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## MAJ. PERRY'S DEPARTURE.

The announcement that Major Perry has been withdrawn from Dawson will be received with regret by all citizens who are familiar with his capacity as an administrator and his sterling qualities as a magistrate. Major Perry came to Dawson under peculiar circumstances, which made his position one of considerable difficulty. He came to succeed Col. Steele, the man who held the very highest place in the confidence and respect of the people, and whose withdrawal from Dawson was accompanied by demonstrations of popular regret unprecedented in the case of any other official in the public service in this territory.

To say, therefore, that Major Perry stepped into Col. Steele's position, and has performed the onerous duties of that position with credit to himself and satisfaction to the public, is to pay him the highest tribute possible.

The public in general will join with the Nugget in expressing to Major Perry a feeling of sincere regret at his departure, but at the same time wishing him the very best of fortune in whatever new position he may be called upon to occupy.

## COST MUST BE COUNTED.

The public will not support a move to incorporate Dawson as a municipality if it is shown that such action will result in an excessive increase in local taxation. It will be an impossibility to secure an intelligent expression of opinion upon the matter until a clear and definite idea is had as to the exact terms upon which incorporation will be granted. While we believe it is the almost unanimous desire of the citizens of Dawson that the town should be governed by a representative body, there is also a well defined opinion that no decisive step should be taken until the cost has been estimated as accurately as possible. There would be considerable satisfaction in pointing out the fact that Dawson possesses a full-fledged board of aldermen or city council, but even that satisfaction would scarcely compensate for a tax roll of several hundred thousand dollars.

## SIFTON DENIES.

Before the departure of Minister Sifton for Europe, the Yukon question was again discussed very strongly in parliament. Sir Charles Tupper addressed himself to the royalty question, to the withdrawal of ground from location, and to the causes which have brought about so great a decrease in the population of the territory. The ground was covered in an exhaustive manner, showing the leader of the opposition to be much better posted at the present time than was the case twelve months ago.

In reply, Minister Sifton, according to the reports as published in Montreal and Ottawa papers, made, among other senseless statements, a flat denial of the charge that any ground had been withdrawn from prospecting and location.

How Sifton, even, could screw his nerve up to the sticking point

sufficiently to give utterance to such false and ridiculous assertions is something remarkable.

Every man who was in the country last summer will remember the orders which came in respecting the withdrawal of unlocated ground on Bonanza and Eldorado creeks.

The order, given under the hand of the secretary of the minister of the interior, reads in part as follows:

"I am to instruct you to reserve, until further notice, from entry the hillside and bench claims on Bonanza and Eldorado creeks which are not entered for when this communication reaches you."

Now, it is a fact, regardless of any denials which Sifton may make, that this order was received in June last and placed in effect, and has been in effect ever since.

And it is also a fact that, in consequence of that order, a great many men who contemplated spending the summer prospecting upon the creeks named left for the lower country soon after the receipt of the above order.

Sifton overdid himself when he made the statement credited to him above.

Dawson is about to be invaded by a couple of automobile machines. That is to say, two of these machines were due to leave Skagway yesterday, en route to this city. Had the trip been attempted thirty days ago, it would doubtless have fared much better with the adventurous automobilists than will now be the case.

If, as was true at this time last year, they find ten or twelve inches of water on Lake Tagish and Lake Lebarge, we incline to the opinion that the trip will prove rather a difficult one.

Kruger is now devoting himself to the work of keeping up the courage of the Boers by frequent reference to Biblical prophecy. In order to reach a satisfactory conclusion, he always has to start with the assumption that the Boers are the chosen people of God. He may be able to persuade himself and his own people that his hypothesis is correct, but he will find it a matter of exceeding difficulty to bring the rest of the world to the same conclusion.

The weather during the past week has been as capricious as April weather on Puget sound. From warm, balmy spring sunshine, we are again, to all intents and purposes, wrapped in the arms of an arctic winter. Within another week we may be having April showers, or the mercury may drop again to 50 below zero. Such, however, is life in the golden Klondike.

