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TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 1901.

REDUCE THE MINER'S LICENSE.

An earnest effort should be made to secure as early as possible a substantial reduction in the miners' license fee now charged by the federal government. That fee along with other charges made upon the people is altogether too high. The price of an annual license was fixed at \$10 during the progress of the early stampede into this country, when by popular assumption the entire district was fabulously rich in gold.

Considering all the conditions which prevailed at that time, there is no particular cause for surprise that the federal authorities placed the charge for a license at the amount named. The newspapers at that time were filled with stories of wealth to be had for the mere exertion of picking it up and such a thing as an unproductive claim was not even suggested. Those early day allusions have now been dispelled. The possession of a miner's license does not guarantee the holder, ownership of a claim, nor does ownership of a claim furnish any absolute proof of its wealth.

The miners' license is practically a poll tax, levied upon every individual in the district. It costs the laborer as much money to enjoy the right to look for employment on a claim as it does the Eldorado King to qualify himself to hold his ground which may be worth hundreds of thousands of dollars. It would probably be safe to say that hundreds of licenses are taken out in the camp a year which would be of no use to their owner were the license not a pre-requisite to securing employment. In other words a large portion of the present population of the district is composed of men who depend entirely upon their day's labor for their living, and who are not and do not expect to become owners of mining property.

That such men should be required to take out any sort of license is entirely wrong in principle—but that they should be forced to pay \$10 each year therefor—the same amount required of the rich claim owner for the privilege of working his ground—is an extraordinary hardship. If the present system is to be pursued the license should be reduced to a nominal fee—not to exceed \$2 or \$3. Otherwise a clear distinction should be made between the laborer and the claim owner or claim seeker.

OOM PAUL A BAD PROPHET.

Oom Paul is out with a manifesto to the effect that he does not countenance anything in the nature of peace negotiations. It is barely possible that Kruger no longer carries the weight with his people that he formerly possessed. The time was in the Transvaal when Kruger was considered almost with the veneration due an inspired prophet. His public utterances were looked upon as being of divine origin and while nominally he was the president of a republic, his rule was unquestioned as though he had been an absolute monarch. Now Kruger is a wanderer upon the face of the earth and at most of the courts where he has sought a hearing, he has been received with scant courtesy.

His prophecies as to the outcome of the war have not been fulfilled, and instead of becoming the dominant power in South Africa, as Kruger so freely predicted, the Boers have lost entirely their national existence. Under these circumstances it is not to be accepted that when Kruger says he declines to talk of peace that he represents the views of his people. The more enlightened of the Boers are

desirous of seeing the war come to an end, and wish to begin the work of restoring their devastated homes and cities. It is their interest which will be represented at The Hague conference which will probably result in accomplishing their desires.

Rx-Commissioner Ogilvie will be tendered a grand farwell banquet this evening. Mr. Ogilvie has given long years of service to the Yukon territory the value of which cannot as yet be fully estimated. The various tributes of respect which have been paid him upon the occasion of his retirement from the office of chief executive of the territory have all been thoroughly merited and the banquet to occur this evening will only add one more to the list of well deserved honors, which he has received.

Dawson is experiencing a slight touch of the warm weather for which so many people have anxiously waited. There can be no escape from the fact that summer has actually arrived.

U. S. Government Reports.

Mr. F. W. Clayton, secretary of the Dawson Board of Trade, received from the department of the interior of the United States by the last mail the latest geological and topographical reports of the various expeditions sent out by the department to Alaska. The latest report is that of the sub expedition in charge of Mr. Kohm in 1899 for the purpose of exploring the unknown area south and east of the Wrangell mountains. The area covered by this report is attracting attention on account of the fact that it affords an opportunity for reaching the interior of Alaska from a good port by a route entirely on American soil and because it also gives promise of containing mineral wealth.

The reports also include the expeditions of George H. Eldridge in the Sushitna basin and adjacent territory in 1898; Josiah Spurr in Southwestern Alaska in 1898; W. C. Mendenhall from Resurrection bay to the Tanana river in 1898; F. C. Schrader, port of Prince William sound and the Copper River district in 1898; and Alfred Hulse Brooks reconnaissance in the White and Tanana rivers in 1898.

The reports are very exhaustive, giving all the latest information, maps and routes in the territory of Alaska. Rapid Name Signaling. The record in the United States and probably in the world of the rapid signing of the name consecutively many times is probably held in this city, and the distinction belongs to Colonel J. G. Berret, formerly mayor of this city and an old and respected resident of the capital.

During President Taft's administration Colonel Berret was connected with the treasury department. Bonds to the amount of \$13,000,000 were issued, and it was necessary for either the secretary of the treasury, R. J. Walker, to sign them or for some one in his stead. He delegated Colonel Berret to affix his signature to each one of the 40 coupons on each bond, 120,000 coupons in all. Colonel Berret signed his name 4,000 times the first day of the work and kept this average up every day, completing his task in 90 days—Washington Exchange.

Belgium's Population.

