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KLONDIKE NUGGET.

MONDAY, MAY 4, 1903.

FRAME A NEW LAW.

On Thursday of this week the Yukon council will meet for the first time since last fall. While the program of business has not as yet been publicly outlined, it is safe to say that the proposed lien law enactment is the most important matter that will come up for consideration.

The point of divergence is reached when the terms embodied in the ordinance as proposed by the local trades and labor council are considered.

In connection with the measure as it now stands two points are to be noted. The council has no authority to enact any legislation of so sweeping a nature.

If the adoption of such a law would injure rather than benefit the very man whom it is desired to protect.

These facts have been clearly established and require nothing further in substantiation. The lien law as at present contemplated cannot become a law and in attempting to press the measure as it now stands upon the Yukon council the trades and labor council will merely be sacrificing their own time and energy to say nothing of the interests of wage earners of the district who are vitally interested in the outcome.

Under these circumstances, the obvious course before the promoters of the law is to withdraw the form of ordinance as it has been drafted and begin immediately the preparation of one which will be within the jurisdiction of the council.

If the ordinance in its present form goes before that body it is predestined to defeat. And even should it meet a better fate at the hands of the council, it would in all probability find sudden death in the courts.

The working man wants a law which not only will give him protection but which will stand the test of the courts and which will be sustained by public opinion.

The proposed ordinance does not fulfill either of these requirements and therefore a substitute should be prepared without delay.

Otherwise it is altogether likely that no results of any nature will accrue from the agitation that has so long been in progress.

ENCOURAGE QUARTZ MINING. It would be an excellent thing if the Yukon council, at the coming session of that body, would formulate some active measure in the direction of encouraging quartz prospecting and mining in the district.

There are a number of individuals and companies who are preparing to go ahead and develop their quartz properties and in so doing they are contributing to the possible wealth of the community in a material and effective manner.

In pioneering a new industry which may in the end give employment to thousands of men and add marvelously to the population of Dawson, a public purpose is achieved which should be recognized and substantially rewarded.

The first productive quartz mine placed in active operation in the territory will renew attention toward this district from every part of the globe. Capital will again become interested and will be found ready and willing to invest. Everyone in the community will profit to an extent, and the people as a whole can well afford to extend recognition to the men who perform a service so important.

Quartz mines opened up and paying dividends will give this entire district an impetus which will place it at once in the front rank among mining camps.

Encouragement shown at this time to those who are endeavoring to establish the industry on its feet would be most timely.

The entire stock in trade of the News is made up of hard luck stories. Our contemporary has become a veritable calamity howler, and seems to be able to deal in nothing but predictions of woe and disaster to come. If this territory were as badly off as the News paints it, it would not be fit for habitation. Politics sometimes blinds one's eyes to facts and this may be partly excusable while an election is pending, or in progress. But when there is no election in sight there seems to be no reasonable grounds for the exaggerations and distortions which fill the columns of the News.

According to our press dispatches it is the intention of the miners' federation to admit to membership Chinese and Japs now employed in the Northwest both in Canada and the United States. This will be a speedy way of settling the threatened Oriental invasion.

If Japs and Chinese cannot be employed more cheaply than white labor, their services will not be wanted. The only question is will the wily orientals stay organized?

The fire alarm system now in use in Dawson has proven very un satisfactory. There seems to be something decidedly wrong with the mechanism, which not infrequently fails to indicate the box from which the alarm is reported.

It would be far better to have no alarm system of any nature rather than continue with a bunglesome affair upon which no reliance can be placed.

The United States authorities have begun a vigorous warfare against the traffickers in young girls, who have been notoriously active in plying their nefarious trade during late years. No punishment could possibly be too severe for such crime.

It is to be hoped that the program for Victoria day will be made so irresistibly attractive that people will come from every corner of the territory to take part in the festivities.

A dam across Bonanza creek above Victoria gulch would supply all of Bonanza and Eldorado with water the whole summer through. It would, however, be a source of some uneasiness to miners working immediately below.

