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**LETTERS**

And Small Packages can be sent to the Creeks by our carriers on the following days: Every Wednesday and Saturday to Eldorado and Bonanza; every Saturday to Hunker, Dominion, Gold Run, Sulphur, etc.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1900.

**THE MAIL SERVICE.**

There is a very well grounded impression abroad that the mail service from the outside is far inferior to the system which prevailed last winter. This impression has been given added weight by the arrival of the mail yesterday. A large portion of this last consignment consists of mail matter which has been sixty days or more en route. Letters sent from the outside in the middle of October arrived yesterday, while former consignments have brought matter which was mailed a month after that time. This certainly indicates a lack of system in transmitting the mails to which the contractors would do well to give immediate attention. Formerly when the delivery of mail in Dawson was notoriously uncertain, people did not rely upon the service for the transaction of important business. The efficient system which was maintained last winter inspired public confidence in the good faith and ability of the contractors, and it certainly is to be regretted that the splendid record made last winter is not being maintained.

As matters now stand, a far better service must be given or there will be first-class grounds for general complaint.

**THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

The growth of our local public schools is very satisfactory. Our well attended schools form one of the very best evidences of permanence which could possibly be suggested. They indicate that the restless, unsettled period of former days is passed and that Dawson's population has now entered upon a settled and well established era. Instead of being here today and there tomorrow, the people of our little city for the most part have located here for a stay of an indefinite number of years and are making their plans accordingly.

While the schools are entirely inadequate to accommodate the requirement of the school population, a splendid beginning has been made toward the establishment of a first-class system, which doubtless will be improved from time to time until Dawson's public schools will rank along with those of other cities of similar size in any portion of the Dominion. In the organization of a public school in a community such as Dawson, more or less confusion is certain to ensue, and serious difficulties will arise which will be hard to overcome. It must be said, however, to the credit of those who have had in charge the work of inaugurating the local schools, that they have succeeded admirably when the various difficulties under which they have labored are taken into consideration.

There are several sides to be considered in determining the advisability of transforming Dawson into an incorporated municipality. In the abstract the Nugget is in favor of the incorporation of the town, but it will be impossible to give expression to a clear opinion until the exact terms upon which incorporation will be offered are known. The affairs of the town are well handled at the present time, and aside from natural opposition to the prevailing system of local government few people have any particular objections to offer. On the other hand, when we come face to face with the matter of taxation, which ultimately must be the case, there will be decided

opinions in favor of the election of a representative council. In any event we must make sure that in endeavoring to rid ourselves of existing ills we do not plunge into others of which we have no present knowledge.

The News in a recent issue undertakes to speak for Mr. Arthur Wilson with reference to certain matters raised by the Nugget. As we have said before we decline to recognize the unsupported statements of irresponsible parties who pretend to represent the views of other people.

Dawson may not be located in a land flowing with milk and honey, but there are few places where Mumm's extra dry gurgles forth in greater abundance.

**Winter Mails to Yukon.**

Postmaster Stewart has received copies of orders from the second and third assistant postmaster generals at Washington City which put a stop to the forwarding of all mail matter to the Yukon except letters. The order in full from Second Assistant Postmaster General Shallenberger is as follows:

"The department will not be prepared to forward mail matter other than letters in their ordinary form, hereafter and during the coming winter, addressed to the Yukon territory in Canada or to American postoffices along and north of the Yukon river in Alaska. Any mail, other than letters in the usual form, that may be received hereafter will necessarily be held at convenient points until arrangements are made for forwarding heavy mails next spring.

"It is therefore suggested that the public withhold such mail matter for those points until about May 1, 1901."

Registered mail matter is also barred owing to the following order from Third Assistant Postmaster General Madden:

"All postmasters are enjoined to inform patrons who present for registration matter other than letters in their usual and ordinary form addressed to Nome, Alaska, American postoffices along and north of the Yukon river in Alaska, or for points in the Yukon territory of Canada, that it will be impossible to dispatch such matter to its destination during the coming winter, or until further notice; and that therefore, it is advisable not to mail such matter, even in the registered mails, until arrangements can be made for dispatching heavy mails to such destinations next spring, due notice of which will appear in the Daily Bulletin of this department and in the monthly supplement to the Postal Guide."

