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THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 1900

A WORD TO THE MINERS.

As will be seen by the public notice issued by the citizens' committee the various creeks tributary to Dawson are entitled to thirty-eight representatives in the convention to be held on September 8, while Dawson itself is given but twenty delegates. This action is in direct accord with the expressed desires of the preliminary meeting held on Tuesday night at McDonald hall. At this meeting it was rightly maintained that the interests of the creeks are paramount and that representation in the convention should be based upon this fact.

It becomes now the duty of the miners upon the various creeks to exert themselves to the utmost, to the end that every creek shall have its full quota of representation in the convention, and that every delegation shall consist of men whose integrity and loyalty to the reform movement is undoubted. An important obligation rests upon the miners of the district in this matter, for their numerical strength in the convention will be such as to enable them to control the actions of the convention without difficulty. The primary meetings to be held at the various polling places are of first importance.

Every British subject who feels that the weight of legislative wrong from which the Yukon country is suffering should be removed, is in duty bound to attend the primaries and assist in the selection of the delegates who are to outline a platform and select candidates for the council. The right to elect two members of the council is the first great victory which the reform forces have won. That victory must be strengthened and the way paved for successfully conducting future battles by placing the right men as the representatives of the people of the territory in the Yukon council. The balance of power in the coming convention will be with the representatives from the various creeks. This is perfectly right and just and we feel safe in saying that there will be no errors of judgment made by the voters of the mining districts in selecting their delegates.

The time is ripe for the miner to strike a blow for himself and we trust that full advantage will be taken of the opportunity now presented.

Our good friend the government organ is much put out on account of an expression of sympathy which the Nugget extended a few days ago to Mr. Thomas O'Brien by reason of the fact that the council refused to listen to Mr. O'Brien's prayer to have the new bridge placed opposite Klondike City. As a matter of fact we believe the bridge should be placed where Mr. O'Brien wished it, and refrained from making any suggestions only because we supposed Mr. O'Brien would be able to get the bridge in the right place without our help. In view of developments we regret that we did not come to Mr. O'Brien's rescue before it was too late.

An order in council has been passed, according to the telegram published elsewhere in this issue of the Nugget, repealing the law by which alternate blocks of ten claims have heretofore

been reserved for the crown. It is also stated in the telegrams that the policy of granting hydraulic concessions will no longer be followed where there is good reason for belief that the ground will pay for ordinary placer mining. These orders should be followed by another throwing all reserved ground open for location. Unless this is done the effect of the new ruling will be practically nil, for it is a well-known fact that nearly all creeks in the district have been staked already and the crown reservations placed on record. The order as it stands is a good deal like locking the stable door after the theft of the horse.

Every man who returns to Dawson from Nome brings additional tales of woe and disaster. How well the Nugget forecasted the situation at Nome may be seen from the following extract published in this paper in its issue of March 31: "The result of this pell-mell scramble to get to Nome can be forecasted now as accurately as it can be told six months hence from observation on the ground. 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. 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 rush to get in."

The attention of the authorities is directed to the condition of the street crossing at the corner of Second street and Third avenue. Several planks have been broken out of the crossing, leaving dangerous pitfalls for teams, which are constantly passing. In view of the fact that horses in Dawson are valued all the way from \$200 to \$500, and that it is just as easy to ruin a good horse as a poor one, it would appear advisable to repair the crossing at once and avoid all danger.

The postoffice building, while its construction has been necessarily slow, will, when completed, be a distinct ornament to the town. The interior arrangement of the building as contemplated in the plans, and as developed in the building under the supervision of Mr. Fuller is admirable in every way and well adapted to the purposes required. Dawson will have one public edifice at last that will compare very favorably with similar buildings on the outside.

The preliminary skirmish has been won by the reform forces hands down. If the same unity of action is preserved throughout the campaign as was noticeable at the meeting on Tuesday night the main battle will be won just as easily.

Long Distance Fighting.

"Unless they have had experience," remarked an army officer, "people are very likely to have a very imperfect idea as to distances in army and field operations and as a result get things considerably mixed. When they read that armies are engaged with each other at 2000 yards between them, they may think that they can see each other, but the reality is far different."

