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KLONDIKE NUGGET.

AMUSEMENTS THIS WEEK.

Auditorium Theatre: Tonight and continuing every night this week "Arizona," the great drama of western life.

Scotch Concert: On Wednesday night, Jan. 1st, 1902, a Scotch concert will be given at the Presbyterian Church on Mission street commencing at 8 o'clock.

Juvenile Minstrels: On Wednesday night, Jan. 1st, the Juvenile Minstrels will give a repetition of their former production at the New Savoy Theatre on 1st avenue, commencing at 8.30.

From Tuesday's Daily: REPRESENTATION NOT AFFECTED.

The form of government, to be selected for the administration of the affairs of this city has absolutely no bearing upon the question of Federal representation. There is a simple business proposition before the voters of the community which they are at perfect liberty to decide either one way or the other. There are certain material interests of the town which require proper officers to care for them. A sum of money in the neighborhood of \$150,000 is to be raised each year and expended for the benefit of the community at large. Every citizen and taxpayer is interested in seeing that the utmost economy is observed in distributing the public funds, and that the highest possible efficiency is obtained in every department of the public service.

During the past two years Dawson has been administered practically by the Commissioner of the territory. In that time the public interests have been carefully guarded, there have been no wasteful or extravagant expenditures and taxes have been kept down to the minimum. There has never been a suggestion of maladministration connected with the management of the town's affairs, and in fact the wheels of the local administrative machinery have run so smoothly and satisfactorily that almost without exception, the heavier taxpayers have been desirous that no change in the system should be made.

The Yukon Council has seen fit, however, to incorporate the town, irrespective of the wishes of the taxpayers, and it now rests with the latter to determine which form of government they desire. An appointive commission will ensure a continuation of the same sort of government that has been in vogue in the past. The Governor will appoint three commissioners who will be charged with the task of conducting the business of the town under the incorporation ordinance and who will be directly responsible to the executive for their behaviour in office.

It is the conviction of those who favor this form of administration that the town will be governed just as effectively and with a stricter regard for economy than will be possible under the more elaborate elective system. It is simply a business proposition which the taxpayers themselves are at liberty to determine, and no motive, which it is decided, the question of Federal representation will not be affected in any particular.

The advocates of a commission are just as much interested in seeing the territory represented in parliament as are the most enthusiastic supporters of the elective system.

The Sun is always at its best when its editorial utterances are confined to clippings from its exchanges. When

The Sun attempts anything original it generally finds itself somewhere between Charybdis and Pike's Peak, or some other equally lonesome place.

Wine Vault Workers.

Even to the non-bibulous there is something novel and impressive in the spectacle of a vast underground world "peopled" with millions of bottles of champagne, on the contents of a fleet might float, and where thousands of pounds' worth of wine run in the gutters as tittle regarded as so much water.

These underground "temples of Bacchus" are seen at their best under the Old World town of Epernay or the Roman architecture of Rheims, where the corridors, hewn out of the solid rock, stretch in all directions for miles, and where the floors descend one below another, like the different levels of a mine, to a depth of 147 feet.

Along these miles of corridors are stacked hundreds of thousands of bottles of wine, undergoing the processes of refining and maturing, and a walk along them may be as fraught with danger as to cross the line of fire in a battle, for at any moment a loose stray spark and hurt its fragments of fire with something of the force of shrapnel.

Into these vaults hundreds of workmen disappear at 6 o'clock every morning, only to emerge into the upper air 12 hours later. Unfortunately the conditions that are best for the wine are almost as uncomfortable as one could conceive for the human population of the vaults. All the year round, whether in the height of summer or the depth of winter, a uniform temperature of 45 degrees must be maintained, and the air is so saturated with moisture that it runs in rivulets down the walls, and the screens which separate the cellars are heavy with it.

In the damp, dark corridors behind these screens are men whose sole duty it is to run the thousands of bottles, one by one, and give them a slight shake, so as to dislodge any sediment that has formed, and this process, probably the most monotonous and under the conditions of cold, moisture and darkness, the most dreary man, is repeated hour after hour and day after day for a whole lifetime.

