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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1900

## THE PLATFORM.

The platform adopted by the citizens' convention and published elsewhere in this paper is worthy close perusal and study by everyone who is in any degree interested in the welfare of the Yukon territory. In that platform is represented the fruits of three years' work. The demands made therein for changes in existing laws are by no means new. They are the conclusion of long continued and exhaustive discussion and represent the deliberate and unbiased judgment of the great majority of the people of the territory.

There is no escaping from the fact that the various planks contained in that platform if made into law would meet the hearty approval of 99 out of every 100 men in the Yukon today. The platform represents the crystallization of all the efforts that have been put forward in the past. The terms in which it is laid down are plain and distinct. There is nothing said that is not intended and but little can be suggested that would add weight to what the platform contains.

The various questions of concern to the public weal are treated succinctly but forcibly and an examination of the platform leaves no doubt in the mind of the reader as to the meaning which its framers intended to convey. We submit to the votes of the territory that there is but one logical position for them to assume in this campaign. The work of concentrating and organizing the people of the territory into an effective political movement has been accomplished only after the exertion of extraordinary effort. This movement knows nothing of the issues at stake between the great parties on the outside. It has nothing to do with Conservatism, Liberalism or any other ism that does not directly concern the welfare of the territory. The men who have banded together in support of the platform of the citizens' convention have done so because they know that in supporting that platform and the candidates who stand upon it, they are lending their assistance to the protection of the one industry upon which this territory depends for its very existence.

Self preservation is instinctive. It is natural for men to strike and strike the hardest blow of which they are capable when they know that their lives may depend thereon. The situation in the Yukon territory today requires a blow from every man who possesses the power to deliver one. It is a fight for right, the winning of which means a realization of our wishes and the losing of which means indefinite postponement.

We ask the voters to study the platform and candidates of the citizens' convention and give both their support to the end that the fight for good laws begun three years ago may reach a fitting climax in a magnificent political victory.

The amount of summer work which has been carried on during the past season totals a remarkably large figure. There is no longer a close season so far as mining operations in the Klondike are concerned. Work is now carried on steadily throughout the twelve months

of the year, which fact makes Dawson a better business town than ever. The winter work now in contemplation from all reports, will be fully as extensive as last winter, although fewer claims will be worked on lays and better methods will prevail generally. It is certainly to be hoped that there will be no repetition of the difficulties which occurred last spring. The number of wage suits brought against unsuccessful claim operators, principally laymen, indicates plainly that business methods must be applied to the working of placer ground as well as in any other enterprise.

The Galveston tidal wave horror is without question one of the most frightful disasters of modern times. It is conservatively stated that the loss will reach the neighborhood of 5000 lives and the damage to property will run into an untold number of millions. The attention of the American people has temporarily been directed away from the presidential campaign by the appalling event and contributors from all over the States, and many from Canada also are sending money and supplies to the aid of the sufferers. In all probability the city of Galveston will never be rebuilt, as a possibility of a repetition of the recent disaster will prove sufficient to deter most people from a desire to locate in that particular locality.

The through telegraph line to Vancouver will be completed and in active operation not later than the first of November. Such at least is the present expectation of the agents of the Dominion line. It will be something remarkable, however, if the work is kept open during the winter, as the country through which it passes is heavily timbered in many places and almost constant patrol will be necessary if it is kept free of falling timber.

### A Confident Challenger.

Out at Skagway the people are not only sporty but in order to encourage sports they offer large odds and ample inducements. A late Skagway paper contains the following acceptance of challenge:

"I hereby accept the challenge of Dr. J. A. Cleveland to wrestle collar and elbow, and I will bet \$100 to \$5 that I lay him on his back nine times out of ten.

"I will also bet \$100 to \$5 that I can with bare fists, knock him out in one round, the proceeds to go to the Arctic Brotherhood.

"CHARLES WALKER."

### Steer Attacks Train.

A wild Texan steer attacked the passenger train from Whitehorse today, and came out second best in the encounter. Where the train crossed the trail the steer had full possession of the track. He succeeded in chasing the passengers who had gotten out of the cars to cover, and when the engine came down, he charged it. He got a horn under the cow catcher and attempted to dump the big locomotive down the embankment, but he didn't. It was found necessary to kill the animal after the brief fight. He was too much damaged to proceed further. The steer belonged to W. E. Temple, and was en route to Dawson.—Alaskan, Sept. 15.

