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THE METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

The system upon which the local assessment rolls have been based for the present year is much more satisfactory than was the "turn over" plan which was followed a year ago.

There is one objection, however, which may be entered, and to which particular attention should be drawn. It will be noticed that the time at which the assessment is established, is during the period when every business house in Dawson is most heavily stocked.

Owing to the peculiar conditions which prevail in Dawson, it becomes a matter of necessity with business concerns to carry a twelve months' stock. These stocks are usually at their maximum of quantity and value in the early fall when the assessment rolls are made up.

It is quite evident, therefore, that a system of taxation, which is presumed to cover a period of 12 months, should be based upon the average valuation of property during that period and not upon maximum valuation.

A merchant may be carrying a stock of goods valued at \$100,000, at the close of navigation, and four or five months later his goods may have dwindled to a third the original amount. It is manifestly unjust that the amount of his assessment should be based upon the first amount.

It would seem that the only fair plan to pursue under the circumstances is to base the assessment as nearly as possible upon the average value of stocks throughout the year.

A good many people are induced to take a somewhat pessimistic view of the future by reason of the heavy travel to the outside which has been in progress during the past few weeks. In the opinion of this paper, nothing could better indicate the richness and prosperity of the camp.

Of the several thousand who have left, the great majority have gone with comfortably filled pockets and with the expectation of returning after their vacation is over. Such being the case it does not appear that the Klondike is in such a bad way as some people would have us believe.

The amount of gold which has been shipped from Dawson to the outside during the present season compares very favorably with the records of previous years. It is evident already that there has been no falling off in amount of production, and when official reports are prepared, it will not be surprising if last year's output is exceeded.

Public opinion will support every precaution taken by the Yukon Council for the prevention of fires. Dawson has suffered in past years to an extent that warrants measures of a

very strict nature being passed. The carelessness of a single individual may result in loss to the extent of hundreds of thousands of dollars—and such carelessness can only be overcome by a careful system of inspection and compulsory compliance on the part of every householder or occupant of a building, with the local fire regulations.

A correspondent calls attention to the fact that Dawson will support a well constructed and properly maintained skating rink. In this idea the Nugget concurs. Previous efforts which have been made in Dawson to conduct a skating rink have failed, largely for the reason that proper care has not been given to the comfort of patrons. If some one will come forward and invest sufficient capital in a rink so that skaters and onlookers also may be kept comfortable, the enterprise should prove profitable.

The Nome News still predicts a prosperous future for that camp. In this the Nugget believes there is no mistake. When the wet blanket of litigation has been lifted off from Nome, the sunshine of prosperity should become permanently established. Under conditions such as have prevailed at Nome, no new country could expect to survive.

The King's birthday is to be observed hereafter just as was Queen Victoria's during her lifetime. As his Majesty's birthday occurs on Nov. 9, any celebration which takes place in Dawson will need to be held in doors, unless it takes the form of a football game or something similar.

A WORK OF ART

Goetzman Produces a Picture of Dawson Six Feet Long.

Goetzman, the photographer, has completed a bird's-eye view of Dawson which is the most remarkable picture in this country and which it is safe to say has never been excelled in similar work anywhere. The picture gives a panoramic view of the city from the bluff above Moosehide to and beyond Klondike City. It is six feet long and one foot high. The negatives for the work were taken by a new lens recently imported by Mr. Goetzman which cost \$1200. To make the same required four months constant labor at the factory.

Another lens purchased by Mr. Goetzman for special work is 8 1/2 inches in diameter and will take a picture two feet square. Mr. Goetzman is now operating two establishments, his photo studio on Second street and a branch house on Third, opposite the N. C. Co.

Enjoyable Entertainment.

The entertainment given at Rev. A. E. Heatherington's church, the Methodist, last night, was one of the most pleasant and enjoyable of its character in the history of Dawson. The program was a diversified one, embracing vocal and instrumental music, readings and recitations.

