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WILL SOON BE CONTROLLED.

The attention of the Nugget has been directed to the fact that numerous attempts, no few of which have been successful, are being made to break the quarantine now established at the Forks. The quarantine was determined upon by the health officials only after thorough consideration. Care for the public health required that the district concerned should be placed in quarantine and it becomes the duty of those people who happen to reside in the affected district to abide by the rules laid down, even though they should be more or less inconvenienced thereby. If the authorities receive the willing co-operation of the people generally there should be no considerable difficulty in stamping out the disease or at least in controlling it to such an extent that the situation will be relieved of its present somewhat serious aspect. Cheerful acquiescence should be given to the regulations which the health officers have found necessary to impose. We are of the opinion that the quarantine will not have to be maintained for any considerable length of time if it is rigidly enforced and the disease thus kept within the limits where most of the cases now on the island below town are known to have originated. It will be much better for all parties concerned to put up with some little inconvenience for a short time rather than run the risk of having smallpox epidemic during the cold weather which is now at hand.

WHO DID IT?

Judge Dugas is the latest claimant for the honor of securing all the reforms which have been granted to the Yukon territory in the past sixty days. It doesn't make much difference to the Nugget or to the people of the territory how many men make a similar claim. The essential thing is the fact that sweeping changes have been made in the laws which will enable this territory henceforth to grow and advance with rapid strides along the highway of prosperity. The conditions in the Yukon today for the success of the miner and prospector are fifty per cent better than they ever were before. Our own opinion about the matter is that the whole thing has come about as the result of the campaign for reform inaugurated by this paper three years ago, long before Judge Dugas had even received an appointment to the Yukon bench. However, if it affords the judge any satisfaction to indulge the little fiction that he has accomplished it all, the Nugget will not raise any objection thereto. As noted above we are content that the changes have been made. We will leave the apportionment of the honor to the people of the territory.

THE BOARD OF TRADE.

What is the matter with the Board of Trade. Little or nothing has been heard from that organization for some time past. Winter is now approaching and there is work for the board to do, which should be begun at an early date if proper attention is given to it.

It will not be forgotten that the intention has been expressed by the Yukon council, or at least by members of

that body, to compel Dawson to become an incorporated municipality provided measures for so doing are not proposed by the citizens of the town themselves.

It occurs to the Nugget that this matter of incorporation which undoubtedly will be taken up by the council as soon as the two members are elected on the 17th inst., should be given thorough consideration by citizens generally in order that the best system of municipal government which it is possible to secure may be determined upon for Dawson. The best method of securing a charter in every way adapted to the circumstances will undoubtedly be through the appointment of a charter commission, representative both of the citizens and the council.

Consideration of such matters is quite within the province of the board, and in fact it is for just such emergencies that it was organized. An awakening on the part of the Board of Trade is distinctly in order.

British Columbia is waking up to the fact that the federal government has not given that province the treatment which it deserves. Remonstrances of a very serious nature are, therefore, being proposed and it has even been determined to send an independent man outside the parliamentary delegation to talk things over with the politicians at the capital. British Columbia ought to take a lesson from the Yukon territory. The grievances under which this country has suffered for three years have nearly all been removed, which fact is due wholly and entirely to the continuous and uninterrupted "kicking" which has been going on since the Klondike was first discovered. British Columbia may well take a lesson from the experience of the Klondike and begin to make her wants known. There is nothing like keeping everlastingly at it to insure results.

It has been almost ten days since any outside mail was received in Dawson. We hope this does not mean a relapse to old conditions. Dawson has had a taste of good mail facilities, and it would certainly be unfortunate should the old conditions be again revived.

Would Trade Them Off.

Thomas S. Nowell, the head of the famous Alaskan gold mining companies bearing his name, in an interview last evening at the Hotel Butler, says the Post-Intelligencer, suggested a somewhat ingenious outcome of the expansion question.

"The real facts leading up to the purchase of Alaska," said Mr. Nowell, "were that during our civil war Russia sent her gunboats to our shores when England threatened to help the South, and told her to keep hands off, thus helping out the North. As a payment for this service America bought Alaska. That is, the money was paid and Alaska was given us as a nominal purchase. Russia did not think the territory of any value."

