"But perhaps if you knew my his

go somewhere in the light?"

"I want to look at you.

that I should faint.

"You must not tease me."

"Did you know, at once ?"

"Yes, with a thrill."

go to their dinner," she said.

WIDOW BURBRIDGE'S

dale, had been keeping company, with

contractor, for three years, and vet

she could not say she loved him. He

that she wanted to be sure of her

hree years and the wedding day was

ot in sight yet, he began to plan.

As he planned he smiled, and three

days later the Widow Burbridge

He had missed one of his regular

sparking hights, and she had been

wondering about it, when old Mrs.

Hopkins dropped in to give her the

atest. It was to the effect that Parker was "making up" to another wo

an, another widow living on a farm

wo miles away. Gossip was already

saying that he had jilted Mrs. Bur

bridge and that he would speedily

lead the other to the altar. When the

old gossip had departed, Widow Bur-

Thomas Parker jilted me for an-

other woman! Never on this earth

I will do the jilting. I will write

him at once that all is over between

But she didn't. When she got all,

ready, she discovered that there was

no ink in the house. Simultaneously

she made two other discoveries-that

she loved the widower and that jeal-

ousy had crept into her heart for the

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"No, except that love may-"

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KLONDIKE NUGGET.

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A-COMPARISON

ditions which still maintain in Alaska should do much to convince the population of this territory that the government is not such a terrible en-

The Alaska newspapers from Juncord in denouncing and condemning time. the attitude of the lederal authorities Methods of mining have improved

The power of attorney evil still prevails in that territory and under its baleful influence entire mining dis- 1897. tricts are tied up in litigation.

-An extraordinary system of taxation prevails which works a tremendous hardship on all commercial and industrial classes.

Real estate in most towns is held by squatter's right only and is a source of continual rows and legal

lation of the Yukon territory has no unprecedented. representation in congress, has no buildings worth mentioning and no

it will be discovered when it is too ed to a cabinet office. Not only were be based on romantic love."

and around Dawson favorable opin- Mr. Ross certainly has suffered from tion. very different tale is told.

kon territory are all that they should who has done his duty ably and hon- put your stock on the market." be, neither is it our intention to de- estly, any acts of folly for which he fend every governmental measure is in no wise responsible. brought forward in connection with the administration of Yukon affairs. The Nugget has consistently and the Treadgold concession which are going to talk frankly. They tell me character detrimental to the territory laid before parliament, we opine that I have. I shall go into opand the fight made by this paper in the threatening octopus will heave cia, become famous, I instinctively opposition to Treadgold's and other

concessions is a part of local history We have no hesitation, however, in saying that the Yukon territory has been treated far more generously than Alaska, and anyone who desires evidence in proof of this statement will need only to read the Alaska papers. Yukon certainly has its grievances but they are light as compared with those from which our sister territory is suffering.

#### A SIGNIFICANT FACT.

There is much significance attached to the report which appeared in yesterday's Nugget in connection with a grant issued by the government for water to be used for irrigation pur-

the agricultural era is at hand. Market gardening has passed from an experimental basis to a point where it has become a lucrative business. A surprising amount of acreage was under cultivation last summer and the yield of all classes of vegetables was highly satisfactory.

During the coming summer as has already been outlined in the Nugget a still larger area will be placed under cultivation and it may now be said that farming has become a permanent industry in the territory.

The Klondike Nugget which reference is made at the beginning of this article, is designed for irrigating a large tract of ground back of West Dawson

A plentiful supply of water, compined with the almost continuous \$24.00 sunlight which prevails for three months of summer, guarantees an abundant yield of all manner of

During the coming summer a long one said that it would be a shame to her; she was a queen of song and of At 10 o'clock, the demon of jeal-6.00 step will be taken in the direction of send her to a foundling's home. Then beauty. Millionaires jostled one an- ousy having gnawed at her heart for supplying the local markets with veg-.25 etables and in future years it may be

hundreds of thousands of dollars anproducts will be retained in circula-

MAKING PROGRESS

While all the agitation and discus-Nugget from business houses or private ing conducted on straight business

> Men who, are employed at wages all the stock. He did it so quietly in their contracts, and cases where default in payments occur are becoming more rare.

When a gang of men is put at work tell pretty accurately what the results will be.

and scientific principles adopted all of old John replied. which has served to systematize the industry in a manner unthought of in stockholders?"

