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R. P. McLENNAN FOR MAYOR.  
The Nugget is able to announce authoritatively today that Mr. R. P. McLennan will accept the nomination for the mayoralty tendered to him through the medium of an extensively signed petition of voters and ratepayers. The official acceptance of Mr. McLennan will be found on another page of this paper, which removes all doubt in the premises.

In the view of this paper, the public generally has cause for congratulation in the fact of Mr. McLennan's candidature. On several occasions we have called attention to the fact that the condition of the city from a financial point of view is at the present time far from satisfactory. Irrespective of the reasons which have led up to this situation, the fact remains that the municipality will enter the second year of its existence as an incorporated body with practically no funds at its disposal. We are given to understand that when current accounts have been settled, the amount realized from the recent tax levy will have been very nearly exhausted, and it is, therefore, manifest that the utmost economy must be observed during the coming year if the city is able to come any where near making both ends meet.

It is obvious in view of the foregoing that the services of men of sound business training and unimpeachable integrity are required for the coming year and it is particularly essential that no mistake be made in the selection of a man to fill the office of mayor.

In the judgment of this paper, Mr. McLennan meets all the requirements of the situation in an admirable manner, and we find that the same view is held by a very large portion of the local electorate.

We, therefore, in accordance with assurances previously given in these columns, extend to Mr. McLennan the hearty support of this paper, and by every legitimate means within its power, the Nugget will assist in securing his election, and we may add that we have not the slightest doubt of his success.

The morning joke grows "jokier" every day. On Thursday a cartoon appeared with ex-Collector Davis labelled "our next mayor." Mr. Jefferson Davison was represented as a diminutive figure vainly endeavoring to knock a chip from the ex-collector's shoulder. This morning the wind has slightly altered and Mr. Davison becomes the colossus, while the worthy custom's man has dropped altogether from the horizon. Another change in the scenery is due tomorrow. Watch for it.

In the absence of a regularly constituted weather bureau the Nugget respectfully requests Sergeant Major Tucker to order a rise of about 30 degrees in the temperature before next Wednesday.

These are days when the "short cord" man gets in his deadly work. His game is very much the same as that of the short card man and will bear watching.

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**JAS. P. McLENNAN,**  
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**THE RAILROAD FRANCHISE.**  
There is no sentiment in Dawson adverse to the granting of a charter to the Klondike Mines Railway Co. The promoters of the railroad proposed in the first place to make Klondike city the terminal point of the road and their change of plans was brought about through discussion raised by this paper last summer.

Public opinion was thoroughly sounded at that time, and the almost universal opinion was expressed that the railroad should come directly into this city. No one wished to see Dawson sidetracked in favor of Klondike city and when the matter was brought to the attention of the management of the road, their plans were altered in deference to the expressed desires of the people of this city.

The only point now at variance is the matter of determining a route by which the road will come into the city.

The company has applied for a charter to lay their tracks on First avenue in order that they may reach the docks by the most direct route. A difference of opinion exists among the property owners on that thoroughfare as to the desirability of granting the franchise as applied for. In a series of interviews published in the Nugget some days ago most of the business houses declared their approval of the company's plans, but there were not wanting those who took a decidedly opposite opinion of the situation.

The Nugget has expressed the view that before any franchise is granted every opportunity should be given to hear all sides of the case to the end that no inadvertent injustice be done to anyone.

The First avenue property owners are the ones whose interests are directly at stake and their wishes are, therefore, entitled to the utmost consideration.

The city council is going slowly in the matter as is right and proper, and there seems no good reason to fear that anything in the nature of snap action will be taken.

Ample opportunity will be given to those property owners who object to the franchise to present their views to the council in the form of petition or otherwise. The matter is an important one and should be thoroughly threshed out before any decisive action is taken.

The terms of the first board of city officers are about to expire, and it is highly desirable from the point of view of the taxpayers that a report of the year's business should be compiled and given to the public within the near future. There are no accurate figures before the voters from an intelligent estimate of the council's work can be formed and therefore the people are largely in ignorance of the exact condition of the city's finances. We hope to see a complete report issued before the first of the year.

