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POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE.

"Commissioner Ogilvie and son Paul, left in a canoe for Forty Mile post on Sunday. The visit has no political significance as far as could be learned."

The above gem in the way of Yukon journalism is taken from our somewhat staid, but nevertheless esteemed contemporary, the Daily News. Evidently the writer in a moment of temporary absent mindedness had been transplanted from the golden hued surroundings of the Klondike where no such thing as politics exist back to the secluded and moss-bedecked retreats of Tacoma where politicians are the principal product.

"Political significance" is a new expression to us untutored savages of the Klondike. We're not accustomed to that sort of thing neighbor. We know all about "pulls" and "strings" and "grafts," and "divvies" (we guess that's the way to spell it) and "hunches" and various and sundry other and equally expressive terms, but we have not as yet been educated up to a point where we can naturally and without effort, make use of such phraseology as "political significance."

But we shall do the best we can to make up for such little deficiencies. Henceforth we shall watch the movements of the governor and others of our local notables for "political significations." Should we learn by chance that his excellency contemplates a canoe ride to West Dawson, we shall furnish our readers with the political significance, thereof, if any there be. Should it come to our knowledge that our good neighbors of Klondike City are to be honored in the course of an evening stroll by the gubernatorial presence, we shall spare neither pains nor expense to furnish them with all the political significance that may attach thereto.

Should the governor express an intention of paying a visit to Moose Hide, or Swede creek, or Rosebud or any other of our flourishing rural communities in order to repair his political fences, the reading public may rest assured that The Nugget will keep them informed as to developments. If there is any "political significance" being brought into this territory, whether up the river or over the pass, free of duty or with both specific and ad valorem charges against it, The Nugget does not propose to allow the Daily News a monopoly in handling it.

THE FIRST.

The Nugget presents its readers today with the first newspaper ever set up in the Yukon territory by means of a type setting machine. Despite the boast of our amiable, boiler-plate contemporary, the Dawson Daily News, The Nugget has the first type setting machine ever landed in Dawson and the only one that has ever been operated in the Yukon territory.

These statements are not made with any desire to rejoice over the misfortune of a contemporary, but are set forth here merely for historical reasons. Some 50 years hence, searchers for the facts relative to the early development of the Yukon will be interested to know that the Klondike Nugget was the first newspaper venture launched in the territory.

They will be equally interested in knowing that the first type setting machine was brought over the pass and

down the river by The Nugget. It will further edify them to learn that The Nugget's type setting machine was used in the production of this paper for a considerable period of time before a single line of type was set by any other machine in the territory. So, having set matters right in this respect, The Nugget has nothing further to say on the subject except to invite the attention of its readers to the increased amount of news matter which is being furnished them without extra cost, and asks them to note the improved typographical appearance of the paper.

CAPE NOME.

As is usual in all mining excitements various and contradictory reports concerning affairs at Cape Nome have been brought up the river since news of the strike was first made public. The fact that the first information came from the outside rather suggested the theory that the whole affair was a concoction of the steamboat companies to induce another stampede for the purpose of inducing travel to the scene of the new strike. It appears now, as will be seen by reference to another column in this issue of The Nugget that the early reports of the strike were not altogether unfounded. Our correspondent, after being on the ground, reports that gold there in certain places has been taken out in quantities to warrant the belief that a permanent camp will be established. It appears, however, that the mining season is of such short duration that during a greater part of the year the camp will practically be deserted.

As pointed out previously, the diggings are essentially a summer proposition, and the almost entire absence of wood makes residence at Cape Nome next thing to an impossibility during the winter months.

Indications are, however, that for a period of about three months next summer there will be great activity, and if the reports which we are receiving prove in any degree accurate a considerable quantity of gold will be taken out. It will be noticed that our correspondents are almost unanimous in advising no further stampede to the cape during the present season. The advice in all probability is exceedingly good.

THE DIFFERENCE.

An illustration of the workings of the mining laws of Alaska and the Yukon territory is admirably shown in the Forty Mile district, where are several creeks, portions of which are in Alaska and subject to American mining laws and portions in the Yukon territory and subject to Canadian law. In that section of the creek which may be in [Canadian territory, claims are 250 feet long, with alternate blocks of ten reserved for the crown. It costs the miner \$10 for license and an equal amount to record. Should he by any chance develop pay in sufficient quantities to produce more than \$5000 in a season he must pay 10 per cent of all money in excess of that amount to the government.