Belgium's census was taken on the last day of last year, and the general results as regards population have just been made public. The population of the kingdom is 6,744,532, consisting of 3,363,436 males and 3,381,096 females. For the provinces it is as follows: Antwerp, 825,156; Brabant, 1,280,909; West Flanders, 810,448; East Flanders, 1,035,081; Hainaut, 1,133,672; Liege, 843,391; Limburg, 242,434; Luxembourg, 221,220; Namur, 352,271. Officially Antwerp is the most populous town, with 282,018 inhabitants. Brussels follows, with 210,085. But if the eight contiguous suburbs are counted, which practically are a part of Brussels, the population rises to 570,884. The population of the other principal towns is: Liege, 171,031; Ghent, 163,080; Bruges, 58,050; Namur, 82,110, and Mons, 25,590.

Golf Balls on Ice.

From Singapore comes the story that the game of golf has infected every European living in the city. There are two golf clubs, and the members are very enthusiastic. It is near the equator, and the climate is so hot that it is almost impossible to keep the golf balls in condition. So they keep them on ice, like champagne and beer. Your Chinese caddy, when he goes out with you, carries a small bag of ice, in which the balls are kept. Otherwise you would knock them egg shape every time you hit them.

Mulligan and Linton Arrive.

Among the passengers of the steamer Whitehorse were the well known song dough vaudeville artists Mulligan and Linton who have returned to Dawson after a year's absence. Mulligan was saying this morning as he stepped from the boat that it is a funny coincidence that they should arrive in Dawson the same day just one year after they left.

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STROLLER'S COLUMN.

"In the world's broad field of battle,
In the bivouac of life,
Be not like dumb driven cattle,
Be a hero in the strife."

With apologies to Mr. McGuffey's eclectic fourth reader the Stroller uses the above. If the Stroller was writing poetry he would not make references to beef. Such poetry has the flavor of stockyards and growing veal. But for aught the Stroller knows it was the above verse that inspired Colonel Charles Reichenbach to unsheathe his sword and wave it defiantly in the atmosphere as he descended the gang plank from an incoming steamer from up the river on his arrival a few days since. As the hero of many an unfought battle "der gornel" is probably entitled to carry a sword and not only carry but carve atmosphere and climate with it; but, like chewing up good tobacco and spitting away all the juice, "vat's der use?"

Stick a pin after the three words "vat's der use."
The Stroller wants to know why "der gornel" should land in Dawson with a drawn sword—a sort of defiant and menacing attitude? Was it because his pathway through life has been carved with the sword and painted with blood and he still had a grip on his ever ready and trusty weapon ("ever ready and trusty weapon" is "copped" by the Stroller from a Nettle Library book entitled "Cast Iron Bill" or "Nineteen Barrels of Blood") or was it because he wished to impress on the people of Dawson that he came prepared to carve his way through all opposition to fortune and fame right here in our midst? If the latter, "der gornel" should apologize to the women and children of Dawson (no one else was scared) for the threatening attitude in which he came in our midst.

The Stroller inclines to the belief that it was the latter motive that caused "der gornel" to come armed; otherwise, and it is for merely a grandstand play, "der gornel" would have come arrayed in full regiments—scalps from Bull Run, Lookout Mountain, Gettysburg, Missionary Ridge, and Cluifly, "Pomson Hollow and other places never seen by "der gornel" and the Stroller.

The sword could not have been waved by "der gornel" on account of membership in old Governor Perry's staff, for the honor attached thereto would not justify such a display. "Well, I should think not."
In the meantime it is up to "der gornel" to stand up and explain his threatening attitude on his arrival. He owes it to the government, he owes it to the people, and especially does he owe it to the widows and children—very young children. "Dond id?"

A story is told on a well-known late fero dealer. A few days after the games closed he walked out on the river bank and thus soliloquized:
"Here I stand; the open Yukon before me, the Northwest Mounted Police behind me and no money in my pocket. If the river was frozen I could walk out of the country; but it seems now that since everything else is closed, the river is the only thing running wide open."

The report that the fellow tried to play the bank—of the river—is disputed by his friends, although it is said he went back the next day and tried to shave—with the water's edge.

A story is told on an Englishman who lately arrived in Dawson with his wife and little daughter. At home the family was "polite" with the result that the child was never permitted to eat at the table with its parents and as a consequence the father has been greatly annoyed here by the child eating at the same board with himself. One morning lately the father was greatly annoyed by the little one at breakfast and when he could bear it no longer said: "By jove, I will be glad when we get back to old England, for then that bloomin' child will not eat at the same table with me, doncher know!"

And the precious youngster said: "I'll be glad, too, papa, for when we get back to England mamma and me will make you eat in the kitchen."

The fact that every incoming steamer brings a cargo of ladies to join their husbands in Dawson has revived a custom here that was extensively practiced in Skagway the summer of '98 when hundreds of wives arrived to join their husbands who had been there since the preceding fall. A steamer would whistle and 50 or 100 married men would start for the wharf, usually arriving before the steamer would tie up. If a man saw his wife aboard and heard juvenile voices exclaim "There's papa" he invariably made a sneak behind the warehouse where he would yank off his coat and look carefully over it for any lingering hairs that might be visible. That year when the Stroller dodged behind the warehouse to examine his coat he came on to 14 others doing the same thing.

Masonic Meeting.
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(b)—Recite sixty times during each mass, "Our Father" and "Hail Mary" according to the intention of the Pope.
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