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## SMALL DEBTS.

The recommendation made by Commissioner Ogilvie, respecting the collection of small debts, is something to which prompt consideration may well be given.

Under existing conditions, the jurisdiction of the police magistrates is so limited, and resort to the higher court so expensive, that the collection of small debts, other than wages, is a practical impossibility.

Attorneys in Dawson are a decidedly expensive luxury, and when a man, who has a fifty-dollar account to collect, discovers what the employment of legal talent to conduct his case means, he generally concludes that he will be making money by presenting his debtor with a receipted bill.

If he attempts to handle his own cause, he will more than likely become convinced of the fact that he has a fool for a client. Resort to garnishment and similar processes of law is unsatisfactory, and often in-entirely and expensive as well. Some means should be found whereby creditors for small amounts, whether they be in the nature of claims for wages or other considerations, may secure quick adjustment of their business at the very minimum of expense to both parties.

## WHAT IS BEFORE HIM.

Gen. Roberts has before him more difficult problems to solve before he leads his army into Pretoria than any that have thus far confronted him.

It must be remembered that, during the six months which the war has thus far continued, no battles have been fought within the borders of the Transvaal proper. The relief of Ladysmith and Kimberly and the capture of Cronje's army are the important results which thus far have attained from the campaign. But to accomplish what has been done, required that twice as much time should be consumed, and three times the number of men employed than were included in the original estimates of what would be required to bring the war to a successful issue.

Aside from effecting the relief of the little town of Mafeking, it is presumed that Roberts' next move will be an advance in the direction of Pretoria.

The first point at which any considerable resistance will be encountered is at Kroonstad, on the line of the railroad running up from Bloemfontein to Johannesburg. From the former point to Kroonstad is a distance of 70 miles, and from Kroonstad to the Vaal river is 30 miles.

The country from Kroonstad to the Vaal is rolling and broken in nature, and is covered with a network of fortifications similar to those which Gen. Buller encountered in endeavoring to effect the relief of Ladysmith.

The time which has elapsed since Bloemfontein was taken has enabled the Boers to strengthen their fortifications and bring up fresh stores of arms and supplies. It is apparent, therefore, that a difficult campaign confronts Lord Roberts before he will be enabled to cross the Vaal river and begin operations within the borders of Kruger's domain. When the passage of the Vaal has been forced, the Boers, according to the most reliable information at hand, will in all probability concentrate at Pretoria for a final stand.

All authorities agree that the Boer capital is so protected, by the nature of the adjacent country and the miles and miles of trenches and fortifications with which it is surrounded, that a siege must, at best, be a prolonged affair. These circumstances, doubtless, account in part for the delays in Roberts' advance, which have occasioned so much harsh criticism from the English press.

The problem is a greater one than anyone conceived at the outbreak of hostilities. The commanding general doubtless comprehends the necessities of the situation more fully even than the London newspapers, and the care with which he is proceeding makes it evident that he realizes the serious nature of the task in front of him, and proposes to make no false steps.

## UNCLE SAM PROSPEROUS.

The croak of the croaker and the yawn of the yawner are not now heard in the land. Everywhere the people have money, and they are spending it with a freedom that betokens unshaken confidence in the continuation of prosperity. The good people of Kansas, the state of chronic ailments, have money to pay off mortgages, and the most poverty-cursed section of the country is buying tid-bits. Prosperity, big, broad and all-pervasive, oppresses the country from ocean to ocean and from border line to border line. Everybody is happy, merry, and has money.

Every merchant and dealer reports that his sales exceed anything ever known in his business experience. The general inquiry is for good qualities of everything. Cheap and tawdry stuffs are not attractive this year, because even the commonly poor have the price to pay for the best.

We like to enjoy our good times while they are upon us, and not to anticipate misfortunes of the unknown future. It is good for the people to spend their money. Spending money freely keeps the circulation quick and vigorous. It is only when money is locked up and hoarded that panics come on. We have the money—plenty of it—and we are spending it as becomes a prosperous people.—Detroit Journal.

