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## THE FOURTH OF JULY.

A little less than six weeks yet remains before the recurrence of the American national holiday, the Fourth of July. This will allow of just about sufficient time to prepare for a suitable celebration befitting the day, and, in conformity with the fact that a very large proportion of our business and mining interests are in the hands of American citizens. We believe that a celebration can be arranged that will surpass any previous efforts in this direction. An industrial parade is suggested, among other features which are worthy of consideration, and the idea is one which may well be entertained.

American citizens entered heartily into the celebration of the Queen's birthday, and similar co-operation may be anticipated from British subjects in properly observing the Fourth of July. It is none too early for the appointment of committees and the inauguration of the preliminary work. Let all Americans place their shoulders to the wheel, and give Dawson a genuine, old-fashioned Independence day celebration.

## MORE COAL.

Another coal bed has been located within a short distance of Dawson. Samples exhibited by the discoverer indicate that the coal is of a quality that will compare very favorably with that of any other yet located on the Yukon river. It will be a matter of a few years only until the question of fuel will become a most important one in the development of the Yukon gold fields. Wood is becoming more difficult and more expensive to get, and it is only a question of time when the available supply for fuel purposes will be entirely exhausted.

Meanwhile, the introduction of improved machinery has materially increased the amount of fuel consumed, and it appears that the demand will increase just as steadily as the visible supply will decrease.

In view of these circumstances, the discovery of more coal beds, located within a reasonable distance of Dawson and the neighboring creeks, is most welcome news. The quantity of fuel consumed will increase each year, as more gold discoveries are made and more economical methods of working introduced. There are vast areas of ground not rich enough to pay for working by present expensive methods, but which will be opened up and developed just as soon as it can be profitably done.

Cheap fuel will prove a most important factor in bringing about the time when such ground can be worked.

Every time that the price of a ton of coal can be cut down, it means the importation of more mining machinery, the opening

up of more ground and the employment of more labor. These are considerations which will have a decided effect upon the future of the country. We hope, therefore, that the reports of new coal discoveries will prove true, and that the question of abundant and cheap fuel is near solution.

## FOREST FIRES.

The time is now at hand when campers and prospectors should exercise the utmost care to avoid starting fires in the woods. During the two last summers, thousands and thousands of cords of valuable timber were burned up as a result of carelessness on the part of men who would leave camp fires burning in the brush during the hot weather.

Our forests are limited as matters now stand, and to have what remains of this most important resource destroyed by carelessness is not to be tolerated. It should be known that the law provides a penalty for starting forest fires, either wilfully or through lack of precaution in extinguishing camp fires. This fact should be remembered by everyone who has occasion to travel through the country. A little care may save a great deal of valuable timber and prevent a great many people from becoming law-breakers.

## DREDGER CONCESSIONS.

A clipping from a Toronto paper has considerable significance. It is in connection with a report of the proceedings of a recent session of parliament, and reads as follows:

"Mr. Foster drew attention to the fact that there was an amount of \$128,600 arrearages on dredging leases in the Yukon, and promised to look into the subject."

It will be remembered that in the winter and spring of '97-'98, hundreds of miles, covering nearly all the important tributaries of the Yukon, from Forty-mile to Hootalingua, were blanketed with dredging concessions. Companies with immense capital—as far as the incorporation papers showed—were organized, and were going to sweep down upon the bosom of the Yukon and its tributaries with a fleet of dredgers, which would drag the elusive gold dust by the bushel from the beds of the streams. Alluring advertisements were placed in the newspapers, advising the man or woman who had husbanded a few dollars, to invest their hard-earned savings in shares in these concerns and await the grand distribution of profits which were certain to come. Members of parliament, and men high in financial and social circles, did not hesitate to become connected with these concerns, but it is a noticeable fact that in most instances they merely exchanged the use of their names and titles for generous slices of stock.

Now, at length, the denouement has come—most of the companies have gone on the rocks, and have not even paid the government the nominal fee required for renewing their concessions. The promoters of these schemes should either be forced to come forward with the amounts due, or else their concessions should be immediately forfeited.

Same old price, 25 cents, for, drinks at the Regina.

Table de hote dinners. The Holborn

## For Sale at a Bargain.

The Popular lodging house and Popular restaurant, situated on Second street, opposite Aurora, doing a fine business, proprietor unable to attend, to the business, owing to sickness; will sell cheap. Apply on the premises.

R. J. HILTS, Proprietor.

## STROLLER'S COLUMN

It may be inability to pay, or it may be rascality pure and simple; but the fact is very apparent to any one familiar with the business of the police court that there are in and around Dawson today hundreds of men who have toiled like slaves for the past several months who are as yet unable to collect pay for such toil. A great many mine operators appear to think it perfectly legitimate to beat their employees if they can. They appear to go on the principle that, having come to this country to make a stake they propose to make it by fair means, if it comes easy that way, but by fraud and chicanery if necessary. From a moral standpoint the very air that toys around the mouth of a shaft and the dumps appears to be of contaminating odor. It affects men who all their former lives have been honorable and upright and makes them rogues and bilks. In most cases the law brings them to time, but there are instances where the operator has gotten his dust and decamped, leaving his laborers to stand around and contract lichen-on-the-lungs by chewing the rag and swearing what they will do if they ever again set eyes on "So-And-So."

"Did you ever notice how easily and naturally some people make mistakes," said a lady to the Stroller at the charity ball Thursday night.

"How so," said the Stroller, as he emitted a three-button-cutaway smile and tried to look fetching.

"By going in at the wrong doors," continued the lady. "Now, look at that fellow waiting with Miss —; he made the mistake to which I refer, for instead of being here, he should have gone two doors below to the next dance; that is where he belongs. There is another one over there; in fact, there are several of them here."

And as the Stroller mused on what the lady said, he inwardly exclaimed, "Charity covereth a multitude of sins."

Half an hour later the lady above mentioned was noticed dancing a two-step with one of the men whom she had pointed out as missing the door.

"I have a great scheme for getting back to Puget sound this fall," said a man on the street one day this week. "It is this: I can get a job as table waiter on one of the steamers going down the river. When I get to Nome I'll jump my job and next fall the U. S. government will send relief steamers up to take the stranded people away from Nome to keep them from starving next winter. What do you think of my scheme?"

"Now, if I had entered as a contestant in the sports Thursday I am convinced that I could have won at least four in every five of them."

The speaker was a man past 50, but he tries to make people believe he is young. Continuing he said:

"The last time I attempted pole vaulting I cleared 13 feet 9 inches, and the last 100 yard foot race I ran was executed in nine seconds. Bert Ford is a fairly good runner, but he stays too long on the ground before he takes another stride. Atwood don't amount to much as a high jumper, as he only went 5 feet 2 inches. I used to stand flatfooted and clear 5 feet 6 inches, and on the running high jump I never thought of stopping short of 7 feet 4 1/2 inches. McLeod handles a caber fairly well, that is, a small caber; but he is not in my class. As for tug of war! If my brother, who is back in Missouri, was here, he and I could have easily upset any five men I saw on the rope Thursday. I will show a trick or two next year, if I am here."

## For Sale.

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Clean and comfortable staterooms. No expense spared in supplying the table with all the delicacies possible to procure. Experienced captain in charge. No delay. Courteous treatment to all.

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R. W. CALDERHEAD, Agent

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Sts. "Bonanza-King" and "Eldorado"

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ON OR ABOUT JUNE 1

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## Are You Going to Nome or Koyukuk?

If so, get your outfit from us. All our goods are of the best quality and will give you satisfaction.

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