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THE MAN WITH THE GRAFT.

The policy of discrimination which the government has pursued in granting privileges of various kinds has been carried to the extent of giving to one man a practical monopoly of taking fish from Lake LeBarge for the Dawson market. It is the old story of the man with the "graft" and the man without the "graft." By virtue of some hypnotic spell which the former is enabled to throw about the powers that be and are, it becomes right, proper and lawful for him to catch fish by means of nets of small mesh.

His competitor, who is not possessed of hypnotic powers nor even endowed with capacity for "grafting," is compelled forsooth to make use of nets of large mesh or go out of business, and he has found the latter expedient to be the preferable, inasmuch as the fish easily slide through the net which, according to the law, he must make use of.

Meanwhile consumers in Dawson are paying for fish three times the amount it cost them last summer, and the man with the "graft" is profiting thereby to the utmost. It appears that the matter is of such extraordinary importance and involves so many and such weighty questions of state that no authority can be found in the territory competent to deal with it. It will, therefore, be referred to Ottawa, whence a decision may be anticipated some time after Lake LeBarge is again covered with four feet of ice.

This fish affair is in keeping with many other petty transactions which are chargeable to the government and its representatives in the administration of the Yukon.

Victoria and Vancouver are still agitating for the establishment of a government assay office in Dawson and the abolition or reduction of the royalty on the gross output of gold. The commercial bodies of both cities have interested themselves in the matter and are exerting themselves to the utmost in our behalf. A government assay office in Dawson would settle several vexatious problems which are becoming more troublesome every day. It would have the effect of removing gold dust from circulation and replacing it with currency—one of the changes most urgently required to place business upon a solid and stable foundation. Gold dust and currency cannot circulate side by side. The latter is continually being forced out of circulation and is secured from the banks and brought into use only at a sacrifice. It cannot be expected that the banking institutions will pay as much for gold dust as would be realized at a government assay office. The banks are compelled to rely upon their own judgment and the word of

their customers as to the value of the dust they buy, without assay, and naturally they take no risks of paying too dearly. For all parties concerned a government assay office is the best solution of the troublesome "circulating medium" question that has as yet been advanced. Our Victoria and Vancouver friends are entitled to our thanks for the spirit of interest they are now manifesting in our welfare, notwithstanding the fact that such manifestation comes rather tardily.

The 4th of July committees are meeting with splendid results in the prosecution of their work. The sports committee has a list of events which will eclipse all previous efforts in this direction. The grand street parade promises to be a most interesting and successful feature, and one into which the business houses are entering with much enthusiasm. Everyone who has not been solicited by the finance committee and who desires to contribute to the expenses of the celebration should call on the secretary of the executive committee or some member of the finance committee, any and all of whom will be glad to receive what may be desired to give. The more funds which are raised the greater will be the success of the celebration which we sincerely hope will be a memorable one in the history of Dawson.

The freight blockade is being broken at last and all steamers arriving hereafter may be expected to carry full cargoes. There is in all probability enough freight now at White Horse to keep the entire fleet busy for a number of weeks and more will be accumulating in the meantime. It behooves all shippers to place their orders as early as possible and have their freight en route in order to guard against a possibility of a repetition of what occurred last fall. Many thousands of dollars were lost last year owing to the fact that enormous quantities were piled up at Bennett or strung along the Yukon at the close of navigation. So strong an object lesson ought to be sufficient to prevent the recurrence of a similar condition this season.

Why Plants Travel.

Plants are great travelers; they often wander far and wide. Sometimes they even cross the ocean and take up their abode in a new land. The ox-eye daisy, our common meadow buttercup and the little Canada thistle, now so abundant everywhere, are not native Americans, but came here from Europe. Very likely they sailed in the ships with the early settlers and took possession of the new world with them. They are so much at home now that most people think they always grew here. But they did not, and when the Pilgrim Fathers looked over their new home the fields were not white with daisies nor yellow with buttercups. No doubt the Pilgrim Fathers were glad of this, for daisies and buttercups often cover the fields and spoil the hay, and while "daisies in the meadow" seem very lovely to the city people who go to the country for the summer, daisies in the hay are another matter, and the farmers do not think them lovely at all.

