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THE PERMANENT ERA.

The work of the pioneer in developing the Alaskan peninsula will be given an impetus this summer which will have a marvelous effect ultimately in determining the extent of the resources the big territory possesses. Thousands upon thousands of men will be landed on the beach at Nome, and from there many of those who fail to realize their expectations will scatter up the various tributaries of the Yukon in an endeavor to make up for the ill luck which meets them at Nome.

Already, to a greater or less extent, many of these side streams are known to be gold bearing, and enough of a population will come in this summer to fairly prospect a large portion of them. It appears, therefore, that the era of permanent things has begun for Alaska. From this time on indefinitely there will be a steady growth in population and a constant increase in consumption of all classes of commodities, which must necessarily be brought in from outside points. Alaska will afford a market for the surplus products of the Pacific coast, which means to the coast cities a degree of commercial activity which will increase with each succeeding year.

The future never looked so bright for Seattle and the other cities of Puget Sound as it does today. They are all enjoying a large measure of business prosperity, due to a very great extent to the immense trade which the northern gold discoveries have already created. That trade may now be regarded as established and permanent. Alaska will never consume a less amount of goods than she did last year. In that fact lies the key to the entire solution. The prosperity which the sudden springing up of the Alaskan trade has brought to the cities of the Pacific coast is not for a day, but must be for an indefinite length of time.

LEGISLATION REQUIRED.

The labor contract which was published in Saturday's issue of the Nugget is a fair sample of the agreements under which many claims were worked during the past season. It hardly seems credible that men would voluntarily sign such one-sided contracts, and yet numerous instances can be pointed out where just such agreements were in force between claim owner and laborer. The results of such contracts are almost invariably disastrous both to employer and employee.

No man who undertakes to work for another can knowingly enter into such an agreement and give his employer satisfactory services. He realizes the fact that he is working under a one-sided arrangement; that the disadvantages are all his way, and that there is a strong possibility that when clean-up time arrives

he will find that he has worked all winter long for practically nothing.

Naturally, therefore, he works in a perfunctory manner and accomplishes just as little as possible.

The provision allowing the employer to summarily discharge the laborer and withhold payment of accrued wages until clean up is essentially wrong, as it places the wage earner practically at the mercy of his employer.

Such contracts are contrary to public policy.

They invite resort to all sorts of subterfuges on the part of the employer to escape payment of his labor altogether, and indications are that the opportunities thus presented have not been entirely overlooked.

If there is no law at hand which can be made applicable to the situation, some legislation should be brought forward by the Yukon Council whereby men who are incapable of looking after their own rights may be given some measure of legal protection.

SENATORIAL JOBBERY.

The highest position in Alaska, in some respects, is that of the collector of customs. It was what the "boys" called a copper-bottom cinch until the license law came into effect last July. Before that date we had as many, if not more, saloons than we have now. And all these saloons were plentifully supplied with liquor, although there was a stringent law that no liquor should be landed or sold in Alaska.

None would have been had Collector Ivey done his duty. That is easy to be seen. But Collector Ivey was made collector by a gang of Oregonians who believed they owned Alaska, and could therefore control its profitable liquor traffic. The new licensing law came in and cut out all the schemes of these political schemers.

For instance, Ivey held on until the licensing law; then he resigned. There was nothing in it except the salary. What a commentary this is on American officialdom. Mr. Ivey does not want the office, the senators of Oregon cannot find a man who does, because "there is now no rake off."—Alaskan.

On top of the details of the occupation of Pretoria by General Roberts, which came in four or five days ago, the dispatches today state that nothing definite about the matter is known, and so far as the war department is informed Pretoria is still in the hands of the Boers. In view of the fact that all the newspapers in the country have published leaders on "The End of the War," we refuse to believe that the war is not completed. Anything that all the newspapers agree on ought to be true, whether it is or not.

As will be noted in our letter from Grand Forks, the committee which is soliciting subscriptions on the creeks for the 4th of July celebration is meeting with marked success. It is to be hoped that the town will not be behind the creeks in this respect and that Dawson's business men will come forward with generous responses to the call of the subscription committee.

Reports from White Horse state that quite a heavy fall of snow occurred there last week. Apparently there is going to be no warm weather on the Yukon this year.

The Chinese Boxers.

Chinese officials who are in a position to secure accurate data estimate that 11,000,000 Chinamen belong to the

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Society of Boxers, or, as the same organized band of ruffians was once known, the "Society of the Great Sword."

For the last quarter of a century this society has terrorized the great central provinces of the flowery kingdom, and wrought death and destruction in the homes of the Christian missionaries. It was their latest atrocity, the murder of a young Church of England missionary, named Brooks, that called for the collective note of the ambassadors and ministers to the powers. In response to that note the Chinese government has sent an armed force against the Boxers, but it is said of this force of soldiers that more than one-half belong to the society, and consequently but little good is expected from it.

Of all the atrocities of which this society of ruffians has been accused none are more terrible than the torture and death of this young Church of England missionary. At the time of his death he was on his way to join a brother missionary at Shan-Tung. On this journey he passed through a village where a number of the members of this society were attending a native feast, and the cry of "foreign devil," started by a little Chinese girl, announced his presence to the blood-thirsty villains.

Almost before he had time to realize what was happening they had surrounded him and began the torture which ended his life.

Another attack on Christian missionaries which called forth a protest from Germany, and which lost to China the valuable port of Tsin-Tua, which was seized by that government in default of the prompt payment of an indemnity, was that which resulted in the murder of some German priests and the looting of a German mission at Shan-Tung.

The trouble which led up to this murder started in May, 1891, when two nuns who belonged to this mission were maltreated by a mob of Boxers, who charged them with bewitching children. The nuns escaped with slight injuries, but the depredations were continued, and the mission stations throughout the province were plundered, and then came the murder of the priests.

As the Chinese government took no steps toward punishing the leaders they became bolder than ever, and many native Christians were put to death by terrible means.—Ex.

Short orders served right. The Holborn.

The only first-class market in the city is the Denver Market.

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Notice to Passengers.

The steamer Hannah will not sail before the 15th instant. Sailing date will be announced on Wednesday the 13th.

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