Judge," he said, "if you send me out on a ten-dollar fine, you only allow me 50 cents a day, makin' twenty days I've locked up, ain't it?"

"That's right," said the judge. "Well, you ought to make it more than that, judge, 'cause I can do a lot better'n that at my own business. I'm a more valuable man than that."

"You can earn more at your own business?"

"Sure?"

"What is your business?"

"Begg'n"—Chicago Post.

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J. P. McLENNAN.

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

Communications for publication in this column are invited upon all questions of public interest. Correspondents are requested to be as brief as possible and to sign their names, which will be withheld if desired.

Dear Sir:—No more unfortunate victim of the lack of good laws in the Yukon territory exists than the wage earner.

Up to the present the mortgage, the claim owner, and the merchant have by strategy of contract generally obtained at the spring cleanup the amounts due them.

But the irony of misfortune was ever ready to laugh at the claim for wages. For years the lien law has been a strong plank of every political platform.

Yet now when half the Yukon council is elective the mephisto of wage earners' just claims becomes more pronounced.

Are our own politicians determined to keep this matter in politics forever? The people of the Yukon demand that the question be settled now and settled right.

Our elected members seem to have found more reasons since election for not dealing with this matter than were ever heard from all Yukon politicians heretofore.

Mr. Clarke during the federal campaign told Dr. Catto that the lien law was a legal matter and had no place in a local platform, but in a letter to the Daily News of March 17th, Joseph meekly says: "The lien law we fondly hoped could be dealt with absolutely by the Yukon council."

"Therefore my present opinion is that in this lien law the relief must come from Ottawa first," Joseph, who for four years had viewed all legislation with an eye single to the interest of the wage earner (?) found that all his denunciation of others for not passing proper lien laws was wrong.

So he says, but we believe that he was trying to shirk his duty. What he said in that letter, Rev. John Pringle is reported to have echoed at Gold Bottom. Both see lions in the path.

Our hopes are with the other councillors, but this hope is only based upon their silence. True they talked at election but like Clarke and Pringle they may have found they were wrong.

Still the demand for a lien law did not down upon the dicta of Messrs. Clarke and Pringle. An agitation was therefore started to send them to Ottawa.

The funds did not materialize and they are still face to face with a duty to settle this question right. So the question entered upon another phase. Clarke determined to adopt the bill prepared by the Dawson Trades and Labor Council.

He knew it to be totally inefficient, unworkable and unconstitutional. Yet this furnished him a sure chance to pose as the sole advocate of the workingmen on the Yukon council, for it was certain that not another member of that council would support the bill in that form.

He could therefore declare for the bill, the whole bill and nothing but the bill and return after defeat to the Dawson Trades and Labor Council and the Miners' Association as their faithful champion.

In this road lay success, while any faithful honest attempt to prepare an efficient, workable and constitutional lien law could meet with only partial success at most.

The subject of miners' lien is a difficult one to legislate upon. The extent of the Yukon council's powers is not perfectly clear, then the very best is done the author of any good bill will find that he has really satisfied nobody. It is indeed a veritable crux for an aspiring politician. It is therefore a little amusing to see them fight shy of it.

The way to Clarke was clear, the difficulties in the path of duty obvious. The News reported that the Trades and Labor Council found only Clarke and Landreville sound on the

lien law. Next followed the News editorial that unless the public showed some opposition the bill drafted by the Trades and Labor Council would go before the Yukon council as it was. Right on the heels of this came a series of letters either approving or calling of a mass meeting to instruct the members of the council.

You can't fool all the people all the time. If after the past four years of Yukon history the members of the Yukon council are not instructed as to the needs of the country for a lien law they can't receive instruction. If they wish to juggle with the question a mass meeting is an ideal place to do so, but if they really wish to legislate well they had better get their pen, ink and paper and get to work drafting the clauses of their bill.

WELL WISHER. Dawson, May 4th, 1903.

Clear the Way. Men of thought! be up and stirring. Night and day, show the seed-withdraw the curtain. Clear the way!

