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Generals Buller and men for Incompetency.

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PERSONS DISCOURAGED.

in Roberts for Exposing City, Although Highest Officers Are Involved.

April 18, via Skagway, April government has waited until moment to publish a dispatch Roberts censuring Gen. Warren, two of the most commanders under him.

Dispatch was dated February has been in the hands of since that time. The news endeavoring to force from an explanation as to dispatch was not disclosed

ly News, commenting upon speaks of its "somewhat language," and says such are disquieting and disheartening small degree. Following on the recall of Gatacre, it a wide-spread feeling of

the papers sustain Roberts in particular says that "of Roberts' great services impartiality with which he errors of omission in high which have cost us so much." mentioned in the dispatch doubtfully resign.

s reports on the 17th that the force near Reddersburg is still

A Mild Epidemic. sent there is a mild epidemic an low fevers in Dawson, which has not been satisfactorily accounted for. Six of the of the A. C. Co. were unable or duty this morning, and business house in the city is ended from the same cause.

Sheriff's Sale. o'clock p. m. on Thursday, May Sheriff Ellbeck will offer for public auction two separate interests. In the case of Jephawkins and Flannery vs. W. E. son, the following described will be sold under the writ on which has been issued in the name, all of the hillside claim, nit, opposite the lower half of below discovery on Bonanza

the action of Atkinson et al vs. us and Hodgins, the sheriff will e defendants' undivided interest lower half of hillside claim, nit, opposite No. 5 below A. discovery on Quartz creek.

Water in Abundance. McLennan, McFeeley & Mathewson Copmany has constructed a side near the store of Clark & on Second avenue and Sixth which is 40 feet high and from o of which sufficient water is con- flowing to supply the wants of city. The water falls over p. of the pipe and descends in the of a shower on a radius of 20 feet ritory, which this afternoon was etely covered with tubs, buckets, and in fact, everything that will water; the people of that portion city believing that to catch water to waste is cheaper than to buy it water wagons.

Special Power of Attorney forms for at the Nugget office.

AN INNOVATION IN MINING.

Chechako Hill the Scene of the Triumph of Genius.

Bonanza Water Company Solves Question of Elevating Water for Sluicing Purposes.

[From Monday's Daily.]

That which but a short time ago was a perplexing question to many mine owners on Chechako hill, namely: The matter of procuring water for sluicing purposes, without which the many rich dumps would be practically valueless, has been solved, and solved, not only to the eminent satisfaction of those who conceived and carried into action the plan, but also to that of the many mine owners who are now enabled to sluice their dumps on their own claims, the same as their neighbors on the creeks.

The Bonanza Water Co., is composed of Messrs. Chas. E. Severance, Allan R. Joy and H. E. Ashelby, and the scheme which they have so successfully carried to consummation was conceived last summer when the former mentioned gentlemen, made a hurried trip in from the coast to spy out the land as to the nature of machinery required to facilitate and cheapen the work of segregating the yellow metal from the bowels of the firm. About the same time Mr. Joy applied for and was granted a right for 700 inches of water from Bonanza creek, a portion of which, taken from claim No. 3 below discovery, is now utilized by the Bonanza Water Co. in the operation of its maining proposition.

Through the operation of three boilers with a combined force of 120 horsepower, water from the creek is forced through a nine-inch iron pipe up to the second tier of bench claims, an elevation of 305 feet, where it is sufficient for three separate sluice heads. After being trained around by means of wooden flumes to the various claims on the second tier of benches, it comes down to the first tier, where it is again caught up and used the same as above, and on its way back to the creeks is used on the hillside claims which are the property of the company.

The first attempt at testing the raising power of the machinery of water through the long conduit was on the 15th instant at which time the efforts were so successful that there remained not a vestige of doubt as to the ultimate success of the undertaking. The work of extending the big pipe was continued and last Friday witnessed the triumphant achievement of what is undoubtedly the biggest proposition in the annals of Klondike mining history. On that day, by prearranged signal, the miners on the hill were notified the moment the ponderous pumping machinery was started, and ere the elapse of five minutes the shrill blasts from a score or more engines on many claims were verberating and reverberating over hill and valley in proclamation of the glad tidings that water in abundance for every claim on the hill was freely flowing just where it is needed. The question of water for sluicing purposes on Chechako hill was solved so satisfactorily as to be beyond the most sanguine anticipations of the promoters, and the day marked the achievement of another victory for labor saving devices in the Klondike.

The Bonanza Water Company uses less than one-third of the water as ordered it in its grant for Chechako hill; and later, and on the arrival of a consignment of machinery which is now at Bennett: awaiting the opening of navigation, plants similar to the one now in such successful operation will be constructed for Magnet; also for the hill opposite No. 30 below.

