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A CONTRAST.

The difference between Messrs. Davison and McLennan simply amounts to this: Mr. Davison forced himself into the field while Mr. McLennan came out as a candidate only upon the earnest solicitation of several hundred voters and taxpayers.

R. P. McLennan has been identified personally with every movement that has been inaugurated in the town for the public good.

Mr. Davison has been before the public on several occasions invariably, however, with the idea in mind of promoting the interests of Davison.

Dawson wants a man of the McLennan calibre in the mayor's chair. Everybody knows R. P. and knows that he is a safe man. He is the sort of man who regards a public office as a public trust. The people have full confidence that any interests they may confide to his keeping will be carefully and sacredly guarded.

They know that he will care for their business exactly, as he would for his own and that they need not fear any disavowal of campaign pledges after the election is over.

Mr. Jeteron Davison has shown by his past record and by recent public remarks that he is anything to be on the popular wave. He will train with any and every party or faction that promises support for himself, and is actuated wholly and entirely by a desire to promote his own particular interests. So far as actions are concerned, he has never done one single, solitary thing which in any way commends him to the confidence of the public. He temporarily deserted the Liberal club to become a

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member and office-seeker in the ranks of the ill-fated Yukon party, and when the latter fell to pieces of its own weight, he quietly crept back into the fold, unnoticed by anyone—because he was not regarded as of particular weight or consequence.

Usually when a man is a candidate for public office there are some substantial reasons behind him which give him a claim upon the support of his fellows.

With respect to Mr. Davison there are no such reasons. He ran for alderman last year, and barely missed bringing up the extreme rear. A man of better judgment and less vanity would understand from that result that the people are not desirous of his services as a public official, but it appears that one object lesson is not enough for Mr. Davison. He will be given another and still more forcible one on Monday next.

A MANIFEST DUTY.

The Nugget views with no little regret the fact that an effort is being made to knife the candidates of the convention held last Saturday at Caribou. The men selected by that convention have a claim to the miners' support over and above all other candidates for district No. 2.

They went into the convention and took their chances, prepared to abide by whatever decision was reached. The delegates were selected from all the creeks and represented the interests of every district. They met together, threshed out the points upon which they disagreed and unanimously agreed at the termination of their meeting to support the men nominated.

Clearly, therefore, it is the duty of the creek voters to stand by the work of their delegates and help elect the candidates chosen by them. An opportunity is now before the miners to secure representation from their own ranks, and the Nugget hopes to see them rally unitedly around their candidates and carry them both to victory, by splendid majorities.

After the mercury has flirted for a few days around the 50 below mark, the average Yukoner is able to appreciate the real, genuine loveliness of a day when the thermometer registers about 30 below.

A meeting will be held at the A. B. hall this evening in the interest of the candidature of R. P. McLennan for mayor. Other candidates

are invited to be present and give their views to the electors. The Nugget urges a large attendance at the meeting, to the end that the voters may secure all possible information concerning the men who are seeking election to office.

HOMER BIRD

Alaska Murderer Gives Up Hope of Proving His Innocence

Sitka, Alaska, Dec. 19.—Homer Bird, the murderer, is in a pitiable state bordering on collapse. Since word was received that his attorney's efforts before the United States supreme court had been unavailing, Bird has scarcely tasted food and his nights have been sleepless. He has grown thin, nervous shows in his every movement and his red, quivering eyelids show the lack of sleep from which he is suffering. The convicted man is at his wits end; after four years, of boundless hope, convinced that his ultimate freedom was assured, firm in the belief of his innocence, a letter from his attorney telling him that hope is at an end, has thrown him into a state of dejection bordering on frenzy. Last Saturday Bird was in the cell which he has occupied almost continuously for four years. It is little more than a hole in the wall, about seven by four feet, its door is directly opposite the entrance to the jail office, thus being under the constant watch of the two guards who are on duty day and night. An ordinary lantern hung on the door, shedding its feeble rays through a small grated aperture into what would have been otherwise a black interior.

The murderer sat on his bunk close to the door, his pallid face, with its sunken cheeks and despairing eyes, pressed to the bars that screen the little hole.

"What would you advise me to do?" he asked tremulously, and then without waiting for a reply, he went on with an account of the tragedy, closing with the words, "and I hope God Almighty will strike me dead right now if what I have told you is not true." At one point in his narrative he came perilously near breaking down completely. His eyelids fluttered in an effort to restrain the gathering tears and he had to catch his breath to keep his voice from breaking. He is filled with vague plans of accomplishing his freedom, the more prominent being an appeal to the public of Alaska to investigate the claims he makes regarding the competency and character of the witnesses for the prosecution, and having proven what he claims, accord him a trial with the witnesses present who, in previous trials, he has been unable to secure.

From beginning to end, the story he tells is apparently without flaw. It recites that he was led into a

scheme financially disastrous to himself; that when discouraged and the majority of the party decided to return, an unfair division of the outfit led up to a quarrel. The discussion grew, and in the heat of the fight weapons were drawn, and in self-defense Bird killed one man and wounded another who afterwards died.