The district is not dead. Neitheris it asleep. On the contrary it is with me, Mr. President?" as might be-but still making pro-

When certain disabilities now lindering the growth and prosperity of ition?" the community are removed, the Yukon territory will enter into an era Alaska with three times the popu- of expansion and development as yet for yourself. Then you will not be in want a light?"

system of public highways, no public AN ASTOUNDING STATEMENT. The most astounding statement voice of any nature whatsoever in its that ever appeared in a paper presumed to have a political policy, was Corporate lobbies maintained at that of the Sun a few days ago ad-Washington have successfully opposed mitting in effect that Mr. Ross could It is not the purpose of this article kon electorate is altogether too in- marry a young one. to argue that conditions in the Yu- telligent to lay up against a man

When the facts in connection with steadfastly opposed every action of a now being sent to Ottawa are all that I have a marvelous voice and I

> Mr. Wada's views of the, Tanana eeem to have undergone a marked And he would have done it.

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was a pretty little thing and some came famous. The public raved over about the other woman.

stance, that she is worth \$25,000. met a modest young man. ing space at a nominal figure, it is a lt is not beyond reason to expect right. Now, I'll start the market by plucked it, handed it to her, and she She wanted to see if the widower THE KLONDIKE NUGGET asks a good that the time will come when the taking \$2,500 worth of stock." With- forgot the roses of the rich. He wrote was really visiting the other widow in two hours the stock was all sold, verses for her and upon her pillow at if so, they any nually sent to the outside for farm Stockton. A comfortable home was him. But the season for her return as in all farmhouses. As she left the

> and often took him to see her. Old John Parker, making more mon- took the youllest man's arm and walk- see her. ey than be well knew what to do ed out into a quiet park where the with, conceived the idea of buying up air was sweet.

tion of a flurry. Gossip said that he upon a bench did this because he was a widower. The years continued to fly. Old John I could not find you. received news that Mary, the incorground sufficiently well to be able to ceremonies. He had always been at as to where I was born. the head of the Mary Company, and "Yes, they say that your origin is

she called him Mr. President. was grateful to him. She knew that terious than the origin of us all ?"-The "long chances" so frequently as a business proposition she owed stock likely to go up after 1 am and the bonds are still in existence; surprise in store for her. An aged graduated ?" she playfully inquired. but I can't find them and it worries mule that had been turned out to die

"What has become of the other

scattered them: "And what do you intend to

make to you. "Butel don't know anything about hands of some man who could but Thomas Parker, who cried out business. I haven't been taught along challenge my contempt, and-

that line. But what is the propos-

"I will add a premium of \$100,000 debt, and you must know that it is a good thing for a corporation to be

"For myself? Do you mean that you want to marry me? "Yes, my dear.

words were plain enough "They were, Mr. President - too plain. You know that I respect you -am fond of you-but I can't marry were voices, enquiring for her. A dinalmost every effort made in the di- not be elected again from this con- you-for I don't love you-in a ro- ner was to be given in her honor and badn't come up just as you didsection of improving conditions, and stituency even though he were elevate mantic way and all marriages should she was late. There came repeated

rappings at the door. "Tell them," late that Alaska has been made a the remarks of the Sun on that occa-"That's what you think, but by the she said to her maid, "that I will prey to organized greed and avarice. sion purely of an assinine character will know that nearly all divorces she added, smiling, "we are in the Very frequently one may hear in but they were as false as foolish, have had romantic love as a founda- light."

ions passed with reference to conseveral causes chiefly the idiotic ut.

Mr. President, I may know many he said, handing them to her. "For Mr. President, I may know many he said, handing them to her." "Oh, when I am as old as you are, of paper. 'Here are all the bonds," called on the bride to say ditions which prevail in Alaska, but terances of the Sun. But, notwith- things of which I am now darkly ig- years, Mary, I have had this moment gone wrong in my head. I don't seen this ded-men who know the facts-a and be re-elected by a larger major- old I may be willing to marry an old should give you any uneasiness. Will know I was telling you about that ity than he received before. The Yu- man. I surely should not expect to you accept them from me as a mar- other widow? riage portion? Wait a moment.

"Well, you have decided; and it is have not told you my right name. now time for me to decide. I shall As children we kissed each other. My "Do you mean that, Mr. Presi is Parker.

dent? 'Every word of it.' "Sell it to me and I will pay you

feel, and then I can soon pay you. "No, I am going to punish your ingratitude by putting that stock on

the market. change since his last visit to Dawson. haps, but three days afterward he

in love and ready to say. "Yes," and her eyes flashed at the thought of the contractor saying sweet things to She finally conany other woman. cluded to wait for him to appear and One morning on the steps of a large was taken down with pneumonia and then to encourage him to pop the club in a great city was found a girl did not get up again. In terror Mary question for the ninth or tenth time, baby. At noon-time when rich men waited for some word concerning the but when it came 9 o'clock in the came to lunch and to loll, the child stock, but none came. Time passed, evening and he had not appeared she was brought forth and exhibited. She she went into opera and indeed be became excited. It must be true

