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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1900

CLEAN DUST.

The decision of the merchants of the town respecting the retention of the present valuation of gold dust commends itself to us as being both wise and just. To tamper with or alter in any respect the accepted means of effecting changes invariably results in difficulties of the most serious nature. So well has this become established that financial experts are agreed upon the conclusion that alterations in the monetary system of a country are to be strenuously avoided as tending to effect uncertainty, destroy values and create a lack of confidence which is the worst enemy to business prosperity. We apprehend that all people in Dawson as well as mine owners on the creeks are of one mind in the belief that the present system of using gold dust as a circulating medium is unsatisfactory. It will very seldom and perhaps never happen that two qualities of dust of equal weight will prove upon assay to have the same value, which fact of itself means that in practically all transactions where gold dust is used as the means of effecting an exchange, one or the other of the parties concerned is bound to suffer. If the dust is of unusually high value the injury is to the buyer and vice versa. We are unable to see, however, that present conditions would be remedied in any respect by lowering the valuation of gold dust to \$15. If by so doing the business of the town could be at once placed upon a currency basis, with absolute equity to the producer of gold dust, the plan would certainly be acceptable, but we have not seen it demonstrated that such would prove to be the case. In the absence of a government assay office, at which gold dust might be exchanged at its real value, less a nominal charge for assaying, the best remedy before the merchants of Dawson is insistence upon receiving clean dust and no other. There is certainly no obligation upon the business man to accept black sand or any other kind of sand in exchange for his wares. If he sells for gold dust it is his right to expect and demand that he be given gold dust and nothing else. It every business man in Dawson would agree to make free use of the magnet in taking in dust over his counter, it would not be long until the sand nuisance would be effectually done away with.

From the character of the merchandise which is being stored in the warehouses of Dawson it is quite apparent that the standard of living will be much higher this winter than has been the case heretofore, at least for those who have the price. There will be very few things which cannot be secured by the person of the most epicurean tastes, provided, always that he possesses the wherewithal. Dawson is unique among the cities of the world. For practically eight months we must be prepared to stand siege without receiving supplies from the outside. It is doubtful, however, if any town was ever in better condition to survive such an ordeal. When the river closes next month Dawson can look the world in the face and smile, for stored in the ample warehouses of the town will be supplies

enough and to spare, to last until the river runs again.

The story comes over the wires again that the royalty is to be removed, reserved claims thrown open and other equally desirable things take place. We have heard this same joyous tale so often that we shall really begin to believe after a while that something of the kind will certainly occur. The rub will come, in properly placing the credit for bringing about all these various blessings. There will be so many claimants for the glory that to assign honor where honor is due will be a matter of the utmost difficulty. However, there will be plenty of time to quarrel over the matter of placing the credit for removing the royalty when the royalty is actually removed.

The assassin of King Humbert has been sentenced to life imprisonment. The first year of his term is to be spent in a dark cell, three feet wide and six feet long. He sees no one, talks to no one, has nothing in his cell but a plank on which to sleep and once in 24 hours receive a little bread and water from a silent guard. If at the end of twelve months he is still sane he will be given the luxury of hard labor for the balance of his life. It is a matter of record, however, that no prisoner ever survived a year of such confinement and preserved his reason. It is scarcely to be wondered at that the assassin expressed a desire to be shot.

From arrangements now being perfected it appears evident that mail facilities will be better even during the coming winter than was the case a year ago. In all probability there will be a great smashing of records in time between Skagway and Dawson. With trains running daily to Whitehorse delivery of mail is quite likely to be not far behind the service given under the summer schedule.

Quartz discoveries are being announced with a degree of regularity that presages the time when the Klondike will be as famous for its ledges as it is now for placer mining.

Timely Information.

Editor Daily Nugget:
Will you kindly state in the columns of your paper what is the minimum amount of gold dust received by the A. E. Co. for assay, and what are the charges?
R. H.

(Inquiry of the A. E. Co brings the information that the price of \$10 is charged for each melt up to as much as 300 ounces, but very small amounts would not justify the expense of an assay.)

Yukon Business Growing.

There is a general belief among merchants and shippers that the action of the chamber of commerce in regard to the bonding privilege, says the Alaskan, has been productive of much good, and that this aggressive action was timely. The development of the American territory beyond Dawson is making rapid strides, and the Canadian officials are now acting with every possible civility in regard to the bonding of American goods to that territory. Goods can now be sent in on a cash deposit or by bonded carriers and during the last month alone the amount so bonded amounted in value to over \$50,000.

This, of course, is only the beginning of a large business, for which Skagway is the natural entrepot.

