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CONCERNING AGITATION.

We have heard in the Yukon territory a great deal said about agitations and agitators during the past three years.

Gentlemen have stood up and told us that nothing would every be done to serve the interests of the Yukon as long as agitation for better laws was continued. They have agreed that the long continued discussion over matters pertaining to the regulations under which we are governed, and the men whose duty it is to administer the laws of the country, would serve only to irritate the government and provoke further antagonism to our best interests. These gentlemen apparently have forgotten that every radical change that has ever taken place for the betterment of human conditions has been preceded by just such discussion as that which has filled the Yukon territory from one end to the other during the past three years.

Oliver Cromwell, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, were all products of what is known in the Yukon as "agitators" and so was every other man who has figured conspicuously in the world's history as a champion of human rights.

The discussion which has filled this territory since the original discovery of gold has been fruitful in results. It has served to concentrate the attention of parliament upon the Yukon in a way that nothing else could have done. It has given the newspapers over the entire length and breadth of Canada material with which to fill their columns, with the result that public opinion without regard to party has been enlisted in behalf of the Yukon.

Now the government is doing its best to make amends for past misdeeds. Almost every mail brings news of concessions granted to the people of the Yukon. We thoroughly believe that within a very short time every important demand now made upon the government for the Yukon will be granted.

How much of this good work has been accomplished through agitation cannot accurately be said, but it is certainly safe to say that the desired changes have not been in any respect delayed thereby.

Any man who can get the four candidates for the Yukon council under contract to appear together before the public for a series of ten engagements will easily pull out a fortune. The best entertainment that was ever presented to a Dawson audience was afforded by the union meeting held in the Orpheum on Monday night. Admission at $5 a ticket would have been very reasonable.

The two members to be elected to the Yukon council on October 17 may not have a great deal to say at first in the affairs of that august body, but at any rate they will constitute the thin edge of the wedge that will eventually be driven so far in that the elected members will have everything to say.

The Yukon council appears to be enjoying a much needed vacation. To our way of looking at the matter, the country would be well served by the council should its members conclude to prolong their vacation until the entire body is elected by popular vote.

A great many people are wondering what position Gov. Ogilvie occupies in the present campaign. It is up to his excellency to come forward and declare himself.

Nothing Small About Him.

The son of Abraham who conducts an auction a few doors below the Green Tree is careful that an article sells for all it is worth, otherwise bids are rejected and the article taken off the block. Of course when a price is run up to the full value of the article the Isaac says "take it avay.-" Yesterday afternoon at this auction house a fur robe was offered for sale. A bid of $25 was made and a bystander raised it to $30. There were no other bids offered and the man who had said $30 congratulated himself that he had purchased a robe. But he was mistaken. The robe was taken down and put back on the counter.

"Hold on there," said the man who had bid $30, "that is my robe and here is your money. I bought it for $30."

"You did nod py dose robe," said the sheeney, "dos udder shentlemans pid $25 unt you pid $30, unt ve dond dake noddings less den $10 pids."

The public will do well to remember that when an article is procured at the above mentioned auction store, full value will be paid.

Regarding Newsboys.

Many chechakos are surprised on reaching Dawson at the number of old and middle-aged men engaged in selling newspapers. But long and tedious experience has taught the proprietors of Dawson newspapers that the old men are the best salesmen. While it may take them longer to get around, they cover the ground carefully and do not rush pell-mell over the streets as do the boys. The latter are always in too much hurry and only superficially cover the field.

From a business standpoint the swift newsboy fresh from the outside is not a howling success in Dawson.

Murder in Portland.

Portland, Or., Sept. 16.—A brutal murder, followed by robbery, was committed this morning in a saloon on the southwest corner of Fourteenth and Marshall streets, H. R. Dickel, the proprietor of the place, being the victim.

Although the tragedy occurred about 2 o'clock, nothing was known of it until nearly 4, when Patrolman Wheeler, on his rounds, found the body of the murdered man in a corner of the saloon leaning against the wall, where the murderers had placed it after rifling the pockets and helping themselves to the contents of the safe, which it is thought amounted to over $250.

Dickel had apparently been struck with some blunt instrument and evidences of a fierce struggle are plainly visible. The murderers have not yet been arrested.

