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THE TERRITORIAL ELECTION.

Within less than a week the election for the Yukon council will take place and thereafter the people of the territory will be given a prolonged rest from the ceaseless political agitation that has been in progress for the past three months.

Two elections have already taken place and in both instances the voters have acted with the utmost wisdom. In each case the best men who presented themselves as candidates were chosen and there is every reason for belief that the same precedent will be followed in the territorial contest.

As candidates for the Dawson district Messrs. Dr. Alfred Thompson and C. W. C. Tabor commend themselves to this paper as best calculated to represent the varied interests of the community.

Both gentlemen are old timers in the country and have been closely identified with public movements for years past. If elected to office the constituency will have the satisfaction of knowing that men of unimpeachable integrity, and of undoubted loyalty to the district have been chosen. The election has resolved itself into a case of selecting the best men and there can be no doubt of the fact that Messrs. Tabor and Thompson are the most eligible of all the candidates in the field.

There is one other candidate, Mr. Geo. K. Gilbert, with respect to whom no serious objections have, as yet presented themselves. The motive which brought Mr. Gilbert into the field appeals very strongly to the Nugget, but we are of the opinion that the interests which he represents will be fully guarded and protected through the agency of Messrs. Thompson and Tabor. Mr. Gilbert is a young man new to Dawson public life and whose qualifications for the

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office of councilman are largely a matter of speculation. Therefore, in an election where party lines are by common consent eliminated, it is scarcely to be expected that he will be given preference over men of tried and proven ability.

As for the remaining candidates we are unable to see that any one of them can expect to receive support of a substantial nature. The grounds upon which their various candidatures are based do not appeal to the good sense or judgment of the community.

If the history of the last two elections may be accepted as in any respect indicating what the future has in store, Messrs. Thompson and Tabor will both receive large majorities.

It is satisfactory to know that the Carnegie library bids fair to become an accomplished fact in the not distant future. Such an institution properly equipped will prove of inestimable value to Dawson and particularly so to men from the creeks who have occasion to visit the city. In view of the fact that the library will be patronized by practically the entire population of the town, it is highly desirable that the building should be located as nearly as possible to the center of town. A site in the neighborhood of the A. B. hall or the athletic building would meet the emergency quite satisfactorily.

Undertaker Greene is among the number of those who may well wish to be delivered from their friends.

The question now arises from what source did "der Kernel" secure his 11 other votes?

Everybody will be glad when political agitation is at an end.

The preacher in politics is never an edifying spectacle.

A little girl living in East Second street, had her picture taken recently and a friend of the family who was calling at the house asked her how it seemed to sit for the photograph.

"Oh, I don't mind it," she said.

"You know, I had that thing on my face you always have when you get your picture taken."

"That on your face?" queried the visitor. "What do you mean—a veil?"

"No, it's a—"

"Was it powder?" she was asked.

"No—er—it's—I'll think in a minute—er—oh, yes! It was a smile."

Duluth News-Tribune.

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CARNEGIE LIBRARY

Acceptance of the Gift Forwarded

City Attorney Has Notified the Donor That Requirements Are Complied With.

If all goes well it is thought that next spring will see the immediate construction of the Carnegie library begun. All the requirements demanded by the aged philanthropist in connection with his gift have been complied with save the location of the site and that it is generally understood will be provided by the government by purchase. The matter came up at a meeting of the council some weeks ago when his worship read over the correspondence on hand relating to the library and asked the agent of Mr. Carnegie instructing him the steps already taken by the council and exact status in which the question now stands. The guarantee of the ten per cent. perpetual appropriation demanded by the donor to be contributed annually as a maintenance fund by the city has not only been made but the sum has been doubled, it having been considered that \$3500 a year would be insufficient to maintain the library. The Yukon council came to the rescue with an appropriation of equal amount which thus gives \$7000 a year for the purpose of defraying the cost of maintaining the library. At a meeting of the council last week by resolution City Attorney Donaghy was instructed to write Mr. Carnegie, informing him of the acceptance of his offer of the donation of \$25,000 for a library. With the site agreed upon and the same vested in the name of the city it is presumed that the funds for the building will be available as soon as the weather will permit building.

The question of a site is the only thing yet to be determined upon and the probabilities are that will be settled soon after the approaching Yukon council election. The government has signified its willingness to donate a site and has made a tender of a location opposite the Administration building between the residence of Major Cuthbert and the Methodist parsonage, but that will not be accepted on account of it not being sufficiently central. Unfortunately, the government does not own any land that is considered in a good lo-

cation, which will doubtless necessitate the purchase of such lots as may be required, and there is but little doubt but that such funds as may be necessary for such purpose will be appropriated by the Yukon council, at least, that is the opinion of many of the members of the city council. One of the locations most favorable considered is on Fourth avenue between the A. B. hall and the corner of King street. No details have yet been received concerning the plans of the building and it is not known whether Mr. Carnegie will furnish them or they will be drawn by a local architect and submitted to him for approval.

