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EASY TO MAKE A CHOICE.

Clarke has been weighed in the balance and found wanting. Such is the verdict that comes from every portion of the territory where the voters have given time to the consideration of the merits of the two candidates who are now seeking the high office of member of parliament from this territory.

Never, perhaps, in the history of political battles have two men representing such an absolute contrast, contested for the same office. Clarke is no more entitled to be placed in the same category with the Hon. James Hamilton Ross than a rank growth of nettles is to be compared with a garden of rare and luxuriant roses.

In the personality of the first named is to be found a combination of venom and ignorance, tinged with corrupt instincts which contribute to make him a character both to be despised and distrusted.

Clarke's method of manipulating political deals savor of the very worst order of Tammanyism, and if successful would serve to establish in the Yukon a system of bossism based upon the lines followed by the Tweeds and Crokers of New York.

In his private dealings Clarke has never remained true to his agreements, and the fact that he has ruthlessly stabbed and betrayed his best friends is manifested in the position now occupied by every prominent leader in the opposition ranks. Men who have sturdily fought the government for four years past are now either giving loyal support to the candidacy of Gov. Ross or otherwise are holding aloof from the fight, simply because they find it impossible to speak a word for Clarke and maintain an iota of self respect.

Joe's one defender, the News, long ago lost the respect of the people and is incapable of appreciating the meaning of the expression "self respect" which facts serve to explain the present position of that sheet.

Clarke has never displayed ability in any capacity other than that of a cheap demagogue, and the Nugget refuses to believe that the people of the Yukon territory will for a single moment entertain the proposition of entrusting their interests to the care of such a man.

On the other hand, in the person of Gov. Ross, an opportunity is presented to the electorate of securing the services in the house of commons, of a man who meets every requirement of the situation in an admirable manner.

During the time that Mr. Ross has held the position of commissioner of the territory, he has not only displayed singular capacity in dealing with the manifold problems that have come under his supervision, but what is of more importance he has exhibited a spirit of loyalty to the community's interests which has marked him in every essential detail as a man of the people.

Mr. Ross is a man of action—who does things when they need doing, and who never hesitates to strike out from the shoulder when a blow seems necessary. If given authority to represent the Yukon in the house

of parliament, the people will have the satisfaction of knowing that their interests have been given over to the keeping of a man worthy of the charge. And moreover, they will be able to rest in perfect assurance that they have a representative in the commons with power to make himself heard and the ability to present the cause of the Yukon in a manner that will bring results.

With such a choice before them, there is no doubt as to the decision the people will reach. Clarke, the demagogue, may be able to entertain a public meeting with his tirades of abuse and slander, but when confronted with the necessity of selecting a man to care for their most important interests the voters will have no hesitation in selecting Gov. Ross, the tried statesman.

Renewed interest among investors has been awakened in the Klondike during the past summer. Substantial returns therefrom will shortly manifest themselves in the form of increased investments. A point has now been reached where it may positively be asserted that the quartz resources of the territory will be thoroughly exploited and their value demonstrated. The existence of paying quartz is no longer a matter of speculation. It is now a well established fact, of which clear-headed capitalists are preparing to take the utmost advantage.

The promoters of the Klondike Mines Railway Co. evidently mean business. Otherwise they would not have shipped to Dawson the large quantities of rails and other equipment now here. It is unfortunate that the company's intention to construct the road this fall could not be carried to fruition, but in any event it is a source of satisfaction to know that their plans have progressed to a point where there is no longer doubt that the road will be built.

The terrible forest fires now raging in Washington and Oregon have caused a number of deaths already and created an amount of damage which can scarcely be estimated. Washington's greatest resources are contained in her forests of fir and cedar, and the loss of any substantial portion of her great timber reserves would be a bad blow to the prosperity of the state.

The News long ago laid down the theory that the Yukon would be better off without representation than it would be through the selection of the wrong man. Our contemporary need have no worry on that score as the right man in the person of the Hon. James Hamilton Ross is certain to be elected.

The fact as set forth in the Nugget last winter that incorporation would prove an extremely expensive luxury will be forcibly brought to the notice of all taxpayers when the assessment is made for the coming year.

Winter work will be prosecuted on the most important creeks of the district on a very considerable scale. The theory that the Klondike has become a summer camp was long ago abandoned.

Clarke has managed thus far to keep the News in line but the task is manifestly a difficult one. However, it is on the cards that the regulation switch may take place at any moment.

