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MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 1901.

PETITION OF BUSINESS MEN.

On another page of this paper will be found a list of the names attached to the petition dealing with the incorporation question, which petition was presented to the Yukon council, at the meeting of that body on Thursday last. We commend this list of signatures to the consideration of the citizens of Dawson, who will find in it food for earnest reflection.

It would be difficult under any circumstances to procure a more representative list of names than those which have been signed to the anti-incorporation petition. With almost one voice the business men and property holders of the city have hastened to place themselves upon record as being opposed to the plan of incorporating Dawson at the present time. In so doing they have acted with sound judgment and have shown that they believe in the application of ordinary business principles to the management of public as well as private interests. When the affairs of a business house are handled with economy and efficiency and a reasonable profit on the investment is shown, there is ordinarily no desire on the part of the promoters for any change. The same thing is true when applied to the larger affairs of a town. Dawson is being governed in a quiet, unostentatious way, but in a manner that is giving general satisfaction. Various improvements have been made in the town from time to time until it is practically impossible to recognize any trace of the conditions which prevailed when the incorporation idea was first advanced.

The advantages which are to be gained from incorporating at the present time are not apparent. Representative government would be secured only partially. The cost of administration would necessarily be largely increased and from the standpoint of efficiency there is little reason to believe that any marked improvement would be shown. It appears from the petition and the names which are signed to it that the business men and taxpayers generally of Dawson have given careful consideration to all these points. The conclusion which they have reached is a natural and logical one and may be said without hesitation to represent the sentiment of the community at large. Incorporation at this time would be an error, the consequence of which might be serious. There is much to be lost and little to be gained by a change, and this fact in itself is sufficient to warrant the decided position which the business men have taken against the organization of a municipality.

UNITED STATES CONSUL

Te Roller that the collector is acting within his legal rights, it certainly is not the intention of the United States government to work any unnecessary hardship upon miners in Alaska. It appears to be a case of abuse of a little brief authority, and the quickest remedy that can be secured is through direct appeal to the treasury department at Washington. The fact must not be overlooked that there are always two sides to every question and the customs collector may have reasons to advance for his actions, which have not been given to the public. However that may be, the complaints which have been made are sufficiently strong and numerous to warrant an investigation from the American authorities.

There ought to be no difficulty about the entrance of goods of American origin into Alaska when certification of such origin is properly made before the U. S. consul. The spirit of the law is to admit such goods free of customs charges, and it is the duty of officials to be guided by that spirit and not to resort to technicalities to accomplish its defeat.

The News is slowly but surely going daft on the century question.

A Royal Send Off.

Manager W. H. Parsons of the Ames Mercantile Co., leaves for his home in Chicago Wednesday morning, and in view of this fact a dinner was given by the employees of the company at the messhouse on Second avenue last evening, at which the popularity of Mr. Parsons with those who work under his direction in the interests of the A. M. Co. was thoroughly demonstrated, in such a way as only a lot of jovial good fellows know how.

Since Mr. Parsons has been at the head of the affairs of the company here, the employees are unanimous in saying that not only has the business gone on smoothly and with profit, but things have been made pleasant and, so far as possible, homelike, everyone feeling that he was an integral part of the business, and the social intercourse has been most pleasant to all.

Last evening the dining room was handsomely decorated with flags and handsome draperies, and the long table in the cozy room, was laid for 14. Turkey, notwithstanding the dearth of the same in the market, had the place of honor upon the board, and was backed up by all the good things obtainable, and they are not scarce.

After the dinner proper had been disposed of came the toasts and other entertainments consisting of music, funny stories, etc., and a recitation by J. L. Gray in the Scotch dialect which he has entirely mastered.

The feast of the evening was the toast offered by Toastmaster Jules Levy, which is here reproduced:

Around the table gayly decked come the boys in best array,
To give God speed to our dear Parsons,
who soon will travel on his way,
Over snow and fields of ice, over ocean
and miles of land.
Days and weeks and months will go
before we once more grasp his hand.
We will miss his genial smile; we will
miss the hand at cards;
Many's the hour we'll have to while,
but we'll do our best, hey, pard?
So here's to a speedy journey; here's
to a pleasant trip;
Here's to love at the end of the voyage;
here's to our heart-felt grip.

The toast was drunk and responded to by others, and then followed by some more, after which came the music and story telling.

Goetzman came in with his camera and made some flashlights of a scene that will long be remembered by all present, and it is safe to say that W. H. Parsons will not be the first to forget it.

THE EFFECT OF MONEY.

"I understand old Delahanty's favorite grandson, to whom he left all his money, has erected a fine monument to the old man's memory."
"Yes, and the inscription on it reads, 'Erected to the memory of Patrick Jeremiah Delahanty by his grandson and namesake P. Jerome De La Hanty, esq.'"

Lucky Dog.

"What is an optimist?" asked the youth who would fain become wise.
"An optimist," answered the man who has become wise at a sacrifice of amiability, "is a man who, having no coal bills or household expenses himself, takes it for granted that everybody can be just as light-hearted as he is."

Table de hote dinners. The Holborn.

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

CREEK NOTES.

Mr. Swell's cabin on Adams Hill was consumed by fire last week.

The Grand Forks Social Club gave its first ball in the new building on Mr. Say's claim on New Year's eve. The affair was largely attended and many expressions of pleasure were heard on all sides at the able manner in which it was conducted.

Frank Belcher and Martin Walch, of 23 Eldorado, have returned from a four weeks' visit to Clear creek. The boys are not saying much, but the fact that they staked on Bell creek, and the further fact that they remained for some weeks, indicates that they have confidence in the country.