"At that distance, to the naked eye, a man or a horse does not look any larger than a speck. It is impossible to distinguish at that distance between a man and a horse, and at 800 yards less, 1200 yards, especially where there is any dust, it requires the best kind of eyes to tell infantry from cavalry. At 900 yards the movements become clearer, though it is not until they get within 750 yards of each other that the heads of the columns can be made out with anything like certainty."

"Infantry can be seen in the sunlight much easier than the cavalry or artillery, for the reason that less dust is raised. Beside that, infantry can be distinguished by the glitter of their muskets. At 2000 yards, however, everything is unsatisfactory, even with the aid of field glasses, for a marching column in dry weather raises a great deal of dust."—Washington Star.

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CURRENT COMMENT

After the Horse is Stolen.

Editor Daily Nugget:
After the horse is stolen is a poor time to lock the stable door. This saying applies to other things as well as horses and stables.

If I remember rightly just after the fire last winter which originated in a theater and which destroyed several hundred thousand dollars' worth of property, there was a movement put on foot to prohibit the upstairs of theaters being occupied by women as living rooms. The Board of Trade memorialized the Yukon council, requesting that body to pass such an ordinance or resolution. The council favored the move, and, if I rightly remember, promised to pass and enforce the desired measure. It is now learned that nothing was done in the matter and that, so far as any law is concerned, there is nothing to prevent people from living as thick as Chinese in the upstairs of all the theater buildings in town.

It is a fact that without exception all of Dawson's big fires have originated in playhouse buildings, and yet no steps have been taken to provide against conflagrations from the same source in the future. But now that a government building, the new postoffice, will surely go in the next theater fire, it is hoped our law-makers will arise to the occasion and no longer be subject to the charge of criminal negligence.

Don't wait until the horse is stolen before locking the stable door.

COMMON SENSE.

As to Prize Fighting.

Dawson, Y. T., Aug. 30.
Editor Klondike Nugget:

In answer to several requests and in order to decide quite a few bets placed his morning I write you the following:

In your issue of the 29th inst. you state that I was beaten by Sullivan. This is an error, as I never had the good or bad fortune to meet the noble John L. It is also incorrect where you state that the English championship was won from Mitchell by Sullivan. These pugilists only fought once for championship honors. That fight ended in a draw. They also met once in a four-round contest which was stopped by the police in the second or third round, so that no championship could have passed at that meeting.

When Sullivan fought Corbett, Sullivan was not the recognized champion of America or any other country, having been retired for quite a time.

I would be very pleased to furnish you with correct details of any of the famous boxing contests, as in the absence of the official records I think that I am able to correct any mistakes that inadvertently creep into discussions of this kind. Yours truly,

F. P. SLAVIN.

Disease Among Natives.

Disease is rapidly carrying away the natives of St. Michael island. Since the first steamers arrived there this season 38 Indians have died. Pneumonia and bronchitis claimed a majority of the unfortunate natives, and the physicians resident of the place say there was little or no such sickness among the Indians until the whites began pouring onto the island early in June.

A physician who returned on the Roanoke stated last night that St. Michael natives were not only succumbing to disease, but starvation as well. They have little to eat and many of them are poorly clad. Their furs, it is claimed, have been sold and bartered to the whites, until now they have little with which to purchase or trade for food.

According to the census taken by Enumerator Samuel C. Dunham there were 240 Indians on St. Michael island with the opening of navigation. Dunham, in the pursuit of his labors, found eight natives lying dead at one place, and according to statements made by him to passengers of the Roanoke, an even worse epidemic of disease prevails on the islands of St. George and St. Lawrence.

The health conditions at Nome are materially improved. An official statement issued the day before the Roanoke sailed, gave 12 cases of measles, 18 of pneumonia and six of smallpox, the latter all convalescing.—P. I.

He Sent Photographs.

A man in Seattle who is the owner of a mining claim here, and who does not want to come in has taken a novel means of having his license and title renewed without parting with his papers. He had a separate photograph taken of each of the documents having a bearing on the matter and forwarded the pictures with the necessary fees to the recording office where they were received yesterday.

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