Domestic Service. It is only a question of time when domestic service will be put on a plane with other trades because man shall have so simplified the household that the duties will not vary as they do today in the different homes. With the leisure which is inevitably coming to her, and through her attainment of economic equality with man (who is unconsciously doing so much for her), woman is in a fair way to develop race characteristics which will set the psychologists pondering anew upon her problems, which are not long to be entirely in the home.—Everybody's Magazine.

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EXTENSIVE OPERATIONS

Valuable Placer Ground on the Klondike

Eastern Syndicate is Developing Thirty Claims Below Ogilvie Bridge.

For the past two years a syndicate of Chicago capitalists has been extensively prospecting a large tract of placer ground within a mile of the city and so quietly have their operations been conducted that but few people knew of their existence. Away back in the winter of '97 the Klondike river and valley was staked for placer mining purposes from a point about three hundred feet above the foot-bridge up stream over a mile. The claims were made 200 feet in length and extending across the valley from rim to rim. Nothing was done with the ground that winter and had not Col. Williams, a far-seeing man of wealth and builder of the steamer Clifford Sifton, arrived the following summer, nothing would have been accomplished until the present time.

Accustomed as he had been to handle things on a large scale he at once saw the possibilities of the claims provided they carried only small pay and were worked on a large scale. It was a chance that he resolved on taking though there had never been a hole sunk to bedrock and he did not know whether he was buying a fortune or merely some barren bars. With the idea in view of securing the entire tract he began quietly purchasing the various interests until he had 30 claims lying in a body covering the entire valley from a hundred yards above the Klondike bridge to some distance above the Ogilvie bridge. For assessment purposes the claims were grouped and each succeeding year the work required by the regulations was performed. Last year the development consisted of a number of open cuts, one large one of which may be seen on the left of the government road about one hundred yards above the first grade around the bluff.

This year the work has been much more extensive and has proven conclusively the value of the property. With a complete steam plant and the necessary pumps to keep water out about a dozen holes have been sunk to bedrock in as many different parts of the tract and all with more or less success in locating pay. Bedrock has been found to pitch to the southeast and the further up the river the holes were sunk the deeper the ground was found, the shafts varying in depth from 15 to 26 feet. The last one to be sunk and which is now being completed is on an island abreast the upper end of the grade leading around the bluff. Its location is but a few feet from the water's edge and the constant operation of a large pump was necessary in keeping the water out while the work was being carried on. The holes are all cribbed clear to the bottom. The pay that has been found is all very low grade but it is in sufficient quantity to make its working profitable when handled on a large scale.

Mr. M. C. Orton, a gentleman very well known in Chicago, has been in charge of the work and is very well pleased with the showing that has been made. He considers that sufficient development has been done to determine the manner in which the ground can be worked to the best advantage. Mr. Orton will leave on Wednesday to inspect the working of the Ogilvie bridge on Stewart river which is said to be in ground somewhat similar to that in what has been termed the Williams basin. He will close down work for the season this week and on his return from the Stewart will leave at once for Chicago where he will report for the result of the season's work to the other members of his syndicate. This winter will be determining the nature of the machinery that will be employed and next year will see operations conducted on a large scale. Mr. Orton will probably return to Dawson in the early spring of the ice.

By a Lone Highwayman. Topeka, Kan., Sept. 13.—In the heart of Topeka, from midnight until near morning, a lone highwayman held up and robbed five persons of money and jewels and successfully escaped. One of those robbed was Frank Lewis, the agent of the Union Pacific railway. After fleeing his victims the desperado would fire a shot at their feet and disappear. The entire police force was in pursuit but could locate him in one place only to hear a shot a block away.

Using Red Paint. John Johnson was painting Klondike City red on Sunday evening and became extremely bellicose when the policeman interrupted his amusement, so much so that a hand cart had to be borrowed, on which he was trundled to the barracks. He will be permitted to paint the barracks buildings for the next ten days.

Job printing at Nugget office.

Not in Sight.

Panama, Sept. 13.—For the last three days it has been reported here that Gen. Herrera's revolutionary army was on the isthmus railroad line. A correspondent of the Associated Press went along the road yesterday and found the report to be untrue. It is believed that the revolutionists are between Chorrera and Chame, waiting for the war munitions which the revolutionary gunboat Padilla must have brought to Chorrera yesterday. It is said Herrera lacks arms and ammunition. The railroad line looks deserted, nearly all the natives being in hiding, fearing the approach of Herrera's forces. During the last week some of the natives ran away and joined the revolutionary army.

A government decree published yesterday prohibits Liberals from appearing on the streets.

