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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1901.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

Two important announcements were made by Commissioner Ross at the banquet tendered ex-Commissioner Ogilvie last evening. Commissioner Ross stated that he was in a position to say that the government will proceed immediately with the work of carrying out an elaborate system of public improvements. Chief among these will be the expenditure of a sum approximating \$200,000 on the construction of public buildings in Dawson, and another large sum in the work of building roads which will give all the producing creeks of the district easy access to Dawson.

The first announcement is an important one for Dawson particularly. The distribution in this city of the large sum received will give an impetus to all lines of trade which undoubtedly will prove decidedly welcome. Added to this also the fact that the government purposes investing that amount in public buildings, indicates a degree of confidence in the future of the camp which will leave a very healthful influence.

The government's example will certainly encourage investment in the town and the district generally, and investment, intelligently directed is what the territory requires.

As to the proposed system of roads, it has been and still is, a crying necessity, and one to which attention has been called by this paper on numerous occasions. Good roads are next to good claims in importance and the public will applaud and approve every effort that is expended in improving them.

We sincerely hope that, once undertaken, the work of road building will not cease until every creek in the district is connected with Dawson with a first-class highway.

STILL SPREADING.

A combination has been made by the salmon packers of Puget sound, the object of which is to secure entire control of the salmon packing industry of the coast. The new concern, according to reports, is to be capitalized at \$12,000,000 and will operate extensively in the navigation business in connection with the canning industry.

The combination idea is spreading so rapidly in the United States that the great mass of people have scarcely grasped the possibilities which it portends. When the fact becomes thoroughly understood that the great industries of the country which furnish employment to so many millions of workmen, have been handed over to the absolute control of a handful of capitalists, a protest will be heard, such as never before has been raised in the history of the republic.

Sooner or later the fact must be recognized that unrestricted concentration of wealth constitutes a direct menace to the government itself.

When the trusts begin to overshadow the federal authority—and that condition is by no means a remote possibility—the people will begin to awake to a realization of the situation.

There are no difficulties presented which will be found insuperable of satisfactory solution. The ballot is the final court of appeal and through its agency measures may be placed in operation which will contract any evils wrought through the trusts.

As a matter of fact it appears that the trusts themselves are paving the way toward government assumption of their control.

The trusts are demonstrating the

practicability of conducting vast enterprises under single managements. They have reduced to a science the problem of securing the highest degree of efficiency at the lowest possible expense, the one stumbling block which has always stood in the way of a realization of the plans of advanced reformers.

The step from the direction of great industries by trusts, to government management of the same is not likely to present insuperable difficulties. In fact many thinkers are already convinced that the logical outcome of the situation is the absorption of all trusts by one gigantic government trust—a climax toward which events seem now to be heading almost with certainty.

THE AXE DESCENDED

On Mr. Gray's Foot Instead of the Block of Wood.

Mr. Gray of the Ames Mercantile Co. met with an accident Monday evening which will lay him up for a few days. Mr. Gray was splitting some wood and by some unlucky turn of the ax handle or a movement of the block he was splitting the ax came down and instead of hitting the wood it struck his foot just below the ankle, cutting a bad gash. The wound will not cause any permanent injury but will compel Mr. Gray to take a short notice vacation for a few days.

Midnight Picnic.

The young people of the Methodist church will hold a midnight picnic on the summit of the dome back of Dawson, on Thursday June 20th. They will take lunch with them, and expect to have a very enjoyable time. They invite all of their friends to accompany them, and will meet at the church on Mission street at 9:30 o'clock.

Heavy Nome Travel.

Steamer State of California, Pacific Coast Company, sailed for Nome early this morning with the largest number of passengers who have left for that part of Alaska this season. Altogether she had in the neighborhood of 510 people on board, all bound for the famous gold fields, and 1,700 tons of freight.

The departure of the steamer was surrounded by picturesque circumstances, an immense crowd being present on the wharf from 8 o'clock in the evening. About half of the people were women. The general air of the crowd was in contrast to those which usually assembled on the docks. Festively and gayly seemed to reign supreme. Under the electric lights the gathering at times had the aspects of a social function.

The passengers had expected to get on board before 8 o'clock, but it became necessary for the company to postpone the hour to 11. Nearly all took the delay in good part. Before dark about 150 people had assembled and a continual stream was coming and going up to a late hour. A strolling musician with a long gray beard sat on a barrel at one end of the wharf and played a guitar. He sang popular songs and was assisted by a boy with a tenor voice. They were bound for Nome and reaped a rich harvest from the throng.

"You have got a good thing there, pard," called out a burly miner.

"I need it," was the quick retort, "I am over a barrel."

In the waiting room a woman with a Swedish accent retained the occupants of the place with a lively description of her adventures at Nome last year, and a droll story of a suit which she had commenced against a transportation company.

"I jumped a claim last summer," she said, "and sold it to a man when the owner was away."

