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THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

With the passing of another thirty days, the year and the century will come to a close together. The past 100 years have witnessed more progress than was made in the preceding 500. What the twentieth century will bring forth is beyond the power of mortal man to foretell. The beginning will be fair with promise. The end may be anarchy and a lapse into barbarism. The civilization of the modern era is no more remarkable than has been the advancement attained in other periods of the world's history which have left nothing to us but marvelous traditions. Just at present we are on the highway of progress and traveling at a terrific pace, but on that very account the descent to Avernus will be swifter and easier than ever, should we happen to get turned in that direction.

The trend of events is toward the centralization of power and the concentration of wealth, both of which presage a clash of classes unless some equalizing force not now apparent is brought

Our boast respecting the freedom and equality of all men may yet be- paratively an old district and prospectcome nothing more than a boast, in which event disastrous results are certain to ensue. The twentieth century will call for the exhibition of statesmenskip beyond what any previous era of the world's history has required.

If those good people on the outside thetic speculation as to how it is possible for anyone to live in Dawson through one of those "terrible Klondike winters" and survive the awful effects of the class of food upon which we are popularly supposed to live, could really see how the average Dawsonite actually gets along, such sympathy would be short lived. As a matter of pure fact, this little Arcadia, up by the North Pole, has the best fed, most comfortably clad people on earth, when the community as a whole is con

Five days yet remain before the date upon which the Nugget's prize story contest terminates. Several contributions have already been received, and others, we are informed, are rapidly mining work, Mr. Snevely is a farmer reaching completion and will be in within a day or two. We again urge upon all who intend entering the contest to take particular care that their manuscripts are handed in to the Nug- the interior, he has brought out as fine get office on or before December 5, as none received after that date will be considered.

'All the ballot boxes are in at last and a long waiting public now knows the exact result of the election which took place on October 17. We have been waiting with such a feeling of expectancy for Messrs. Prdhomme and Wilson to take their seats with the council that it rejoices us much to know that the season of anticipation is about to terminate. At last representative government is to be an accomplished fact.

very general observance of that fact was ticeable in Dawson, particularly

The hockey game of the afternoon was pleasant feature of the day, which was given over largely to quiet enjoyment. The fact that so many business houses closed their doors for the occasion was a graceful compliment which the American residents of Dawson highly appreciated.

St. Andrew's ball, Dawson's great society event, takes place tonight. Of all the affairs of the year in which our local four hundred participates St. Andrew's ball is the most elaborate. From all indications the preparations which have been made for celebrating the day of Scotia's patron saint, will far excel all past efforts put forth in Dawson on similar occasions.

Another terrible storm has swept over a large portion of Uncle Sam's domain, carrying death and destruction in its path. It appears to have covered the southern portion of the country with an impartial hand, leaving a trail hundreds of miles in width. We shall begin to think after a while that the Yukon is a pretty comfortable place of residence.

Hard luck stories and appeals for sympathy will always find a few listeners, no matter how insincere and dishonest the appeal may be. It does grate on one's nerves, though, to be asked to contribute a penny every day if the organ man never changes his

The News is rapidly developing into an unmitigated nuisance.

Fortymile's Bright Future.

"There is not a creek in the whole Fortymile district which does not show some gold," said J. E. Snevely, deputy U. S. surveyor at Eagle, to a News representative. Mr. Snevely just come out from that prosperous American camp to spend a portion of the winter in this city and in doing some development work on some Muir glacier mining property.

"I do not mean," he continued, "that gold in paying quantities will be found on every stream, but the fact that it is distributed over the entire district is a very favorable sign. Although comed by many men, there are miles of creeks which have never yet been scratched.

"If the prospecting had been systematic instead of haphazard, the result would have been the same, for the number of men has not been sufficient to cover such an extent of country.

"Eagle City is prospering in a steady way and many of the creeks in the diswho are prone to induge in sympa- trice are paying well. Gold Run, on Hutchison, Mission, Slate creek, Chicken, Franklin and a number of others are producing. On Mission an English syndicate has 50 men employed. O'Brien creek is being prospected with favorable results. Next season will see a marked increase in the mineral development of the district.

"The presence of the military forces, with the improvements they are making to Fort Egbert, adjoining the townsite adds life and bustle to the place.

"The trade of the Fortymile district is already large, and Skagway, in her efforts to secure the interior trade, can well afford to make in endly overtures for the trade of that section. The N. A. T. & T. Co., the A. C. Co. and the A. E. Co. all have large stores and the mining camps.

