congdon, now or soon to be commissioner of the Yukon. According to the News' point of view he must be a veritable tower of strength in the opposition ranks.

There is also Major Wood, and Messrs. Senkler, Girouard, Dugas and Newlands, not to mention several of the elective members of the Yukon council. At the very least count they should be major-generals in the opposition.

But there is still the city administration to reckon with. What is the status of his worshipful worship the mayor and his able council of advisers? Surely if our contemporary is not joking, the mayor and council must be deep in opposition confidences.

We should have more light on this subject. Our contemporary, in the interests of everyone concerned, should bring out more definite details.

There has always been a lurking suspicion in the minds of most people that the gentlemen mentioned above, who are the legally constituted wielders of authority in the land, were opposed to "what is known as the opposition." It will be news-startling news—to the people to know that the contrary is the fact. And just think how long the masquerade has been going on. The whole thing is positively shocking.

Our good neighbor must explain more fully and, while so doing, it might tell the public something about the amount of power exercised by a man who can command 83 votes in an electoral district where 2000 ballots are cast. Any remarks from our contemporary on this latter subject will be strictly ex-cathedra—they will carry with them the full weight of knowledge and experience and will not be based upon hearsay information.

But what we are chiefly concerned

in knowing is the time when the opposition—or what is known as such—worked a wholesale absorption of men and things governmental in this territory. That is the question of the hour and we pass it along gently, but nevertheless firmly, to our contemporary for an answer.

THE STEWART COUNTRY.

Reports from the Duncan creek district indicate that a camp of surprising magnitude will be established in that locality before the expiration of many months. Already the district is said to have a population of something more than 300 men, and that number would be largely increased were it not for the fact that supplies are scarce and consequently dear.

The miners now located on Duncan have an abundance of faith in the future of the district, and their feeling of confidence is based upon results already accomplished.

Duncan creek is turning out some excellent dumps this winter and with the opening of navigation and the arrival of machinery and supplies the camp will enter immediately upon an era of increased activity.

Petitions are being circulated on the creek for the construction of a government trail from Mayo landing to the diggings, and miners who are in possession of the facts bearing upon the case, are authority for the statement that the desired road is already justified by the volume of operations now in progress.

The situation on Duncan creek bears out the contention long made by this paper in reference to the Stewart river country. The Nugget has held for years that the day would come when the Stewart valley would maintain a large mining community, and the developments of the present year will serve to substantiate our position in every particular.

The Dominion parliament will meet early in the coming month and as yet nothing has been done in the direction of placing the pressing necessity of securing a public water supply before that body. When the end of the session approaches and nothing is done, there will arise a great murmur in the land. Why was not something done will be the cry, and echo alone will answer. It cannot be expected that substantial aid will be given unless the people manifest greater interest in the matter.

Governments resemble heaven in one particular at least—they usually extend aid to those who manifest a disposition to help themselves.

Stamperders to the Tanana diggings should not overlook the fact that the power of attorney nuisance will confront them on their arrival. If the law strike possesses any of the merits that are credited to it, the whole country in the immediate vicinity of the strike has long ago been blanketed.

The Tanana stampede still goes merrily on.

Want Eight Hour Day
Sharon, Pa., Jan. 31.—President McMahon of the National Blast Furnace Workers and Smelters Union of America issued a call today for a meeting of the executive board on Feb. 18 at which time the advisability of asking for an eight-hour day will be considered. The furnace employees under the present arrangement work twelve hours. Returns received from all the subordinate lodges show that all are in favor of the shorter work day. About 20,000 workmen will be affected.

Fatal Crash

Corfu, Jan. 31.—The British cruiser Pioneer ran into a torpedo boat destroyer near the channel of Corfu this morning. The bodies of two of the crew of the destroyer have been recovered. Thirteen men are missing.

