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REFORMS GRANTED.

In the summer of 1898 when the first organized effort was put forward to secure remedial action from the government in connection with then existing grievances, the following were the principal demands made: (1) Abolishment or substantial reduction of the ten per cent. royalty.

The foregoing include all the prominent reforms advocated at the time, and it was generally agreed that when they were secured, the friendly disposition of the government toward the territory could consistently be acknowledged.

A review of the matters enumerated serves to reveal the fact that almost without exception the changes so vigorously demanded in the early days have been secured. The ten per cent. royalty has disappeared; the reservation act has been repealed; the public service is capably administered and the books at the gold commissioner's office may be inspected on application; roadways have been built; the public health is properly cared for; a seat in parliament has been granted as also local government for Dawson.

In view of all the foregoing it is not fair to say that much of the radical condemnation of the government so frequently heard and so persistently indulged in by a portion of the local press, is decidedly unjust and inconsistent.

The record as outlined above speaks for itself. Within less than five years this district has secured more important reforms than the territory of Alaska has been granted in a quarter of a century. And the end is not yet. An able and staunch advocate of the territory is now at Ottawa working in the interests of his constituency and giving proof almost daily of his earnestness in carrying out the wishes of the people.

ABANDON PETTY POLITICS. The fact should not be forgotten that the Yukon territory in point of population is as yet a very inconsiderable portion of the Dominion of Canada. The territory can not, in

the very nature of things, occupy first place before parliament for some years to come, irrespective of all resolutions and delegations. Whatever concessions in the way of favorable legislation are granted, will necessarily be secured with difficulty, and, therefore, such efforts as are put forward should have the support and cooperation of the whole community behind them.

Mr. Ross as the duly elected representative of the territory at the federal capital, is striving to secure favorable action along needed lines and his efforts in that direction have already met with substantial results. If no hindrances or stumbling blocks are thrown in his way, it is reasonable to expect that satisfactory progress will be made during the present term of parliament. What the people of the territory are interested in is favorable legislation and every conscientious attempt made by our representative toward the securing of the same will be amply appreciated and rewarded by manifestations of public confidence.

The task, however, which is set before Mr. Ross is at best a difficult one, and the interests of the public demand that petty politics designed to hinder him in his work be abandoned.

The city of Nome has been enjoined by a \$50,000 damage suit directed against one of the newspapers in that town. Conducting a newspaper within the vicinity of the north pole is a pleasurable vocation under any and all circumstances, but when to the ordinary excitement is added the exhilarating task of fighting a heavy libel action the career of the journalist simply becomes transcendental with joy. Fifty thousand dollars is an exceedingly modest sum for any one to ask in compensation for a damaged reputation, but in all probability the complainant takes into consideration the fact that business in Nome for the past year has been rather quiet.

The theory that a public water system would be detrimental to the small miner is so novel as to possess, at least, the virtue of originality. In just what particular a miner who has spent all winter taking out a dump on a hill side would be injured by having a water supply at hand for washing his dump, does not seem clear at first sight. There are many marvelous matters withheld from the many and revealed only to the few and this may be one of them.

The spirit of unrest which is apparent in industrial circles all over the continent coupled with excessive speculation which has run riot during the past three years foretells of disasters likely to occur. When everybody begins a simultaneous movement in the direction of shortening sail, there is bound to come a break. It seems inevitable that a surfeit of prosperity must be followed in the end by a crash.

Future agricultural reports issued by the federal government will not be complete unless returns from this territory are included. The yield of market products during the present season promises to be greater than that of all previous years.

A little newsboy, who had been in an accident, came into his Sunday school class with one of his ears bandaged to his head, and said to the teacher, "I'm a good one to preach to today, for it goes in one ear and can't get out the other."—Life.

Power of Attorney Blanks for the Tanana-Nugget Office.

DETAILS ARE ARRANGED

Dinner to Commissioner Congdon

Elaborate Affair to be Tendered the New Governor on Thursday Evening.

Mayor McLennan, D. A. Cameron, W. H. Fairbanks, Edward Orr, Thos. O'Brien, Dr. T. B. Cooke, H. C. Macaulay, Alderman LaLande and several others attended a general meeting to which the various committees, appointed at a previous meeting with reference to the proposed banquet to Commissioner Congdon, submitted their reports. Not all the committees had a report ready, but enough were presented to enable the gentlemen to go forward with the necessary arrangements that will result in a dinner and reception to the new commissioner that will equal anything in that line heretofore attempted. For nearly two years the dinner given to Mr. Ross shortly after his arrival has stood as a criterion in which everything elaborate procurable in the Klondike was embodied. The tickets upon that occasion were \$25 each, but as things are now so much cheaper than they were then, particularly wines, it is thought by the committee that a banquet equally as splendid if not more so can be prepared at \$15 per plate which has been fixed as the price.

