

NOW OR NEVER

Nugget's Presidential Election Contest Closes This Evening.

BALLOTS WILL BE COUNTED TONIGHT

By Efficient Officers in Board Of Trade Rooms.

ELECTION HAS BEEN SQUARE

Number Cast May Reach 5,000—Souvenir Almost Complete—Will Be on Exhibition.

From Monday and Tuesday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon, last night and today were lively times in the Nugget's presidential election. Beginning soon after midday yesterday there was a steady stream of Americans, principally Dawson business men, to the Nugget office where they exercised their right with all due solemnity. So far as could be seen and heard yesterday and today of those voting it would seem that McKinley had the best of it, but previous to yesterday and ever since the voting began, it has, so far as could be estimated by the tone of the voters who came to the Nugget office, been favorable to Bryan. Reports from the creeks are to the effect that Bryan carried them by quite a fair majority, but nothing certain is known upon which to base conclusions. The result will be known tonight when the count is completed.

At present it cannot be estimated within a thousand or more how many votes will have been cast by the time the polls close this evening, 6 o'clock, and the number is likely to run any place between 3500 and 5000. It is not supposed that all of those entitled to cast a ballot have done so, but the greater portion of them have. There are a number of Americans in Dawson who are very much unsettled as to their present political convictions. For instance, many strong advocates of the free coinage of silver in the ratio of 16 to 1 are equally strong in the belief that expansion is the proper thing for the U. S. government to do, with the result that they have two strong hobbies, only one of which is espoused by either candidate for the presidency. The result is that a number of men entertaining these two beliefs are not voting for the very good reason that they do not know just where they stand. But nearly all Americans who have hobbies that neither of the candidates nor party platforms espouse, have waved all objections and voted for the man who is the nominee of the party of their former affiliation.

The Nugget congratulates itself on the fact that, so far as known, its election has been entirely on the square. The object has all along been to have only eligible voters, those who, if on the outside at their old homes, would be entitled to cast ballots, take any part, and, notwithstanding the fact that several members of the Nugget staff have kept a close watch over the various polling places, not one single irregular vote is known to have been cast. Men may have voted who were not entitled to do so, but they were so very few that their ballots would cut little if any figure in an unofficial poll numbering several thousand. Yankee honor was trusted and Yankee pride has seen that the trust has not been betrayed.

The work of counting the ballots will be no small task, but as the tickets are not of the blanket size used on the outside in states where the Australian system is in vogue, they can be rapidly gone over and, notwithstanding their large number, it is thought the count can be completed by shortly after midnight, tonight. Secretary Clayton of the Board of Trade, has kindly consented to the use of his rooms in which to canvass the contents of the boxes, and as the election officers, a list of whose names appeared in the Nugget yesterday, have consented to be on time in order that the count may begin promptly at 7 o'clock, there will be

no reason why the political complexion of the American end of the Klondike should not be known by the residents of Dawson tonight before they go to bed just the same as the result of the national election will be known in every city in the Union by midnight, and much earlier in the cities of the Pacific coast, where, owing to the difference in time, the result of New York's vote will be known almost by the time the polls close in the Pacific states.

The Nugget's souvenir for the winning candidate, which is being prepared by Jeweler J. L. Sale, is almost completed and will be exhibited in Mr. Sale's show window for the benefit of the public. Should the winner in the Klondike be defeated on the outside he will receive no better consolation from any source than will be the souvenir won in the Klondike, and should he win in both places the Klondike souvenir will be the richest, finest and probably the most costly paper weight that ever graced a presidential desk.

Ladies Relief Association.

In accordance with a notice published in the Nugget of Saturday, a number of Dawson's philanthropic ladies met at the Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon. The object of the meeting was the discussion of ways and means for the formation of a society for the relief of destitute women in Dawson.

The meeting was well attended and the information brought forward by the various ladies in attendance demonstrated quite clearly that there is pressing need for the contemplated work. Many women dependent entirely upon their own efforts have come into Dawson and have been unable to find work. The close of navigation prevents them from going outside until spring and it was the purpose of the meeting to secure practical suggestions for the relief of those who are deserving. It was determined to form an organization to be known as the Ladies' Relief Association of Dawson.