## The Theosophists.

The Yukon Theosophists entertained a large and intelligent audience last evening at their regular weekly meeting. Dr. Burry one of their most advanced thinkers and leaders delivered his lecture on the evolution of soul in the human family. He took up the thread from his former lecture on the developments of soul in the sub-human races, and clearly, cogently and coherently carried it on through the opposing forces, physical imperfections and multiform difficulties of visible and invisible nature until its potential persistence manifests in intelligent, unselfish and honorable manhood. The lecturer explained how this evolution progressed in the family, tribal, individual, and civilized life, and how they classified; he explained how human wants and necessities developed human industry and invention, and now the creative and recreative faculty steadily evolved with the progress and advance of civilization, until man developed the noble feeling of intellectual morality, and spiritual intuition.

The club will entertain the thoughtful

public again on next Wednesday evening, when one of its ardent students will deliver a lecture on "Why he may become a Theosophist."

## Filipino Children.

Babies are babies all the world round. The little dark fellow in Egypt cries for the moon just as does the white baby in Boston. But the mammas may differ.

This story is about the little Filipino baby and how it is carried about by its mother; for, after all, that is the main point of difference. Of course, the Filipino babies do not wear nearly as many clothes as babies do in this country, and do not have pins stick into them and make them cry. They lie around on the bamboo floors, with maybe one garment on, and sleep; and when they grow old enough their mammas take them out to market. It is very seldom that they wear anything on their heads, though most of the older ones have nice little silk bonnets. They got them when they went to the big stone church and were christened. But they seldom wear them, and many a daughter is christened in the cap that her grandmamma was christened in. Sometimes the mother shades her infant daughter's head from the sun with an umbrella, but the boy babies receive no such attention.

But the way the Filipino mother carries her baby is the queerest, and probably the easiest for the mother, that is practiced in any country. The child rides astride on the mother's hip—one chocolate foot in front and the other behind. The mother places her hand against the back of the little one, and the "nine" (infant) holds on by grasping its mother's arm. And that is all there is to it. In Japan, the women carry the babies in a blanket on their backs, much as an Indian squaw carries a papoose. In Egypt the little ones are carried on the shoulders of their parents, while in this country the small child is carried in the arms.

The Filipino babies are not always carried on the hips, however. In some of the richer homes there are perambulators, or baby carriages. There is nothing artistic about them. They look for all the world like clothes baskets mounted on four very small wheels. Sometimes the perambulator does for a cradle as well, and is so arranged that the basket sets in a frame and can be swung. Another kind is simply a box on two wheels. Often the baby is put into this box and an older sister pulls it back and forth along the street in front of the house. Filipino babies learn to talk quite young. It is amusing to hear the little ones lisping over the Tagalo language and struggling with words that sound much like "ung" and "ong."

When they are 6 years old the children are started off to school, and spend the days swinging their feet, under the benches, learning the Spanish alphabet in the forenoon and the Tagalo in the afternoon. Now there is a hour a day given to the English language, or, as they call it there, the "Americano."

The Filipino little ones have few things to play with, and do not know what a doll is. They never see a picture book, and know only the tales that are told them after they are large enough to understand. It is not till childhood passes that they learn the meaning of the songs that are crooned to them when they are put to sleep—songs of the sea and of the battles of their fathers.—Harry A. Armstrong, in Chicago Record.

## Kept From the Mob.

Cincinnati, March 19.—A Marion, Ind., special to the Times-Star says: Fred Dunker, the tramp who so brutally attacked and chloroformed Mrs. Henry Wise, wife of a prominent farmer, six miles north of Marion, and who with great difficulty was placed in the Marion jail at night to protect him from the indignant neighbors, was early Friday with great secrecy removed to the jail at Wabash, Ind., by the sheriff. The mob made strong demonstrations Thursday night and twice very nearly succeeded in getting possession of the prisoner.

Chewing tobacco \$1 per pound. Royal Grocery, Second ave.  
Same old price, 25 cents, for drinks at the Regina.

The Holborn Cafe for delicacies.

## Spring Styles Arrive.

The Star Clothing house has received today its first consignments of gent's furnishing goods over the ice. They comprise fancy shirts in swell patterns from the famous Neustadter Bros' factory, the very latest in neckwear, hats of the latest clock, and a full line of high-class clothing. A. S. Levine is the enterprising proprietor of the establishment.

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