The foregoing orders have been put into effect in Seattle and all such mail matter now in the office and which may be sent in will be held until the opening of navigation next spring.—P.-I., Nov. 10.

**Long Lease of Control.**

Ottawa, Nov. 18.—A review of the political situation in Canada, even at this early date after the smoke of the electoral battle has cleared away, reveals at least one prominent fact that stands out above all other developments resulting from the elections, that Liberal administration is now destined to have a long lease of power in the Dominion. The Conservatives themselves concede this. They foresaw the certainty of it, for in the recent campaign they exerted every effort within the range of possibility, even stooping to disreputable tactics at the last moment, in order to win, but without avail. The people are now thoroughly disillusioned in regard to the preponderance of Conservative power and influence in Canada, and the curious notion which has always prevailed among Conservatives that they were the only party competent to govern in this country has been utterly dissipated. The Conservative press assiduously promoted this strange idea and encouraged the people to believe in it, usually applying the offensive term of "usurpers" when referring to the Laurier ministry. The Liberal victory has been so complete and overwhelming that Conservatives here candidly admit that the present prospect holds out no hope of success for their party in the near future.

Another important fact which the outcome of the elections has established is the necessity of a thorough reorganization of the Conservative party in Canada. Its rehabilitation as a powerful political force can only be accomplished under the leadership of new men. Already the cry is heard in Conservative circles, "We cannot expect to succeed under the leadership of the Tupper."

Sir C. H. Tupper has been re-elected, but the unexpected defeat of Sir Charles Tupper, who ran in the safest constituency of his native province of Nova Scotia, is a paralyzing blow to

## A Klondiker's Christmas

Has been the subject around which startling stories of unusual hardship and privation have been woven in the past. Today the Klondiker can enjoy the festivities of the holiday season much the same as though outside—in fact he will probably eat as good a dinner and wear better clothes than if at his old home.

Of course, in talking about good clothes, we are thinking of our Tailor Made Suits and Overcoats from the Famous Wholesale Tailors, Stein-Bloch & Co., of New York.



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## HERSHBERG

The Reliable Seattle Clothiers  
Opp. C. D. Co.'s Dock.

Conservatives, and marks a dramatic finale to the wonderful political career of that really eminent Canadian statesman. On Wednesday last he suffered his first personal defeat at the polls during the whole of his long and successful political life, which extends over a period of 47 years. His friends are apprehensive that the blow may injuriously affect the venerable baronet, who is verging on his 80th year, but he seems to bear his great reverse with philosophic fortitude, and has, even announced that he intends at once to proceed to British Columbia to assist his friends in the two elections which are to take place in the districts of Yale-Cariboo and Burrard at a later date. It will, however, prove the dying effort of the greatest political gladiator this country has yet produced, for Sir Charles Tupper will soon disappear finally from political life.

**Cattle King Goes Mad.**

New York, Nov. 22.—W. F. Mellick, former president of the National Bank of Pocatello, Idaho, and "cattle king" of the Snake river, is now a raving lunatic, the result, it is thought, of being sandbagged in Chicago a week ago.

He was taken to Morristown, N. J., heavily ironed, today, and was committed as a private patient to the state hospital for the insane at Morristown Heights. The commitment was made at the instance of his father, R. W. Mellick, a wealthy farmer of New Germantown, N. J.

James La Boide, an attendant in the detention hospital at Chicago brought Mellick here. He tells the story of an assault and robbery.

