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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1901.

## THE BRYAN SOUVENIR.

The publication of the letter from Hon. William Jennings Bryan definitely announces the successful completion of the Nugget's presidential contest. The handsome souvenir, according to promise, has been delivered into Mr. Bryan's hand.

The letter sets forth very clearly Mr. Bryan's appreciation of the souvenir as also his appreciation of the spirit of loyalty displayed by his many admirers in this territory. We publish the letter with much pleasure and beg to assure the distinguished gentleman that his supporters in the Klondike will find equal pleasure in reading it. Had it been within the power of the American citizens now residents of the Yukon, to select a president for the United States at the time of the late election, we have no hesitation in saying that the name of the president would be William Jennings Bryan. Greater enthusiasm was never shown in a real presidential contest than was manifested by Mr. Bryan's supporters during the progress of the Nugget's election. They worked for their man with as much spirit as though the presidential office was actually at stake.

It is fitting at this time that acknowledgment be made by this paper of the services of Mr. R. S. Harris, who personally undertook the delivery of the souvenir to Mr. Bryan. Mr. Harris has carried out his mission with absolute fidelity, and to him the most cordial thanks of the Nugget are herewith tendered. The Jackson day banquet at which the presentation occurred, took place in Chicago on the 8th of January. The banquet was tendered to Mr. Bryan by the leading Democrats of the country and certainly no more auspicious occasion could be suggested for the presentation of the Klondike tribute to the genius of the great leader.

It is with no small degree of satisfaction that we are thus enabled to record the fact that down to the smallest detail, the presidential election conducted by the Nugget has been carried out as originally planned to a successful conclusion.

The reputed sale of the White Pass & Yukon railway is not generally credited. It scarcely seems reasonable to suppose that the line would be sold at this time. The profits of the road last year according to the directors' report reached upwards of a million dollars, and the prospects for an immense volume of traffic during the coming season are exceedingly bright. In any event a change in ownership would not interest us nearly as much as would the announcement of a reduced freight schedule. It makes little difference to this territory whether the stock of the White Pass is held by C. P. R. magnates or London capitalists. The thing that concerns us is getting a ton of freight to Dawson at a reasonable rate.

Another effort is being made to separate the northern counties of Idaho from that state and attach them to the eastern boundary of Washington. The same thing was attempted and in fact almost accomplished during Cleveland's ad-

ministration. Congress enacted the necessary legislation, but the president by virtue of a "pocket veto" kept the act from going into effect. It is extremely doubtful if the present effort will succeed.

"When the News is late in appearing on the streets its readers may always be assured that there is good reason for it."—The News, Jan. 30.  
Our contemporary need not have bothered making this explanation. Everyone knows that when the News is late in appearing on the streets, it is merely waiting to get the news out of the Nugget. Vide D. D. N., Jan. 28.

Saxony is the latest European country to seek the assistance of Wall street financiers. Official application has been made by that kingdom to a combination of New York bankers for a loan of \$20,000,000. If the total of European securities held by American capitalists were actually known the amount would prove surprisingly large.

Business people generally are displaying commendable energy in clearing sidewalks of accumulated snow. Occasionally, however, some one is found sufficiently lacking in public spirit to neglect this trivial duty. A gentle reminder from the police in such cases would not be entirely amiss.

The absence of official information respecting the queen's death is little less than remarkable. There has been a clear oversight at Ottawa to which the council would be quite justified in calling particular attention.

Vice President-Elect Roosevelt has shot a mountain lion in Colorado. Roosevelt has been made a lion of so much himself that he must have felt quite at home among the tawny denizens of Colorado's mountains.

A correspondent inquires the date of the birth of the late Queen Victoria, as also that of her successor, King Edward VII. The former was born May 24, 1819, and the latter November 9, 1841.

The effort of a local theater to give Dawson clean, legitimate entertainment once a week is meeting deserved support and patronage from the public.

The outside papers are booming the Copper river country again. Anything to create a stampede.

Do you know that the days are growing longer?

