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FOR MAYOR

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FOR ALDERMEN

F. M. Shepard
J. U. Nicol
Charles Bossuyt
Peter Vachon
H. E. A. Robertson
Russel Palmer.

AMUSEMENTS THIS WEEK.

Auditorium Theatre — "Sherlock Holmes."

A MISTAKE.

The candidacy of Chas. Macdonald has been an ill-advised movement from beginning to end. Mr. Macdonald is already the holder of an important office under the federal government, which fact in itself makes him unavailable as a candidate. As was pointed out in these columns yesterday, there will be constantly arising all manner of questions for settlement between the federal government and the local authorities. Such being the case it is quite evident that the executive of the town should be in an independent position. Mr. Macdonald as an Ottawa appointee and the elected Mayor of Dawson at the same time would be a most unsatisfactory person to conduct the negotiations which must arise between the two governments. If there were no other objections to Mr. Macdonald's candidacy, the fact that he is a federal office holder should serve to disqualify him. Mr. Macdonald is an able speaker and an estimable gentleman, but in permitting his name to be brought forward in connection with the office of mayor he has made a serious mistake—or rather he has allowed his over-enthusiastic friends to lead him into a mistake.

PUBLIC FRANCHISES.

The Citizens' ticket if elected to office will give Dawson what the town absolutely needs, viz:—a plain, straightforward business administration. Every dollar that is expended will be for value received and the tax payers may rest assured that the machinery of government will be run with the utmost care and efficiency.

The platform upon which the Citizens' ticket stands is a brief document which, however, contains the outlines of a policy under the provisions of which the town is bound to grow and prosper.

The platform calls for civic control of public franchises, such as water works, telephone and electric light. If Dawson advances and developes within the next four or five years as there is every reason to hope will be case, the franchises under the control of the municipality will attain a value difficult at this time to estimate. Under these circumstances it is well for the voters of the town to know how the various parties which are seeking the municipal offices stand upon such an important matter.

The candidates on the Citizens' ticket are pledged to see that the corporation retains control of all such franchises, and the standing and calibre of the men who compose the ticket is an absolute guarantee that their pledges will be carried out to the very letter.

The Citizens' ticket represents everything that is meant by honesty, efficiency and progressiveness. It represents every interest in the city and is sufficiently comprehensive, and the men upon it are sufficiently broad-minded, to see that every interest of the public is properly conserved and protected.

In view of the fact that another public meeting was held last night, it is quite likely that the News will switch again today.

Every time an editorial appears in the News, the editor of that paper is compelled to take the public platform to explain its meaning.

Wierd Wooing.

A courtship which recently terminated in marriage in a certain Polish town was carried on under circumstances that were weird in the extreme. The young lady was the daughter of the local cemetery-keeper and her suitor was accustomed to pay his addresses to the maiden whilst wandering round the grave-yard every evening. A more melancholy spot for the courtship could hardly be conceived, but doubtless the ardor of the couple atoned for the morbid nature of the surroundings. It is to be hoped that many years may elapse before husband or wife is conveyed to the resting-place which played so important part in their ante-nuptial acquaintance.

Quite as weird as the foregoing was the wooing conducted by a young Manchester gentleman, who met the lady who afterwards became his wife whilst attending a course of spiritual seances in that city. Both parties were somewhat skeptical on the subject of "spooks," but the darkness in which the room was invariably plunged afforded many excellent opportunities for the clasping of hands and even for occasional osculation. Eventually they were made one at the hymeneal altar, probably the first couple in the whole history of courtship whose wooing has been conducted amid such extraordinary surroundings.

Touched with infinite pathos as well as with surpassing weirdness was the courtship of a young Lancashire miner who wooed his cousin, a girl of nineteen, across the dying bed of the former's father. The girl, who had been summoned to nurse the old man, fell in love with the son through watching his tenderness to his ailing sire, and thus it came about that whilst the aged life was ebbing away two young lives were converging towards each other. The father in his final moments guessed their secret and joined their hands, and thus did this remarkable wooing wear to its end.

In Germany, where the mortuary system is far more complete than our own, and where both male and female attendants are employed, it is no uncommon thing for courtships to be carried on in these halls of the dead, and many marriages have been planned and arranged amid their weird surroundings.—Ex.

Indians Give Trouble.