The elevation of water to Chechako hill will be the means of enabling the claims there to be operated during the summer the owners invariably having signified their intentions of so doing. Already 15 of the latter have contracted with the company to supply them with water, and mining on Chechako hill will be carried on this summer in a systematic manner never before witnessed in the district.

Mr. Severance, the senior member of the company, has a vast store of mining experience acquired in Montana and California, and that experience enabled him while here last summer to grasp the situation and see at once the entire feasibility of the plan that has just been carried to successful consummation on Chechako hill, and on his return to the vast machinery depots of the coast cities, he selected what his judgment indicated was required and late events evidence the fact that his judgment did not fail him.

The Bonanza Water Co. owns and

operates its own sawmill thus enabling it to be wholly independent of other industries.

Concerning Good Roads. Gold Run, April 16, 1900.

Editor Nugget: An editorial article entitled "Roads Wanted on the Creeks," which was published in the Dawson Weekly News, April 13th, is so great an extent unjust, malicious and untruthful that, we who have lived here for the last two winters and profited by the trails he condemns, feel that it ought not to pass unrebuked. His slurs and insults applied to acts of the government officials are none of our business, but it is our business to get our freight delivered by the new trail at 10 cents, which last year cost us 30 cents (and all other creeks in the Indian river division have profited in like ratio). Does the News editor imagine that this is not an aid in developing the creeks? Has he been over the trails he writes about? And where does he find his estimate of distances? Ask any miner in this district which is the shortest and best trail to Dawson, in either summer or winter, with a load or without. Ask, Mr. Editor, why is it that roadhouses on Hunter and Bonanza creeks have complained about such poor business, and many of them closed. In such case the reason is given that "All traffic is going over the ridge trail." In fact the entire article out of many contains but one truthful statement, and that "that money has been voted for good roads." If the English company he speaks of finds rates prohibitive for a short distance up Bonanza creek at three or four cents, why does he condemn a road which makes it possible for at least one-half of the Yukon mining district to work at a profit, at from three to four times that rate.

We in this district appreciate the road we have had this winter, and we hope the results obtained with the facilities the government has given will justify them in building a summer road suitable for heavy teaming, and that our interest in this matter may not be jeopardized by such an ignorant, ill-advised piece of office work as that of the News article above mentioned. Respectfully,

T. R. BARNES, S. S. SAUNDERS No. 22 Gold Run.

Citizens' Committee Meeting.

The citizens' committee held a meeting last Saturday evening in the hotel McDonald. The situation relative to representative government was discussed at length. The committee has decided to proceed cautiously.

Regret is expressed regarding the action of the Yukon council in refusing to endorse the citizens' petition, after the fact has been established that there are at least 1000 British voters in this territory. Col. MacGregor, Messrs. McDonald and Woodworth were appointed a committee to telegraph to the speakers of the senate and house of commons, at Ottawa. The message will contain information respecting the census, and will ask for immediate action on the petitions, which are now before the federal government.

The members of the committee do not propose to be beguiled into controversy with irresponsible parties. The representatives of the people, however, are prepared to defend their character and dignity when occasion requires. The following resolution was unanimously carried:

Resolved, That the secretary be instructed to forward the following letter to the commissioner of the Yukon territory: Hon. William Ogilvie, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Dawson.

Honorable Sir: We beg to call your attention to some very irrelevant and erroneous remarks in regard to the movement to secure popular representation now going on, in late issues of the Yukon Sun. Ordinarily, we would not have paid any attention to these statements, but as that newspaper styles itself "the official newspaper of the Yukon territory, Canada," we write inquiring whether these statements are official statements. We have the honor to remain, your obedient servant, JOSEPH A. CLARKE, Secretary of the Citizens' Committee.

The committee decided to postpone action calling another mass meeting until next Saturday evening, in order that there may be no excuse for not receiving from Ottawa an answer to petitions which have already been sent.

Nearly Completed.

The work of widening the First avenue sidewalk out to 12 feet has been almost completed so far as the prescribed metes and bounds extend. In many places the old walk was entirely removed and new lumber put down, but generally a four foot addition was constructed, thus complying with the law as to width. The enlarged walks do greatly to the convenience of pedestrians who formerly, at certain hours of the day, had to elbow their various ways along the crowded thoroughfare; it also adds very largely to the general attractiveness of the street.

FATHER GENDREAU GOES OUT

And to Montreal When Navigation Opens.

So Announced From His Pulpit Yesterday—May Be Absent Several Months.

The many friends of Rev. Father Gendreau will be disagreeably surprised to learn that he has been called to Montreal on business and that he will leave Dawson for that place probably on the first boat sailing for up the river, an announcement to this effect having been made by him from the pulpit at the close of yesterday morning's services. To his congregation the announcement was a thunderbolt from a clear sky his holiness not having previously mentioned the matter to anyone.