### Skagway Still Harping.

The matter of the bonding privileges extended by the United States to Canada is the basis for a mighty grievance to the merchants of Skagway who, owing to the privileges mentioned, are practically debarred from doing business with and selling goods to the interior. At a late meeting of the chamber of commerce of that town a lengthy document was introduced and passed which concludes as follows:

"Of the many wrongs we have suffered at the hands of Canada, the chamber makes no special mention, but assures you that they are sufficient in our estimation for us to ask the rescinding of the bonding privileges granted to Canada, even had the Canadians given us real bonding privileges instead of empty promises. If the showing here made is not sufficiently thorough or conclusive to your department, we beg that you will immediately order a full investigation, and that upon being satisfied of the reality of our grievances you will at once take steps to save the American trade of the Yukon, and American shipping to this port, from ruin. If it is not lawful to rescind the bonding privileges granted to Canada, then insist that the Canadian government shall fully reciprocate

every concession granted to it. If the bonding privilege must remain in force, then we must secure from Canada the right to enter our goods at their values in the principal markets of the United States, and the right to carry Canadian goods in bond at this port. Failing to do this, Skagway will soon become nothing but a memory of blasted hopes."

### From Ear Klondike.

The Herald has received a copy of the Daily Klondike Nugget, published at Dawson, Y. T., and advertised by the enterprising publishers, as having a circulation many times larger than that of any paper published between Juneau and the North Pole.

The very modest charge of \$40 a year or 25 cents a copy is asked for the privilege of reading Yukon news, while advertising space costs in proportion. Its editorial page is devoted to local interests. Gold diggings affairs share the space with news of the outer world, generally credited to New York papers. Typographically it is one of the prettiest newspapers we ever saw; it is clean and clear and is a credit to its publishers and the circumstances under which it is issued.

Mention is made of the fact that Ross E. Bryan, formerly of El Paso, has become the father of a fine boy, born June 7, at Dawson City.—El Paso Herald.

### More Horses Coming.

Mr. Schafer yesterday shipped 12 of his horses from the Dyea railroad work to this city. He will bring in the balance of them today and will take a part of them to Dawson and there engage in winter packing.—Alaskan.

### Mistaken Identity.

Mr. S. McKay was a victim on Friday of an unfortunate case of mistaken identity. A lady who had lost a watch saw Mr. McKay on the train and thought he was the man she suspected and called in the police, who detained Mr. McKay a few minutes until the lady was confronted with him and found out her mistake. Mr. McKay and his many friends were at first indignant at the delay caused him in missing the train, but on apologies being made the matter was amicably settled.—Whitehorse Star, Sept. 14.

### Innovation in Theatrical Work.

The Orpheum theater which for some weeks has presented a dark and deserted appearance in marked contrast to the light and life of other days, is undergoing many changes in its appearance and interior arrangements, besides being thoroughly renovated.

A large portion of the front will be occupied by two drug stores, the entrance is to be changed so as to have no connection with the bar, and the whole inside of the theater proper is to be first thoroughly renovated, and afterwards papered or painted. The boxes are all to be decorated, and the stairway leading to them is to be changed. Altogether it is doubtful if the old Orpheum will not be so changed as to be difficult of recognition.

The saloon will be taken by Spitzel and Jones, and it is said, will be one of the handsomest places in town.

A theater without a bar and without gambling will certainly be a great change in such enterprise in Dawson, and one which will be welcomed by many as the beginning of a new era. It is one more evidence of the surprisingly rapid progress the city is making towards the dignity and standing of an age beyond her years.

The Orpheum will be under the management of Mr. Alec Pentages, who, although a young man, is still a veteran manager in Dawson. The house will lose nothing through being under his direction for Alec is popular with the public and has a host of personal friends.

Just when the Orpheum will again throw its doors open to the public is necessarily very largely a matter of speculation at present, as there is much work to be done first. There will be no unnecessary delay, however, and the theatrical people are all ready to make their bows as soon as the building can be got in readiness for them.

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