Butte, Mont., Jan. 10.—A special to the Miner from Forsyth says further word has been received giving details of the trouble among the Cheyenne Indians at Lame Deer agency. It appears that Indian White, after refusing to obey a summons of the post agent, opened fire upon the posse sent to arrest him and shot one of the Indian policemen and then killed himself. Out of respect for her dead brave the wife and also the daughter committed suicide. This tragedy caused the greatest excitement among the Cheyennes. There is one troop of cavalry stationed at the Lame Deer agency and reinforcements have been sent for. There is no direct method of communication with the agency and information is hard to obtain. The stage driver who arrived at Forsyth tonight brought word that the Cheyennes were still troublesome and that the braves of that tribe were conducting their war dance.

Troop F, Thirteenth United States cavalry, this morning left Fort Keogh for the Lame Deer agency. The troop is under command of Capt. Romaine and Lieut. Ball. Word from the detachment on duty at the agency says Indian White, whose act is supposed to have caused all the present disturbance, was suspected of killing beef illegally, and it was for that offense he was summoned by the agent in charge of the post.

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Stroller's Column.

"Cass yo' har ob a sad accerdent nex' Sat'day, perviden yo' let me off fo' dat day, doan be 'sprised."

Zion had been remarkably quiet all that particular morning and the Stroller knew that there was something out of the ordinary weighing upon his mind. The day before he had been in very happy frame of mind in anticipation of a watermelon festival that was to be held in the grove back of Amazin' Grace church that night. He had gone home early in order that Lizan might have time to wash and dry his shirt before the beginning of the festivities and even as Zion spoke next morning it was noticed that his shirt was still wet. As the Stroller paid no attention to his remarks he remained quiet another five minutes, then he said:

"Mistah Tuberculosis Johnson will sho' die Sat'day."

"What has 'Tube' been doing?" asked the Stroller.

"He hab done enough to inshu his bein' a remains if he keep his promise ter go gopher huntin' wid me on Sat'day. Yo' see, hit am dis'e way: Las' night when I down gwine home early to get mah shirt washed fo' de festibal, 'Tube' wuh at mah house an' he wuh sotin in front ob Lizan hol'in huh han' and studyin' ob de lines in hit. When he heerd me comin' he scarce look up but he say loud so I could har', 'Yo' husban' will sho' be rich some day,' and, laik a fool I done 'sposed he wuh tellin' Lizan's fortune. Mah presence seemedter tuck de interest out'en fortune tellin' and Lizan axed me ter yank myself out'en mah shirt soze she could wash hit. She tuck hit inter de kitchen an' ten minutes later she come back an' say: 'When yo' shirt am dry yo' come on to de church, Mistah Tuberculosis an' me is gwine ober now."

"In half an hour I went to get mah shirt an' dar hit wur a hangin' by a cold stove an' de water drippin' out en' hit. Den I done seed dat it warn't on de program fo' me ter tend dat festibal. Den is when mah veins done swell up an' I swar right dar dat Mistah Tuberculosis Johnson will be remains by sundown Sat'day.

"I sot up till da come home at three o'clock dis mawnin' and den I preten' ter jus' wake up an' tell 'em I went ter sleep an' fo'got 'bout der festibal. Den I axed 'Tube' would he go huntin', wid me on Sat'day. He is gwine, but aftah dat he wont hol no mo' ladies' han's, fo' Mistah Tuberculosis Johnson will sho' die Sat'day."

When the Stroller entered the office the next Monday morning Zion had just switched from singing "Happy Day" to swearing at old Somnam, the pet alligator, for swallowing the mallet and shooting stick. The Stroller assumed a serious air and asked:

"When will 'Tube' be buried?"

Zion looked cheap and said: "Does yo' reckon I could get any sense by snuffin' calfs brains up mah nose? As mah body absorb de moister from dat shirt it down drown mah angah."

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A gentleman on Dominion writes the Stroller that an effort was recently made on that creek to form a society in which only men who never took part at a road house dance would be eligible to membership. A canvass of the creek its entire length only revealed one eligible man and it turned out that he has a cork leg.

A whist club has taken the place of the Dominion Dancing Club, but as only married couples are eligible, the young men are in a dilemma and the Stroller is informed that if he can find a few more Janes he will have no trouble in sluffing them off on Dominion.

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The present three-cornered fight for the mayoralty of Dawson recalls to the mind of the Stroller the fact that it was a three-cornered fight that in 1884 caused the second congressional district of Florida to be placed in the Democratic list, where it has since remained.

