

THIS LUXURY COMES HIGH.

It Will Cost Money to Have Votes in the Council.

Representation and Taxation Will Come From Ottawa Hand in Hand—Real Estate the Object Aimed at.

The prospects are good that before long the figure of the festive assessor will be seen at the doors of Dawson freeholders and they will soon after be requested to step into the comptroller's office and pay their realty taxes in the good old way of the states and Canada. This is to be the price of representation in the Yukon council, and the two will come. It may be presumed, hand in hand.

At present no real estate taxation maintains in the Klondike, owing, first to the fact that it is not allowed by the so-called Yukon bill, and second, because no one outside the government reservations has a patent for his land. In lieu, the Yukon bill allows the council to assess a license of \$100 against merchants, but this has never been put into effect for some reason or other, probably because it is not an equitable system.

The Yukon bill, however, has been greatly altered of late and when it is again presented to the public it will be observed that the council is vested with full authority to create a real estate tax. Coincidentally, the Ottawa legislators are preparing for the passage of a bill allowing the Canadian residents of the Klondike two representatives in the council, and it is expected that both measures will go into effect about the same time by proclamation.

A Nugget man has talked with government officials on the subject and they agree with the foregoing statements; they do not, however, appear to have a deeper knowledge of the intentions of the Ottawa law-makers on the subject, and it is not impossible that there may be some more surprises in store for Yukoners. It is hoped, at least that the said legislators will allow the council to keep the taxes at home and use the money for some of the many public conveniences so badly needed.

THE LITTLE WARS.

Americans Best the Filipinos Again—Indians Get Licked.

Manila, Aug. 17.—The Twelfth infantry advanced up the railroad from Calulut at sunrise and assaulted the entrenched Filipinos, numbering 2500. Despite a heavy fire the Americans advanced rapidly, making many rushes, and finally compelled the enemy to abandon their position and retreat. A reporter of the Manila Times, who was with the Americans, was shot in the head and killed. Colonel Smith, with ten companies of the Twelfth infantry and two guns of the First artillery, attacked today the enemy on the outskirts of Angeles, estimated at 2500, driving away and inflicting upon them reported loss of 2000 killed and wounded. Our loss, two killed and 12 wounded.

On the 11th instant Gen. Young's troops drove the insurgents northeast of Manila through Maraguina and San Mateo into the mountains, returning the following day. A column of insurgents 500 strong, descending the road east of Baliuag for the purpose of taking the railway, were driven by our Baliuag and Quinga troops and routed yesterday; this force is in full retreat northward, carrying a number of their dead officers. Angeles was permanently occupied at once.

Washington, Aug. 18.—Ten new regiments are to be hurried to Otis at once. They are expected to inaugurate a campaign of such vigor as to soon make the Filipinos sue for peace.

London, Aug. 16.—The Transvaal situation is unchanged according to all information, but continued delay of the Boer answer to Great Britain's demands

for a joint inquiry as to the effect upon the Uitlanders of the proposed franchise for reform measures makes matters look more serious. The war office has completed its preparations for an emergency force of 40,000 men, to be ready to leave within a week. Fast steamers for their transportation are awaiting orders. It is said the Grenadier guards, now at Gibraltar, and the Twenty-first Lancers, now in Egypt, may be sent to South Africa, in addition to other regiments which have already been ordered there.

New York, Aug. 16.—A dispatch to the Herald from Cape Haytien says: The defeat of the Jimenez forces in Santo Domingo by the government troops under Gen. Escoboza is not likely to end the insurrection. It is reported that the loss on both sides was large, and according to the government authorities the flight of the rebels developed into a massacre. Two thousand government troops are expected at Monte Chirsti. Money, arms and ammunition are being forwarded by the insurgents.

Chicago, Aug. 17.—A City of Mexico special says: The federal troops under Gen. Torres surprised the Yaquis rebels at 8:30 o'clock in the morning and routed them. The Indians made but a weak resistance and soon dispersed in the forest along the river, being hotly pursued. They left seven killed and a large number wounded. The loss to the federal troops was one killed and one death from sunstroke. The rebellion is now practically at an end.

Washington, Aug. 17.—United States Minister Russell, at Caracas, reports to the state department that the insurgent faction in the state of Los Angeles, Venezuela, under Gen. Castro, was completely defeated by the government troops in a bloody battle which lasted eighteen hours. The loss of the insurgents is placed at 800 killed and wounded, and that of the government forces at 300. This is the end of the disturbance in that section, which is the only one affected.

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MORE FIRE PROTECTION.

New Steamer Arrives—The Department to Be Enlarged.

The new fire steamer ordered by the fire commissioners by authority of the Yukon council arrived from San Francisco on the steamer Sarah Saturday. It is a Clapp & Jones machine, manufactured by the American Engine Co., a trust; is much larger and more powerful than the old one, and is recognized as one of the standard American machines; indeed, it is a much better type of steamer than is used in any except the largest and richest cities. An order for a two-tank, four-wheeled chemical engine accompanied the other, and it is learned that this machine is coming to town by the up-river route.