A telegram has been received from Mr. Wm. Northrup, the well known miner, stating that he would be in over the ice about the middle of February.

Mr. and Mrs. Roddy, of Poverty bar, entertained about 20 of their friends on New Year's eve in a manner not soon to be forgotten. After a most sumptuous and bountiful supper, in which Mrs. Roddy certainly did herself proud, music, singing and dancing were indulged in. One of the features of the evening was your dough reminiscences. To say every body had a huge time is expressing it mildly. In the "wee-sam" hours the merry-makers turned homeward, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Roddy many happy returns of the day. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Horne, Mr. and Mrs. McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. Roddy, J. Tiller, J. Roddy, Messrs. Hint, Anderson, Jameson, Berry, Badger and Horne.

Mr. and Mrs. John King, of Kingsville hotel, 60 above Bonanza, entertained a number of friends on New Year's eve. Mr. and Mrs. King know how to entertain and nothing is left undone that will add to the pleasure of their guests. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ogilvie, Mr. and Mrs. Willett, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. King, Misses Emma Thompson, Emma Johnson, Messrs. McCauley and Smith.

A typographical error in our last creek notes made it appear that one of the rich claims on Magnet was owned by Mills and McKenney. It should have been Miles and McKenney. Johnnie Miles is one of the most popular boys on the creek, and we do not desire to create the impression that he has sold his interest in that vicinity.

Mrs. Crane Visits New York.

The following which appeared in the New York World of December 9th will be read with a mixture of interest and amusement here in Dawson, where Mrs. Alice Rollins Crane is so well known. Since leaving here last summer Mrs. Crane has been defendant in a suit brought by her husband at Los Angeles, Cal., for divorce; but that fact probably troubled the intrepid "mining magnate" but little. Here is what the World produces regarding Mrs. Crane:

"They call me the richest woman in the Klondike, but I'm hardly that, except, perhaps, in health and ambition. It's true that I needn't work any more unless I want to, but I suppose I will keep at it as long as I live."

Mrs. Alice Rollins Crane, president and general manager of the Los Angeles and Yukon Mining Company and the reputed owner of a fortune estimated at between \$400,000 and \$500,000, was the speaker.

Mrs. Crane is about 45 years of age, of medium height and good figure, the glow of her face telling of her splendid health. She is on her way to Washington to urge the passage of a bill for the colonization of American territory in the Alaskan region of the Yukon, and is now at the St. Denis hotel.

"But few gold seekers," she said, "have ventured to Dawson within the last year or so, which is very fortunate, because the city is overcrowded with idle, disappointed men."

"Provisions are still unreasonably high, so much so as to justify the belief that they are controlled by a trust. Watermelons are sold at \$5 apiece; cucumbers, 50 cents each; oranges from 25 cents to 50 cents each; beef, \$1.75 per pound; bread, 50 cents a loaf. All the small stores are under the control of the big corporations."

"Individual mining no longer pays. With a steam-hoist we can scoop up 525 buckets a day out of each shaft, whereas the most a single individual can raise is about a hundred. Hundreds of miners are giving up the struggle in despair because of lack of means to develop their claims."

"Typhoid fever, pneumonia and scurvy are the diseases from which our people principally suffer, and the death rate is something horrible to contemplate."

"What about the women of Dawson?"

"To be frank, I think we have nearly as many women as men, and all are trying to outdo one another in the matter of dress."

"Many of the miners who have made money are sending for their families, and the result can be seen in improved school facilities and a betterment of morals."

"What of yourself?"

"I have no hard luck stories to tell. I left Los Angeles in the winter of 1897, and unattended, except by hired help, made the winter trip from Dyea

to Lake Bennett, where I contracted my outfit through to Dawson and went ahead. The day after landing in Dawson, in July, 1898, I staked a claim in Eldorado creek, and it has proved very profitable. I have now speaking for myself and those I represent—a controlling interest in several valuable properties, and we are not complaining.

"Since I left Dawson, on July 1, I have travelled about 25,000 miles, stopping among other places, at Cape Nome, which is a picture of wretchedness. I would advise no one to go there, unless civilization has lost all attraction."

Regardless of Weather.

Gilbert Sewell rode on a wheel from 35 below on Hunker, a distance of 20 miles, in an hour and fifteen minutes this morning. He claims to have broken all previous records, notwithstanding the fact that the mercury ranged at 35 below zero.

A Costly Flower.

"I see that a single rose has sold as high as \$150."
"Pooh! A single rose cost me a good deal more than that. A certain young woman gave me a rose, and this encouraged me to offer her my name. Later on she assumed charge of my bank account. I'll bet every smell in that rose cost me a cool hundred!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Three Months and Labor.

Frowzy Francis—Yer lookin' orful bad, Simpy.
Shady Simpson—Yes'm! It's de first time I've been outer doors for three months.
Frowzy Francis—Wot was de matter wiv yer
Shady Simpson—Nothin! But the judge wouldn't believe it!—American Fun.

Goetzman makes the crack photos of dog teams.

Notice.
Miss B. V. Robson can learn something to her advantage by calling at the Nugget office.

The Holborn Cafe for delicacies.
Flashlight powder at Goetzman's.

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AMUSEMENTS

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MINING ENGINEERS.
J. B. TYRRELL, mining engineer, has removed to Mission st., next door to public school.

WANTED.
WANTED—Experienced woman cook. For a few weeks only. Apply Nugget Office.

SOCIETIES.
THE REGULAR COMMUNICATION of Yukon Lodge, (U. D.) A. F. & F. M., will be held at Masonic hall, Mission street, monthly, Thursday on or before full moon at 8:00 p. m.

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Club Gymnasium

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