A disruption occurred at the Republican congressional convention between the federal office holders and the "outs," and the former re-nominated the incumbent, Horatio Bisbee, while the "outs" held a split off convention and placed in nomination Josiah T. Walls. The latter, although as black as a dark night, was no ordinary negro. He had been appointed a member of congress during the reconstruction period and had ever since had a bee in his kinky hair. He was wealthy and was not afraid to use his money. More Democratic money was spent in booming the negro's candidacy than for the party nominee, as in widening the breach in the Republican ranks depended Democratic success. The result was that the Democrat received 29000 votes, Bisbee 24,000 and Walls, the "dark" horse, 14,000, making the Democrat a clear winner by a plurality of 5,000 votes. Since that time, owing to a never failing system of counting, the second congressional district of the Land of Flowers has remained safely in the Democratic column.

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We are told and verily believe that the prayer of the righteous man availeth much; but there is little to fear from the prayer of a man who never thinks to appeal to the Lord until he gets in a tight place or until he wishes to call down a curse on an enemy.

On the latter line, Speiler Frank Gaedner uttered a prayer, probably for the first time in his life, a night or two before leaving for the Koyukuk. As a sort of farewell to himself Gardner cultivated a bright red jag and while in that condition had trouble with a certain musician. As the latter was "beastly sober," Gardner got very much the worst of the encounter with the result that he knelt down on the dance hall floor, placed all his voice in commission and prayed that every professional musician in Dawson might drop dead within 24 hours. As there has since been no sudden deaths in the musicians ranks it is considered that prayers offered for selfish purposes are not apt to be answered.

Coin Harvey, the man who attempted to revolutionize the financial system of the United States, illustrated a point by a story of prayer which is worth repeating.

An old Rocky Mountain hunter and trapper in walking along a narrow canyon found himself face to face with a powerful grizzly. As the old man had unfortunately left his gun behind he had no weapon save a knife something like a dagger. The thought of turning and fleeing never entered his mind. He had never turned from a bear in his life and did not intend to do so now.

Removing his hat and dropping on his knees he turned his time-scarred face heavenward and said:

"Oh, Lord! I am not like the Methodists and Presbyterians, always bothering You with my little troubles and I dont 'tend bothering you now. All I ax is this: 'If you cant be on my side, don't be on the side o' the ba'r, but just remain neutral an' ye'll see the d——t scrap 'at ever tuck place. Amen!'"

History does not record the result of the "mill," but evidently the old man lived to tell the story.

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"I intended to pay every cent my dear Willie owed in Dawson, but the nasty papers have said so many mean things about him that I just wont pay anything; now then!"

Thus spoke the relic of the man who stood before Slavin 11 seconds.

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Dawson, Jan. 23.

Dear Stroller:—

I am Samuel, about whom you published a letter from my wife, Kathlena, in your last, and I wish to warn you against further use of my name. See!

I admit that she has supported me since we were married, but that is what I married her for and she knew it at the time. She also knows that I could have had my pick from the whole township and that I took her on account of her rustling ability. There are two sides to everything and I have cause for complaint the same as Kathlena. She has cold feet, but that is one of the least of my troubles. Every married man knows it is no laughing matter to have a pair of icicles planted in his back at night in this country. I at least save Kathlena the trouble of taking hot irons to bed, therefore, I am not entirely worthless.

But, say! Dont make too free with my name in future or I will call on you. Seriously,

SAMUEL.

Now, look here, Sam! Your bluff will not work. Call as soon as convenient but bring a stretcher and four strong men to handle it. You will not be fit to warm feet on for a month after your call, you good-for-nothinh old bum! Ah, there, Sammy!

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The re-opening of a local theatre by sour dough actors will be the feature of the season in Dawson. Mulligan, Mourettus and other sour doughs have just returned from the North Pole via Coldfeet, to which place they went after Arizona Meadows' importation of chechaco talent last summer. The returned footlight favorites report having lived exclusively on ice worms from October 15th up to the time they received a wire to return and re-open the Savoy six weeks ago. On the return trip they played a two week's stand at Coldfeet. They spent the last night of the trip at Moosehide.

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TRAFFIC IN ANIMALS

Manageries Must Pay Well for Their Stock.

People sometimes wonder at the immense prices put upon wild animals. The forests of Africa and other parts of the world are full of wild beasts, they argue. It is only necessary to trap them and bring them home. Why, then, should a giraffe cost a thousand pounds and a rhinocerous a similar sum?

It is only a big dealer in wild beasts who can explain why his commodities are so costly. But when he retails a few of the risks in this most risky of all businesses the only wonder left is, not that wild beasts are so dear, but that they are as cheap as they are.

