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WILL RUSH BOTH WAYS.

The Nome excitement still continues outside, principally by reason of the fact that the coast papers are persistently and insistently booming the new camp by every means within their power. During the Klondike rush the various ports on the coast which are interested in the Alaskan trade gained a world of experience in the art of fostering and encouraging a mining boom. They have availed themselves of this experience in attracting a crowd for Nome, and it is apparent that their efforts are being crowned with success.

The glories of Nome and the possible fortunes which there await the fortunate gold hunter have been set forth in such glowing and seductive terms as to have become simply irresistible to thousands of men. Every train from the East brings its load of eager Nomads, all bent on securing passage for the famous beach at the earliest possible moment. The result of this pell-mell scramble to get to Nome can be forecasted now as accurately almost as it can be told six months hence from actual observation on the ground.

It will be a case of thousands being called and few chosen. Men will go to Nome from every walk in life, who never saw a mining camp, know nothing of the hardships incident thereto, and with the vaguest sort of ideas as to what confronts them. A few will succeed, but the great majority will fail to realize expectations.

When the awakening comes to the thousands of fever-stricken Nomads who will be stranded at Nome this summer, there will be a rush to get away as great almost as has been the push to get in.

A "GRIT" TALKS.

Elsewhere in this issue we publish a communication from a Liberal politician, who takes the position that the present government has been more sinned against than sinning, in that it has been imposed upon by bad advisers. Whatever basis there may be for the very plausible theories which our "grit" friend advances, it is to be hoped that his assurances of better things to come will be realized. We will not object to hear tidings of reform in Yukon laws, even though Sifton himself be responsible for such reforms. Meanwhile, we are like the Missourian—we would like to be shown.

Such universal attention has given of late to the war in the Transvaal that the Philippines have been almost entirely overlooked. So far as actual hostilities are concerned, the war for supremacy on the islands is practically at an end, and the American government is now devoting itself to the work of establishing and administering civil government. Gen. Otis, upon whom the burden has fallen of carrying the administration's policy into effect, is devoting himself to the work of restoring law and order throughout the islands, with

much better results than followed his military operations. Otis has the confidence of McKinley and his cabinet, and will be retained in his present position for an indefinite length of time.

The Yukon country has suffered a great deal from the operations of so-called mining and development companies, whose capital has consisted principally in a high-sounding title and a nicely engraved form of stock certificate. Every time one of these concerns, whose operations are based on mythical backing, goes to the wall, legitimate enterprises must suffer in consequence. At the present time the wheat has been pretty well sifted from the chaff, and investors have a good idea of the true value to be placed upon the various enterprises now operating here.

Old-timers who have just come in from the outside predict that the ice will break up not later than the 15th of April. This theory, of course, is based upon the continuance of the warm weather which has prevailed during the past ten days. Should such prove to be the case, Dawson's contingent of Nomads may reach their destination earlier than they anticipated. There is no guarantee that the present weather prevails on the lower river, but the presumption is that it does.

The two millionaires who own the state of Montana are again quarreling. Apparently, Clark wants to run the whole business himself, and Daly seems to have a similar ambition. It would be a good thing for the state at large if each should succeed in cutting the other's throat.

The A. B. Smoker.

About 75 members of the Arctic Brotherhood attended the meeting of the camp last night. Several visitors from other camps were present. After a short business session, the festivities of the evening in the way of a social began and until long past midnight there was a "sound of revelry by night." Chas. Bruce, of the Holborn restaurant, was caterer for the occasion and he had prepared and present everything that would serve to delight the eye, please the palate and revive depressed spirits—speaking of spirits, that portion of the bill of fare had been most carefully supplied, and the most mild and temperate imbibor was provided for as well as those from Kentucky.

An excellent program consisting of instrumental and vocal solos, duets and choruses was rendered, many features of which were of exceptionally high order. The fact was fully demonstrated last night that in the Dawson camp of Arctic Brothers there is some high-class talent, both in the departments of music and literature. Among the former may be named Messrs. Kalenborn, Atwood, Mohr, Clayton and other vocalists; while in the line of literary productions and recitations may be named Messrs. Cowan, McRae, George, Craden, Wills, and, in fact the entire camp membership.