Definite form was given to the movement by the election of the following officers:

President, Mrs. L. D. Keiser; vice-president, Mrs. John W. Moore; treasurer, Mrs. H. Te Roller; secretary, Mrs. Chas. Settlemeier.

Another meeting will be held tomorrow afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Te Roller on Second avenue, at which all ladies interested in forwarding the purposes for which the society has been formed are earnestly requested to be present.

The Yukon Council.

At a meeting of the Yukon council held Saturday afternoon the following is a synopsis of the business transacted: A petition was presented from the miners on Quartz creek asking for a wagon road to be built to that creek. Referred to public works committee.

A communication was submitted from T. W. Trounce complaining of the presence of a demi-monde, and particularly of a disorderly house at the corner of Third street and Fifth avenue. Referred to the officer commanding the N. W. M. P.

A communication was read from Mr. J. B. Pattullo, who had been communicated with, as to whether any arrangement existed between him and the legal adviser as to how the charges for his services were to be met. Mr. Pattullo stated in his letter that no arrangement of any kind had been made between them. Action on this question was postponed until a reply is received from Ottawa to a telegram which the commissioner had forwarded with reference to the same.

A petition was presented signed by O. J. Anderson and others, asking that a winter trail be cut from the end of Gold Run wagon road down the said Gold Run creek, across Dominion creek, thence to Gravel lake, and thence to a certain point near discovery on Clear creek. In connection with this petition a report on the feasibility of the road accompanied by a map, was submitted from Mr. C. Chataway. Referred to the committee on public works.

A communication was submitted from the medical health officer giving it as his opinion that the most practical arrangement with medical men to be employed as public vaccinators would be to make them a per diem payment for their work. In another communication as to whether a vaccine station should be established; and submitted the names of various medical men who had applied to him for the work of public vaccinators. It was agreed to act upon the suggestion of the medical health officer, and to allow a fee of \$30 per day for this work. Dr. McParlane and Dr. La Chappell were appointed as two public vaccinators—it to be understood that no extra charge be made against anyone applying for vaccination, and that the amount stated was to cover traveling and living expenses. Mr. Justice Dugas asked for information concerning the work of the public

administrator. The commissioner was requested to communicate with Ottawa in regard to the matter.

Mr. Justice Dugas asked that the amendment be made to the ordinances respecting arrest and imprisonment for debt, as in certain cases it was working a hardship on the debtor; and more over, he considered it unfair that the cost of the detention of the debtor should be made from the public funds. Mr. Justice Dugas was asked to put his suggestion in the form of an amendment to the capias ordinance and submit it to the council.

Mr. Girouard introduced an ordinance for granting to the commissioner certain additional sums of money to defray the expenses of the public service of the Yukon territory, for the 12 months from June 30th, 1900, to June 30th, 1901, and for purposes relating thereto; and the same was introduced and read the first time; it being a matter of urgency, it was read a second and third time and passed.

British Boxers.

The "Chartists" were typical "Boxers." Their intentions at the outset were good, and their demands by no means unreasonable. Yet whenever they managed to get the upper hand frightful scenes were invariably enacted. At Bristol they broke open the prisons, set fire to the mansion house, the bishop's palace and more than 100 private dwellings, and murdered and pillaged to their hearts' content. Similar scenes were repeated elsewhere. At Birmingham, in one short summer night (July 15, 1839) well-nigh incalculable damage was done.—London Correspondent.

The Newsboy's Reply.

A wizened-faced newsboy climbed on a street car and worming his way past the conductor walking down the aisle yelling: "Las edition—all about Sigler brudders findin' de tray of dimons!"

He sold several papers, and when he was passing out a man looked around and yelled to him:

"Say, bub, where did they find that tray?"

The youngster paused in the doorway.

"In a pack o' cards!" he shouted back, and disappeared.—Cleveland Plain-Dealer.

The Surgical Ant.

The native Brazilian, far removed, as he usually is, from doctors and surgeons, depends upon a little ant to sew up his wounds when he is slashed or scratched. This odd creature is called the surgical ant, from the use to which it is put.

