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SHOULD BE CONTESTED.

The imposition of direct taxation by a body of men who are irresponsible to the taxpayer, but who propose to spend the money raised by the levy, is incompatible with all accepted theories of self government. In respect to the taxation ordinance proposed by the Yukon council, there is every occasion for contesting the legality of the measure for the reason that provision has long since been made by law providing for partial representation upon the council.

When that provision has been complied with and members of the council have been chosen by direct vote of the qualified electors of the district there will be ample time for the consideration of measures for the raising of revenue for the purposes contemplated by the council. Dawson is certainly entitled to pay her just share of the expenses involved in conducting her affairs, and we are of the opinion that a taxation ordinance prepared by direct representatives of our citizens, the proceeds to be expended for municipal affairs, would meet the approval of property holders who would comply promptly with its requirements.

But what is the situation? Here is a body of men designated and appointed as legislators for this territory without even a suggestion from the people for whom they are called upon to make laws. This body is dominated by one man who boasts publicly that the council is independent of and in no wise bound by the demands of the people of the community.

He has torced the council to disregard the oft-expressed desires of the people of the territory that meetings of the council shall be held in public, and the meetings at which the matter of taxing the town has been determined have been held behind closed doors and covered with a veil of secrecy. To comply voluntarily with a measure of taxation passed under such circumstances is to acknowledge the right of this would-be dictator to direct the affairs of the town and territory at his own free will.

We deny the existence of any such right. We deny that any such right was contemplated in the appointment of a legal adviser to the council. We believe that the ordinance of taxation should be combatted by every means possible, and if statutory grounds are available for contesting it, that resort thereto should be taken immediately.

To submit without opposition to this measure is to give tacit approval to the dictatorial policy of the council's adviser—something which is absolutely repugnant to self-dedency and self-respect.

ANOTHER JOB.

Our contemporary, the News, which has long possessed a reputation as the innocent victim of much jobbery and many jobbers, has again been made the subject of a villainous conspiracy. As usual, chief in the plot is the irrepressible Joseph Clarke, late of her majesty's service, and now candidate for any and all offices within the gift of the sovereign people of the Yukon. Our contemporary, since the publication of and apology for the blanket charges covering nearly all the officials in the territory, which charges were published in the News through the ingenuity of he said Joseph, has placed a ban upon

all documents emanating from that gentleman's pen. But such trifles do not in any respect deter the embryo statesman from spreading his sentiments upon our contemporary's pages when the humor so strikes him, albeit he masquerades behind the signature of another. This, we think, is carrying the matter a little too far. The News should be protected by act of parliament against such wholesale jobbery.

President Fulda has acted wisely in determining to keep all politics out of the Board of Trade. No suggestion involving the furthering of the interests of either political party should be considered by the board. That body will have its hands full in furthering to the greatest extent possible the interests of Dawson and the Yukon territory.

Legal Adviser Clement might make an excellent Chinese mandarin, but he is out of his element when it comes to dealing with the affairs of men who are accustomed to modern ideas of government.

An Interesting Point.

Montreal, July 11.—The decision of Bishop Morais yesterday in annulling the marriage of Mr. Delapit, private secretary to his Hon. Lieut.-Gov. Jette, to Miss Cotes, both of whom are Roman Catholics, married seven years ago by Rev. W. S. Barnes, of the Unitarian church of this city, if upheld by the Roman authorities, will seriously affect the civil status of a large number of Quebec families who are Roman Catholics and who have been married by Protestant ministers. Mrs. Delapit sued for separation but the civil court would not hear the case until the ecclesiastical authorities had given a decision whether, in their opinion, the marriage between Roman Catholics, performed by Protestant ministers, was legal.

Bishop Morais's decision, it will be seen, declares such marriages null and void in the eyes of the Roman Catholic church. Should Rome uphold this view and the lower courts persist in a refusal to hear the case, many Protestant ministers of the province will be placed in a position liable for damages for performing marriages contrary to law.

Time Card.

Stage and Express to Caribou City leaves Flannery Hotel, Dawson:
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays...at 8 p.m.
Leaves Caribou City—
Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays...at 8 p.m.

Shoff, the Dawson Dog Doctor, Pioneer Drug Store.

Shindler has bicycle sundries; wood rims, inner tubes, ball bearings, spokes, bells, cyclometers, toe clips, graphite, etc. Wheels to rent by the hour. crr

Painters and Decorators.
Marking brushes; white lead, in one one-pound cans, all kinds of stains in small tins. Anderson Bros., Second street. crt

Why buy an inferior cigar when you can get the famous Needles Cigar, guaranteed Havana filled, for the same money, to all dealers. crt

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

STROLLER'S COLUMN

Andy McKenzie knows the difference between young eagles and grouse. He knows this because his experience has been large and varied in the grouse line, and he has just had an experience with young eagles which makes him think he knows all about them too. The other evening as the Stroller was passing Andy's home he heard a racket which was incomprehensible, considering his well known predilection in favor of orderly conduct and early hours. The door opened suddenly and a man, bent with the weight of years and the hootch he was lugging around with him, issued forth hurriedly. He seemed agitated. In his hand he carried a cage containing two of the young birds of war. Behind him was the usually mild and peaceable Andy, now filled to running over with wrath. "You take that menagerie away from here, and the next time that outfit of Hogans sends any one around here with a graft like that I'll have them put on the wood pile. I don't mind a little thing by way of a josh, but any time people think they can hand me a Sunday dinner of grouse that was hatched in an eagle's nest I'm apt to become offended." Then he slammed the door, and the ancient hootch-eagle laden party took his way down town.

