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Cleanup for the Week That Amount

Dumps Sluicing Up Better Than Anticipated—Miners Are Jubilant

Today ends the first week of general sluicing for this season and though the same time previous in certain favored sections the washup was carried on to a more or less extent during the later portion of the day, yet it has been only a heavy frost has not occurred on every creek in the territory during the night. Every morning there would be a layer of ice in the bottom of the boxes and it was not possible to begin shoveling until well on toward noon and by 8 o'clock in the evening the water would have become so cold that the supply would have to be shut off again. But since Tuesday the work has been steady and unless a sudden change should take place there will be no cessation in the shoveling in from now on until the winter dumps have been run through the boxes.

Though the cleanup has but started yet there has been received in the city by the banks and large commercial houses within the past week over a million dollars in bright yellow dust ready for the assayer and refiner. The bank has gone to the banks one of which has received 35,000 ounces and the other a trifle less than 30,000, the receipts reaching that amount on Thursday. But very few of the large producers have brought in their poles yet, the contributors so far being principally the small miner and the tyro.

When the heavy producers begin shipping in their product the receipts will often amount to a half million or more a day. The receipts by the N. C. Co., the S. A. T. & T. Co., the Ames Mercantile Co., the Ladue Co., and others of the large houses have also been very large considering the earliness of the season. The credit extended during the past winter was much larger than ever before and more extensive preparations have been made toward making close collections than in the past. The N. C. Co. alone being twelve collectors in the field. The yield so far has been more than satisfactory and where in the past the dumps have so often proven a disappointment they this year are cleaning up much better in many instances than was anticipated. Knowing ones ascribe the reason to the fact that miners no longer deceive themselves during the winter when engaged in hoisting. More careful panning is done and if it is ascertained that the dirt being hoisted is running below the cost of production it is abandoned for something better. The work is not continued with the hope that the quality will improve with the next fire. No chances are taken nowadays; the dirt must pan up to a certain standard or it is left to rot alone and the spectacle of seeing a large dump washed up and not produce sufficient to pay for its shoveling in, as has been known to happen in the past, is something that probably will never be seen again.

Another thing that is claimed by many who are familiar with the country and the way they have been prospecting this winter is that the cleanup this year will exceed by no small sum that of last year, which in round numbers amounted to twelve million. Certain it is that more ground has been worked this winter than last and some of it has proven so rich as anything ever struck in the Klondike.

Merchants who have been carrying a heavy line of credits during the

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season are jubilant over the way the sluicing is turning out, the collectors say that their labor is easy, that where a miner has washed up sufficient to liquidate his indebtedness he gladly pays his bills without a murmur and that there is a greater feeling of prosperity discernible than has been apparent for a year or more. The summer work this season will be more extensive than ever before and there is every indication that the year 1903 will be one of the most prosperous the Yukon has seen since the days of old when nuggets were presumed to grow on bushes.

Finish up the celebration of Victoria day in a suitable manner by witnessing the opera "Erminie" at the Auditorium. Curtain rises at 9 o'clock.
Tickets at Cribbs', First avenue.

VAGRANCY CHARGED

Freeman Anderson In Police Court

Escaped Conviction on the Same Charge Several Months Ago

The relentless war against men having no visible means of support is still being vigorously waged by the police and consternation reigns in the ranks of those whose conscience or instinct tells them they are under the ban of suspicion. Freeman Anderson was arrested last night on the charge of being a vagrant in that he has no employment or visible means of support nor has he had for the previous six months, also that he is a loose, idle and disorderly fellow. At the request of Sergeant Smith for the prosecution, Mr. Justice Macaulay enlarged the case until next Tuesday morning, Anderson being remanded to jail in the meantime.

Anderson was arrested last winter on a similar charge but was allowed his freedom, the evidence being insufficient to justify conviction. Since that time the watchful eye of one J. S. Piper has been upon him; also eyes of other members of the police force, and it is alleged that since his release he has continued a life of idleness, the most of his time being spent in saloons. He is a healthy appearing man of perhaps 40 or 42 years of age.

TO VISIT FORTYMILE

Yukon Order of Pioneers Will Go There Tomorrow

The steamer Tyrrell will carry a big party of excursionists to Forty-mile on tomorrow, Sunday, leaving Dawson at 10 o'clock in the morning and returning that night in time to be home by 6 o'clock Monday morning. While the excursion is really for the benefit and pleasure of members of the Yukon Order of Pioneers to enable them to visit the original home of the order, it being first organized at Forty-mile, anyone with his wife, his sister, his cousin or his aunt, or all by his lonely, can go, the fare for the round trip, including meals and berths, being only \$10. A pleasant time and a thoroughly enjoyable outing is promised to all who join the excursion. For particulars and tickets apply to the Aurora dock.

MAY CEASE WORK

But Must Continue in Jail in Absence of Bail

S. R. Paulson who on Wednesday was held in the sum of \$1000 on the charge of living from the avails of vice and who was also fined \$5 and costs or ten days at hard labor on the charge of having been drunk and disorderly, has since been working out the fine until noon today when his attorney paid the required \$10 into court. Paulson will therefore not be required to resume labor on Monday but in the absence of bail in the other case he must remain in jail awaiting his hearing which will occur next Wednesday.

Young Miss Bates of Oklahoma ran away with the man she loved best and was married to him. Mr. Bates, her father, pursued the couple, but arrived too late to prevent the ceremony. Like a sensible man, he forgave the pair and went home to tell his wife about it. At the news, his wife and his other daughter fell on him and gave him a good beating for being so remiss in his parental duty; then they had him arrested for disturbing their peace and doing them bodily harm, and he was released only when he gave bonds to be good.