Carl Hagenbeck is the biggest wild animal dealer in the world. Three-quarters of the beasts on exhibition all the world over have passed through his hands. His name is known in African jungle villages where his Kaiser's has never been heard.

Africa is Hagenbeck's chief hunting-ground, and his storehouse for wild animals near Cape Town covers thirty acres of ground and costs £7,000 to £9,000 a year for wages and upkeep. It must be remembered that nearly all the rarer animals of Africa have now been driven up behind the Zambesi. This means 2,000 miles of toilsome travelling for the trapper before a start can be made.

The last Natal hippopotamus was killed about five years ago. Koodoo, gnu, and hartebeest have long been practically extinct in the colony, and though lions are still fairly common in Rhodesia, the rarer creatures, like giraffe, and rhinoceros, and elephant, are constantly retiring before the white man to the centre of the continent.

The man in charge of a trapping expedition must be experienced, resourceful, must know the country, the languages, and be something of a doctor into the bargain. He takes fearful risks, especially from fever, and must be proportionately paid. Hagenbeck gives his men £12 a week and all expenses. The latter are enormous.

Native carriers must be hired by the score. They know their worth, and insist on proportionate pay. Each carries 60 lbs., and the charge on such a load merely from the East Coast up to the Great Lakes is two to three shillings a pound. Big amounts of stores are a necessity, for not only guns, ammunition, traps, tinned goods, groceries, portable boats, and medical comforts be taken, but also large amounts of cloth, needles, and beads to pay the natives for fresh supplies and for information.

That terrible insect, the tsetse fly, is another indirect cause to the African trapper of great expense. The creature, whose bite is fatal to horses, mules, and oxen, makes human transport the only means of getting goods up into the interior.

The item of traps is a serious one. Lions are taken in a great net 18ft. square, and rimmed by a very powerful elastic band. Such a net costs £30 to £40 by the time it reaches the scene of action, where it is set over a pit near a water hole. Portable bamboo cages are also necessary in which to transport the savage captives.

Elephants, rhinoceros, and hippopotami are trapped in pits, labor for the digging of which is another item in the hunter's bill.

The inexperienced man who caught a rhinoceros in a pit in the middle of Africa would be equally puzzled as to how to get the creature out, or, when out, to get it down to the coast. An inclined plane must be dug for the first, and then the huge brute half tamed by hunger and fright, must be securely shackled with great chains and ropes, and so led through tangled forests and over stony or sandy plains for many hundreds of miles, all the time at imminent risk to his leaders' lives. Food and water, too, are absolutely necessary for such a captive, and if the country is sterile such must be carried. It is wonderful how soon even a rhinoceros will give up and die if not properly fed.

The two most difficult of all known creatures both to trap and to get to the coast are the giraffe and the zebra. The latter can only be caught in high and barren hills and with the utmost difficulty because of its shyness; while the giraffe is rapidly approaching extinction.

The writer was told by a gentleman who had charge on its way home of a zebra now in England that it was the only one that reached the coast out of fourteen caught in Abyssinia. Giraffes, too, have a heart-breaking habit of dying suddenly on the way down country. A fine young specimen, safely shipped a couple of years ago to England, disappointed its keeper at the last minute by breaking its long neck against a beam.

Even when he has his animals safe at the port of shipment the collector's troubles are far from over. Practically no tropical beast will stand a sudden change to the damp, cold climate of North Europe. They must be slowly and gradually hardened off. Most elaborate apparatus for this purpose is used in Hagenbeck's great storehouse, near Cape Town. The temperature in the lions' cabes is slowly lowered by means of ice. Monkeys are acclimatized in similar fashion.

The Indian tapir is, at present, the most expensive of all wild animals. £1,500 is its price, a giraffe now fetching £1,000 to £1,200. Two horned rhinocerses cost £800 to £1,000. But some animals are practically priceless. These include the African gorilla and the Kadiak bear. The gorilla has been caught, many specimens have been, indeed, brought to the West Coast, but this man-like ape is so habituated to the steamy atmosphere of its native forests that it is the rarest thing for one to survive the voyage to Europe.

As for the Kadika bear, the greatest of all the bear tribe, which prowls through the wooded valleys of Kadiak Island, off Alaska, no specimen has yet been caught alive. Seeing that the creature weighs up to a ton and is strong in proportion, it seems doubtful if a full-grown one ever will be seen in a menagerie.—Tit-Bits.

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