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AMUSEMENTS THIS WEEK.

Auditorium—Hypnotism. Orpheum—Burlesque and Vaudeville.

OUR GREATEST NEED.

The heavy showers of the past two days may serve to improve conditions on the creeks for a short time, but no permanent relief will be given until a system of water supply is provided which will furnish all the water needed for sluicing purposes during the entire summer.

As long as he is compelled to place his dirt on a dump and await the possibility of the creeks filling again with water, he is able to effect little or no saving over his winter's method of operation.

The facts in the case as brought to light last year and as they are being again emphasized by the experience of the present season, indicate most clearly the necessity of a public water system accessible to the mining operators on all the working creeks of the district.

There is no lack of gold in the Klondike, but the harvest cannot be gathered without a plentiful supply of water.

The prospects for Democratic harmony in the States seem no more cheerful than was the case four years ago. As long as Grover Cleveland and William Jennings Bryan each lay claim to possession of the Jacksonian mantle, harmony is entirely out of the question.

The reports which are being received as to the condition of the king are highly gratifying. The latest bulletin states that his majesty is entirely free from danger and that his condition is constantly improving.

elapse before the coronation ceremony takes place, but in the meanwhile it will be a source of universal satisfaction to know that the operation which the king has undergone has been consummated without serious complications.

The local telephone company is exhibiting creditable enterprise in extending and improving the service to meet the growing needs of the community. The telephone is everywhere recognized as an essential adjunct to business and in Dawson, where so large a proportion of all trade is with creek patrons, it has proven invaluable.

Keeness Not Good Form

London, June 17.—The report of the Committee on Military Education and Training of the British army was issued today. The committee's report, which is based on the evidence of the officers themselves from the commander-in-chief downwards, fills forty-eight printed pages with caustic criticism of the existing system.

With a view of diminishing the expenses of officers belonging to cavalry regiments the report recommends that polo tournaments, regimental coaches and keeping hounds be forbidden.

Perhaps the penultimate paragraph is the most important of all. "So long as mediocrity is permitted to pass muster," says the committee, "and signal ability meets with no substantial recognition, it is useless to hope for any valuable results from verbal amendments to the regulations. Nothing but inducements, in the shape of certain rewards for good work, either in peace or war, can raise the standard of knowledge through the commissioned ranks."

The committee, therefore, recommends an "honest system of promotion by merit," following upon tests "honestly conducted and honestly reported on." The report plainly hints that officers can hardly be expected to work, so long as the present system of advancement through social influence is in vogue, or so long as efficiency has nothing whatever to do with the selection of officers for desirable appointments.

The committee recommends, among other things, that more commissions be offered to the colonies and that officers be compelled to know either French or German.

United States Senator Stewart, who has been in Washington for many years, has an old negro retainer who comes around twice a week for some money. He made his regular Wednesday call today. The senator gave him a dollar and said:—

"Jim, I'm getting tired of this sort of business. You are an able-bodied man. Why don't you go to work instead of living on my charity?"

"Deed, boss," said Jim, reproachfully. "you ain't the kind o' man to be askin' me to go to work now, is you? Why, boss, it's too hot to wuk."

"Well," snorted Senator Stewart, "I haven't seen you work in the winter any, either."

"In de wintah, boss!" in great astonishment. "Why, boss, you mus' be crazy! It's fah too col' to wuk in de wintah."—New York World.

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APPROVES THE IDEA

Mayor Macaulay to Call the Meeting

Considers the Citizens Should Make Every Effort to Bring the Railroad to Dawson.

Mayor Macaulay is fully in accord with the idea already expressed by many of the leading business men of the city with reference to some steps being taken to induce the Klondike Mines Railway to make Dawson its end and it is quite likely that upon the arrival of Mr. Hawkins or some other of the road's officials a meeting of those most vitally interested will be called for the purpose of ascertaining just what the road would require to induce them to alter their present terminal plans.

"I have had this matter under serious consideration for some time," said he, "and have been particularly interested since the agitation has been begun by the Nugget. As to the effect the terminus being in Klondike City would have upon our trade, there can be no doubt but what we would be the loser, though to what extent would be hard to say.

"That I should judge would be the easiest obstacle to surmount. There is the big bar extending from the new court house nearly to the Fairview, which is owned by the government and which I do not doubt would be available. It could be filled up above high water and would furnish room for the road for years to come, and, besides, is centrally located. If that tract were not acceptable there is plenty of other ground that could be purchased very reasonably. The fact of the matter is, I never could see the idea of the road going to Klondike City at all. Here is the base of supplies, the natural terminus and one must infer that there is some ulterior object in view in going there.

"That I am scarcely prepared to say. A franchise over such streets as they wished to pass would doubtless be given them and we might provide them with station grounds and terminal facilities."

"I had through conversations had with a number of different people that the opinion is pretty general that one reason why Dawson is to be left off the map is on account of the road's fear of excessive taxation. Could that difficulty be removed?" queried the reporter.