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Casual Conversation

"The acquisition of money is, after all, the great factor which influences people in their life work."
"The factor which influences people most? Do you mean by that that you consider the acquisition of money the goal people in all classes of life struggle to attain?"
"That is exactly what I mean, and the observation can not be classed as a new and original thing at that."
"It is certainly not new, and it would certainly be a sad commentary upon our own little age in the swing of time if it were true, save in a most restricted sense. It may be all right when applied to the world of business, but there are many ambitions too pure to be included within the scope of your rather sordid view of our life and its affairs. Take the artist, for example, who paints in poverty for the fame that he knows only posterity will bestow. What about him?"
"The artist does not believe that only the generation and its successors which follow him will recognize the merits of his work or he would give it up in a hurry. He paints for his own material gain. If he is existing in poverty, he hopes that the sale of his pictures will bring him money enough to raise him to comparative affluence, and when he reaches that state he wants to climb to the still higher ground of wealth. He may talk and rave of art, but it is the money his work brings in that keeps him in the studio. He measures his fame by the price of his works, and is in greater glee over the one he can not sell for a dollar, but over which 1000 critics rave."
"Is there nothing in all the work of humanity that you will except from your sordid view of it? What about the singer, the musician, the struggling poet? Many of these classes fail to obtain even a satisfactory recompense for their labors throughout their life."
"But they are ever buoyed up by the hope that they will, and for that reason stick to their trowel. Hope, you know, is the thing which blinds us to realities and causes ambition to spring up Phoenix-like, with new energy, from the very ashes of its defeat."
"The missionaries who fight for the cross in the face of terrible dangers, members of religious orders, and so forth; whose sole is but a mere pittance, are they, too, buoyed up by the nerve to their tasks only by the hope of greater remuneration on the morrow?"
"No, for they are in the self-effacement class; though they do a noble work for humanity they are not properly to be considered among the workers of the world at all; but wherever else you go you will find that the bag of wealth is the will-o'-the-wisp every man is chasing, with his alleged devotion to his call-

Compares Man With Plants

Chicago, Ill., April 11.—"Do not pin your faith to a vague hope of a meeting hereafter, which may disappoint you. To place implicit confidence in the idea of a resurrection after death is wrong. If you are separated in spirit from those you love not all your prayers can reunite you in another world."
Standing in the presence of a vast congregation at Temple Israel last night, Rev. Dr. E. G. Hirsch paused in a sermon to renounce all faith in a material heaven and in the popular doctrine of resurrection and of everlasting life.

Not as an alarmist or a sensationalist did he speak, but so coolly and deliberately that not until he had finished did his audience catch the full force of his utterances, the full sweep of his attack upon century-old doctrines.

"At this time of the year," he said, "nature enacts a sort of drama of the resurrection, and all religions have utilized the spring season as a corroboration of the longings of the human heart for a resurrection of the dead. A week from next Sunday every Christian pulpit will point to the empty tomb of Christ as the crowning proof of the reality of the resurrection."

"In all religions and in all churches there is some idea of a resurrection after death. In most of them the idea is too material. On the death of a near relative or a friend we are expected to find comfort in the belief that some time, after we are dead, we are to be reunited. To place implicit faith and confidence in that belief is wrong."

"People who are reunited after a long separation frequently find that the reunion is not all they expected it to be. The son who returns to his mother after many years realizes that she does not correspond to the picture he has so long carried in his mind, and he is disappointed. The same disappointment is frequently felt by the mother."

"When one who is dead to you is taken out of this life, compensate your own life for the loss you have sustained. You mothers who have lost your children, give your love to some other child who has never known a mother's love. Through this child you shall find that your own has been resurrected. Where the father dies, let the son fill his place."

"Just as nature gives to the blind a more acute sense of hearing and touch, so let your life compensate itself for the losses you sustain. If you are never separated in spirit from those you love, the grave need have no terrors. If you are separated, not all your prayers can reunite you in another world."
"There is no doubt that the doctrine of resurrection and the future life has been a comfort to many peo-

A Unlucky Rooster

In Bavaria some very old superstitions still survive, as the following incident shows: A rooster belonging to a neighbor flew into a farmyard the other day and after scratching in the straw a few minutes hopped onto the back of a cow that was lying down and began to crow. At that moment the farmer's wife entered the yard and at sight of the bird on the cow's back she exclaimed: "Now I know what has caused everything to go wrong with me for the last month! My children have been sick, my husband has been very cross, the cows have given hardly any milk, one of the horses has died and all the trouble has been caused by this wretched rooster, which is nothing else but a witch in disguise. However, I'll fix it."

With these words she summoned the farm servants and told them to catch the rooster, which they finally did after a good deal of work. Then she said that there was only one punishment prescribed for a witch who assumed the form of a bird, and that was that she should be burned alive. The servants agreed with her, and the result was that the unfortunate rooster was taken into the kitchen and shoved into a caldron of boiling water.

That evening the owner of the rooster heard of it late and at once began suit against the farmer's wife. In this way it became known that many persons in Bavaria still firmly believe in the existence of witches, wizards and evil spirits.—New York Herald.

Notice to Children

All the children intending to take part in the exercises on Victoria day are requested to assemble at the public school house at 9:30 a.m. Monday, the 25th instant.

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