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MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1900.

AN ALL YEAR CAMP.

The theory that the Klondike is exclusively a camp for winter diggings has been proven by long experience to be entirely erroneous. In the early days of placer mining in this territory it was accepted without question that winter time was the only season when dirt could be successfully taken out, and the idea that summer work can be prosecuted to any extent is of comparative recent origin.

The successful operation of summer work has come about largely as a matter of necessity. If all creeks in the district were as rich as Eldorado there would have been no necessity for practicing economy in developing the district. To the fact that so large an amount of ground of comparatively ordinary richaes has been discovered, must be attributed the extraordinary efforts that have been put forward to prosecute summer work.

In order to pay for its development such ground must be worked by economical methods. Obviously, ground a population of only a little over 300,- quantity of sand of the same richness which will run from fifty cents to twenty-five dollars to the pan can be worked with much less regard for economy than ground which will not certainly exceeded the damage at the that an expedition be fitted out at an average above fifteen cents.

The steam thawer, operated in summer time, when one handling completes the entire work, has solved the will hereafter be done in sumis solidly frozen.

over the entire twelve months of the year. The Klondike is neither a winter nor summer camp. It is an all year proposition.

REQUIRES A FACILE PEN:

On Wednesday of this week, the conpaper for the best story contributed for publication in our special holiday issue will close.

All contributors are requested particularly to see that their respective manuscripts are in the Nugget office on the date mentioned. By the terms of the contest none received after the 5th inst. will be considered.

This move inaugurated by the Nugget has served to stimulate interest in literary matters to a marked degree and will demonstrate to a certainty the possibilities of the Klondike country as a source of original literary material. India, Africa and Australia have proven fruitful in this respect, each having been celebrated in song and story until their characteristic features are matters of common knowledge to all readers of

contemporary literature. There is no reason why the same thing should not be true of the Yukon territory. The material is here in plenty, the only requirement being the facile pen which will properly portray

the situation as it is. We think our prize story contest will quickly recovered from the effects of in this shop for his infant majesty.

constitute a very good start toward a solution of the matter.

The local water company is to be congratulated upon the success which has met their efforts in keeping the water mains open thus far during the winter. We hope that no greater difficulties than those which have already been overcome will be met during the balance of the cold season. No greater inconvenience to the community could be imagined than the necessity of again resorting to the river for water for household purposes.

The News wearied the public with its tale of woe respecting its French-Canadian editorial as much as it did when the subject of "exclusive telegrams" was under discussion. It is so seldom that a new idea ever illuminates the columns of our contemporary that when one does happen, by chance, to creep in, it is treated by the News with the veneration due a patron saint.

The prevalence of severe colds and diseases resulting therefrom is somewhat alarming. Every precaution must be taken to avoid general sickness or our reputation as a healthful community is liable to suffer.

St. Andrew's night has gone by, but the memory of it will linger long with those whose pleasure it was to attend the splendid event.

Catastrophes in the United States,

the United States has ever had were the one in Chicago in 1871, in which \$199.warehouses were destroyed, and the statement can be made. damage was \$30,000,000. As the poputimes larger would be in 1900. Chi- the island when he made his escape.

most destructive of the floods (Johns- has described them he is to receive problem. So generally has this be- town's being from a bursting reservoir) \$75,000 from the Los Angeles men; come recognized that it is probably safe of the United States, until that at Gal- otherwise he is to get nothing for to say that more than one-half of the veston on Sept. 9, 1900. The property escorting them to the island. loss at Johnstown was approximately Naturally the captain has not rework of placer mining in the Yukon \$10,000,000, and the loss of life at 2150, vealed the location of the island to any struction at *Galveston was over mer time, the winter work being con- 5000 in life and about \$30,000,000 in syndicate which has been formed, for fined largely to creek beds which can- property. The bursting of a reservoir his alleged secret is his stock in trade. not be worked except when the ground in Mill River valley in Massachusetts Of course, if there are miles of sea in 1874 destroyed several little villages beach which run to \$500 per ton in and drowned 150 persons. Floods on gold, only requiring washing to re-As a result, there is no distinctly the Mississippi have frequently deidle season, operation being distributed, stroyed from \$5,00,000 to \$10,000,000 of ever known, and even the wonderful according to the nature of the ground, property at a time, and more than once story of "Treasure Island" may be disdrowned from 1000 to 1500 people.

The most destructive tornado which ever hit a large city in the United States was that which destroyed 400 cate, and that a vessel will leave for lives and \$10,000,000 in property in St. Louis in 1896. Louisville, the second States by a tornado, lost 100 lives and ing can be done during the winter. test for the prize of \$50 offered by this \$2,500,000 of property in 1890. A tor-South Carolina in 1893 which destroyed 1000 lives and \$2,00,000 of property. The most remarkable collection of tornadoes which ever visited the United States at any one time was on Feb. 9, 1884. which affected Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georiga, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky and Illi-1000 persons were killed and 15,000 buildings destroyed.