A record of saving the lives of thirty-five people and recovering the bodies of twenty-six others who had been drowned is one that is held by few. A Hartford young man holds this record and carries the honor in a most unassuming manner. He would like a life-saver's medal, but as he says, "They never hunted me up and I ain't goin' to hunt them up." So the medal has never been given to him. The young man who has done all this is Frank Luckingham of No. 30 Temple street. Luckingham added the thirty-fifth life saved to his list on Sunday last. An account of the incident was published in "The Courant."

As the narrator of his own adventures Luckingham would not be a brilliant success on the lecture platform. In fact it is very hard to get him to give a detailed account of his experiences. He is 26 years old, of average height, smooth face and is a bundle of muscle and sinew in make-up. His talking to the water as a place to gain his living began when he was a small boy. Many can remember when he peddled fish and oysters about the city, after he had returned from a trip on a fishing smack or oyster boat. He was only 12 years old when he did this. From the very first he seemed to know that water was his element. No scaring people were ever in his family and he was the only one who wanted to be on a boat all the time, and if he could not be there he wanted to be along the water front. He soon became one of the most expert swimmers along the Connecticut river. Getting about in the water was as easy for him as it is for the average person to navigate on dry land.

It was about nine years ago that he first put his knowledge of swimming to use in attempting to save life. He was down at Middletown and, as was his custom, was lingering about the water front. Out in the river was a small boy in a boat. The boy was Eddie McDermott, 14 years old. The boat capsized and the boy was thrown into the river. Luckingham heard of the accident and taking another boat proceeded to where Eddie's boat was floating bottom up. He was too late to save the lad, but he at once jumped overboard and dived in the hope of at least recovering the body. In this he was successful and inside ten minutes had it safely on shore. From that day on Luckingham determined to see what he could do in the line of rescues. He fairly haunted the river front at Hartford with the hopes of being successful in saving a life. He cannot tell just whom he saved right after this, but he remembers that it was during the swimming season and that during the same summer he saved several. About this time a man was drowned nearby and Luckingham was employed to recover the body. He was successful and decided that recovering bodies of the dead should be added to his occupation of rescuing the perishing.

Only once has he come near drowning and that time was when he was in swimming for pleasure. He and a friend named Herman Schultz were bathing from the East Hartford side of the river when Schultz, who was just learning, was taken with cramps. Luckingham saw his predicament and started to his rescue. He was also attacked with cramps before he could get his friend ashore and both went down. Others who were swimming nearby saw the trouble and finally got the two young men ashore. Luckingham does not add this experience to his list of rescues.

He had another exciting experience a few years ago, when he rescued two men who were intoxicated. The men were out rowing just opposite Colt's when Luckingham saw them. One of the men stood up in the boat and began waving his hand. He was so unsteady on his feet that he capsize the boat and he and his comrade were soon floundering about helplessly in the river. Luckingham obtained another boat and rowed out to their assistance. He jumped into the water and attempted to assist the two men. Neither was sober enough to realize what was being done for them and Luckingham's efforts were not kindly received. After some difficulty he managed to shove one of the men on board of his own boat. At the same time the other man had hold of him and was striking him with all the force at his command and ordering him to let his companion alone. With one man on board Luckingham turned his attention to the other. There was a struggle in the water after which the man became exhausted and was also placed in the boat. Luckingham rowed them to the shore. They had become sobered up by this time and realized what had happened. One of the men was so thankful that he tossed Luckingham \$1. The adventures of the young man along the water front would fill volumes if he would only relate them, but he is not inclined to do so. One of his strange customs is to keep a list of all dead bodies he has recovered, but no list of the names of those he has rescued from drowning. "I just make a little scratch for those," he said in reply to a request for the list of names of the rescued. In summer and in winter he is the volunteer life saving patrol near the places where adventurous boys would be likely to lose their lives. In the swimming season

he takes a position near the temporary bridge and keeps his eyes constantly on the river watching for boats or men who are getting into trouble. When winter comes he regularly visits all the places where there is skating and examines the ice. When there has been a thaw and the ice has become treacherous he is especially watchful and his care has resulted in his saving the lives of many small boys who have ventured in forbidden places. He says that sometimes the parents give him a reward for saving their children and then there are others who never even thank him.