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Hockey Match That Will Prove a Wonder

Three-Mile Skating Race for the McLennan Cup Also Comes Off This Evening

This evening will be a gala night at the rink, the attractions to be offered being two fold in their nature. First will come the great three-mile skating race for the cup that has been donated by Mayor McLennan, the first in-door race that has ever been run in the territory. The rink has already been measured and found to be fifteen laps to the mile and tonight just before the race comes off the course will be staked off by means of posts, the corners rounded and other steps taken so that the swiftness can go after the record if they so desire. Four entries have already been made, and as all are said to be topnotchers when it comes to speed the contest will probably be as pretty an exhibition of skill and endurance as will be seen here for some time. Both the Haddock boys have entered, Tom and Ernest, and so has Percy Hagel and an unknown whose name can not be ascertained. Tom Haddock appears to be the favorite as he has an eastern reputation well known to many of the Dawson people. Several years ago he gave Tom McCulloch, champion of Canada, the hardest race he ever had. It occurred at Winnipeg and will be well remembered by those who were in that vicinity at the time. Both of the Haddocks and also Hagel are fast, equally as good at short as well as long distances. The official timekeeper of the association will have charge of the race as far as the keeping track of the laps and time is concerned.

Following the race there will be pulled off the famous hockey match between the lawyers and the doctors; the jawbones against the sawbones. The entire fraternity on both sides is taking an active interest in the game, they considering that their honor and the honor of their profession is at stake on the result of the match. An effort has been made to have Sheriff Edlebeck referee the game, but for reasons best known to himself he has so far steadfastly refused. If he does not acquiesce by this evening a writ of mandamus will be applied for to assist him in making his decision. Mr. Hagel, K. C., will have a special jury of twelve in the stand before whom all differences with the referee will be argued and exceptions noted. J. A. Greene, who has looked after so many mistakes of the doctors in the past, will be the special guest of honor of the sawbones. During half-time Mr. William Thornburn will deliver a dissertation upon "Practical Politics" as applied to the Yukon. The following is the line-up of these two teams of world beaters:

Lawyers—Goal, A. G. Smith, point, H. E. A. Robertson, coverpoint, Pierre Ledieu, forwards, Arthur Davey, F. G. Crisp, J. K. Sparling and Alex Macfarlane.
Doctors—Goal, Dr. Barrett, point, Dr. Lachapelle, coverpoint, Dr. Catto, forwards, Dr. Richardson, Dr. Norquay, Dr. Sutherland and Dr. Edwards.

Hurl Duty

Dear Sir—We, the Star Hockey Team, desire to challenge the winners of tonight's match between the doctors and lawyers, to play us this or next week.
The players of the Star team are: C. F. Maltby, captain, G. Delfel, J. Delfel, C. Davis, W. Hanwell, E. Forrest and L. Hawley.

Hockey Challenge.

We, the Merchants' hockey team, hereby challenge the winner of tonight's hockey game. The team will possibly be chosen from the following names: Mayor McLennan, Ex-Mayor Macaulay, Wm. Fairbanks, Mr. Pihaska, D. McMurray, P. Palmer, H. Hershberg, R. Chisbom.

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Notice is hereby given that the partnership between Donaghy & Macfarlane has been dissolved by mutual consent.
Dated 16th January, 1903.
(Signed) D. DONAGHY,
A. I. MACFARLANE.

RUSH TO THUNDER MOUNTAIN

Horses, burros, dogs and mules, blankets, tents and mining tools, scores of young and ancient fools. On, to Thunder Mountain.

Heavy pistols on their hips, mining phrases on their lips, fakirs, giving suckers tips. On, to Thunder Mountain.

Climbing hills like mountain goats, dropping alsters, furs and coats, wishing they could sail in boats. On, to Thunder Mountain.

Once I saw a lady pack, eighty pounds upon her back, all in one big gunny sack. On, to Thunder Mountain.

Heavy outfits passed her by, climbing over mountains high—leaving her to do or die. On, to Thunder Mountain.

Such a selfish crowd of men, May I never see again! Mines, they? Not one in ten. On, to Thunder Mountain.

Yet they can both do and dare, and are bound to have their share. Of those castles in the air. Up in Thunder Mountain.

What a waste of spirit and push, in this frightful, bughouse 'rush! Hearts of oak, and brains of mush. On, to Thunder Mountain.