The ant has two strong nippers on his head. They are his weapons for battle or forage.

When a Brazilian has cut himself, for example, he picks up an ant, presses the nippers against the wound, one on each side and then gives the bug a squeeze. The indignant insect snaps his nippers together, piercing the flesh and bringing the lacerated parts close together. The Brazilian at that moment gives the ant's body a jerk and away it flies, leaving the nippers embedded in the flesh. To be sure that kills the ant, but he has served his most useful purpose in life. The operation is repeated until the wound is sewed up neatly and thoroughly.—Ex.

Stockholders Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Dawson Electric Light and Power Co., Ltd., will be held in their office on Nov. 13th inst., at the hour of 4 p. m.

Artistic and elegant Klondike souvenirs at Lindenmann's, Dominion bldg.

Films of all kinds at Goetzman's.

Private dining rooms at The Holborn.

The Nugget

The Nugget reaches the people in town and out of town; on every creek and every claim; in season and out of season. If you wish to reach the public you will do well to bear this in mind.

Our circulation is general; we cater to no class—unless it be the one that demands a live, unprejudiced and readable newspaper

AT THE THREE THEATRES

There is a Good Chance to Be Interested and Amused.

"Hazel Kirke," "U and I" and "Gay Paree in 1900" at the Standard, Savoy and Orpheum.

"Hazel Kirke," that masterpiece of art over which our parents have wept at the wrongs of the heroine, cursed the cold-blooded family pride of Lady Travis and laughed at the lighter touches as displayed in the character of Pitticus Green, was produced at the Standard last evening with great success.

The return of Vivian to the stage after a long and what was thought by many to be a permanent absence was one of the features of the evening, and both the Standard management and the theater going public are to be congratulated upon her reappearance, and the lady herself deserves a hand for having elected to make her appearance in the legitimate. In the title role her work shows no stiffness or lack of finish from her having been long absent from it, and she shows that she has fathomed the meaning of the words of the great poet as expressed by the melancholy Dane in his advice to the players.

Edwin K. Lang is cast in one of the most difficult parts ever handed to a character actor, but nevertheless he very successfully holds the glass up to nature in the part of Dunstan Kirke, and while the old world and past age feeling which actuates the father's curse, has passed from the ken of people, to a great extent, the acting of the part is appreciated nevertheless, and Mr. Lang gets many a hand on the merits of his acting, where the lines, if spoken by a less gifted delineator of character would receive but scant attention.

Mercy Kirke, whose chief characteristic is defined by her given name, the patient, long suffering old mother, whose heart bleeds for the error of her child, yet who never forgets the ancient notions of duty and obedience to her liege lord, is held up before the eyes of the public as a thing of beauty by Julia Walcott.

Arthur Carrington, who is the supposed evil-doer for a time, but who comes to the front manfully at the end and proves himself "every inch a man," is carried successfully through a trying part by F. C. Lewis.

Frank Gardner is cast in the part of Barney O'Flynn; Barney the lackey of escapes and bows and "yes, m'lady's," and it is work that he likes, and therefore does exceedingly well.

The Savoy placed before its patrons last evening the piece which the Eagles and their guests laughed at the night before—"U and I."

The piece, like "Hazel Kirke," inasmuch as it has been with us, lo, these many years, is successful always when properly staged, and it was all of that last evening. Those who went to the Orpheum last summer will remember Jim Post in the character of O'Donovan Innes, and surely with the memory will come a smile. Post is a comedian by birth as well as by training, and has mastered the two things which, coupled with his wit, go to make him successful—make up and expression to fit.

Dick Maurettus as Prof. Ungerblotz is as good in Dutch character as Post is in Irish, and the two in combination make "U and I" doubly funny.

Oliver Twist, the coon janitor, is a part just to the mitt of Billy Evans, and Fred Breen knows how to play the part of an American policeman—valiant in making love to servant girls and always discreet in the presence of bold, bad burglars.

Percy Astor Van Gombilt by Larry Bryant, is all right, and May Ashley as Babette, the house maid of the mistress of the flat, which is the scene of all the trouble, makes difficulty for several people.