In recent years Luckingham has taken a partner in with him in the life-saving and body-recovering business. This partner is Frank Feeney of No. 17 Albany avenue. The two travel together constantly and are willing to divide the honor—and the profit as well—of saving lives or recovering bodies.

Sometimes Luckingham receives a substantial reward for recovering the bodies of the drowned. In the case of the drowning of John B. Davis and "Jack the Sailor" in the freshet last summer, Luckingham received \$50 for recovering the bodies. The two men had been out rowing with Luckingham in his boat one evening, returning to shore about 10 o'clock all well and sound. They went out again later in a boat without any other person with them, and both were drowned.

The young life-saver is in demand all along the river and even at other places where they have ponds in which people may be drowned, and he is often sent for that he may dive and recover bodies. An idea of how expert a swimmer he is may be obtained from a description of the clothing he had on when he made one difficult rescue. He was in the water some fifteen minutes struggling with the man and finally succeeded in bringing him ashore. Luckingham wore at the time a heavy pair of high rubber boots, his usual suit of clothes, and over these he wore a heavy peajacket. He jumped into the water with all these on and swam about with as much ease as the average swimmer would be able to exhibit if he was only clad in swimming tights.

The young man lives with his widowed mother and brother in the rear tenement on Temple street and while he makes life-saving and body-recovering his volunteer work, he also follows other things which are more remunerative. He works at all kinds of odd jobs along the water front, anything to make money, but he will not take anything that will remove him from the scene of action which he so enjoys.

**Chastly Find**  
San Bernardino, Cal., Nov. 17.—A party of prospectors headed by Henry Arnel, who is well known all over the desert mining district, has arrived here bringing word of the discovery in Southern Nevada of the remains of several people supposed to have been a party of prospectors.

When near what they supposed was Timber Mountain, Arnel's party were attracted to a spring by the luxuriant growth of vegetation around it, which could be seen for miles. Upon nearing the spring they were startled to find first a part of a human skeleton and a little farther on the remains of several other skeletons showing that quite a party had perished.

The cause of their death was soon revealed. No sooner had the members of the party drunk of the water from the spring than they were seized with cramps, some of the men suffering intensely. Suspecting that the water contained a mineral poison, Arnel cautioned his companions not to drink any more, and started for the city, bringing with him samples of the water. The water was analyzed by a chemist and proved to be heavily charged with arsenic.

**Quit Meet**  
Geneva, Switzerland, Nov. 28.—A party of men and women belonging to German and Austrian fashionable society and calling themselves members of a humble vegetarian society have taken up their abode lately on the shores of the Lake of Lugano. They wear neither hats nor overcoats and it is against their rules to enter any house except their temporary residence. Their diet is the simplest. All are vegetarians. Their object is to recover health and strength of nerves. The members are suffering from the strain of social entertainment.

**Helped Their Business**  
St. Petersburg, Nov. 15.—A special train carrying Prince Chilkoff, Minister of Railways, was stopped by bandits near Kawasso, Franco-Caucasia, but no sooner had the robbers learned of his excellency's presence than they doffed their hats, threw away their arms and fell over one another to remove the obstacles previously placed on the rails. They wouldn't kill the goose who laid their golden eggs—Chilkoff's lax administration making it possible for them to rob trains at their leisure.

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Bangkok, Nov. 29.—We strangers in the land of Siam are interested considerably in the present visit to the United States of the heir apparent of the ancient throne of this old world Oriental kingdom.

Such interest is, naturally, keenest among American exiles here, although it is not by any means confined to them. And it has occurred to me that you in the United States would on your part take something of a corresponding interest in the capital city of Siam, not necessarily because it is the seat of royalty and government, but on account of its having certain characteristics practically unique in large Asian towns.

Bangkok, the home of the Crown Prince who is now touring the United States, has indeed many distinctive features, besides a picturesque and a splendor raising it high in rank among the populous centers of the east. But it is its possessions of the undimmed glories of color and character inherited from the past, seen in combination with the most up-to-date innovations, that specially marks out the Siamese metropolis as a subject for curious contemplation and instinctive admiration.

There is, however, a yet more striking aspect of Bangkok: the fact that it owes nothing to any "invasion" of foreign innovators; but, on the contrary, that neither American nor European capitalists or prospectors have ever been able to claim this city for their own—that is, to boast of their individual or collective genius having done for the place what has actually and most obviously been done for it.