The program for the evening was as follows:

Chief Stewart and friend, banjo duet; F. W. Clayton, song; J. S. Cowan, "The 50 lb. Club of London," recitation; Emil Mohr, song; D. W. McRae, "A Garden Scene," recitation; Rudy Kallenborn, songs with guitar accompaniment; A. F. George, legerdemain and ventriloquism; D. A. Shindler, college songs and piano solo; F. Wells, "The Professor," piano; Kallenborn and Atwood, duet; Sergeant McIntosh, "How it Feels to Be a Hogan," Lew Craden, "The Mouse," recitation; E. J. White, story.

The local camp is in a flourishing condition, and the order being wholly indigenous to the far northland, it having originated in Skagway, it possesses attractions not found in any other secret organization.

The most popular house in town, the Fairview; new management.

The Holborn Cafe for delicacies.

See the electric display of the Star Clothing House on Front street, the finest in the city. Suits are selling for \$15; hats \$3. A. L. Levine, manager.

STROLLER'S COLUMN

At 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, a meeting of all persons, who are in sympathy with the Hogan society will meet on the roof of the Aurora building. If the elements are unpropitious, the assembly will adjourn to the warehouse of the C. D. Co. By the recent mail, Frank Campbell received instructions and a charter from the mother lodge, which is situated in Mulberry Bend, New York. He will formally institute a regular branch in Dawson. Those who have affiliated with the local society will be transferred to the regular order. Many prominent residents have expressed a desire to join the Hogans; and tomorrow all applications will be considered. Those who have associated themselves with the Eagles, or Arctic Brotherhood are not eligible to membership in the new order. The following proclamation has been issued:

Be it known to all men that under and by virtue of a charter regularly issued at the home lodge in New York city, I shall institute at Dawson on the 1st day of April, in the year of our Lord 1900, the Glacier branch of the great and mighty Hogan Order. By the power in me vested, I shall confer initial degrees upon eligible applicants. Witness my hand and seal the day preceding the aforesaid date.

FRANK CAMPBELL,
Billy Hogan Organizer

The patronage which is being extended to the local playhouses must afford great satisfaction to the respective managements. The people of Dawson appreciate good productions, and will encourage them by frequent attendance. It is likewise a fact, which has often been experienced, that an inferior entertainment will receive such disapproval as its quality deserves. The class of amusement is regulated by the public demand; and the excellent vaudeville shows which are now rendered, evidence the decency of theatrical patrons, and the good judgment of actors and actresses. Infrequently it has happened that specialists who had recently arrived ventured to entertain local audiences with a display of vulgar wit, or by the rendition of immoral songs. Such reprehensible efforts met with instant failure; for the auditors were not comprised of roughs and toughs, as is the case of certain places on the outside. Players should remember that Dawson theaters are patronized by the business and professional men of the city, whose training and associations render immoral allusions disgusting.

"Now, do tell," said a stranger who just arrived in the city last night over the ice from Bennett, "is it possible that you are mining for gold right in the street of your city?"

The question was addressed to Sergeant Wilson, who was superintending the operating of a pony thawer at the intersection of Front and Third streets, for the purpose of thawing the ice from the sewer at that place.

"Yes," answered the man of the yellow stripes, "we are doing this work in the hope of finding many things fully as valuable as gold. For instance: Yesterday afternoon we came on to a trace of dishwater which we followed up until we located a full fledged restaurant. This morning we are following a trace of nicotine with the hope that we will be able to trace it to a vein of tobacco; but our steam point has struck something that is possibly a gold nugget as big as an Easter hat, wait an hour or two and you may be able to see something that will delight your unsophisticated eye."

The man waited two hours and a half until the point of obstruction was removed, which proved to be an old kerosene can that had been clogged in the sewer. An hour later the same stranger returned and inquired of the sergeant: "Do you reckon the soil of this here country will produce carrots and pumpkins?"

Everybody Says "Yea, Yea."
Owing to the fact that there will be 150 applicants for membership and initiation into the Fraternal Order of Eagles tomorrow, it has been decided to have the aerie meet at 1 o'clock, at which time all applicants are requested to be present for medical examination. It is reported that applications from several of the territorial officials will be presented at tomorrow's meeting.

Same old price, 25 cents, for drinks at the Regina.

Electric lights in all the rooms at the Fairview.

Another Dollar Dinner.
At the Yukon hotel restaurant; turkey dinner \$1, Sunday, April 1, from 5 to 8 p. m. J. E. Booge, manager. c31
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