It is not the grown-up plants that travel, as a rule, though some of them do. For you must know the plant world is a topsy-turvy kind of place where the parents stand still at home and the children wander about. Of course the children are the seeds, and they are free, but when they once settle down and begin to grow their wandering days are over. Plants with roots are great home-bodies; nothing short of actual violence can make them move from the spot they have chosen. Frequently it happens that they die if moved.

Not so with the seeds, however. They wander about, and their parents often take great pains to send them out into the world. For the children of the plants are very apt to die if they remain at home too long. They need to find a place in which to settle down and grow, and it is often better for them to do this at a distance from their parents. Plants eat what is in the soil, and each kind of plant needs some particular earth food. When plants of one kind are crowded too closely in a place the earth is often impoverished, and the plant might die out if it were not able to find a fresh growing place. Then, again, if the seeds always fell close to the parent plant, the earth would soon become too crowded to support more than a very few new plants. So for these and other reasons it is able and find a place for themselves. Nearly all seeds are provided with some way of moving about, and while some of them go very short distances others go very long ones. They travel for their profit, and why may we not say for their pleasure? For if a plant is able to feel and enjoy at all—and I for one believe it is—then the dandelion seeds must feel very joyous in summer, and later the thistleseed and the milkweed seeds, scudding before the breeze.—From Little Wanderers, by H. W. Morley.

Town Topics.

"Screened water" is the latest in Chicago. St. Louis is to have the screenings.—St. Louis Star.
Emporia is a good prohibition town, but a man can make a living by picking up empty bottles in the alleys.—Emporia (Kan.) Gazette.
It would be an improvement at least if the officials would just try to run New York for a week "the way Parkhurst would do."—Chicago Record.
The establishment of a home for nice respectable old horses that have been worn out by faithful service is the most respectable thing that has happened in New York for years.—Kansas City Star.
It may be true that Kansas City is deficient in sleeping accommodations, but there is more to keep delegates awake there than in any eastern city that aspires to convention honors.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.
One of the results of the present crusade in Uniontown, Pa., against swearing is that any one heard using profane language is fined 60 cents. And this at the very approach of spring housecleaning time.—Oil City (Pa.) Blizzard.

The Missionary's Ruse.

Cannibal King—Bring on the big griddle and let's roast this fellow.
Captured Missionary—O king, but give me a dose of quinine before I die!
You see, I am a victim of the habit. I consume three ounces of quinine every 24 hours.
Cannibal King—I pass this fellow up. I can still taste that quinine fiend we roasted two months ago. Ugh!—Ohio State Journal.

Thought of Him.

Papa—Are you sure that you and mamma thought of me while you were away?
Grace—Yes. We heard a man kicking up a great row about his breakfast at the hotel, and mamma said, "That's just like papa."

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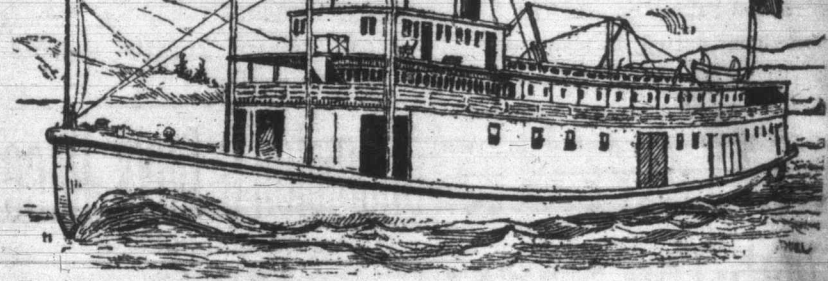
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