**When Alaska Was a Hotbed.**  
The recently reported discovery of lignite and bituminous coal in Alaska, while showing that the mineral resources of that territory are more varied than is commonly supposed, ought to cause no surprise. Similar deposits occur in much higher latitudes, and also along the Pacific coast from Southern California to British Columbia. These latter have been utilized to only a limited extent thus far, partly because the coal is in some instances of inferior quality, partly because facilities for a market are inadequate, and partly, no doubt, because the requisite capital was not forthcoming. For these reasons, some of which are of a temporary nature, the output in California, Oregon and Washington has never been equal to the demand. San Francisco, indeed, has relied almost entirely upon Japan, Australia and England. This state of things, of course, is exceedingly unfortunate. The rapidly growing steam commerce of the Pacific, together with the requirements of the railways, manufactories and households in that part of the country creates a growing need for a domestic supply of good fuel. Hence any announcement like that of last week possesses a high degree of interest for the region beyond the Rockies.

The outcrop at Chignik bay has been traced for 17 miles, and the veins range in thickness from four and a half to nine feet. To how great a depth they extend has not yet been ascertained. The natural outlet of the district is on the south side of the Alaska peninsula. It is said that a well sheltered harbor may be found within five miles of the deposits. And inasmuch as Chignik bay is in a comparatively low latitude the climate should favor a continuance of mining and shipping operations through a considerable part of the year if, once undertaken. The locality is fully 800 miles further south than Disco, Greenland, where coal has long

been known to exist, and 1500 miles further south than the coal recently found in Spitzbergen. Here is a happy combination of circumstances. And if investigation next spring shall demonstrate that the quality and extent of the Chignik coal justify mining it on a large scale the event will prove one of great industrial importance.

Not the least interesting feature of the discovery is the fresh testimony which it affords regarding the temperatures which were once common near and within the arctic circle. The luxuriant vegetation which gave rise to the great coal measures is believed to have been dependent upon a tropical or more than tropical warmth, as well as the presence of an enormous amount of carbonic acid in the atmosphere. There are indications that the magnolia and vine flourished in the vicinity of Disco contemporaneously with the formation of coal there. These are no more remarkable, perhaps, than the fact that elephants were abundant in Siberia and that water lilies thrived within eight degrees of the pole. They all bear witness, as does this news from the Alaska peninsula, to the Edenlike climate which both animal and vegetable life once enjoyed in extremely high latitudes, and which probably endured long enough to facilitate the migration of primitive man from continent to continent.

The particular geological strata with which the Chignik coal is associated are not specified in the press dispatches. The basis for calculating the antiquity of the deposits is therefore lacking. Still, the majority of such formation in other parts of the world clearly belongs to the carboniferous era, which dates back some five or ten million years. This is true, for instance, of the great Appalachian coal fields. In exceptional cases coal is found in triassic, cretaceous and even tertiary rocks, which are more recent. But even if one should halve or quarter the chronological estimate just given, he would still be confronted with a result which it taxes the imagination to grasp.—N. Y. Tribune.

**Will the News Furnish a Diagram.**  
Bonanza Creek, Jan. 30, 1901.  
Editor Klondike Nugget:

Dear Sir—A copy of the Dawson Daily News dated the 28th of January just reached me, and with amazement I have read the obituary notice, for that is what I imagine it is intended to be, printed in a special column on the second page of that paper.

Of course I am aware that the "production" refers to the lamented death of our beloved queen, but my object in writing to you is to ask you to take the matter in hand, and if possible explain, or at least throw some light upon the mysteries of this "magnus opus." If I might make a suggestion it would be that you should split the thing up and from day to day, explain it to us section by section, but first of all, who is the distinguished author? The last paragraph of all sorely perplexes me; it runs: "The prayer that the millions of her loyal and reverent subjects (reverent subjects is distinctly good—almost unique) have uttered hour by hour throughout this long and peerless reign has been answered." For goodness sake, sir, tell us all you know about this prayer. I have heard our grand old national anthem "God Save the Queen" sung and played thousands of times in England and other parts of the world, but when, oh when, did these "reverent subjects" pray for her majesty's death, and where are these reverent rascals to be found? Taking us all round, we Britishers are a loyal lot, but I should have felt sorry for the wretched creature who was caught by his fellows offering up this mysterious prayer. I cannot but think there must be some mistake about it.

