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ANOTHER AUTOCRAT.

In spite of the desires of the people of this community expressed time and again by resolutions of public mass meetings and through the public prints, and in direct opposition to the votes of a majority of his colleagues, Public Administrator Clement has seen fit to block the open sessions of the Yukon council and practically to bring the machinery of the local legislative body to a standstill.

In assuming his position of obstructionist, Mr. Clement merely says that he is not responsible to the people of the Yukon territory and therefore refuses to be bound by their wishes. It appears also that he is equally irresponsible as regards his colleagues in the council, their majority vote having no effect upon him.

There has been at various times a great deal of talk in Dawson respecting agitators, demagogues, anarchists, professional mischief makers and what not; but none of these characters is so dangerous to the welfare of a community as men of the Clement stamp. Owing to the absence of two members of the council Mr. Clement's presence is required in order to provide a working quorum. With this knowledge he affects to dictate to the balance of the council the terms upon which they shall meet and transact their business. In his own estimation he is greater than the people of the territory, and greater than the council of which he is a member. He has suddenly become a little Caesar, too consequential for the small orbit in which he has heretofore moved, a man marked by destiny for greater things, called for a mission, so to speak—that mission being to teach the presumptuous people of this territory that they have no right to make suggestions to their rulers.

To our way of thinking this new autocrat should be summarily removed from every position of responsibility he holds under the government in this territory. He is too great a man to deal with such small affairs as those which concern the Yukon. He should be transplanted to a broader sphere of action, and the earlier this is done the better it will be for all concerned.

The situation in China appears more serious by the dispatches today than at any previous time. Apparently the multitude of Chinese fanatics have been worked up to such an extent that there will be no suppressing them without a display of considerable force. There is no argument that can be brought to bear in such emergencies except the argument of cold steel and leaden bullets. Even a Chinaman can appreciate the force of such logic, but it must be brought to bear in sufficient quantities as to leave no doubt of its meaning. The lives of foreigners which have been taken in the Chinese capital and elsewhere through the rebellious districts should be revenged if the powers are compelled to land forces of half a million men in the Flowery Empire.

The new postoffice building is making rapid strides in the direction of completion. According to the terms of the contract under which the building is being constructed, the successful bidder must take up the work at whatever stage it may be when the contract is finally let. From present indications the successful contractor will be lucky if he has an opportunity to give the

building its last coat of paint. The main point, however, is to get the post-office built, and it must be said that the building is being hurried toward completion with the most commendable energy.

If the river continues to drop as it has been doing during the past few days the question of transporting freight to Dawson will resolve itself largely into a proposition of scows. The rate at which freight is piling up at Whitehorse makes it necessary that the steamboats shall be able to carry their full capacity if they succeed in bringing down anywhere near the amount that will be piled up before the close of navigation. If the boats are unable to carry their capacity, scows will have to be resorted to again as was the case last year.

Every time a half ton shipment of gold dust is sent from Dawson to Seattle via St. Michael the Seattle papers have a brand new story to tell about the wonderful richness of the Nome beach and the tremendous quantities of dust that are being taken out. It would be interesting to know just what proportion of Klondike gold has been sent from Nome to the Seattle and San Francisco assay offices. It would be some what difficult to determine this accurately, but we are of the opinion that if it were done the result would be somewhat surprising.

Less than six months hence will see the dawning of the 20th century. Various prophets have foretold the end of the world in the first year of the new cycle, while others have pictured the different nations of the world engaged in a final struggle for supremacy. More than likely it will prove that the prophets are false ones in both particulars, but it does seem to the casual observer that conditions are about ripe for a general shaking up among the powers.

A Foolish Suggestion.

It is certainly owing to lack of information that the government has ordered the transmission of even second-class mail to Dawson via the outside route, St. Michael and the lower river, as at this season of the year all classes of mail coming to Dawson via Skagway will reach here from 20 to 30 days earlier than if sent around by St. Michael.

The Skagway Alaskan very foolishly advises persons on the outside directing mail to Dawson to write "via Skagway" on the envelope. When the government contracts to carry mail by a certain route the private instructions of the sender are wasted on the desert air. Mail is forwarded by the route dictated by the postal department of the government and not by the instructions of the sender. The words "In haste," which many rural letter writers put on the envelopes are never instrumental in expediting their transmission an hour or a minute. After the address is made plain on a letter, all side suggestions to the mail department are useless.

Taylor and Cardinal Again.

The preliminaries have been arranged for the 25 mile race between Taylor and Cardinal spoken of in yesterday's Nugget. The agreement was signed in the Aurora last evening, and the forfeit money placed in the hands of the stakeholder, Thos. McDonald. The conditions of the race are these: The race will be a go-as-you-please 25-mile match, for \$2500, the gate receipts to go to the winner. The race is to take place Saturday, the 14, and \$500 of the money is now up, the balance, according to the terms of the agreement as signed last evening, \$2000, must be in the stakeholder's hands not later than 24 hours before the starting time set for the race. The referee will be selected one hour before the race starts.

Both men are in splendid condition, the recent six day go and its attendant daily four hours' hard work having acted on their condition beneficially. Both are also confident. Cardinal, while he has made some fast races, and bested some very speedy men, does not himself know his best time, as he very innocently remarks, "No one ever told me the time." He has beaten both Snake Child and Deerfoot, who are said to be the fastest Indian runners of Eastern Canada.

Taylor's best time was made 12 years ago in Washington, when he covered 37 1/2 miles in four hours. The record for 25 miles was lowered this summer in New York from two hours and forty-one minutes, to two hours and thirty-nine minutes and some odd seconds.

Taylor is now 12 years older than when he made his best record, and is now 42 years of age, so he does not expect to equal it. The race, however, promises to be a hot one.

Chas. Barbour of Grand Forks represents capital on the Taylor side, while Sam Hourie stands for the wealth behind Cardinal.

Among sporting events which may be mentioned as future possibilities, is a ten-round go between James Barbour and any two light-weights, (one after the other on the same evening), who may see fit to try conclusions with him. There is said to be from a thousand to fifteen hundred dollars ready for such a go.

Reduced Fares.

It has been said that the price of tickets from Dawson to the outside cuts no figure, for that when people get ready to go out they go regardless of price. What happened here yesterday flatly contradicts the above theory; as when it became noised abroad that passengers would be carried first-class to Whitehorse for \$25, many persons who had not calculated to go outside this season put their houses in order, packed their grips and were en route within 24 hours after hearing of the reduced fares. Both the steamers that left for up the river last night had every accommodation sold, when, as it is doubtful if the two together, judging from the amount of travel that way within the past ten days, would have carried a dozen passengers. Next to free excursions, reduced fares attract more patronage than anything else when it comes to travel.

It is Different Now.

For some time past the well-known and popular sour dough, Mr. Casey Moran, has not been the same man as of yore, having been troubled with rheumatic pains which persisted in playing hide and seek in his system. But within the past few days a wonderful change has pervaded the old timer, and the same old smile has returned. The change is due to the fact that a late steamer carried to the city a handsome young matron and a bright-eyed, laughing baby, Casey's wife and child. Hence the rejuvenation of the pater familias.

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