Clear the way! Men of action, aid and cheer them. As ye may.

There's a fount about to stream. There's a light about to beam. There's a warmth about to glow. There's a flower about to blow. There's a midnight blackness changing.

Into grey. Men of thought and men of action. Clear the way!

Once the welcomed light has broken. Who shall say. What the unimagined glories. Of the day?

What the evil that shall perish. In its ray? Aid the dawning, tongue and pen. Aid the hopes of honest men. Aid it, paper-aid it, type. Aid it, for the hour is ripe, and earnest must not slacken. Into play.

Men of thought and men of action. Clear the way! Lo! a cloud's about to vanish. From the day. And a brazen wrong to crumble. Into clay.

Lo! the Right's about to conquer. Clear the way. With the Right, shall many more Enter, smiling, at the door. With the giant Wrong, shall fall. Many others, great and small. That for ages long have held us. For their prey.

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There was in Washington a few years ago an old negro who was noted for his recollections of all the famous statesmen of antebellum days.

To him one day came a rather pompous member of a comparatively recent Congress, who addressed the old negro patronizingly.

"Uncle Daniel, I understand that you used to know Webster, Clay, Calhoun, and all the celebrated statesmen of before-the-war times."

"Oh, yes, suh, 'I members dem all," responded the old negro.

"Well, Daniel, I have been told that I look like Daniel Webster. Can you see any resemblance?"

"Well, yes, suh, 'yo does 'mind 'e powerful' of Mars Webster in some respects."

"Indeed! In what particulars do I remind you of Daniel Webster?" inquired the now thoroughly flattered statesman.

"Mos'ly in de bref, suh," responded Daniel, "mos'ly in de bref"—New York Mail and Express.

"I want," she said hesitatingly as she poked her chin in front of her pretty chin with a thoughtful air, "to get some lettuce."

"Here's some—very nice it is, too," "Is it all that color?"

"Why—et—yes'im. all lettuce is green, you know."

"Oh, it is too bad. I got a lovely blue dish to put lettuce in, but I'm sure green would look horrible in it. I never thought about there not being any shades, you know. And as she turned away the market man was almost sure he saw a tear of disappointment in her eye. —New York News.

"Of course, you can't take a hint," she said, looking at him thoughtfully. He couldn't, and she knew it, and that's why she said it. It wouldn't have been necessary otherwise.

"Of course," he replied. "Have you been hitting at anything?"

"Oh, dear, no," she answered, with suspicious haste. "It was just thinking, you know."

Plea for Cremation

London, April 11.—Justice Grant-ham, in summing up in the Old Bailey Thursday last, previous to sentencing Kiosowski, alias Chapman, the Southwark saloonkeeper, to death after he had been convicted of murdering three women by poison in different parts of London, declared that if the women had been cremated Kiosowski would never have been convicted, and said the case served as a warning to those who thought the churchyard should be shut up.

These and other judicial criticisms of cremation have called out a spirited reply from Professor Sir Henry Thompson, Bart., the well known surgeon, who says that if Justice Grant-ham had the slightest acquaintance with the precautions adopted in cremation he would have known that any poisonous endeavoring to get rid of a victim by cremation is almost certain to be detected.

Sir Henry adds that both here and in France in every case where a body is offered for cremation the keenest inquiry is made with reference to the possibility of death being caused by poison.

It was fully admitted in the parliamentary inquiry into the subject in 1893.

Strike in Rome. Rome, April 8.—The aspect of Rome was completely changed early today. The gay, crowded city of yesterday seemed dead. No cars passed through the streets and even the street cars which ran at long intervals were escorted by police and were almost empty, as the people feared to ride in them on account of the threats of the strikers.

The shops were open, but the shutters were up, as the proprietors intended to be ready for any emergency. They were apprehensive of rioting and feared, as on other occasions, that their windows would be smashed.