To the progressive and highly intelligent native policy alone does Bangkok owe its modern conveniences and improvements. Siam's King, while maintaining all the pomp and circumstances of ancient days, has not been indifferent to the demands of the present; he has modernized the poorer quarters, replacing ramshackle dwellings with model ones; has laid out broad and airy highways where once were stuffy lanes. Electric transit has made progress through the city fairly convenient and quick; the cars navigate the streets as they do in New York or Chicago. An excellent telephone exchange provides for everybody, who seek its quick vocal communication, and the telegraph

also is demonstrated satisfactorily. As for railways, you can go by rail from here to Ayuthia (once the capital of the kingdom), and extend the trip further to Korat, nearly 500 miles distant from Bangkok. They are constructing an additional line to Petchaburi and it is on the program to make still another, to lengthen 600 miles to Lanna.

Its position on the Menam river, about a score miles from the mouth of that stream at the Gulf of Siam, has extended along both sides of the Menam and has necessitated the building of many of the houses on piles, because the city lies low and is subject to the invasion of the tide.

When the section of Bangkok which includes the royal quarter is visited, you find grand streets and squares, while all around is the suggestion of the traditional Orient, the pagodas and domes and spires of palaces and temples which make you breathe the very spirit of Eastern romance. Pervading all is the atmosphere of a beautiful and wonderful being land in the architecture, housing a luxurious life which has lost none of the distinctive features that characterized it long ago.

As concerns the matter of land habitation, Bangkok cannot offer the stranger residence in any quarter where he will find himself in the midst of other exiles from his own land. This, by the way, is the foreigners, who do not congregate in separate sections, but dwell anywhere they fancy. In the probable total of 700,000 or 800,000 people populating Bangkok numerous nationalities are found, but Chinese predominate—easily. We have probably 400,000 of them—they are, in fact, the commercial class of the city. Long settlement among and association with the aboriginal population has resulted in a mixture of race, so that today in Bangkok you see a greater proportion of the people who are part Siamese and part Chinese. The typical Chinaman's capability to build himself up in the commercial sense wherever he goes, has been demonstrated here, and very strikingly. The "Chinaman" pure or the Chinaman mixed is the business backbone of Bangkok. This he has been a good deal of a blessing to the Siamese, who are not naturally addicted to trade.

The political position of Siam, and her admitted danger from French territorial greed, has had its influence upon the navigable condition of the river on which this capital is built, and hence upon her shipping trade. At the Menam's mouth is a sand bar which cannot be passed by ships of the larger type, twelve feet draft is the limit at high water. The result is that maritime commerce is badly impeded, but Siam still dispatches the sand bar and will not have it dredged out at any price. She has good reasons for this attitude. France, from her possessions in Indo-China, may cast longing glances in the direction of Siam, but she cannot dispatch her navy to menace Bangkok while that presidential sand bar remains.

**Political Announcements**

**Dr. Alfred Thompson**

Is a candidate for the Yukon council from the Dawson district. The support of the electorate is respectfully requested.

**VOTE FOR**

**James F. Macdonald**

**FOR ALDERMAN**

**TO THE VOTERS**

At the solicitation of my friends I will be a candidate for alderman at the coming municipal election. Your votes and assistance are solicited.

**H. E. A. Robertson.**

**London Omnibuses**

London, Nov. 29.—A large number of motor omnibuses of a new type will soon be upon the streets. They are being built near Edinburgh for a London syndicate, and will have a maximum speed of fourteen miles an hour. They will be fitted with two powerful brakes, and will be upholstered in red leather. Large windows will be used, which can be removed in hot weather. When empty, the vehicle weighs 3,200 pounds, and will form a pleasing contrast in elegance and comfort to the present horse bus.

**Your Vote and Influence Respectedly Requested for**

**ALLAYNE JONES**

As Alderman for 1903

**FOR ALDERMAN.**

To the electors of the city of Dawson: At the request of my friends I again offer myself as a candidate for alderman.

I have endeavored during my term of office in pursuance of a policy of economy in civic affairs and if I have the honor of election will continue to advocate the same policy. Respectfully,  
T. G. WILSON.