Father Gendreau read to his congregation yesterday morning a letter received by him from a priest in Paris to whom was sent the beautiful nugget rosary which was presented to the former last Christmas, and which was sent to the Paris priest to turn over to Canada's commissioner of the exposition, where it will be exhibited and later returned to Father Gendreau, the proud and happy owner. The rosary and its presentation to the holy father were the direct results of the efforts of Mrs. Cahill, who solicited the necessary contributions for the purchase of the nugget and their manufacture.

In acknowledging its receipt, the Paris priest said that words are inadequate to express the admiration of the many who gaze upon the beautiful and costly piece of handiwork from the faraway Klondike.

When seen by a Nugget representative yesterday evening in reference to his contemplated early departure from Dawson for the outside, Father Gendreau said:

"I have received news from the outside of matters which will require my presence in Montreal, and I shall leave here for that place with the opening of navigation. I expect to return to Dawson in about three months, provided I do not visit points other than Montreal and Ottawa. But I may go on to England, and if I do, I will certainly visit Paris. The matter of going on to London and Paris will depend entirely on the condition of my purse.

"While I am at Ottawa I will gladly execute any commissions entrusted to me by the people of Dawson. I am very well acquainted with Premier Laurier, in fact, he and I are personal friends, and anything that I can say to him to further the interests of Dawson and the Yukon district, I will gladly say."

Steam for Train Robbers.

Every locomotive that is built in the west nowadays has the new antibandit attachment.

On all the new engines of the D. and R. G. railway are iron pipes extending along the roof of the cab and connecting with the boiler. Through these pipes, without making a perceptible motion, either the engineer or fireman can send under 200 pounds pressure a jet of steam and boiling water that would effectually cook anything living that happened to be on the tender or the front end of the baggage car. The diameter of the pipe is 1 1/2 inches, and a single second would drop any man who tried to stand before it in action.

The steam leaves the pipe at a temperature of about 750 degrees, hot enough to have the toughest of outlaws cooked by the time the train could be brought to a standstill. It will quell the ardor of these gentlemen who make a specialty of hooding up engineers from the tender.

Tramps are fighting shy of this railroad.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Who Is Vice President?

This question, which a subscriber asks, has probably puzzled many other persons. There is no vice president of the United States. When Vice-President Hobart died, the office became vacant and will remain so until March 4 next year.

But the succession to the presidency is carefully provided for. If President McKinley should die, the secretary of state, whoever he may be, will, if eligible to the presidency, "at once qualify as president.

If for any reason the office of secretary of state should be vacant in such an emergency or its incumbent be as yet unconfirmed by the senate or under impeachment or not constitutionally eligible to election as president, the succession would pass to the secretary of the treasury, and so on through the cabinet in an appointed order. Prior to 1886, when the present law

regulating the succession was passed, the president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives were next in order of succession to the presidency.—Youth's Companion.

Silencing a Gun.

There is a great deal of ignorance as to what "silencing a gun" means. A gun is silenced when the gunners are disabled or driven back and the gun or gun carriage damaged. It is a common enough phenomenon for weapons which have thus been silenced to be repaired after repairs have been made, the gunners rallied or a fresh gun crew obtained. It is a rare thing for a gun to be so damaged by hostile fire that it cannot be refitted and brought into action again. "I saw," says Prince Kraft, of the German artillery in the battle of Gravelotte, "many guns during the cannonade lying miserably on the ground 'winged'—that is, with a broken wheel. But not one was withdrawn. The injured guns were always speedily repaired with the help of the wagons, which were near, so that at the close of the battle I could not tell exactly how many pieces had been put temporarily out of action."—Army and Navy Journal.

As Hetty Green Sees It.

"Because a girl's father happens to be well off financially is no reason why she should not have a business training," is the emphatic position taken by this woman of vast wealth, giving her opinions upon "The Benefits of a Business Training for Women," in the Woman's Home Companion. "Besides being allowed a certain amount for her clothing she should be allowed to have a share or more in some corporation in which her father owns stock, and she should be allowed to manage the stock herself, not through a lawyer.

"A business man would do well to give his daughter a small interest in his business—let it be ever so small—so that she will set her mind to working as to how it can be improved. Parents who have real estate would be wise to give their daughter the title to a house, and let her manage it herself—collect the rental, bargain for repairs, etc.—always with her parents' consent, of course. Such a girl will make a better wife when she marries, knowing how to counsel her husband at critical times; again, she will make a better mother, in that she can begin her sons' business training almost from their infancy; and in the third place she is prepared in case she should happen to be thrown upon her own resources."

Where Pa Quit

"Pa?" "Yes." "I've been reading in that book you gave me for a Christmas present about some strange things. It seems that man cannot create something out of nothing." "Yes; that's true. Men may take ore and make iron out of it, or sand and convert it into glass, or wood and make paper of it, but it is not within the range of human possibilities to make even so much as a pinhead out of nothing. There must always be the original element to use as a basis."