Blighted by Populism

What is the matter with Nebraska? The city of Lincoln, the best-known resident of which is William J. Bryan, has declined in population during the last ten years, from 55,154 to 40,169, a loss of 14,985, or 27.17 per cent. When it was recently announced that Omaha's population had fallen off since 1890 from 140,452 to 102,555, it was stated that Omaha's census had been padded ten years ago and that its decline was due to deceptive figures. But the percentage of decrease is almost identical in Lincoln and Omaha.

Such a falling off in population is unexampled in this country, and the cause will be carefully sought. Nebraska has been a Populist state for nearly ten years, with Mr. Bryan as its prophet and guide. The result is certainly peculiar. People have left the state and avoided it.

There will be no widespread demand for the same kind of political medicine elsewhere.—Ex.

The Orpheus Glee Club.

Mr. Arthur Boyle begs to announce that in response to numerous requests he will conduct during the coming winter a chorus of male voices to be named as above. All gentlemen who sing and are able to read music fairly well at sight are cordially invited to become members. At least two secular concerts will be given during the season, and as the main attraction at both of these will be the singing of the choir, it will necessarily, therefore, have to attain a very high standard of excellence. Rehearsals will begin early next month and continue throughout the winter.

Mr. Boyle hopes to be able to give on the last night of the year, being the last night of the century, a grand performance of Handel's hallelujah chorus and other suitable selections.

Further particulars will be announced in a day or two. p26

The warmest and most comfortable hotel in Dawson is at the Regina.

STROLLER'S COLUMN.

An old timer who lives far up the Klondike, came down to Dawson a few days ago and although a hermit by practice, the old man possesses all the instincts of a blooded sport. When he reached the city his available assets consisted of $2.50 in silver and a couple of malamute pups which he carried, one under each arm. He entered one of the gambling houses and soon lost his silver at roulette. He then wandered over to a faro table and put both the young malamutes up at $10 a piece and lost. The dealer took one of the pups home, but returned the other to the old man who, when last seen was trying to swap the dog for a gallon of whisky and was holding out for boot money to the amount of the price of a pair of overalls and jumper.

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A Dawson baker has a range which he fears has to some extent lost its nationality, although the words "French Range" appear on its front. The getting of the range in condition for use is where the trouble to its identity came in. It was set up by an Irishman; the bricks were carried by a Swede; the mortar was mixed and carried by a Dutchman, and now that the range is in operation, an Englishman is employed as baker while a Dago looks out for the fuel which was purchased from an Indian. Strange to say, the bread which the range turns out is of a very fair quality.

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The Stroller dropped into the union meeting Monday night. As an entertainment it was more funny than anything seen in the play of "Joshua Whitcomb."

The manner in which the meeting was conducted was not only original but it was also unique; as much so as anything the Stroller ever saw and he has always had a weakness for attending political meetings.

The Stroller has attended Republican meetings where the sweet magnolia blooms when, owing to the complexion of the audience it would be necessary to burn gas at midday. These were occasions when the "strength" of the party was very noticeable, especially if the weather was warm and sultry.

These meetings were not always harmonious; in fact, they have been known to be almost as inharmonious as was the fore part of Monday night's meeting. The sons of Ham are sticklers for rising to points of order and in their meetings are continuously heard the stereotyped utterance:

"Mistah cheerman, I rise to a pint!"

The meeting Monday night recalled to the Stroller's mind a meeting of the above description which he once attended and which was called for the purpose of ratifying the nomination of Gen. Josiah T. Walls as a candidate for congress. Gen. Josiah had years before, and in the "reconstruction days" been appointed to represent the second district of Florida in congress, and although it was a matter of record that he never went to the capitol but twice during his sojourn in Washington, he had ever afterwrds had a congressional bee in his wool. Gen. Josiah had the complexion of the present Dawson nights.

At the meeting there were two factions, for Gen. Josiah had his enemies as well as friends. The chairman was secured without trouble, but when it came to the selection of a committee on resolutions was when the tempest began to brew. As many as six men were on the floor and talking at the same time when Whalebone Johnson who had a voice like a saw mill, jumped to his feet and yelled:

"Mistah cheerman, I rise to a pint!"

"Make it a quart, yo —— fool and we'll get drunk!" came from the back part of the skating rink, and as Whalebone was an ordained minister of the hardshell Baptist faith, he took offense at the suggestion and a free fight ensued.

Gen. Josiah's nomination was not ratified at that meeting.

Oh, so sweet. Chocolates, bonbons and pure candies. I make them myself. Pure as mountain dew. R. C. Cook's candy factory, near Kentucky Kitchen.

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