An expert worker will turn as many as 60 bottles a minute and maintain this rate for ten hours a day, handling 36,000 bottles in a day's work. It is any wonder that after years of monotonous drudgery these men develop all kinds of strange moods and fancies? They become gloomy and taciturn, and get the strangest ideas into their heads. Some of them profess that the vaults are haunted, and refuse to see eyes glaring at them from obscure corners and figures flitting past them—possibly the eyes of men who have burned bottles before them, and cannot refrain from revisiting the haunts of their earthly days.

But naturally all the work in these underground worlds of Bacchus is not of this lugubrious description, for here a small army of men and girls are engaged in cooking, putting on the tin foil which makes the bottles so pleasing to the eye, and labeling.

The corking is done at the almost incredible rate of a hundred bottles an hour. The bottles are handed in rapid succession by a boy to the "disgorger," who, with marvellous dexterity whisks out the corks, discharges any sediment that may have collected, rinses them up with champagne, and passes them on to the corker. The corking has for many years been done by machinery. The machine seizes the cork, compressing it to the proper size, and pushing it into the neck of the bottle. The bottles are then ready for the girls, who put on the finishing touches with tin foil and labels.

As may be expected, these processes, especially that of disgorging, are not free from danger, for at this stage a bottle of champagne may be as risky a thing to handle as a live bomb, and accidents more or less severe are fairly common. It is estimated that at Rheims alone 1,000,000 worth of champagne is wasted every year through the bursting of bottles.

Although these hundreds and thousands of workmen are allowed a practically unlimited supply of ordinary wine, some of them drinking as many as three bottles a day, it is remarkable that drunkenness is almost unknown among them—London Times.

Did you overlook any of your little friends on Christmas Day? If so rectify the error on New Year's Day. Toys will be sold at any old price before packing away. Smith, 41 King Street, opposite N. C. office building.

Job Printing at Nugget office.

For the Ball

Slippers, Hose, Gloves, Dress Shirts, Dress Ties, Etc.

J. P. McLENNAN, 233 FRONT STREET.

Stroller's Column.

"That ain't no use talkin', every time the weather turns slightly chilly, say like his bin for the past two days, my old bones limbers up once more and it'd be went for my loneliness I reckon I'd be as good as dead as I were forty-odd year ago."



OF ALL THE BEDLAMS EVER BEHOLDEN I NEVER HAD THIS.

after dropped into a remembrance that day, I had had next summer mood and delivered himself of the remark, "I was looking for something that would be as good as dead as I were forty-odd year ago."

"Prospects for what?" "Prospects for my work, green."



"DAM ME, SUH, I AM A CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR OF THE STATE."

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Is Peopled by Those Who Practice Wonderful Witchcraft.

Tenth Babes Born to Parents Are Slain—Efforts of Christianized Men to Change Customs.

Britain's protectorate of the Gold Coast West Africa is despite all that has been done still the home of many dark superstitions and fetich rites. Time is being put into clean work in stopping infant murder, the marriage of little girls, and witchcraft and his experiences are interesting. This man, a native of the Gold Coast, has withdrawn him from the snow and ice of his own race, and is now in the heart of the tropics, where he is engaged in a task of abolishing among his people practices resulting in the death of many children.

He seeks to enforce British law against the infant slaying which is a crime punishable with the death penalty for all who are caught. He has succeeded in abolishing the practice of the slaying of a babe 24 hours after its birth, and in stopping the practice of the slaying of a child 10 days after its birth.

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AMUSEMENTS

THE AUDITORIUM

W. W. BITTNER, MANAGER. Ralph E. Cummings and Auditorium Stock Company. Week Commencing Dec. 30. "ARIZONA."

Monday and Thursday Ladies' Night. Admission: 50c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00. Curtain Rises Promptly at 8:20 o'clock.

From Saturday and Monday... The return of the conqueror... The very proper phrase in which to announce the return to the theatre for a month beginning day Dec. 2 of Augustus Thomas' brilliant American drama "Arizona" has surely won its way not only in Boston, where it has delighted thousands of weeks season before last, but in New York, where it has achieved separate runs aggregating almost within the year.

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DAWSON AND BOSTON

That Both Will Witness Drama Next Week.

"Arizona" Delights New Yorker 35 Consecutive Weeks Will Local Company.

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