From now on until the work is actually begun an active correspondence will be kept up between the city and its benefactor and it is not at all unlikely that with the approach of warm weather will see the construction begun on a building that will prove an ornament to the city and of immeasurable benefit to its inhabitants.

CANADA'S GREATNESS

Her People Do Not Realize Her Vast Resources.

Congressman Frank M. Eddy of Minnesota, who is visiting Winnipeg, took a good deal of time to talk to the people here. "You people don't realize your greatness or comprehend the half of your resources. I'm afraid there's some truth in the charge sometimes made against you Canucks: You had to have Americans come up here to convince you that you had a good thing, and then you began to hustle. Why, your agricultural riches are bound to make you one of the granaries of the world. Then in the Hudson Bay basin you have untold wealth in timber and minerals. Just around James Bay alone there's more timber than ever there was in Minnesota and Michigan put together. Do you know that there's pulpwood enough round Hudson Bay to supply the world's market for two centuries? When that is built north from Sault Ste. Marie you will see the greatest development going on in that barren country, as you are accustomed to think of it. It will be quite as astounding as your western development here. There will be lots of immigration into the Canadian west from the middle states. I don't think anyone has any conception of it. Whole townships will be moving north en bloc. There'll be a hundred thousand settlers up in this country from Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa next season. You'll need better hotel accommodations in Winnipeg when the crowd comes along."

The Poet's Message

Go! leave me, Priest; my soul would be Alone with the consoler, Death. For sadder eyes than thine will see This crumbling clay yield up its breath; These shrivelled hands have deeper stains Than holy oil can cleanse away. Hands that have plucked the world's coarse grains, As erst they plucked the flowers of May.

Call, if thou canst, to these gray eyes Some faith from youth's traditions wrung; This fruitless husk which dustward dries Hath been a heart once, hath been young.

On this bowed head the awful Past Once laid its consecrating hands; The Future in its purpose vast Paused, waiting my supreme commands.

But look! whose shadows block the door? Who are those two that stand aloof? See! on my hands this freshening gore— Writes o'er again its crimson proof, My looked-for death-bed guests are met!

There my dead Youth doth wring its hands, And there, with eyes that goad me yet, The ghost of my Ideal stands!

God bends from out the deep and says: "I gave thee the great gift of life; Wast thou not called in many ways? Are not My earth and heaven at strife?"

I gave thee of My seed to sow, Bringest thou Me My hundred-fold?

Can I look up with face aglow, And answer, "Father, here is gold?"

I have been innocent; God knows When first this wasted life began, Not grape with grape more kindly grows, Than I with every brother-man; Now here I gasp; what loss my kind When this fast ebbing breath shall part!

What hands of love and service bind This being to a brother heart?

Christ still was wandering o'er the earth Without a place to lay His head; He found free welcome at my hearth, He shared my cup and broke my bread; Now when I hear those steps sublime That bring the other world to this, My snail-torn nature, sunk in slime,

Starts sideway with defiant hiss Upon the hour when I was born, God said, "Another man shall be," And the great Maker did not scorn Out of Himself to fashion me. He named me with his ripening looks And Heaven's rich instincts in me grew, As effortless as woodland nooks Seed violets' up and paint them blue.

Yes, I who now, with angry tears, Am exiled back to brutish clod, Have borne unscathed for fourscore years A spark of the eternal God, And to what end? How yield I back The trust for such high uses given? Heaven's light hath but revealed a track Whereby to crawl away from heav'n.

Men think it is an awful sight To see a soul just set adrift On that dread voyage from whose night The ominous shadows never lift, But 'tis more awful to behold A helpless hands unconscious hold, Whose little hands unconscious hold The keys of darkness and of morn.

Mine held them once; I flung away Those keys that might have open set The golden sluices of the day, But clutch the keys of darkness yet, I hear the reapers singing go Into God's harvest; I, that might With them have chosen here below, Grope shuddering at the gates of night.

O glorious Youth, that once wast mine! O high ideal, all in vain! Ye enter at this ruined shrine Whence worship ne'er shall rise again; The bat and owl inhabit here, The snake nestles in the altar-stone, The sacred vessels moulder near, The image of the God is gone.

—James Russell Lowell.

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