old John Parker, bull on the board, other in her trail; her life was spent, an hour, she put on her bonnet and spoke up. "I say, gentlemen, why among roses. In a mountain retreat started out. She didn't exactly know not incorporate her? Say for in- whither she had flown for rest, she where she was going, but somehow Along a her feet carried her through the vil-She ought to be worth that. All pathway there grew a violet. He lage and along the country highway. and then the child was named Mary night she breathed secret sonnets to parlor, and the curtains would be up, provided, and occasionally the stock- to the stage arrived and she went village behind her, the jealous woman holders would go over to look at away. But he followed her. He saw suddenly stumbled over a hog sleeptheir investment. Never for even a her in a great glare of light, saw the ing in the road and was given an day was Mary indisposed. Old John ushers carrying armfuls of roses to acrobatic fling. Some women would laughingly called her a bullish mar- her. He called a boy and to her sent have turned at finding their hat sion is in progress in connection with, het. He had but one child, a son, one violet. He saw her take it-saw crushed flat as a pancake and their her quivering in the glare. She knew dress covered with dust, but this In the excitement of speculation that he was in the house, and when one did not. She pressed on with the years pass swiftly, and soon it the curtain went down on the last toeth shut together, and five minutes tention, the work of opening up the was in order to send Mary to school, act there came word from her that later a cow ran her into the wayside nining resources of the district goes An old and richly endowed institu- she desired to see him. She was be- ditch., She was badly rumpled as she tion was selected, and the incorpor- sieged with attention, but she put it climbed out, but she consoled herself business proposition and is now be ated girl was enrolled as a student. all gently and gracefully behind her, that it was night and go one could

Her third adventure was with telated wheelman. He came whizzing 'I was afraid that I should never along the road at express speed, havget their money at the time specified that there was not even the sugges see you again," she said as they sat ing no light and figuring that all honest folks were abed. That bike "You could not travel so far that struck the woman all over, and when she returned to consciousness she found herself climbing the fence into porated, was soon to be graduated, tory you would not follow me. You a field. She was wondering what she on a claim the operators know their and to college he went to see the know the newspapers have speculated wanted there when she fell into one of the pits of a brickvard. As the ex-She a mystery-but what is more mys- she was not hurt, but it took her the "Yes, but mine is a dark mystery, self out. She climbed the fence back taken in years gone by are a luxury her development to him. He walked I was found on a door step, and-in into the highway with the intent of eau to Nome are almost of one accessedom indulged in at the present with her beneath the trees." "Is my a joke was incorporated, for \$25,000, pressing on, but there was one more

"It is not on the market, my dear" me all the time. An old man named and was making a game fight of it Parker-the head of the company - was lying by the roadside as she wanted, me to marry him, but I came along. It sighed for human couldn't - I'thought that sometime society and scrambled up and uttered "They were as chaff and the winds there might come some one to touch a bray that made the widow jump my soul. I was grateful to him, but two feet and brought a scream i do I could not marry him. He died and answer. Without knowing what it no one knows what became of the was, but believing that her last hour going forward-not as satisfactorily "I have a business proposition to bonds and I am constantly in a cold had come, she turned to flee. As she dread lest they should turn up in the did so she was caught in the arms of "Villain, one step farther and you

"Don't let ite worry you. Can we are a dead man! Mary, you are saved. I called at your house, but as to my parlor in the hotel you were not at home I came in to the stock and give it all to you. It shall be private. But why do you search of you. Back, wretch ! Your victim has escaped you." "Oh, Thomas," sobbed the bedrag

gled widow, "I I-o-v-e you!" "Are you sure of it ?"

"Hush, you must not talk that "Yes; I know it is love at last, way-here. Oh, that violet. I thought and I'll marry you next week, "And how came you to walk se ar ?" he asked as they plodded along with her water filled shoes splashing They went into her parlor, Outside oyfully

I-I lost my way, and if you "Don't mention it. I have stood ready to save your life at any-time in these last three years. Now, then, we are to be married in two weeks? "Yes.

And they were. The honeymoo was still on when old Mrs. Hopkins

"I declare, but I think something"

"And that Mr. Parker was making p to her and was going to throw father gave me the bonds. My name you over?"

'Yes, but he didn't "One more kiss and then we will "No, he didn't, and 'cause why ? I got things mixed, you see ! It was Abe Whiteford who was making up to her, and you needn't have never fell over the hog or into a mud puddle that night at all. I s'pose, however, that it didn't do no particular barm ?

"No, I s'pose not," replied the The Widow Burbridge, who lived in bride as she remembered the "born the outskirts of the village of Glen-ing" of her love.

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