Pioneer hall has been decided upon as the location of the dinner and Thursday evening next, the 23rd of the date. Covers will be laid for 100 and the committee judging from the past is of the opinion that all the seats will be taken before the evening arrives. One feature that particular attention will be paid to is that of the decorations. Those who attended the Ross dinner will remember the elaborate manner in which the hall was dressed for the occasion. It was a military display almost wholly and from the number of accoutrements visible one would imagine the police barracks had been well night depleted. Rosettes of bayonets, cartridge belts and everything conceivable in the military line adorned the walls, the long cartridge belts of the Maxim gun being woven about and intertwined areas and there in graceful festoons. Places in the greatest profusion were used as were also swords, rifles and other munitions of war, the decorator displaying the most exquisite taste in the arranging of the articles placed at his disposal. If possible the committee will have something similar on Thursday evening.

The caterer will not have been decided upon until today and while the menu will not be so lengthy and heavy as some others have been it will embrace a number of dainties and epicurean dishes possible today that could scarcely have been dreamed of two years ago. Exclusive of wines there will probably not be over eight courses at the utmost. It being the opinion that quality and not quantity is most to be desired. Beginning with Manhattans the wine card will embrace claret, cherry, a white wine, probably riesling, lock and champagne, with copious quantities Scotch and soda for those who prefer it to the effervescent fizz.

A splendid orchestra of five pieces has been engaged and throughout the banquet and following each toast suitable music will be rendered. An important matter that is yet to be arranged and which will doubtless be attended to today is that of selecting the toastmaster and compiling the toast list. Dawson, unfortunately, is woefully short on brilliant after dinner speakers and the hope has been expressed by more

Pepper, was hit, but was too far away for the shots to penetrate his clothing. So Burgess got into his dogcart and continued the chase and the firing until Pepper left the road. A queer description was that given by a detective sergeant at Highgate police court of his chase after a man named Ralph Brown, who had stolen a pony and trap from St. Albans. He traced Brown to Walford, then to London, Edmonton, Hoddesdon, and elsewhere, arriving at each place just too late to catch him. At length he came up with him at an inn in Ware, but Brown had died in bed two hours before the detective arrived.

Even more exciting was the tale told to a coroner's jury at Ekeston, called to inquire into the death of a collier named Alfred Wildgust. Wildgust and two other men were surprised at midnight by Police Constable Lomas in the act of stripping a garden and greenhouse. One man rushed at the constable, and Wildgust, after a struggle, also broke clear. Lomas gave chase and three more hand-to-hand encounters followed. Eventually Wildgust and Lomas reached the canal, into which the former plunged, pluckily followed by

than one that the committee having this matter in charge will use the utmost wisdom and discretion in making their selection and in the placing of the various toasts. The menu cards will be done by hand by a well known artist and will be a handsome souvenir of the occasion. Mr. T. Dufferin Pattullo, secretary and treasurer, has the sole handling of the tickets and the financial part

Pursuing Dead Men

Herman Berg, a seaman, was lighting a cigarette in the East India Dock Road when William Connelly came up, grabbed his watch-chain and made off with it. There was an exciting chase, and Connelly at length dropped a chain.

To Berg's surprise, however, the chain proved to be a worthless substitute for the original article. He gave chase again and Connelly was ultimately caught and sent to prison for three months by the Thames magistrate.

The chain Connelly threw away was an article known as a "thieves' decoy." Chain snatchers frequently carry an assortment of these rubbish things, so that when pressed they can throw away a chain resembling the one stolen, and so induce the pursuer to stop.

Last summer, at Richmond, in Yorkshire, a married woman named Harriet Davison was sentenced to three months' hard labor for stealing a pair of socks from Friarage Lodge. An amusing incident was disclosed during the hearing of the case.

An assistant master of the grammar school residing at the lodge was rudely awakened by Mrs. Davison entering his bedroom at 5:30 on a Saturday morning.

He arose, and, attired in his night clothes, gave chase to the market place. He called to three men to stop the woman, but they took no heed. It afterward transpired they took him for a lunatic.

In another northern town a few months back a young fellow named Fred Bates was riding along on his bicycle, when a man came running down the road after him. Catching up to Bates at last, he pulled him off his machine, and a policeman happening to be standing near, gave him in charge. Bates, he said, had the day before ridden off, after riding over his little girl, who was now in the hospital.

Bates seemed to resent the charge very much. "Why," he exclaimed to the constable and the gathering crowd, "this man's statement is absolutely false. It is impossible for him to have seen me yesterday on a bicycle, for I stole the machine only an hour ago." Strange to relate, Bates' statement proved perfectly correct, and he, afterwards underwent four months' imprisonment for the theft.

During the late smallpox epidemic, a man named Newby, stricken with the disease, managed to make his escape from hospital at Barnet by night. The patient was lost sight of till the following evening, when a rumor reached the police that he had been seen drinking in a public house near Hadley.

Acting on this information inspector Browning set off in pursuit on a bicycle. In Hadley Wood he came up with the runaway, who was calmly strolling along with a cigarette in his mouth.

The officer naturally gave him a wide berth, but, by a skillful ruse, enticed him past Clare Hall mail-pox hospital, where he was bound upon by a couple of porters and taken inside.