Among the entertainers were Mrs. Boyes, Miss Williams, Messrs. Wilson, McPherson, Douglass, Raymond, Boyle and Atwood, the latter supplying the material for considerable amusement and laughter.

Reorganizing Choir.

The choir of St. Mary's church is undergoing the process of reorganization and the request is made for all singers who have a desire to study high class music to join. A rehearsal will be held Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock and all who can are invited to attend.

The "Flor de Manoa" at George Butler's.

AFTER COMMODORE SCHLEY

His Actions When He Was Going After Cervera.

The Investigation Develops Considerable That Sounds Childish to Ordinary Civilians.

Washington, Thursday, Sept. 26.—The Schley court of inquiry began its session today with the intention of holding one sitting, having decided to forego the forenoon session in order to permit the members of the counsel and court to attend the funeral of Judge Wilson.

The counsel for the navy department today continued their efforts to show that Admiral Schley had information of Admiral Cervera and his fleet in the harbor of Santiago and introduced for this purpose additional officers of the auxiliary cruisers which were at the time doing duty as scout boats in West Indian waters.

Capt. Wise, who commanded the scout ship Yale during the Spanish war, continued his narration of the retrograde movement of the flying squadron toward Key West on May 27. He first told of how the Yale had taken the Merrimac in tow under direction of Admiral Schley. He said that the admiral had signalled upon starting to ask if there was coal enough to carry him to Key West, to which he had responded in the affirmative. On the next day he had reported in response to an inquiry that he had coal sufficient for two days of full steaming and for four days of moderate steaming.

He was then dispatched to Newport News, reporting to Admiral Sampson on the way. He told Admiral Sampson, he said, that the flying squadron was about thirty miles west of Santiago. In response to a question of the admiral he had said he did not know what it was doing there. In detailing the trip westward toward Key West the witness told of the breaking of the Yale's hawser on the Merrimac. He said this had caused delay.

"What was the difficulty?" asked Captain Lemly. "Improper securing of hawser on the Merrimac."

"Was it due to tempestuous weather or not?"

"Not at all."

Mr. Hanna read the following extract of Admiral Schley's report of February 18 to the committee on naval affairs in reference to the letter from the secretary of the navy of February 6, 1899, beginning, "After having been informed by the scouts commanded by Sigsbee, Jewel and Wise, that although they had all been off Santiago de Cuba for a week they had seen nothing of it (the Spanish fleet) and knew nothing of its movements or its whereabouts," etc. He then asked Captain Wise if he had made such a communication to the admiral.

"I did not," was the response.

"Did you give Admiral Schley any information respecting the Spanish squadron?"

"Only through Captain Sigsbee. I did not go on board the Brooklyn at all. I gave Captain Sigsbee all the information I had."

"Had you been off Santiago for a week?"

"I was there from the morning of the 22nd until the evening of the 26th when the flying squadron arrived."

Captain Wise was cross examined on this point by Mr. Raynor. He asked:

"From the morning of the 22nd until the arrival of the flying squadron on the evening of the 26th you were trying to get in touch with the enemy and watching the harbor?"

"Yes."

"You saw nothing in there?"

"I could not see the harbor at all."

"You could see around the corner of Cay Smith?"

"We saw the masts of a small vessel. Could not distinguish what it was."

"You sent no one on shore to try to establish communication?"

"Not at all." "Is not the natural condition of the harbor such that it is possible to see considerably up the harbor?" "You can see only a short distance up the harbor."

"And there was nothing in sight whatever, was there?" "Nothing at all."

The witness had said that Captain Sigsbee had taken the dispatch beginning "Get in touch with the enemy."

The court through Admiral Dewey asked: "Was it your duty or Captain Sigsbee's to convey the information in the dispatch referred to Commodore Schley?"

"I think it was Captain Sigsbee's, as he went immediately on duty and I was intercepted by orders from the commodore to take the Merrimac in tow."