Right below him his neighbor has a claim 600 feet by 1320 feet. There are no claim reservations, no royalty, no miners' license, no expense but a fee for recording of \$2.50. The Nugget would not contend that affairs in the lower country are all that could be desired. On the contrary we are of the opinion that Alaska is suffering from the lack of law, as the Yukon territory is suffering from an overdose of the same thing.

A happy mean between those two extremes would furnish both with desirable and equitable laws.

Admiral Dewey's home coming is in the nature of one continuous fete. Dewey is making his return an extremely leisurely affair and probably will not reach Washington before October 1. Meanwhile the greatest of preparations are being made to give the modest hero a welcome such as his matchless service to the country entitle him. The American people love hero worship, but on this particular occasion they are justified in their worship, and the hero deserves all of it.

The worst attack that we have yet seen on Consul McCook occurs in the last issue of the late organ—the Sun. It will be remembered that the Sun took up the cudgels in defense of the gay consul a short time ago. When the NUGGET thereupon placed the editor of the Sun in the same class with his friend, the consul, the former says that an attack has been made by the NUGGET upon his character. That is the hardest blow that has yet been delivered at McCook, and coming from a friend it is doubly severe. We think we hear the consul murmuring to himself: "God, deliver me from my friends."

Frozen Meats From Seattle.

The Lotta Talbot, of the Alaska Meat Company, arrived in port Tuesday with about 85 tons of refrigerated meats, prepared at Seattle. The meat is preserved by the ammonia process, which produces the most extreme degree of cold. The ammonia is forced through a tank of water into a system of pipes at one side of the boat and caused to expand under 120 pounds of pressure. The ammonia passes through pipes in the rooms where the meats are and emerges at the other side of the boat, where it is taken up and used again. If it were not for the unavoidable leakages, one tank of ammonia would last forever. There are two rooms, one where the meats are kept at a constant temperature of about 38 degrees, and another, with a temperature of 22 degrees, from which the meats are taken for the market. In the first the cold is such that miniature snow banks form, and the pipes are covered with a coating of frost.

The cargo is made up of beef, mutton, geese, crabs, oysters, butter, lard, etc., and will be sold at the boat in any quantity to suit purchasers. It is in the pink of condition, as fresh as the day it was killed, and is an undeniable testimonial to the success of the ammonia principle in the generation of cold.

Nugget in New Quarters.

The Nugget is issued today from its new and permanent home, located on Third street, between Third and Fourth avenues, where a commodious structure, planned to meet every requirement of a first-class printing plant, has been built for its occupancy. As will be noticed, a new dress of breviter type has supplanted the nonpareil formerly used, constituting an improvement which will doubtless be appreciated by all our readers. The issue also commemorates the operation of the first typesetting machine brought into the Yukon territory and of the new power printing press lately received by the Nugget. In addition to the new machinery, the office is stocked with a fresh supply of printing paper, envelopes, stationery, etc., making it the most complete establishment of its kind north of Seattle. It has always been the policy of the Nugget to keep well in advance of its competitors, and a visit to the new quarters will convince anyone that it is doing so in the way of printing facilities. Friends of the paper, and the business public especially, are invited to call and look the place over.

Police Promotions.

The late retirement of several policemen resulted in a number of advancements among the men. Constables Skerving and Fail were promoted to the position of corporal. The second named has gone to Selkirk. Corporal Marshall was advanced to the rank of sergeant, and Constable Dick was transferred from the barracks to the town station.

There's Gold Elsewhere.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 28.—The steamer Moana today brought \$500,000 in sovereigns. The gold is from Sydney, and is for local and eastern banks. Among the passengers was C. A. Green, of Philadelphia, a member of the chamber of commerce of that city. Mr. Green has been in the Orient for

two years, and has collected a large number of specimens for the Philadelphia commercial museum, of which he is the assistant chief.

Trouble Over a Theatre.

Acting on behalf of the creditors of Cole & Brown, Assignee Tozier last week leased the Novelty theatre to E. M. Sullivan, who proposed to open it up. At that point Chief Allen, acting as fire marshal, refused to allow him to proceed until the place had been divested of its canvas walls and roof. Mr. Sullivan refused to do this; the creditors were loth to go to the expense, and so the matter of the lease is under temporary suspension.

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