"I presume the city council has it within its power to exempt the road from taxation for a certain number of years if it were found necessary to take such steps to bring the road here, and I do not doubt that a concession of that sort would be quite a factor in causing the directors to change their present plans. It is a good idea for the business men to get together and talk this matter over; it is an important step and should be taken up informally at once. Nothing definite, of course, can be done until Mr. Hawkins or some of the directors arrive and the advantages of a personal interview can be obtained, but in the meantime interest in this most vital question should not be allowed to die out."

Scarcity of Platinum

The history of platinum, which was discovered about the middle of the 18th century, differs from that of other rare metals in that the increased demand has not been met by repeated discoveries of new deposits. Hence the price of platinum has risen enormously. In 1822 platinum was worth \$1,000 a pound, in 1870 \$900, this slight decrease being due to the discovery of the Ural deposits in 1822. In 1895 the price per pound had risen to \$2,700, and in December of last year to \$4,800. Platinum was first found in South America and regarded as a variety of silver. Hence the name, from the Spanish plata, silver. It occurs as platinum dust in Colombia, Brazil, Hayti, and also in Borneo, but the Ural region is the chief source of supply. The annual output of the Ural mines is about 8,000 pounds, while the rest of the world furnishes only about 1,300 pounds. The mining of platinum has, therefore, been developed almost entirely in Russia, and a suspicion has arisen that the output is restricted purposely, in order to enhance the price; but this supposition seems to be without foundation. The Russian government, indeed, is said to be contemplating the recall of coins minted before 1850, which contain platinum, for the purpose of reclaiming the metal. Most of these coins, however, disappeared from circulation long ago, having been melted by chemists and technicians in search of platinum. If no new source is discovered, the scarcity of platinum will soon be felt seriously in many industries.

Bathroom Didn't Suit Her.

Seattle, June 18.—A woman, displeased at some improvements her husband was making in their home, called upon Mayor Humes today and wanted that official to go out and stop the work. She gave her name as Mrs. G. W. Murphy, of 211 Ninth avenue. Mrs. Murphy has had hearing and is compelled to carry an ear trumpet. Mayor Humes had much difficulty in understanding what she was driving at and in turn making her understand what he said.

According to the story Mrs. Murphy told the mayor, Mr. Murphy had hired a plumber and was installing a bathroom and connections in their house. Mrs. Murphy did not like the plans and the material, but her protests to her husband seemingly did no good. She determined to seek the city's chief executive and ask for relief. The mayor good-naturedly told her that he could have nothing to do with the matter and laughingly remarked that she had better hire a lawyer to bring an injunction against her husband. The matter was finally turned over to the building inspector, who found that the work was being put in without a permit. Mr. Murphy was immediately notified and took out the necessary permit and the plumbing inspector was directed to inspect the work. When he called at the city hall Mr. Murphy told the building inspector he owned the house and that he would put in the kind of a bathroom he liked, the protest of his wife to the contrary notwithstanding.

Mayor Hume said that he had to deal with a great many extraordinary cases, but that this was the first time he had been called upon to settle a dispute between husband and wife as to the particular kind of a bathroom that should be built in their home.

Anxious to Return

Denver, Col., June 17.—Twenty-seven Boer refugees in this city have formulated an appeal to the British Ambassador at Washington relative to their return to South Africa. These twenty-seven speak for the 90 Boers who are in Colorado. They ask that arrangements be made for their return to South Africa, and promise to be law-abiding citizens. The appeal has been forwarded to Washington.

Washington, June 17.—Inquiry at the British Embassy here developed the fact that the application of the Denver Boers for transportation to their homes has not reached the Embassy. The officials do not yet know how it would be acted upon. In cases of actual distress the Embassy in the past has been able to extend some relief to stranded English subjects by procuring for them transportation to a seaport where they might be able to ship for home, but there is no fund sufficient to defray a general return of the many Boers in the United States to South Africa. It is, therefore, probable that the Embassy can do nothing in this matter in the absence of a special grant of funds and authority from London.

Mrs. Youngbride—I've come to complain of that flour you sent me. Grocer—What was the matter with it? Mrs. Youngbride—It was tough. I made a pie with it and it was as much as my husband could do to cut it.—Philadelphia Press.

Hettie—Now that you have broken your engagement with Fred, shall you return to him the diamond ring he gave you? Minna—Certainly not, Hettie; it would be cruel to give him a thing that would be a constant reminder of

the happiness he had missed.—Boston Transcript.

Little gobs of powder, Little specks of paint Make the little Freddie Look as if it ain't.

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Gen... Washington, June 10.— Root said today that he had time to consider the case of J. H. Smith, tried martial at Manila for alleged violation of the rules of war in the campaign in Sulu. He said that, as the Smith case was practically on trial, which led to the trial of V. T. Waller of the marine corps, charged with the killing of Filipino soldiers, he would probably award the record of the case giving final consideration to the Smith case. The Waller case is expected to reach this court next week. It is said at the department that the Waller...