The whole city was occupied by troops. Detachments of cavalry were posted on the squares and special details of soldiers and police were stationed around the Vatican so as to prevent any attempt against the papal palace. Foreigners, continue to leave Rome, but many of them cannot get away, as they are far from the railroad station, no cabs are obtainable and the hotel omnibuses can carry only a limited number of passengers.

If the strike continues and all the foreigners leave the city, it is said that the boarding house keepers alone will lose on an average of \$16,000 daily.

Unimportant encounters between the strikers and troops took place during the morning, the former wishing to hold meetings, which were forbidden, or reach the center of the city, but the strikers were easily dispersed by cavalry charges.

The Socialists have decided to propose that the difference between the typewriters and their employers, which brought about the general strike, should be settled by arbitration. This proposition is likely to be accepted, which case the general strike will be ended.

Cashier Shot. Sherman, Tex., April 8.—Ben L. Thompson, cashier of the Bank of Commerce, was shot to death on the public square of this city today by W. E. Stone, of Texarkana. The men met on the street and without preliminary parley drew their revolvers and opened fire. Thompson was struck by one of the first shots and fell mortally wounded.

He died a few hours later. Stone is about 22 years old, and is a traveling salesman for a Dayton, O. house. He stated that the tragedy was the result of a family difficulty.

Six Captured. Guthrie, O.T., April 5.—Sheriffs Morrison of Kiowa county, Thompson of Caddo, Porter of Garfield, and Bottom of Washita, surrounded a ranch near Cordale, Okla., and within a brief time captured six of the remaining outlaws of the Bert Casey gang, supposed to have robbed the Ledger bank of \$6000 last Friday. The bandits were surprised and taken without trouble.

"Then you don't share the apprehensions, which some people have expressed concerning this country's future?"

"Certainly not," answered Senator Sorghbin. "Me and the Trusts have too much money invested in the country to let anything happen to it."—Washington Star.

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Pleasant Evening. Aurora Club's First at Home Big Success. The "At Home" given by the Aurora Club Saturday night, the first time the new organization has essayed the role of entertainer, was a success in every particular, and although it was by no means an all night affair, it was greatly enjoyed by upwards of the 100 members and guests present who improved the time from 10 until shortly after midnight and never was there a better-natured, better-behaved crowd assembled at a similar function in Dawson.

Refreshments both plentiful and substantial were served, short talks were made, stories were told and altogether the occasion was a most enjoyable one.

The Aurora Club is proving of great convenience to its members and especially those who are not residents of the city. Its tables are covered with all the local and outside papers, magazines and periodicals, making it a pleasant place for those who do not care to loaf around the streets and saloons. Stationery is also provided in order that all who wish may go there to write letters and transact such other business as they may desire.

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pany, composed of 200 Kansas farmers, purchased 200,000 acres of land near Hesperon, San Luis Potosi, and preparations for settlement have already been made.

Motorman Shot. Chicago, April 5.—Because he tried to force his car through a parade which was blocking traffic in the street tonight, Motorman Zera was shot and seriously injured by one of the marchers. Nearly 100 Italians, who were in the parade broke ranks as soon as the disturbance began, and a riot followed, switching irons, bricks and other missiles being used.

In response to a riot call, a mob of police were on the scene in a few minutes, but before quiet could be restored several persons were severely cut and bruised. Two of the Italians, who it is supposed did the shooting, were arrested.

Found Guilty. San Francisco, April 8.—The jury in the case of Walter N. Dimmock, accused of stealing \$30,000 from the United States mint, after failing to agree yesterday afternoon, reached a verdict of guilty this morning.

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NEW THEORY ADVANC

Klondike River Ice Not Break Up

Water is Flowing Over In Under—It May Gradually Melt Away.

To all appearances the ch of the Klondike river is already broken up but close investigation shows that the latter is still in fact in one piece and is merely melting away under the ice.

Due to the fact that the river is already broken up and is melting away under the ice, it is probable that the latter will gradually melt away and then break up into small pieces and finally disappear.

It is believed that the river will rise to the usual level in the usual manner, and that the present high water level is only a temporary phenomenon.

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