Charleston, S. C., in 1886 had the severest earthquake ever-experienced in a city of the United States, in which the destruction of life was 50 and that of property \$5,000,000. New Madrid, Mo., and the lower Mississippi valley had a series of earthquakes shocks in 1811 which destroyed many villages, but the aggregate losses were not as sparsely peopled, and most of it hav- attract official attention.

ing no people at all, as in Charleston. The coast of the Atlantic and of the

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these disasters. New York more than | "As the baby emperor grew, the busidoubled in population in the 15 years ness of the Dane shopkeeper increased. immediately following its great fire His stock became larger and more in 1835. Chicago has five times as varied. And the emperor remained many inhabitants now as it had at the a profitable customer. Musical cats, time of its conflagration in 1871. Be- dogs and sheep, horns, guns, trains of fore the embers of Boston's fire a year cars, striking clocks and Swiss watches, later were put out the property owners all were bought in turn by eunuchs of the burned district were offered more from the palace. As the emperor grew for the land which was covered than to boyhood the Danish shopkeeper supwas asked a day earlier for the land plied toys suitable to his years from

The Treasure Island.

the American way. -Leslie's Weekly.

Some days since mention was made The greatest conflagrations which in this department of the fact that Los Angeles business men were preparing to send out an expedition to look 000,000 of property was destroyed; the for great riches on an island off the fire in Boston in 1872, in which the coast of Alaska. The greatest secrecy damage was \$80,000,000; and the blaze has been maintained regarding this in New York in 1835, in which 600 project, and even now no very clear

It appears that a short time ago there lation of New York at that time was came to Los Angeles a sea captain who only about 250,000, or about like that had been shipwrecked on the island in of Newark, N. J., now, the loss was question, bringing with him samples severer proportionately than one many of beach sand which he had taken from cago's fire, though-and Chicago had He claims that there is an immense 000 at the time-was the most destruc- in gold as that which he exhibits, and tive which ever occurred anywhere in the mildest estimate is that it runs to the world, with the possible exception \$500 per ton. He seems to show faith of that in Moscow in 1812. Chicago's in his own discovery, asking simply conflagration in London, which is expense of \$25,000, to be in charge of called the Great Fire, which occurred Los Angeles men, when he will guide the party to the island. In case the Johnstown, Pa., in 1889 furnished the conditions there prove to be just as he

one, not even the investors in the cover it, it is about the richest thing

It is understood that there has been no difficulty in getting up the syndithe island in the course of a few days, spending the winter there, ready to largest city ever struck in the United begin work early in the spring, if noth-

The members of the syndicate, how nado ravaged the cost of Georgia and ever, are most reticent, and while it is known that a wholesale merchant of Los Angeles is president, and that several of the leading bankers are members, most of the members are unknown, and no one wishes to be advertised as being counted in. There is evidently living rooms, so crowded were they a feeling on the part of all that possibly the stories told are too good to be nois, sixty distinct storms being traced true, and they do not care to become on that day in those states, in which known as rainbow chasers. But, at the same time, their confidence in the enterprise is sufficient to warrant them in "taking a flyer" on the quiet, in the hope that it may be proven to be as described.—Los Angeles Herald, Oct. 23.

Taught Chinese Emperor.

"When Kwang Hsu was a child there were two foreign stores in Pekin that had been established without permission from the Chinese government. As they were on Legation street, they great, owing to the region being seem to have been too unimportant to their needs for the coming season. crt Yet these same stores were destined to have a mighty influence on the future of Gulf of Mexico has had many hurri- China. One of them was kept by an canes and a few tidal waves, but none illiterate Dane, who sold foreign tops, of them approached in destructiveness notions and dry goods such as might that which has just occurred at Galves- please the Chinese or be of use to the With characteristic American scanty European population of the courage, elasticity, and adaptability, capital. By chance, some eunuchs however, the afflicted communities from the imperial palace bought toys

and the buildings which were upon it. his inexhaustible shelves. To under A new and greater Galveston is already stand how searching an influence these rising on the ruins of the old. This is products of far distant lands must have had on the growing mind of the emperor, you must know that he was shut out from the world, shut out even from his own people, by three strong walls. He never left the Forbidden City except in a closed chair or in a closed cart. Every side street was barred from him by hanging canvas of mats. He was a prisoner and slave in the palace of his birthright.

"If custom forbade his going out to see the world, it did not prevent the world from reaching him in the shape of wares sold by the Dane in Legation street. These were no longer toys, although such they seemed to the emperor. An electric railroad was built for him in the palece grounds, on which he rode as our children ride on merry-go-rounds. For him an electric plant was built in the Forbidden City, and the palace was lighted with incandescent lamps. He experimented with miniature telegraph and telephone instruments. Officials that sought imperial favor scoured the port cities to find new toys for his majesty. They came to Pekin University and bought our phonographs. They got for him gramophones, music boxes, aeolians and magnificent clocks that struck the hours with music or with the song of birds. All the resources of modern invention in the West were tapped to procure toys for the Emperor Kwang Once the assiduous Danish shop keeper had a sleigh made for him in Europe. The sleigh was a marvel of Spacious and Elegant ingenuity with its foot-warmers, mirrors, clocks, cushions of yellow silk and figureheads in the shape of golden dragons.

"As the boy grew older his tastes changed. There were clear indications Murray, O'Brien and Marchbank. of mental growth as the years advanced.

He began to wish to know the literature of the countries that produced the fairy toys and wonderful devices of his boyhood pleasures. He had two teachers appointed to instruct him in English. One of these teachers was the grandfather of a young man to whom I had taught English in return for lessons in Chinese. In this way I learned much of what was going on in the recesses of the palace. I was informed by those who had been into the emperor's private apartments that they were more like a museum than like with complicated mechanisms and toys."-Prof. I. T. Headland in Ains-

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