Gen. Salazar, the governor of Panama, says:

"I have been compelled to take such severe measures for many strong reasons, among which are to prevent Herrera from receiving information from his spies. As I am expecting an attack momentarily, I do not want to repeat the incident of July 24, 1900, to be repeated. On that occasion the Liberals shot at our soldiers from the windows of their houses. I must also prevent the Liberals continually plotting against the government."

A number of cattle arrived here yesterday from Cartagena.

Would Accept. Berlin, Sept. 13.—The foreign office has received from the German embassy at Washington a memorandum of inquiry made by Secretary Hay as to whether it would be agreeable to receive an ambassador in succession to Mr. White, Charlesman Tower, the present United States ambassador, or to St. Petersburg, Bellamy Storck, now United States minister at Madrid, or David J. Hill, assistant secretary of state. The foreign office has instructed the charge d'affaires to say that any one of the three is acceptable. The impression here is that Mr. Tower is the most likely to be appointed.

Submitting a list of names, instead of a single name, is quite outside of diplomatic custom. Usually only one name is proposed. Mr. White returns from Switzerland next week, and will probably remain here until he presents his letters of recall to Emperor William. It is understood that it would be agreeable to Mr. White to conclude his term of office on his seventieth birthday, November 7. His majesty will doubtless receive him in farewell audience that day.

A Battle Fought.

Willemsted, Curacao, Sept. 13.—News from Venezuela is to the effect that the revolutionists have occupied Rio Chico, in the state of Miranda, sixty miles southeast of Caracas and are now marching on La Guayra. A battle also occurred Thursday at Los Teques, about twenty-five miles southwest of Caracas. The revolutionists surprised the town by moonlight, killing sixty men of the government forces and wounding 109 with cutlasses. The wounded later were taken to Caracas.

The report of Gen. Matos alleged offer to turn over the finances of Venezuela to a foreign syndicate in event of the revolutionists being victorious is considered in Venezuela as absurd. It is asserted there that the government spread the report in order to discredit the revolution.

Crushed Under Lumber.

Oakland, Cal., Sept. 13.—Captain William Goulding, of the British vessel Gen. Gordon, was killed today by being crushed under a falling pile of lumber.

His wife, Mrs. Minnie Goulding, and Mrs. May Green, wife of Capt. Charles Green, of the British ship Maunt Stewart, were also caught under the lumber and badly crushed. They were walking between two trains of cars, one train of which was loaded with lumber, when the supporting stakes gave away and the lumber toppled over upon the passers by.

Fails to Agree.

San Francisco, Sept. 13.—The jury engaged in the trial of Walter N. Dimmick, on a charge of having stolen \$30,000 from the United States mint in this city, after having deliberated on its verdict since 12:35 p.m. indicated at 9:45 tonight that it was unable to agree. United States Judge De Haven directed Clerk Manley to enter an order that the marshal provide lodgings for the jurors and return them to the jury room not later than 9 o'clock tomorrow. This is the second trial of Dimmick on this charge. The first occupied twelve days, and the jury disagreed.

Unnatural Crime.

John Thompson, who arrived here from St. Michael on the last trip of the Isom, was committed for trial this morning for committing an unnatural offense in the rear of the Green Tree saloon. All the defense made was that he was too drunk to know what he was about at the time.

Fringe of Winter.

There were two degrees of frost last night to tell of the approach of winter, and all the sidewalks were white with rime glistening in the bright sunshine. The mean temperature was 39 above, which by ten o'clock this morning had risen to 35 above.

PROTEST ALLOWED

Dispute Over Boundary Line is Heard

Adjoining Claim Owners on Last Chance Pup Adjust Differences in Court.

Gold Commissioner Senkler this morning rendered a decision in the case of Alonzo H. Griffin and N. A. James vs. D. E. Macfarlane, the ground involved in the dispute being claims 2 and 3 on a tributary that enters Last Chance on the left limit of No. 8 above. The protest was over a survey made by the defendant's claim which the plaintiffs allege encroaches upon their ground to the extent of 63 feet. The decision is as follows:

"The defendant's claim, No. 2 on a tributary on the left limit of Last Chance at No. 8 above discovery, was staked by Wm. Maddin on January 1st, and recorded January 9th, 1899. The plaintiffs' claim was staked on January 7th, and recorded January 9th, 1899. In November, 1900, a survey of claim No. 2 was made and advertised, and this protest was brought by the owners of claim No. 3 on the ground that said survey encroached on their claim 62.55 feet.