"If Hamilton Fish had had half the foresight or been half the statesman that Seward was he could have taken British Columbia and the Northwest territory in settlement of the Alabama claims. Instead of that he accepted the paltry sum of \$20,000,000 in cash for something that would have been worth thousands of millions to us. Just think for one moment what could be done with the immense mines of coal and iron alone. We could have the structural material for ships and could build as cheaply as on the Atlantic coast."

"But the time will come when America will trade the Philippines to Great Britain for British Columbia and the Northwest territory. These would be an element of strength to us and are an element of weakness to her. The Philippines would be worth many times more to England than British Columbia and the Northwest territory."

"I claim that I am the originator of this scheme. I suggested it to Senator Carter a year ago while conversing with him in the Waldorf-Astoria hotel. He said it was a grand idea."

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To have for staff on life's rough road naught but the fl-gging pen"

The above did not germinate in the think tank of the Stroller, but it fits his case "shut like der paper on der vall." To be compelled by a relentless public to get out regardless of weather and strok when the inclination is to sit quietly in his boudoir with a wet towel entwined around his head is a hardship which none but those whose staff on life's rough road is naught but the flagging pen, ever experience; and yet the sympathy which is extended by the calloused public to such martyrs would go through the eye of a cambric needle without touching top, side or bottom.

The funny paragraph writer for a great paper was dying. Around his miserable pallet which was stuffed with hazle brush were gathered his emaciated wife and yellow jaundiced children. The wooden clock on the wall told him he had but 11 minutes to live. The door burst open and the editor of the great paper which had grown rich on the sick man's productions, for which he had been paid \$7.50 per week, one-half of which was in cord wood, rushed to the bedside of the dying man, tab-book and pencil in hand. "Here," said he, "we have just had a telegram at the office which says that Grover Cleveland, who is up in Maine on a fishing trip, lost his false teeth in the Penobscot river. Give us a funny comment on it! Quick, before you die!"

The man gasped for breath. "Raise me up, will you? Thanks! Now write as I dictate:

"Grover should look for his teeth in the mouth of the river." Gurgle, gurgle.

The funny paragraph writer was dead, but the reputation of the great paper was saved.

The woman who has a half dozen sons-in-law is probably as good authority on men, their natures, habits, vagaries and eccentricities as are many professors who have made human nature a life study.

The Stroller chanced to meet one of these women a few days ago and from her he got a number of points concerning men which he had never learned.

"In speaking of men," said the old lady, "I am in here more to get away from them than for any other purpose. I am a widow and have no sons; but I have four married daughters, and such a quartette as their husbands are I hope I may never again see. Not that any of them are particularly bad, for they are not; just queer, that's all."

"My oldest daughter's husband is a farmer who always has dried milk on his boots and talks about 'spring calves,' 'yearlings,' 'shoots,' 'wethers' and other farm products from Monday morning until Saturday night and on Sunday he goes to church and spoils all the music by trying to sing tenor. He is a kind husband to my daughter, and she appears to be about as much interested in 'yearlings' and shoots' as he is."

"My second daughter married an ex-school teacher and an ex-nearly everything else, for I have heard him tell of having practiced law in Arkansas, preached in Texas and done several other things. He fishes all summer long and traps pole cats in winter, and is one of the best natured fellows on earth. I give my daughter enough money to keep them, and they are as happy a pair of turtle doves."

"My third daughter's husband is the one of the four that I can not endure. He is one of those 'mincing' men that thinks he knows all about housekeeping. He is always bragging that he never tasted tobacco or liquor in any form. I often think if he would get drunk it would be an improvement. I am opposed to the filthy use of tobacco and also to the use of intoxicants, but honestly I have no respect for a man who brags that he never touched such things. My experience and observation has taught me that a man who has no manly vices will bear watching."

"Just before I started for Dawson my youngest and last daughter was married, so I don't know much about him, except that he looks like a good-hearted young man. He is captain of a football team and when he greeted me as his new mother he put two of my fingers out of joint and you can see that they are still swollen. His hair looks like a door mat, but I think he will turn out all right."

"What do you intend doing in this country?" meekly inquired the Stroller of the professional mother-in-law.

"What do I intend doing? Well, it is just this way: I am only 52 years old and I never had a rheumatic pain nor a corn; I have some money and as responsive a heart as ever thumped against a whalebone, and, well, to tell the truth, if I get a good chance I'll marry. I prefer that to going back and alternating among my sons-in-law."

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