The plan of the fire commissioners is to build a permanent fire station on the site of the present one, which seems to be ideally situated for the purpose, and then put up another one at a point on the water front near the postoffice. In each of these will be a steamer and one or two chemicals. An order for 3000 feet of new hose was also sent out, of which 1700 feet has arrived, and with this leading from the two steamers, it is reasonable to expect the business part of town to be well protected from fire.

Of course the department must be enlarged by the employment of more men, and this will be done at once.

Crooked Bankers Arrested.

Montreal, Aug. 17.—William Wier and A. Smith, respectively president and director of the defunct Villa Marie bank, have been arrested on the charge of issuing false statements to the government. Wier was released on bail, but Smith has not been able to secure a bondsman. The accountant, Lemieux, who was arrested when the bank closed, but subsequently released, is also wanted. J. J. Herbert, the paying teller, charged with stealing over \$50,000, is still at large.

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NO PIES FOR THE BABIES.

Sorrowful Soliloquy of One Who Has Been There.

Tells a Tale of Woe Which Will Sound Awfully Familiar to Many a Hard Working Klondiker.

The following humorous epistle was taken from a late issue of the Daily Alaskan, published at Skaguay. The sorrowful story it tells will strike a responsive chord in the hearts of thousands of prospectors who have been through the experience of working a worthless lay:

Skaguay, Aug. 14.—Ed. Alaskan: Yesterday morning I took a walk. Unlike the Delaware girl, I did not walk to have a talk. On the contrary, I walked alone, but had the talk before I returned.

It was this way: Being out of a job I desired to commune with God and nature, so I took a walk—just naturally picked it up and took it, the first thing I ever really stole in all the days of the years of my pilgrimage through this vale of tears and liquor at two bits per per.

It was a royal morning—a royal Bengal morning, so to speak. The rain of the previous night had laid the dust, as well as having soothed nature's perturbed feelings. All nature rejoiced. The voice of the tweedledee was heard to reverberate from hill to hill, while the voice of the tweedledum re-echoed thro' the vale. Tumble bugs stood on their heads and dangled their heels in the air in glee. Everybody and everything looked pleasant. The milk of human kindness was stirred until it churned butter. I rejoiced with nature. Visions of my early youth wiggled transversely o'er my mind from northeast to southwest, and in order to feel once more like a boy I removed my shoes and hosiery and dabbled my feet in a limpid brook.

P. S.—It was a good thing for my feet. While thus reveling in delights which vividly brought back to my mind the three-button-cutaway days of my youth when I would go home with my shirt upside down, I chanced to glance eastward along the railroad track. That glance brought me back to the direful present and caused me to realize that I was the father of hungry children, the husband of a wife whom I promised to love and protect, but who, I sometimes think married beneath her station in life.

Approaching me was a man with a pack on his back. I cast at him a furtive glance. (I pride myself on my furtive glances). As he approached I saw that old age had cooled his Douglass blood and that a look of deep melancholy had settled on his wrinkled brow.

"Good morning, old man," sez I "Good morning," sez he. "You look," sez I, "as if the bright sun of prosperity has not beamed very brilliantly upon you lately. Here, sit down and take a pull at this! Ah, I thought it would make you feel better. Now, tell me, sir, why it is that I find you walking along the railroad track carrying your roll of blankets when you could ride in pomp and Oriental splendor at two bits per mile?"

"I will tell you, sir," said the old man, as he cast a longing glance toward that portion of my pants in which I had deposited the remainder of my "constitutional." "It is this way: Sixteen months ago I went to Dawson. I carried with me the air and vigor of well preserved manhood. Little birds then warbled their sweet lays in this now-seared heart of mine. Now that same portion of my anatomy feels as though it had been treated to a course of green persimmons. As I said before, sixteen months ago I went to Dawson. Since that time I have done considerable prospecting, but for the last four months there I worked on a lay. It was on a good creek, Bonanza, and I labored most assiduously. I excavated several tons of dump. I thought I was a millionaire and figured on the purchase of a few transcontinental railways. I also thought of purchasing a few counties in Kansas and conducting Pingree potato gardens for the benefit of children whose parents were populist farmers. Our clean-up came. My share was \$5. * * * Excuse these tears, stranger. I can't repress their flow. They are only the 'tailings' of upwards of a hatful I shed when I found I had but \$5. Now I am going back to my old home in Ontario, a broken, discouraged man. When visions of gold galore were floating o'er my mind I thought I would go back home and break my children of the habit of eating pie with a knife, and now, and a fiery look of disgust transformed his physiognomy, "the poor little devils won't have any pie to eat." E. J. W.

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