"And it says that men cannot remove from this earth anything that is found upon it, no matter how many times they may transform it from one thing to another."

"That is also an everlasting truth. Everything comes from the earth in the beginning and returns to the earth in the end. The tree that is converted into paper came out of the earth, and finally it finds its way back into the earth either as ashes or decaying matter. Not so much as a grain of salt can be removed or absolutely obliterated by man. Everything that man uses returns in one form or another to the original element from which it was produced."

"Pa?" "Yes." "What becomes of the light when you blow it out?" "Oh, don't bother me any more! This is the third time I've tried to read this article! Now, I don't want to be interrupted again!"—Chicago Times-Herald.

Electric Lights Reduced.

The shareholders of the Dawson Electric Light & Power Co., Ltd., met last week and discussed the policy to be pursued by the company for the coming year and also for the election of a board of directors. The former incorporation under the old law relative to incorporated bodies was ratified, also the proposition to increase the capital stock of the company, as the improvements necessitated by the increase of business fully warrants the expenditure of a larger sum of money than was originally anticipated.

Manager Donald B. Olson submitted his report with a detailed account of the progress of the company from August, '98, up to April 1st. His report

shows the company to be in good shape financially, notwithstanding the difficulties encountered by the company in a city so far removed from the ordinary source of supply in material essential to the life of an electric light plant. His report was approved and the shareholders evidenced their satisfaction in his conduct of the affairs of the company. The following named gentlemen constitute a majority of the shareholders of the company: William Chappel, Samuel L. Stanley, Alex McDonald, David Doig, John Cannon, Thos. Cannon, and John H. Joslin.

The directors met immediately after the meeting of the shareholders and elected the following officers: W. Chappel, president; S. L. Stanley, vice-president; A. McDonald, treasurer; J. H. Joslin, secretary, and D. B. Olson, general manager.

In an interview with a Nugget representative Manager Olson in talking of the affairs of his company, said:

"We intend largely increasing our plant this season and will materially decrease the cost of lights to our customers. We expect to put in a power generator of 100 horse power and will then be in a position to supply power to machine shops, mills, printing presses or any enterprise requiring an ordinary amount of power."

When asked when this innovation would occur, Mr. Olson answered:

"Just as soon as the river opens the machinery will arrive, as it will be on the first boats to enter Dawson. We can then utilize our surplus power, as naturally lights will not be in as great demand during the summer months as in the winter. Next fall we will be prepared to light all business and private houses at a reduced cost. We have been experimenting with coal for fuel and find the results very satisfactory, as it is more economical, and fuel is our principal expense."

"What reduction in rates do you propose to make," was asked.

"Commencing May 1st, where charges are now for 16-candle power lights 35 cents a night, we will reduce to 25 cents, for 32-candle power, now 70 cents, we will then charge 50 cents, this being a very large reduction, about 30 per cent. Half night service will be 15 cents where formerly our charges were 20 cents a light. I feel particularly pleased," Mr. Olson added, "with the cordial feeling existing between our customers and the company, and this season we will bring in a general supply of fine fixtures, globes, chandeliers, etc., and will give service in proportion to the reception we have received."

"Our company believes in the future of this city, and the results will justify our expenditures. You will notice on First avenue a pole line which gives the town a metropolitan appearance; that is but a step in the direction we will follow, and if I do say it, the company will be as enterprising and progressive as the city; that is saying a great deal."

The Concert.

Another crowded house greeted the performers at the concert last night. Every seat in the house was taken, the boxes were crowded to their utmost capacity and a good many square feet of standing room were occupied by the eager listeners.

Public interest in the concert had been especially aroused owing to the fact that for the first time both Miss Lorne and Miss Tracie were to appear on the same program before a Dawson audience.

The fact that Miss Tracie had been ill and had announced her intention to sing if it were possible for her to leave her bed added to the general interest in the concert.

The singing of the two favorites proved the features of the evening and both acquitted themselves to their own credit and to the pleasure and satisfaction of the audience.

The style of each differs in so marked a degree from that of the other that neither seems to detract in any respect from the effect of the other's singing.

The other performers were up to their usual standard of excellence. Mr. Bailey's claironet solo was much enjoyed, as was also the string trio by Messrs. Dinea, Skinner and Dinea. The orchestra of 25 pieces under the leadership of Sergeant McKinnon did excellent work, which was fully up to the mark.

The First Bath.

To a boy named Lindemann, a son of Jeweler Lindemann, of J. L. Sale & Co., belongs the honor of taking the first bath in the Yukon of the season; but it was not voluntary, he having fallen into a deep hole in an unguarded moment this morning. He was soon rescued, and, dripping like a Newfoundland dog, rushed home for a change of raiment.

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