In addition to his engineering and and has an 80 acre ranch adjoining Eagle and near the river. He has 15 acres cleared and ready for the plow and has part of that under cultivation. As a specimen of what can be grown in a bunch of oats as could be wished for. The heads are long and heavy, and the grain is fully developed and ripe, falling of the farming future of the dis- delphia schooner William M. Bird,

trict, Mr. Snevely said: "The time is not yet ripe to boom agriculture in interior Alaska. The the Frying Pan shoals, North Carolina, success of the proposition so far as nature is concerned is not in doubt, but Barrett, perished. there are many difficulties yet to be overcome. The cost of clearing, preparing and plowing the ground is the have been landed at Salisbury, Md., first obstacle. Doubtless the production by the schooner Samuel T. Beachem, of hay and grain for feed will be the from Jacksonville, Fla., which vessel first form of farming to prove successful. rescued them on the afternoon of No-In a few years all the hay consumed in vember 3, 29 miles southwest of the Yesterday was Thanksgiving day, and the interior will be grown there without doubt, for the broad, fertile valleys

The survivors had be of Alaska are well adapted to hay and or water for 90 hours and suffered great grain raising. The enormous price to hardships, having chew d the leather

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advisability of giving up mining for tell just how their comrades perished.

Mr. Snevely brings out some fine maps of the Fortymile district which he grew weaker and drowned. has prepared. The maps show every creek and waterway in the district and are the best yet made. -Skagway News.

Wants to Fight a Duel.

Chicago, Nov. 5.-A special to the Record from Pana, Ill., says: Judge Righter of Shelby county has received a letter from Ralph Corti, an Italian, asking permission to fight a duel with Peter Camali, a fellow-countryman, who, the former claims, stole \$200 from his while working in the mines at Moweaqua last year. Corti begs that they may be permitted to step off ten paces and shoot at each other until one or the other falls dead.

A Painful Memory.

A lady who lives on Morgan street took her 5-year-old son to a photographer's to have his picture taken. river consignment is expected soon and She was anxious to secure a good likeness at this particular sitting because she wished to distribute the pictures among some friends who were then her guests

The child's idea of the affair, however, did not apparently harmonize with that of his mother, for when the man with the camera began to adjust the lens and direct it toward little Edward that young person set up what was unquestionably a howl.

In vain did the mother call into use T. & T. Co. her utmost forensic abilities. Edward did not want his picture taken.

"Why, my child," she said soothingly, "the gentleman won't hurt you. Just smile and keep still for a moment, and it will be all over before you know it."

"Yes, I know, mamma," whimpered the youth, with the tears running his cheeks, "but that's what you told me at the dentist's."-St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Battle With Robbers.

Titusville, Pa., Nov. 21. - Three masked robbers blew open the safe at D. A. V. & P. railway ticket office late last night, but secured only about \$20. The bandits then went to a disorderly house on East Spring street, and, on Gloves and Hosiery, entering, presented revolvers and proceeded to relieve the proprietress and inmates of what valuables they had, reported as amounting to \$1000 worth of Fans, Slippers, etc., etc. jewels and \$500 in cash, Chief of Police McGrath and Officer Sheehy attempted their arrest. A pitched battle ensued in which about 20 shots were warehouses at Eagle and supply most of fired, three of which struck Chief Mc-Grath, one in the abdomen and two in the left shoulder. Officer Sheehy was shot in the mouth, the ball passing through the side of the neck and inflicting a dangerous wound. In the confusion the robbers escaped from the house. Later the dead body of one of the robbers was found two blocks from the scene of the combat, with a bullet through his breast.

Wrecked in a Hurricane.

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 21. - News ing from the heads when dried. Speak- has been received here that the Philafrom Charleston, S. C., to New London, Conn., was wrecked in the hurricane off and ten of the crew, including Capt,

Two survivors, George W. Loud, the mate, and George Robinson, seaman,

The survivors had been without food ong those who hall from the States, will lead many people to consider the They have not recovered sufficiently to

the more peaceful pursuit of the hay- but they state in an incoherent manner that the lost men were swept off one by one from the wreck as their strength

The William M. Bird, as Capt. John Steelman, master of the Beachem, states, became waterlogged at II p. m. on October 30 and was a complete wreck five minutes afterward.

More Mail Coming.

Owing to the fact that no mail was reported as having recently passed Selwyn, the Nugget stated on Wednesday that there was no incoming mail this side of Selwyn. This was an error, as the mail is due at Dawson tonight, having left Ogilvie at an early hour this morning.

Manager Downing of the lower river mail route, dispatched 13 sacks of mail down the river Wednesday at noon and by this time the anxiety of the people at Fortymile and Eagle for mail has probably been appeased. Another down will be dispatched immediately on its arrival here.

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