## Two Men in a Boat.

Two men were observed yesterday afternoon at the mouth of the Klondike making an attempt to pole up the river against the swift current. Their efforts were not successful from the start as they were repeatedly backed down the river, and in one instance narrowly escaped being precipitated into the rushing torrent. By creeping close along the bank, however, they succeeded in accomplishing their purpose, to the satisfaction of hundreds of people who watched their battle with the flood.

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## STROLLER'S COLUMN

It is good to the eye to see the people of all walks in life rallying to the call for aid at Ottawa where hundreds of men and helpless children have had their homes and their all swept away by the flames. The free, lavish manner in which Dawson always responds to calls for charity is admirable, and is probably not excelled on the American continent. Five dollars constitute an insignificant sum in the eyes of the average resident of the Yukon; but on the outside \$5 will buy a wagonload of provisions or pay nearly a month's rent or outfit a child in comfortable clothes. The Stroller is glad to know that Ottawa's appeal for aid will be responded to most liberally.

Now, while on the subject of charity, why would it not be in a most praiseworthy cause to continue in the good work and send a mite to the many widows and children at Schofield, Utah, who were recently deprived of husbands, fathers, brothers and sons, the bread-providers of the many families, by a most terrible explosion? These widows and orphans are also subjects for consideration at the hands of charitably disposed people, and it is gratifying to know that, like the fire sufferers of Ottawa, the bereaved town of Schofield in which the hand of death has been laid on nearly every household, is receiving aid from all over the country. Let Dawson do her share in both cases. The Stroller believes she will.

"Am I going to Nome? No, I rather guess not; I would go in a minute but I can't get the old woman away from Dawson."

The speaker was a man past the meridian of life, and so far as being of any good to himself or anybody else goes, is probably the most no-account man who ever came to Dawson. When asked why his old woman disliked leaving Dawson, he said:

"Me and that woman have knocked around all the minin' camps in the west during the past 25 years, me, gamblin' and her a-takin' in washin' and doin' other things to amuse herself; and up to the time we reached Dawson 20 months ago, I reckon a month never passed without me lickin' her with a trunk strap or anything else that was handy. Well, a few weeks after we landed here I gave her the usual dressin' and b'gosh, I sawed wood for the next 90 days. Since then I hasn't touch her, and as the gal is dead stuck on me when I don't lick her, she is determined to stay right here, for she knows I'll never touch her as long as I'm within 1000 miles of that woodpile; and she also knows that, unless she digs up the fare, I can't get out of 'he country. Now, you know why I am not goin' to Nome."

The old saying, "A fool for luck," was verified the other evening when the river was full of running ice at which time a West Dawsonite conceived a sudden notion to come across the river to see if there was any mail for himself at the postoffice, at an hour after that institution is closed, and just as if anybody would write to such a chump. For the sole reason that the Lord is especially kind to the feeble-minded, the man actually got safely over, much to the disgust of many who thought the fool-hardy effort should have at least been rewarded with a bath in the icy waters.

"It may be only a coincidence, but it looks like a natural consequence."

"To what do you refer," asked the Stroller of the Dawson attorney who made the above remark.

"Why, to this mess that has been stirred up in the assistant gold commissioner's office, of course; what else would I refer to than the notorious scandal that everybody is talking about. I say that the fact of the head of the office having ruled out the newspapers less than a month ago, and this affair coming out now with a heaven-reaching odor may be only a coincidence (with emphasis on "may") but it has more the air of a natural consequence than of anything else. We read in biblical lore of those who preferred darkness because their deeds were evil, and what held in those days holds yet in many instances. But then, I am the last man on earth to condemn a fellow being for having his mitt out; especially when the act gives the government the worst of it. However, it is not pleasant to be found out even in defrauding the government. It gives a man a bad aroma which requires years to free him from. This particular case is one of great interest to me and to many of my clients, for if it comes out all right it will be a boon to us in the matter of claim representation."

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