A fine determined Scot, Alexander Burgess, a Kincaidshire collier, who was before Sheriff Robertson at Stonehaven recently charged with threatening and shooting at a reservist named Pepper.

The two men had been drinking together, and had quarreled. Pepper took refuge behind a greenhouse, but Burgess sent his dog to clear him out, and when Pepper made off in the open, he had two running shots at him. Both missed, and Burgess then knelt down and took more deliberate aim.

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of the program. The tickets Mr. Pattullo today placed in the hands of several of the committee who are supplying them on application. They are to be limited to 125 at the utmost and not one more will be sold after that limit has been reached. Another general meeting of the committee will be held probably tomorrow in order that it may be seen that nothing has been overlooked.

Horn of Peace

You've heard about the horn of plenty, of course," said a young married man. "Now, let me tell you about the horn of peace. Alice and I have our little differences of opinion, now and then—I suppose all young married people do; and sometimes it is not easy to effect a reconciliation fight away, we are both so high tempered. Well, the other evening we went into a delicatessen shop in our neighborhood to get something nice for our evening lunch. We had just had a lively little quarrel and made it up. In the back of the shop a little boy and a little girl, the proprietor's children, were having a quarrel over some toys. She slapped him, he kicked at her, then she slapped him again, then he pulled her hair.

"Suddenly," on this unpleasant scene, appeared a third child, a baby boy of about 2 years. He immediately scrambled into the melee and again with a tin horn, which he began to blow mightily. He blew so hard that it drowned out the sound of the quarrel; he went up to his brother and blew the horn in his face. Then he went up to the little sister and blew the horn in her face. The two wranglers stopped quarreling and laughed. The baby kept on blowing the horn, the other boy beat a drum, and the girl began to pound on a toy piano.

"We were served by this time and started out. At the toy shop on the way home Alice turned to go in, and I said: "What do you want in there?" "I'm going to buy a tin horn," she said.

"Good!" I exclaimed, "we'll get the biggest horn they have."

"We bought a tin horn, and now whenever there is any sign of a quarrel coming on, one or the other of us blows on the tin horn, then we laugh and make up." This is the story of the horn of peace. It never fails and there is no patent on it. Tell about it to everybody you know, if you want to.—Detroit Free Press.

Big Fire in Chicago

Chicago, April 1.—Fire broke out tonight in the seven-story brick building at 75 and 77 West Monroe street, and before it was extinguished completely wrecked the structure and badly damaged another seven-story building adjoining it. The buildings were occupied by the J. C. Curtis Company, makers of caskets and undertakers' supplies; the Marquardt Maple Box Company, the Chicago Case Company, manufacturers of jewelry and eye glasses, and the Leonard Seed Company.

The origin of the fire is at present a mystery. Several explosions occurred during the fire in the Curtis building, one of which blew out a large portion of the west wall, which was falling, narrowly missing several firemen.

The total damage is estimated at \$500,000.

Fire Marshal Canipon declares tonight that there were evidences of incendiarism about the fire when he arrived at the burning building. The flames were burning in several places at the same time, and the separate fires had no apparent relation to each other. The blaze was on the sixth floor and another in the basement.

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Jils.—Do you think Mercer knows anything about parliamentary law? Brown.—Oh, he's all right. He's the model presiding officer. I saw him in the chair at a meeting once, and instead of rapping on the table for order he hit the man who was making the disturbance over the head with the gavel.—Boston Transcript.

New York, March 23.—A daughter was born to Mrs. Clarence H. Mackay at her home near Roslyn, Long Island, shortly after Mrs. Mackay had returned there from the bedside

of her mother, Mrs. William A. Mackay who died here yesterday.

Brest, France, March 21.—One hundred sisters of the Order of the Daughters of Jesus have left Brest owing to the closure of their school to Belgium, thirty to Canada and forty to the United States.

Miss Hope—What is the best way to retain one's friends? Mr. Sage—Don't give 'em away.—Kansas City Journal.

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(Name Nugget, For John L. McGinn, former district attorney, for a suit in the district court. The Name Nugget for McGinn in the usual way alleged that he had damaged to the amount of \$50.00.

His complaint states that McGinn's "public action" for the "libelous matter concerning the Name Nugget" had damaged in the first third cause of action \$50.00, in the second sixth and seventh causes of action to be worth only \$50.00 total making the sum \$150.00.

The complaint, which is typewritten pages, principally of quotations taken from the Name Nugget at various times between the 9th day of July and the 7th of February, which McGinn alleges to be true and defamatory, is signed by the defendant, who is, of course, a wealthy, well-to-do, and successful attorney, and is for the purpose of upgrading the plaintiff's profession as attorney in an official position.

Recent Remarks. During the past few days there has been a great deal of talk about the case of women successfully suing for damages. They have had a number of cases, but the results have been mixed. The disguise is, of course, that the women are suing for damages when they are really suing for a divorce.

It was only a few days ago that a woman who had been married for some time, but who was not getting on with her husband, was suing for damages. The judge, who was a man of the old school, said that the woman was suing for a divorce, and that she should go to court for that.

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