PRO REGE ET PRO GREGE.

**Chicago Saloons Closed.**  
Chicago, Jan. 3.—After midnight this morning the saloons of Chicago were closed more tightly than ever before. A second warning, delivered to the saloonkeepers by the police in no uncertain terms, caused the down-town all-night places which have heretofore ignored the order to draw their shutters at the stroke of midnight and search in out-of-the-way places for rusty keys to lock their doors. The order was final and imperative, and was obeyed as such. The threats of raiding the saloons and backing up patrol wagons to the doors to carry off the liquors, accompanied by warrants for the arrest of the proprietors, were freely made by the policemen who notified the saloonkeepers.

At the present rate of consumption, the white fish the Pacific Cold Storage Co. brought in for the winter season will all be gone long before Easter. The fire never touched us. We are doing more business than ever. Murphy Bros., butchers.

Any kind of wine \$5 per bottle at the Regina Club hotel.

## CURRENT COMMENT

"It is a peculiar trait of human nature to exaggerate the ability of our habitual drunkard," said a well known professional man. "An ordinary man can go along in the even tenor of his ways without attracting any particular attention or getting credit for any remarkable degree of skill or knowledge. But let him become dissipated and unable to attend to his business and all his acquaintances will immediately praise his talents and say what a remarkable man he would be if he only would behave himself. I never knew a drunken shoemaker," he added, "who was not famed as a remarkable workman if he would only stay sober."

"Very few people take proper care of their footwear particularly shoes made of felt. The material being very absorbent moisture is gathered quickly which leaves the shoes wet, cold and disagreeable. Two pairs of shoes should be worn, one on alternate days while the other pair is allowed to dry out. The wearer should not make the mistake of drying the shoes, however, too quickly, as in that case they rot, the fibers expanding like a sponge, allowing the moisture to easily penetrate the cloth." This information was gathered in Sargent & Pinsky's store.

"I don't mind telling you how a Healy cure is made," said John Bechtel, of the Regips. "Take a squirt of angostura, curacao and orange bitters, add a small piece of lemon peel and a cube of pine apple, then mix with whisky or any other kind of liquor. The resultant beverage will be found a seductive concoction and as acceptable to the palate as any drink that ever kissed the lips of man or drove the skeleton from the feast."

"It is a mistaken idea," said J. S. Cowan, "that men freeze from the outside when death follows from exposure. Such is not the case as the cause of death is from the blood thickening by the absorption of cold through the lungs."

Telegraph Operator Mackenzie tells the following: "I saw a funny sight once when I was down in the sound country. I was on a small island where a large colony of Indians made their camp and on which a general merchandise store was operated. One day an unusually severe rain storm was in progress when a dripping Siwash came into the store and purchased a rubber mackintosh, after much argument with the storekeeper, who, by the way was a Scotchman and could talk Siwash like a native. The Indian took the coat and hurried to his canoe where, after paddling out a short distance he disrobed bare to the skin. The discarded clothes were then carefully wrapped up in the mackintosh and the Indian paddled away with evident satisfaction."

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(Signed) J. LANGLOIS BELL,  
Assistant Gold Commissioner.

**AMUSEMENTS**

**SAVOY THEATRE** Week of JAN. 28  
Reappearance of the Great Knockabout Team **BRYANT & ONSLOW**  
Laughable Comedy Entitled **MARRIED LIFE** AND SAVOY COMPANY  
Admission 50 Cts. Reserved Seats \$1.00 & \$1.50  
**SPECIAL, FRIDAY, FEB. 1** 10-ROUND BOXING CONTEST  
**CARIBOO SINCLAIR** - vs. - **ED. COLLIER**  
Champion of Northwest Jackson's Successor  
Admission \$1.00 Reserved Seats \$2.00 & \$3.00

**The Standard Theatre** Week Commencing January 28  
First Time in Dawson of the Beautiful Four Act Emotional Play, with a record of 180 nights at the Madison Square Theatre, N. Y., entitled  
Thursday Night **"ESMERELDA"** Vivian in title role  
Ladies Night New Scenery  
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