The amount of goods going through in bond during the past two months is somewhat remarkable. On July 24, as before reported, the Canadians found that this was not a prohibition port, so they permitted the importation of American liquors to go in to Dawson on payment of duty, and beyond Dawson in bond.

The increase in the bonding figures for this year over those of last year for the months of July and August is remarked, and shows how the transportation through this port has grown. In July of last year the value of the bonded goods going through was \$131,518; in July of this year, \$409,524; in August of last year, \$295,036; in August of this year, \$568,163.

Information Wanted.

Will any person who knew James F. Brace or was present at his funeral October, 1898, communicate with Undertaker Green, or Wm. Northrop, lock box 410.
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Mrs. Maggie Warnke has opened a first-class restaurant at the Hotel Metropole. Meals a la carte.
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THE ARMCHAIR WARRIOR.

Ye amateurs of England
Who keep your native seats
And criticize so bravely
The fighting man's defeats;
Ye turkey-cocked stragglers
Who vent late your view
Of what could be accomplished
If things were left to you.

My paper map civilians!
One cannot but admire
With how sublime a courage
You face the clubroom fire;
With what prophetic wisdom
You speak the warning word,
Choosing the happy moment
When things have just occurred!

There runs an ancient proverb,
Good for the swollen head,
How fools rush in serenely
Where angels fear to tread;
But here the common mortal,
The stroller down the street,
Knows better than to follow
Your rash, intruding feet.

Is not our task enough, sirs,
To bear the present hurt,
That you on wounded honor
Must dump your little dirt?
You, from the padded armchair,
Safe in a sea locked land,
While those you smirch are holding
Their lives within their hand.

When we are short of critics
To sum the final blame,
We'll ask a fighter's verdict
Upon a fighter's game;
But you who pass opinions
On work but half begun,
Please give us your credentials,
Show something you have done!
— London Punch.

Was It a Coincidence.

His lawful wife did not quite believe that he was down at Margate on business. Anyhow, she thought it well to go down there for the day, and brought him back to town on the Marguerite. She thought she saw something like a wink pass between her spouse and a very pretty girl who came on board at Margate; but he denied all knowledge of the young lady. It was a hot, drowsy day, and he put up his feet on a camp stool and dozed, and the pretty girl also seemed to be sleepy, and did the same thing. Presently his wife woke him with a vicious pinch.

"It is very strange," she said, "that you and that young lady over there wear the same sized boots." "The same sized boots?" queried the astonished man.

"Yes, the same sized boots. You both have got 14 in chalk on the soles."
—Ex.

Another Dawson Resort.

The Rev. Mr. Sinclair, of the Presbyterian church, is soon to leave Whitehorse. After two years or more of church work in Alaska and the Yukon he is going back to labor among the people of the outside world. There is a condition on which he will return to the Arctic circle and remain in it another year and that condition is that he be given permission by the presbytery to engage in a work which experience has taught him is very much needed in the country. Mr. Sinclair says there are enough churches in the Yukon and now he would turn his attention to establishing institutions of a semi-secular nature which would appeal to the young men of the north, and prove a strong counter attractions to the saloon and gambling house. Mr. Sinclair thinks that there is particularly a great field for an institution of this kind in Dawson and it is there he would commence work. He would have a large public building to the privileges of which all young men should be made welcome. Inside he would have bright lights, good furniture, comfortable and healthy air, reading matter and various harmless games. By conducting a resort of this nature on broad grounds, Mr. Sinclair believes that the character of many a young man in the Klondike metropolis can be saved.—Whitehorse Tribune.

How He Lost.

"Yes, sir," said the half-done young man to his seat mate in the street car the other afternoon, "a fellow can make any woman moisten her lips by just lookin' at her. All he's got to do is to shoot a sort of admirin' glance at her, and she moistens her lips and proceeds to look pretty. Bet you a dollar I can make the first woman that enters the car moisten her lips within ten seconds after she takes her seat."

"I'll take a dollar's worth of that," said the half-done youth's seat-mate, who looked a trifle cheap over the company he found himself in.

Then the car stopped, and a colored attendant helped a middle-aged blind woman onto the car, taking a seat himself at a respectful distance from her.

The half-done youth wanted to welch, but he produced the solitary one-dollar bill that he had carefully folded away in his vest pocket when his seat-mate said: "You lose," in a short, jerky way that was full of meaning.—Washington Post.

Best imported wines and liquors at the Regina.

Short orders served right. The Holborn.

Fine tweed tailor-made suits. McCandless Bros., opp. S. Y. T. dock.

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Ranier
St. Michael to Golovin
Bay, Nome, and
Cape York
Dora Sadie Fay

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Andreofsky
Anvik
Nulato
Tanana
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Save Time and Money by traveling on steamers which are always reliable at any stage of water.

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Nearly Every Day

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