He claims that the woman in the case had secured all she could hope for, her attachment had been transferred to another man and with \$1,000 worth of diamonds and \$120 in cash, which Bird had given her, she turned on him and swore away his life.

The trials have cost Bird, he says, nearly \$7,000. His wife, whom he wronged, is left penniless, his children are without support or the home he once owned, and the murderer, filled with remorse and fear for his impending doom, hopeless and cast down, is nervously awaiting the summons from the December term of court, bidding him to come and receive his sentence to die.

His attorney has abandoned hope, his resources legally and financially are at an end, and Homer Bird, murderer, is awaiting his doom in a dingy cell, in a ramshackle jail, thousands of miles away from the scene of his former happy home and business successes.

Tension is Relieved.
—Paris, Dec. 13.—A foreign office official made the following statement today to the Associated Press: "No exchange of views has occurred between the European powers concerning the Venezuelan situation, and no such exchange is intended, as it is definitely held that the matter is one in which the United States should be left free to take the initiative in mediation."

This statement was called out by the suggestion of the Temps that it was time for Europe to speak in the interest of universal peace. The official said: "It is fully recognized here and at the other capitals that the United States is the only power in position to act as an intermediary; hence there is no intention on the part of European powers to take concerted or individual action."

The release of the French steamer Ossa, seized by the Germans at La Guayra, has not yet been reported to the foreign office, but the officials accept the unofficial reports of her release, thus relieving the incident of its gravity.

After an exchange of cable messages it has been agreed to appoint a distinguished Spanish jurist as referee in the Franco-Venezuelan arbitration. His name will not be announced until the arbitrators assemble at Caracas.

"The Parish and the Priest in the Country God Forgot," at Landahl's circulating and exchange library.

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Address of R. P. McLennan to the Electors of the City of Dawson

Ladies and Gentlemen.—Having allowed my name to go before you as a candidate for the mayoralty I deem it proper to publicly intimate the grounds upon which I ask your suffrages. I am strongly of the opinion that municipal government should be conducted on the same lines as the affairs of any large mercantile institution, and accordingly that political methods should be discarded in favor of business principles. I propose accordingly in this campaign to be and remain entirely independent of any ticket in order that my hands may be free to take action upon any business arising in the council, relying on the electors to strengthen my hands by the choice of an efficient body of aldermen fairly representing the various interests and localities of the city.

I do not consider that there are any great permanent abuses resulting from the administration of the retiring council. I accordingly do not advocate any radical changes and I am strongly opposed to a trimming and shifting policy, as I believe that a system once adopted cannot be altered without causing unjustifiable injury to individuals. I especially will follow the footsteps of my predecessor in maintaining and increasing the present high efficiency of the fire department and I will strongly oppose any attempt towards removing the policing of the city from the strong hands of the Northwest Mounted Police. At the same time I will insist on and expect no difficulty in securing the strict enforcement by them of all city by-laws and regulations.

I will also further and extend to the city limits in a systematic manner the public works in the way of streets and sewers, inaugurated by the last council and will endeavor to have the funds available for such improvements expended without unduly favoring any section.

I consider that at the earliest moment the city should move in the

matter of securing from the government the title to the water front property within the city limits and if elected I will use my best endeavors to secure for the city this remunerative asset and, have strong hopes that with a proper presentation the city's claims will receive favorable treatment.

I will not now deal with the smaller details of city government. If elected it will be my business to acquaint myself thoroughly with all details, and I will personally investigate all sources of city revenue with a view to an equitable adjustment of taxation and will also check all leakages in expenditures.

Before closing I wish to mention two matters which may demand a personal explanation.

1. I am in favor of a reduction of the allowances to the mayor and aldermen to the respective sums of \$3,000 and \$1,000. I consider that these amounts would fairly indemnify these officers for their loss of time.

2. As is well known I have an interest though not a controlling one in the Dawson City Water Company. I deem it entirely sufficient for me to state that I regard the office of mayor as one of trust and will not allow personal consideration to effect by public conduct. There is no contract now running between the company and the city and I do not anticipate any occasion for dealings between them.

In conclusion I wish to thank my friends for the many promises of support which I have received and to assure all who support me that I elected I will endeavor to make the next year's administration a prosperous one for the city and will devote to that object my best energies and such personal care and attention as my business experiences has shown me are necessarily inseparable from the financial success of any institution.

Your obedient servant,
R. P. McLENNAN

Fight Postponed
London, Dec. 16.—One of the most important matches between English featherweights that has been arranged in years is to be decided tonight at Newcastle. The principals will be Will Curley, acknowledged to be one of the best fighters at his weight in England, and Pedlar Palmer, the former English champion, bantamweight boxer, who has shown much of his former cleverness since he has

been boxing at the featherweight limit. The two fighters are to go fifteen rounds for a purse of \$2,000. The contest has aroused considerable interest among the sporting fraternity in England, as both boys have a large following. In the event of a draw Palmer will be matched to fight Harris of Chicago.

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