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## ENOUGH HAS BEEN DONE.

The Yukon council has under consideration an appropriation to swell the fund now being raised to relieve the sufferers from the fire which occurred in Ottawa a short time ago.

We are of the opinion that the public will sustain the council if a negative conclusion is reached, when the matter comes up for final settlement. There is not a man, woman or child in Dawson, who, in some manner or other, has not been afforded an opportunity to contribute toward this fund, and, be it said to the credit of the generous instincts of Dawson's people, they have come forward in a princely manner to the relief of the suffering. Already a sum considerably exceeding \$5,000 has been raised in Dawson, and a committee is hard at work on the creeks, and, doubtless, its labors will add materially to the sum named.

But there is, or, at least, we believe there should be, a limit to all things. The people of Dawson have given to the fund liberally and cheerfully, but they have given, we believe, all that the circumstances require. An appropriation from the council means simply that the people, who, as individuals, have given so liberally, will be called upon, in their collective capacity, to make a second contribution. Such action, we consider, would be ill-advised, and contrary to the wishes of a large majority of those who have personally contributed to the fund.

The fact must not be overlooked that the finances of the council at the present time are in a somewhat low condition. An indebtedness, in the shape of a bank overdraft for something like \$30,000, is already in existence, and, if we understand the matter aright, any appropriation which the council makes to the Ottawa fund will mean just that much of an addition to the present indebtedness.

While, therefore, we cannot do otherwise than commend the motive which has inspired the consideration of an appropriation by the council, we are, nevertheless, convinced, in view of the circumstances noted above, that the council should not devote the public funds to the purpose named.

A subscription list has been circulated in Dawson and on the creeks, and has been generally subscribed to. The public entertainment on Sunday night was greeted by a crowded house, and a handsome sum realized therefrom. Generous sums have come from other sources, which will largely swell the total. With all this, we are of the opinion that enough has been done. There will be nothing in particular to be gained by giving the impression down at Ottawa that Dawson is exceedingly flush with spare money, when such is not the case.

An appropriation from the

council, in addition to what the people have given, would be contrary to good judgment, and in direct variance with the public desires.

## A LESSON IN ECONOMICS.

Gov. Pingree, of Michigan, has convened a second special session of the legislature for the purpose of carrying out his project for taxing the railways to a greater extent than the existing laws allow. The position of these natural monopolies is such as to make them exempt from the natural principles of economics that operate in competitive industries. If the railways are too heavily taxing the people, there are two methods of redress to reduce their charges, or to take the excessive imposts from them by Gov. Pingree's expedient of a tax. If the railway is restricted only by the endurance of the traffic, a tax would be of doubtful efficacy. A large public revenue taken from the railways would relieve many industries of a part of their taxation. This would increase their rate-paying power, and thus give the railways a chance to recoup themselves. The average taxpayer would pay less taxes and higher freight rates. If rates are restricted by law, but allowed to remain high enough to afford a margin for special taxation, the railway is made a part of the machinery of taxation. The passengers and shippers are made to pay special taxation as well as pay for the service rendered by the railway company. The most certain method is to reduce the rates charged by the companies. —Toronto Globe.

It was a noticeable fact at the benefit entertainment on Sunday night that a number of ladies in the audience removed their hats, much to the satisfaction of those who happened to be sitting behind them. This commendable practice obtains now in nearly all first-class theater houses on the outside, and in many cities is made compulsory by ordinance. The Nugget congratulates the ladies who displayed such consideration on Sunday night, and hopes to see the custom come into general practice upon such occasions.

Appearances rather tend to indicate that the much-heralded exodus from Dawson to Nome will be confined largely to small boats. A number have gone already, and every day sees a few more drop out of sight around the bend at Moosehide. We incline to the opinion that the excited imaginations which have conjured up visions of continuous processions of steamboats, bearing thousands of people away from Dawson, will be doomed to disappointment.

## Gerhart Hauptmann.

Gerhart Hauptmann, the German dramatist, has just experienced a combination of good and bad fortune that is likely to deepen his pessimism. His latest play, "The Sunken Bell," has been awarded the Schiller prize at Berlin, the great literary distinction bestowed every three years upon the author of the best drama produced in that period. Unfortunately for the dramatist, Emperor William has refused to sanction the award, and the prize is expected to go to some less gifted author who has put more patriotism and less art into his work. Three years ago the emperor also withheld his sanction from the verdict of the jurors and gave the Schiller prize to a mediocre poet, who had won the royal favor by dramatizing Prussian and Hohenzollern history.

Whether the emperor's judgment will be regarded as better than that of the jurors is likely to depend upon one's taste for Hauptmann's style of drama. "The Sunken Bell" is an excellent piece of symbolism, with much genuine poetry in its lines, but at once mystical

and pessimistic. Heinrich, the bell-maker, casts a bell which he considers so perfect that it is worthy to stand upon the highest mountain top. When he attempts to take it thither the wood sprites throw it down, and it nearly crushes him, as it rolls down the mountain side into a lake and disappears forever.

The rest of Heinrich's life is spent in the vain attempt to cast a still more perfect bell, and he breaks with the creeds, theories and superstitions of society to pursue his ideal. He ignores love and all the ties of human nature. His life is a protest against the conventions of the church and the home. Yet in breaking with these he misses the good of life as well as the bad, and finally ends his quest for the ideal in suicide.

As many meanings may be put upon the play as there are persons to interpret it, but its mysticism and essential gloominess are no more to be denied than its literary and dramatic merit. As a drama its sequence of action is almost perfect. Hauptmann's skill and artistic power are beyond question. He is the most famous German dramatist of the day. His experience is being denied the high honor of the Schiller prize after seeing it so nearly within his grasp is not likely to make him any less pessimistic. Heinrich's lost bell, sunk in the dark mountain lake, becomes symbolic in a new sense for the dramatist.

## On the Turf.

Polo ponies are being used extensively for park and ring riding in Philadelphia.

Eureka, 2:15 1/4, by Ira, is in Tom Keating's California stable and said to be a crackerjack.

Edna Simmons, 2:12 1/4, who has been off the turf for a couple of years, is again in training.

California claims to have more mile tracks in proportion to its population than any other state in the Union.

Long-Dang, the Chinaman that drove T. W. Roberts to a record of 2:24 1/4, has gone back to his washboard at St. Louis.

A. B. Spreckels is driving Dione, 2:09 1/4, on the road in San Francisco, and so far nothing has been able to head her.

The total number of horses sold at the Union stockyards, Chicago, in 1899 was an even 100,000; total valuation, \$11,250,000.

The New England trotter Baker, 2:17 1/4, suspected of being a ringer and raced last year without a pedigree, is now stated to be by Electryon, 2:24 1/4, son of Electioneer.

The 3-year-old colt Yellow Tail, carrying 110 pounds, defeated Advance Guard and F. W. Brode in a special race at Oakland, Cal., recently. The mile route was reeled off in 1:39 1/4.

Piatus, 2:09 1/4, is at the Louisville track and in grand shape. The quarter crack which retired him last summer has entirely disappeared, and unless all signs fail he will be a great horse this year.

W. J. Spier, the eastern turfman who formerly owned Major Domb and other fair thoroughbreds, has leased "Lucky Baldwin's" stable of horses and will race the same at Chicago during the coming summer.

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