Mr. Hanna—Did you receive any inquiry, or did the commanding officer of the flying squadron ask you for any information at any time?"

"Nothing."

Mr. Raynor continued his questions, devoting himself especially to the signaling between the Yale and the flagship. The witness said he was sure that on May 26th when he hailed the Texas, he had not passed within halting distance of the Brooklyn, being one and one-half miles distant.

Mr. Raynor read from a report made on May 30 by Admiral Sampson in which he stated that Captain Wise had told him that he believed Santiago harbor to be strongly fortified.

"Is that true?" Mr. Raynor asked.

"It is," was the reply.

Captain Wise said in reply to questions by Captain Parker, that he would at any time when off Santiago have been able to signal any information he might have had in regard to the situation. He had seen the masts of a vessel and thought it to be a small military vessel. He had gone near enough to observe the land batteries.

In reply to an inquiry from the court the witness said that the land batteries did not fire on the Yale while that vessel was reconnoitering the harbor. He also said that even though he had been the senior officer off Santiago prior to the arrival of Captain Cotton he had not commanded Captain Sigsbee to give to Commodore Schley the information which he (Wise) had given to him (Sigsbee).

Captain Wise was then excused and Admiral Cotton was recalled to make verbal correction to the testimony previously given by him.

Admiral Cotton was questioned concerning some points of the Santiago campaign. He said that on the morning of May 31, after arriving from Kingston he had gone aboard the Brooklyn with dispatches for Admiral Schley.

Asked by Capt. Lemly to relate his conversation with Admiral Schley on the occasion of that visit he said:

"He informed me that it had been ascertained that some, at least, of the ships of Admiral Cervera's squadron were within the harbor of Santiago and that they had been seen and were in sight and, as a matter of fact, one of them was in sight at the entrance of the harbor. In language as nearly as I can remember he said: 'After dinner I am going to hoist my flag on board the Massachusetts, and take her and the Iowa and go in and have a pot-shot at those fellows.'"

Mr. Lemly—Anything further?"

"There was, of course, some further conversation. I cannot recall the words nor aside from what I have mentioned, the particular subjects."

His Dream.

The young stenographer with the heavy rings under his eyes, as of much sleeplessness, and with the general tucked up, drawn line look, as of one who had been doing quite a great deal of board walking, gazed around his basement office disgustedly. It was the first day of his return to work after his month down by the moonful surge.

"Cave of gloom—cave of gloom," he muttered mournfully. "Say, if there's anything worse than this thing of coming back to work after having mixed it up elsewhere for 30 days show it to me, that's all. Let's see, it's now 10 o'clock in the morn-

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The bunch down at the beach are all about through with their breakfast and are now spraddling around on the chairs of the hotel veranda picking their teeth and smoking well managed rinks would go begging in this sport loving camp of Dawsonites. Yours sincerely, SKATE.

Wanted Boot.

"Prisoner," said the oriental judge, "your life is justly forfeit as a punishment for the horrible crimes you have committed, but here is a woman who offers to marry you to save your worthless life, and from time immemorial it has been the practice in this court to give the condemned his choice in such cases. Will you take her or shall the death sentence be carried out?"

"Illustrious judge," replied the doomed wretch, gazing with emotion at the bent figure and skinny face of the woman, "life is sweet. I'll marry her. But I ought to have some boots."

AMUSEMENTS

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DAWSON DOGS FOR TANANA Scow Load Taken to Circle by Freighter. A party whose name was not named left here today in a scow for Circle with a cargo of dogs purchased in Dawson for use in freighting the Tanana this winter. He had from 15 to 20 Dawson howlers with him which he purchased at prices ranging from \$10 to \$25, all of which goes to show that dog flesh is worth \$1 and more per pound, as was the case in the early mining history of the Klondike. The Tanana freighter expects to operate from Circle, being a good winter dog trail, that place to the diggings. It is said that fully 100 men will work on the Tanana this winter. W. fit glasses. Pioneer drug store.

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