When we reach the Dewey mine, that is where we miners shine. And display our talents fine. Up in Thunder Mountain.

For we stand outside and yell, "Wildcat Dewey, 'fakle' and 'sell!'" Wishing that we were—ah, well—Broke, in Thunder Mountain.

Some men turn their heads to home, Others, still for placers roam—Wishing they were in Cape Nome. Far from Thunder Mountain.

In the Klondike I have been, Where great rushes I have seen, But what surely can it mean? On, to Thunder Mountain.

Not an ounce of gold in sight, Not a piece of ore that might shed one truthful ray of light. On, to Thunder Mountain.

I am in the scramble, too, Striving fiercely to get through, Dewey's bogus mine to view. On, to Thunder Mountain.

You can buy a pack and pass, Horse and saddle, and a man, For a hobo's dump and cash. Up in Thunder Mountain.

You who dearly love a snap, Listen to my gentle tap. Or, go fall into a trap. Up in Thunder Mountain.

I rode in with cash to spare, Now I'm living real from there. And to all I say, Beware! Of this Thunder Mountain.

One big dollar is the score, For a meal that might be more. But you dare not make a tour—Up in Thunder Mountain.

I am now both blithe and gay, In the meadows pitching hay. Happy to be safe away—Far from Thunder Mountain.

—John Eldredge in Western Mining World.

One-sixth of the taxable property of Massachusetts is owned by women. These property owners number about one-sixth of the voting population. In Boston alone, 18,500 women pay taxes of \$150,000,000, as shown by a list drawn from the assessors' books. This property is almost wholly real estate, which cannot escape taxation.

Geraldine—You haven't told me you loved me today.
Gerald—But, darling, it is only one minute after twelve.

FAVORABLE IMPRESSION

Given of New Diggings in at Letter

Geo. Butler Receives News From a Friend in Circle City. About the Trail.

Geo. Butler received a letter from Circle City from Chas. B. Clarke formerly of Dawson, in the last mail. The writer speaks encouragingly of the new diggings which, however, have not as yet been prospected extensively. The discoveries on Pedro, Gold Stream, Cleary, Gilmore and Miller are reported as good but beyond those claims little is known as the miners here thus far engaged themselves largely in stampeding.

Regarding the different routes to the new camp the letter reads as follows: "By all means tell all your or my friends to come by way of Circle City as the Fortymile and Eagle trails are awful, something like the Edmonton route—no trail, wind, and constant overflow. Everyone has come this way so far as the government people themselves advise it. Besides, this is only some 25 miles longer and there is a line trail from here over and they are making it in five to six days, and there are roadhouses to within 100 miles of discovery on Pedro. Dog teams by all means—on the trail from Eagle down is only made for dog teams. 16 in. runners are the best. No horse feed in this part of the country at all.

The Jap gave a very mild account of the diggings when he was in Dawson, as no doubt you may know by this time. He arrived O.K. a few days ago and has left with his party. Others here from Dawson so far are Whitehorse Smith, J. M. Griffin, J. W. Willison, Jack Cahoon, F. R. Kumb, S. R. Weiss, Chas. Berkhart and S. S. Marshall, and old man Fay is floundering around somewhere up the trail with a horse.

TRAVEL QUIET

Only One Stage Out and None Arrive.
Travel is exceptionally quiet today, no stages having arrived in Dawson and one only departing for the outside. At one o'clock this afternoon the White Pass Company sent out a stage with five passengers aboard. Three of them, Emil Stauf and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Taylor, are bound for coast points. The others, J. A. Dugas and Mrs. M. Wood, are en route to Montlaha creek. An incoming stage with passengers and mail is expected tonight or early tomorrow. The Merchants line sent out no stage today and had not learned that any had reached the Yukon crossing. It will probably be about Friday before another of their stages arrives. On Friday the White Pass Company will take out the Hawkins party, who are now engaged in looking over the creeks. For that day nine seats have already been engaged and the outlook is that the stage will be crowded. All incoming stages are reported to carry full passenger lists.

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