In Tom Chisholm's place a little later the Stroller found him entertaining the bright young men who had conceived the idea of feeding the peaceable Andy on feathered war emblems, with a reproduction of the graceful speech of thanks returned by Andy for the fowls. Everyone laughed till their sides ached to think how he would look when he found out that he didn't know the difference between young grouse and half-grown eagles. Then the man who had carried the cage and brought back the message of thanks was overcome by his thirst and asked the others to have a drink with him. He laid the money on the bar and while the others were getting their drinks one who knew him, and had been thinking so hard that everyone had heard the wheels of thought buzzing asked, "Where did you get that money?"

"I—Andy"—
"Now, that gives the whole snap away, whenever you commence talking about Andy giving you anything that looks like money."

The last speaker was here interrupted in turn by Tom Chisholm, who came in picking his teeth with a large pocketknife. "That spring chicken I had for dinner may have been fresh, but it was the toughest thing I ever tackled."

The speaker who had first interrupted the old man who intimated that Andy McKenzie had been the source of his wealth, here spoke up and laid bare a Sherlock Holmes theory to the effect that the young eagles which had been the property of Tom Chisholm, had been sold by the treacherous messenger (the money was entered as an exhibit), and that the toughness of Tom's spring chicken dinner was accounted for.

Investigation proved the truth of the theory, and when the Stroller left everyone was crowding around to shake the hand of him who had carried the birds

to Andy. They recognize in him an artist of the first magnitude.

The Stroller took a reckless streak a few days ago. He knows now that it was recklessness—utter abandon, so to speak; and before he recovered his equilibrium he had actually bought a quart of what was purported to be cow's milk. The ingredients of that composition revived in the mind of the Stroller a conversation overheard one day last winter in the business place of a Dawson buyer of gold dust.

The transaction and conversation were between two sons of Abraham. Moses had three ounces of gold dust which he was selling to Isaac. The dust was emptied into the blower.

"Min cracious, Moses," said Isaac. "Look at dot plack sand your gold dust in!"

"I know dot," said Moses. "but shust look at dot gold dust in der plack sand."

There was no black sand in the milk,

and the only resemblance it bore to a sluice box was that it carried water.

"This thing of having a certain brand of licensed men on board Yukon river steamers may be all right so far as satisfying the law is concerned, but when a few passengers are sacrificed to the relentless river in order that the law may be satisfied, it looks to me like carrying things a little too far. But then, if a licensed man drowns people, of course it is done according to law, and it is all right. I have frequently noticed that good agriculturists are spoiled and bad steamboat men made when some men are licensed and put in pilot-houses."

The speaker was a man who has followed steamboating for 36 years, and who can navigate the Yukon almost with his eyes shut, and yet he is by law forced to work under a licensed figurehead who does not know a compass from a roulette wheel.

Best Canadian rye at the Regina.

Alaska Commercial Company

RIVER STEAMERS Sarah Hannah Susie Louise Lesh Alice	Bella Margaret Victoria Yukon Florence	THE STEAMER <h2>Hannah</h2> Will Sail for ST. MICHAEL <h3>Thursday, 9 p.m.</h3>	TRADING POSTS ALASKA St. Michael Andreofsky Auvik Nulato Tanana Minook [Rampart] Fort Hamlin Circle City Eagle City Koyukuk DISTRICT Koyukuk Bergman YUKON TERRITORY Fortymile Dawson
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SHIPPERS AND MERCHANTS
Who have freight at White Horse which they wish brought down at once should call on The Klondike Corp. Agent at Lancaster & Calder head's wharf and reserve space on the...

ORA, NORA OR FLORA
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R. W. CALDERHEAD, Agent

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TWO SCOW LOADS

We have a particularly full line of . . .

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NEW CLOTHING, NEW HATS, NEW FOOTWEAR,
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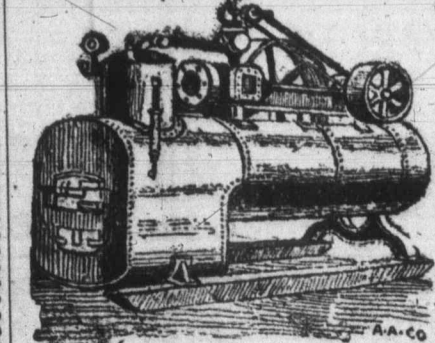
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To inspect our NEW AND UP-TO-DATE STOCK OF

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Women's and Children's Underwear...

See Our Window Display of Ladies' Fine Footwear.

A. E. CO.



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Operated By
The W. J. Walther Co.
Manufacturers of
Boilers, Engines, Hoists, Ore Buckets
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Steamboat Repairing a Specialty. The Only Shop in the Territory with Machinery for Handling Heavy Work

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Third Ave., Opp. Hotel Metropole.
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...T. H. HEATH, Prop.

When You See It In Our Ad It's So. They Came They Saw They Bought. The \$30,000 Sale of Merchandise at Cost Is Bonafide.

On Saturday, the Opening Day of Our Great

\$30,000 Sale at Cost AND LESS

Was a revelation. We simply could not give you the attention you were due. A perfect throng of busy buyers in every department. We have added to our care of help and we will promise you better service to-day.

To dealers this sale is proving a bonanza—To customers in general the clean money we are saving you is a handsome earning. You know the quality of goods we handle—nothing but the best. Come while the selection is good.

Remember the Location
Opp. Bank B. N. A. **W. H. PARSONS & CO.**