"It appears that Maddin staked before Hintz on January 21st, and Hintz in staking, went with one Currie, who staked No. 4. They commenced staking at the post standing on the line between their two claims, and Hintz went down stream to put in his No. 2 post, Currie going up stream.

"The first question is the original position of Mr. Maddin's upper post. The plaintiffs contend that this post was 191 feet up stream from claim No. 1, and taking the evidence brought by the plaintiffs into consideration with that of Mr. Barwell, who was called for the defense, I find that Mr. Maddin's upper post, was originally placed at a point 197 feet up stream from the upper line of claim No. 1, and that in replacing his stake in the spring of 1900 Mr. Maddin put it too far up stream.

"The next point is the original position of Hintz's lower post, and on this post I have more difficulty in coming to a satisfactory conclusion, and it is important, as the plaintiffs would have no cause of action unless their location included that portion of the Cote survey that they are attacking. Although the witness Currie was with Hintz when he staked, he can give us practically no information as to the position of Hintz's lower post with relation to Maddin's claim. And the defendant relies on the evidence of Barwell and Dolan to show that a fraction existed between claims Nos. 2 and 3. They both say they saw Hintz's two stakes farther up stream, leaving a fraction of 200 feet, but they differ as to what kind of stakes they were. Griffin and Brownhill state they saw Hintz's lower stake close to Maddin's upper stake, and I have come to the conclusion that I must accept their evidence on this point, chiefly from the fact that representation work was done by one Kerber on behalf of the owners of No. 3, in the early winter and spring of 1899, at a point about eight feet above the position of Maddin's upper post as claimed by the plaintiffs.

"Mr. Cote's plan of No. 2 must be amended so as not to include the upper 53 feet of the claim as surveyed by him. The protest is allowed with costs."

Birthday Party.

On Saturday evening a birthday party gathered to celebrate the eighth birthday of Edward Davis, son of H. C. Davis. The afternoon was spent in different games, and later on lunch was served. The table was lit up with eight candles which showed each happy little face. Among them were noticed Lillian Mangold, Marie Taylor, Marion Cameron, Henrietta Taylor, Bob Crawford, Richie Cameron, Joe Farr, Orvel Mangold, Charlie Roediger, Paul and Walter Englebrecht, Roden Davis and Edward Davis. Edward was the recipient of many pretty gifts.

Tax Scandal.

Chicago, Sept. 13.—The development in the Masonic Temple tax fixing scandal today was a petition filed in the circuit court for an injunction restraining the county treasurer and the sheriff from selling the twenty-two-story office building for the unpaid taxes of 1901, amounting to over \$26,000. The bill sets up that the taxes were regularly paid, and that the association has the receipt. The receipt in question is the one alleged to have been forged with a view to the association escaping its taxes, and for the alleged utterance of which Capt. Edward Williams, manager of the association, and three others were recently indicted by the grand jury. The bill also states that the entry of "paid" that was said to have been forged in the county treasurer's tax warrant book of the Masonic Temple, was erased without warrant of law.

Infant Murdered

San Francisco, Sept. 13.—The murder of an infant child was reported to the police today by the matron of a foundling home on Golden Gate avenue. A stylish carriage drove up to the home last night and a well dressed man hurriedly ran to a cradle, which is left under the front stairs of the home, and deposited therein the child, which was found a few minutes later by the matron, who was alarmed by the electric signal attached to the cradle. Hurrying back to the carriage, which also contained a woman, the coachman lashed his horses furiously and drove away. An investigation showed that the babe had been terribly choked, and that its little body had been swathed in clothes saturated with gas and carbolic acid. The little one lived but a short time.

The police have a good description of the carriage and the man in the carriage and are working on the theory that the parents are above the ordinary station in life.

Logan Pleaded an Alibi

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 13.—The trial of Harvey Logan, the alleged Montana train robber, was called in the federal court here today, but the defense made the plea that the indictments against Logan are defective, and court was adjourned until Monday, when arguments will be heard. In affidavits presented to the court, Logan claims to have been in France when the express robbery was committed, in July, 1891, and claims he can get witnesses to prove his contention.

Three Killed

Denver, Sept. 13.—Santa Fe passenger train No. 608, known as the newspaper train, which left Denver this morning at 3:50, bound for Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Chicago and St. Louis, collided with a freight train at Struby, a small station several miles south of Littleton, and three members of the passenger train crew were killed and another fatally injured. Some of the passengers were badly shaken up and bruised, but so far as known none was killed or seriously injured.

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