Mellick had been in Chicago several days, had sold his cattle, and was preparing to return to the Snake river country. On the evening of November 17, with a large roll of bills, he started out to visit the theaters. Late that night he stopped at the hotel where he had been staying, and asked for a loan of \$2 with which to pay the cabman for bringing him home. The cabman said he had found Mellick out near Lincoln Park boulevard, wandering around in a dazed condition. His money, watch, rings and all valuables were missing. The next morning Mellick drew a check for a million dollars, and ordered a \$1000 banquet, to be served by 100 waiters, in his room. The proprietor called a physician and policeman, and Mellick, after a struggle, was taken to the detention hospital.

**Army Bill to Pass.**

Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 22.—Senator Charles W. Fairbanks, of Indiana, who passed through Pittsburg today, en route to Washington, states that the bill providing for an increase in the regular army would be passed shortly after congress convened. The increase, he said, is not less than thirty or forty thousand. The ship subsidy bill would also receive favorable consideration, and it was likely some definite action would be taken on the isthmian canal measure.

**The First Dollar.**

"Oh, yes, I have always kept the first dollar I ever made. It was such a bum piece of work that I couldn't spend it!" And the counterfeiter laughed heartily at the recollection.—Detroit Journal.

Large African cigars at Rochester.

Christams presents. Pure color diamonds at Sale & Co.

Seagram, '83, at Rochester Bar.

**The Criterion Hotel.**

The Criterion hotel has been remodelled and is now to be run on the family hotel plan, where, with finely appointed rooms and an excellent dining room service, the patrons of the house can be entertained. Manager J. H. Weiter has reduced the price of rooms and will make every effort to have a first-class family hotel in every respect.

**FOR SALE.**  
FOR SALE—Restaurant and Lodging House, splendidly located. Owner going outside. Apply at the Nugget Office.

**PROFESSIONAL CARDS**

**LAWYERS**  
CLARK, WILSON & STACPOOLE—Barristers, Attorneys, Notaries, Conveyancers, etc. Office Monte Carlo Building, First Avenue, Dawson, Y. T.

BURRITT & McKAY—Advocates, Solicitors, Notaries, etc. Commissioners for Ontario and British Columbia. Aurora No. 2 Building, Front street, Dawson.

MACKINNON & NOEL, Advocates, Second st., near Bank of B. N. A.

HENRY BLEECKER FERNAND DE JOURNEL BLEECKER & DE JOURNEL Attorneys at Law, Offices—Second street, in the Joslin Building. Residence—Third avenue, opp. Metropole hotel Dawson.

PATTULLO & RIDLEY—Advocates, Notaries, Conveyancers, etc. Offices, First Avenue.

WADE & AIKMAN—Advocates, Notaries, etc. Offices, A. C. Office Building.

TABOR, WALSH & HULME—Barristers and Solicitors, Advocates, Notaries Public, Conveyancers. Telephone No. 40. Offices, Rooms 1, 2, 3, Orpheum Building.

N. F. HAGEL, Q. C., Barrister, Notary, etc., over McLennan, McFeely & Co., hardware store, First Avenue.

**MINING ENGINEERS.**  
J. B. TYRRELL, mining engineer, has removed to Mission st., next door to public school.

I am selling  
**WOOD**  
in any quantity or any size delivered  
**Cheaper**  
than any in Dawson.

**GEO. H. MEADE**  
Strait's Auction House

**Fresh Stall Fed BEEF**

All Kinds of Meats  
Game In Season  
**Bay City Market**  
Chas. Bossuyt & Co.

**THIRD STREET** Near Second Ave.  
Outfitting at Meeker's.  
Lindemann the jeweler has removed to Monte Carlo building.

The Last  
**Stampede**  
of 1900...  
Is Now on

It started at daylight this morning headed by an old  
**SOUR DOUGH**  
who got a tip from the Nugget.

Where is the stampede to?  
Why to the  
**N. A. T. & T. Co.'s**  
**TOY**  
**DEPARTMENT**  
Corner 1st Avenue and 4th Street  
Opposite Fire Hall No. 1

Any little boy can show you the trail.

No Relocations  
All New Claims  
Get a move on you and secure your choice.

**N. A. T. & T. CO.**