The far-away sound of the musicians, the persistent hum of animated conversation from all parts of the dock, the far-reaching tones of the woman in the waiting room, the concourse of people on the wharf, all combined to make the sailing of the California a unique one in the departures from this port.

Right representatives of the police force circulated through the crowd on the lookout for crooks.—P.-I., June 6.

A Yeast Garter.

According to the London Chronicle, there is now a garter vacant, and if a plebiscite decided on whom it should be bestowed there is not a doubt but that K. G. would be placed after the name of the field marshal commanding in South Africa, who most certainly merits the distinction quite as much as Lord Elgin, on whom it was so properly conferred by Lord Salisbury. In the last two centuries the Garter has only been thrice given for military services—to Marlborough, Wellington and Lord Anglesey—and, strange to say, no naval commander appears to have had it, not even Nelson.

Masonic Meeting.

A special meeting of the Masonic lodge is called for Thursday evening, June 20 at 8 o'clock at Masonic hall.

J. A. DONALD, Sec.

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FABLE OF GALLUS BARKER.

A highly respected pastor had a son who was a bad egg. They could not drag him to camp meeting and when they called the roll for Thursday evening prayer meeting, son was non est. He liked to wear a red sweater and read the life and battles of John L. Sullivan. At last, he sloped between two days and his father did not see him again for many snows.

One day the pastor wandered down to the open lot back of the school house to take a sort of a side glance at the greatest show on earth. The pastor was only human, and he certainly did hone and banker to go in and study the sacred animals, such as the Behemoth of Holy writ, the leopard that couldn't find anything to take out the spots, and camels of Egypt, where the Israelites came from. But he didn't dare to go in, because all the members of his congregation were in there and they would have been shocked to catch him taking a shy at any worldly pleasure. They were early at the ticket wagon and stuck for the whole shooting match, including the grand concert, but the shepherd of the flock had to stand out by the cook tent and listen to the band. That was the best he got.

There was a large commotion in front of the side show and the reverend gentleman edged around that way to investigate the speles in the blue box, who was delivering an impassioned eulogy on the ossified man, the Cuban lady weighing the enormous weight of 750 pounds, the hairyman from Madagascar and beautiful Juju, queen of the serpent world. The barber addressed the pack of humanity as neighbors, and he gave them a come-along song that brought the currency right out of their clothes. When the pastor drew near, he was amazed to discover that the Bally-Ho artist with the fog-horn voice was none other than his long lost son.

As soon as the crowd had rushed into the annex, the grief stricken divine confronted the triant and began to roam him for being in such a business.

"Let up, father," said the orator, coming down from his perch. "Is this the welcome you have framed up for a young man who comes back after making his way in the world? It seems to me that I am entitled to the glad hand and a Dewey arch. I am now the mainstay of this congress of wonders, and it is a swell money maker. You always wanted me to take after you and blossom into a word weaver, and here I am. Thanks to my stage presence, easy flow of language and convincing manner, I inherited from you, I have developed into a peachertine. I jump from town to town, scattering my flowers of speech and bring happiness to untold multitudes of Hiram and Hatties. The side show is one of our country's cherished institutions, the same as the public school system, or the Skipworth League. It is not sectarian in its organization, I will admit, but it has an educational value and exerts a moral influence, as you will see by casting your eye over the large blue banner just this side of the lemonade joint. Our exhibition of the marvels of nature is intended to stimulate the mental activities and enlarge the understanding of every yahoo who buys a yellow ticket. Therefore, although our exposition of strange and curious peoples is not under the auspices of any particular denomination, we claim that it is more diverting and has a greater charm for the young than the tableaux and charades frequently given in the lecture room for the benefit of the home missions. If there is any doubt on this point, I am willing to leave it to the kids."

"But do you play fair with the public?" asked his father. "Are all the attractions on the inside exactly as you represent on these jim-jam banners? I notice that the stout lady is depicted as being about the size of a load of hay and the boa constrictor is at least three times as long as a telegraph pole."

"It's getting so it's no use to advertise unless you scare them," replied his son. "A man has to holler these days or nobody will hear him. Besides, these banners don't fool any one. They are as harmless as campaign pledges. We put up these colored supplement pictures in order to preserve the traditions. I don't mind telling you on the Q. T. that the wild man from Madagascar is a coon whitewasher that we picked up in Louisville, but if we placarded that fact, it would dispel the pleasure of seeing him tug at his chain and no one would think better of us for owning up. They would simply say that we were not running an old-time, hang-up, side show such as they drove in to see. Suppose the boss deacon in your congregation put it in the paper that he is letting his entire stock go at below cost. No one swallows it, but is the deacon called up for a church trial? Nay, nay, Pauline. On the contrary, every one says that the deacon is a foxy gazabo. But if he printed that he sold goods for all he could get and hoped to skin every one who came into his place, then people would say that he had the willies and ought to be locked up in the wheel-house. It was Mr. Barnum who discovered by experiment that the American public likes to be humbugged, and since then over 1,000,000 schemers have stolen his process. Our

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