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KLONDIKE NUGGET. SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1903.

A COMPARISON. An occasional reference to conditions which still maintain in Alaska should do much to convince the population of this territory that the government is not such a terrible enemy after all.

The Alaska newspapers from Juneau to Nome are almost of one accord in denouncing and condemning the attitude of the federal authorities toward Alaska.

The power of attorney evil still prevails in that territory and under its baleful influence entire mining districts 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 squatters right only and is a source of continual rows and legal difficulties.

Alaska with three times the population of the Yukon territory has no representation in congress, has no system of public highways, no public buildings worth mentioning and no voice of any nature whatsoever in its own government.

Corporate lobbies maintained at Washington have successfully opposed almost every effort made in the direction of improving conditions, and it will be discovered when it is too late that Alaska has been made a prey to organized greed and avarice.

Very frequently one may hear in and around Dawson favorable opinions passed with reference to conditions which prevail in Alaska, but when Alaskans themselves are consulted—men who know the facts—a very different tale is told.

It is not the purpose of this article to argue that conditions in the Yukon territory are all that they should be, neither is it our intention to defend every governmental measure brought forward in connection with the administration of Yukon affairs.

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.

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 purposes.

The facts in the case indicate that 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 water asked for in the grant to 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, combined with the almost continuous sunlight which prevails for three months of summer, guarantees an abundant yield of all manner of crops.

During the coming summer a long step will be taken in the direction of supplying the local markets with vegetables and in future years it may be expected that importations will almost entirely cease.

It is not beyond reason to expect that the time will come when the hundreds of thousands of dollars annually sent to the outside for farm products will be retained in circulation at home.

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The "long chances" so frequently taken in years gone by are a luxury seldom indulged in at the present time.

Methods of mining have improved and scientific principles adopted all of which has served to systematize the industry in a manner unthought of in 1897.

The district is not dead. Neither is it asleep. On the contrary it is going forward—not as satisfactorily as might be—but still making progress.

When certain disabilities now hindering the growth and prosperity of the community are removed, the Yukon territory will enter into an era of expansion and development as yet unprecedented.

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Not only were the remarks of the Sun on that occasion purely of an assinine character but they were as false as foolish. Mr. Ross certainly has suffered from several causes—chiefly the idiotic utterances of the Sun. But, notwithstanding, he could return to Dawson and be re-elected by a larger majority than he received before.

The Yukon electorate is altogether too intelligent to lay up against a man who has done his duty ably and honestly, any acts of folly for which he is in no wise responsible.

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Mr. Wada's views of the Tanana seem to have undergone a marked change since his last visit to Dawson.

The Incorporated Girl

One morning on the steps of a large club in a great city was found a girl baby. At noon-time when rich men came to lunch and to loll, the child was brought forth and exhibited. She was a pretty little thing and some one said that it would be a shame to send her to a foundling's home.

She ought to be worth that. All right. Now, I'll start the market by taking \$2,500 worth of stock. Within two hours the stock was all sold, and then the child was named Mary Stockton. A comfortable home was provided, and occasionally the stockholders would go over to look at their investment.

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first time in her life. Yes, she was in love and ready to say "Yes," and her eyes flashed at the thought of the contractor saying sweet things to any other woman.

At 10 o'clock, the demon of jealousy having gnawed at her heart for an hour, she put on her bonnet and started out. She didn't exactly know where she was going, but somehow her feet carried her through the village and along the country highway.

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ASSISTANCE DESI... Yukon Council E... ed to Contribu... Toward Purchase of Site... by the City for the Ca... Library. It was stated exclusively... decided upon a... the Carnegie library and the... purchase of the same... though it will... for the matter to con... regular meeting of the... evening next in ord... the legal sanction of... By the spending of... in sending a telegram... office of the Mayor... New York the city has been... over \$300. The price of... was \$3200 which... of the council consid... somewhat excessive. A... to the head office aski... and making an... which was accepted... will be fully consummated... evening when the acti... will be ratified... pass on the following... matter that has been g... attention recently... whether or not the territory... to pay a part if no... purchase price of the l... will be remembered that she... conditions imposed... because public and... proposition to furnish the sit... of two different locali... but it was decided that... sufficiently central and b... school. At that time it w... government might be perm... forward and donate the... city for the use of the... as far as is known not... done" in the matter of... probably to the... of the former commissioner... that the new commissioner... in a few days it is que... that the subject will again be... shortly after his arrival... Commissioner Wood was ask... if he had been ap... with reference to a contrib... territorial government or... in contemplation any... and he replied that... were he was leaving for M... to ask upon. The gov... been generous enough in... toward the maintenance... of the school, as it should be... by the miners... as much as by the ven... city, and it is believed... be equally as generous... in paying for the site... especially after having... of two different local... ground land, neither of... any suitable.