The piece is funny from start to finish and the people cast are no slower than the piece, which they push before the audience as a really good thing.

The Orpheum had several good things for its patrons last evening, which were appreciated by a full house. The evening's performance opened with something funny and up-to-date, being billed as "Gay Paree in 1900." The entire company are represented in this production, and every one of them do something to create a laugh, and the whole thing is best explained by just saying that it is one of the best things of the kind ever seen on the Dawson

stage, and that anyone suffering from an attack of the blues will find this an economical and effective way of getting rid of it. The olio is filled from one end of the bill to the other with sketches which amuse and awaken interest for everyone, the stage manager evidently having a long head, and knowing better than to run all to fun or all to the other extreme, puts on a happy combination of both, which cannot fail to fill the house and fix its place in the esteem of the public.

COMING AND GOING.

There will be a grand carnival in masque at the Savoy next Friday evening, at which it is said some surprises will be sprung.

Although the weather seemed much warmer last night than that of the night previous, the thermometer shows that the spirits in the tube registered all the way from 2.2 to 30 below.

R. W. Calderhead was busy this morning making arrangements for his intended departure to the outside over the shore ice. He contemplates leaving today.

Attorney Dan McKinnon wants a commission appointed to hold an examination for pilots on Dominion creek. He thinks he could secure a certificate of efficiency.

It has been decided by the sporting fraternity to have another meeting for pugilistic honors in the near future between the local knights of the mitta. The next event will probably occur on Thanksgiving night.

Sam Bonfield is having a passage-way cut through from his place of business to the Orpheum theater. This will give another egress from that house as well as allowing an opportunity for some of the tender habits of Bonfield's to enter the temple of histrionic art without passing out into the chilly winds of winter.

Many Sleepers.

The recent cold spell has been instrumental in filling chairs of the club rooms and lodging houses with sleepers and the police are somewhat at sea regarding what disposition to make of them. Many of these fellows assert that they are only waiting for work to begin on the creeks when they are certain of employment. In the meantime they have no place to sleep and how they manage to keep from starving is a mystery, as they have no money with which to buy food.

While the government is not running lodging houses or lunch counters, yet any man who has no bed and nothing to eat will be supplied with both if he will apply at the barracks.

Notwithstanding the fact that the town is full of idle men, many of whom are flat broke, the schedule price of sawing wood has advanced from \$3 to \$7 per cord since one year ago, and yet men made good living at the business last winter. It is not the object of this effusion to encourage scab labor, but the man who will go hungry rather than saw wood for less than \$7 per cord is not an object for distinguished commiseration.

The Benefit of Railways.

The construction of the great Siberian railway has even now begun to produce a marked effect on Siberian trade, which formerly was carried on entirely by monopolists. In each district or town there was a local capitalist, who laid in a stock of goods at the fairs of Nijni-Novgorod, or elsewhere, and then fixed his own prices according to the means of his customers, and competition was non-existent. An enterprising man, who had neither capital nor credit, could not compete with these monopolists, because of the absence of good means of communication.

This abnormal state of affairs is already improving. The railway which has connected Siberia with centers of production has rendered traveling cheaper and quicker and made capital circulate more freely. People of small means are now enabled to make long journeys for the purchase of stock, and they can enter into direct communication with the producers and wholesale merchants in large centers. The trade of Siberia has become more democratic, and increasing competition has affected a change in its character.—North American Review.

Business Openings in Brazil.

In the larger cities of Brazil, physicians, surgeons and especially dentists who have graduated at American universities may find a sufficiently lucrative field of work, provided they are able to submit to a very rigid examination prescribed by the laws of Brazil. This examination, both oral and written, is conducted in the Portuguese language. In nearly all large cities there are American dentists, most of whom seem to be prosperous.—Consul General Seeger.

"I'm no kicker," said the man as he sat down on the curbstone to wipe his perspiring face with a ragged handkerchief, "but when I think of Tim O'Callahan being sent up to Sing Sing for five years to enjoy the coolin' breezes and me left down here to sweat and swelter the time away it do seem as if some folk had more than their share of good things in this world."—Ex.