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## TIME WILL BE SAVED.

From all reports the cat was rather allowed to escape from the bag at the meeting of the board of revision last night. The only logical sequence to the situation now is to leave the entire matter of taxation in statu quo until after the election, which will occur within a very few weeks. When two representatives are elected to serve on the council a taxation ordinance may be passed which the people will accept and of the legality of which there can be no doubt. Last night's session will serve only to increase the prevailing impression that an unnecessary amount of haste has attended the matter.

Persistence on the part of the council in its determination to press the tax levy means undoubtedly resort to litigation which will postpone the day when taxes are actually collected far beyond what is necessary. It is undoubtedly irritating to the council to think that there are people in Dawson with sufficient temerity to make serious objections to the council's legislative enactments, but on the other hand it may be said that it is equally irritating to the people to see themselves taxed by a small body of men whose boast is that they are irresponsible as regards the wishes of those whom they are called upon to govern. And that irritation is not decreased in any respect by the fact that the legal status of the council's latest effort is shrouded in much doubt.

Litigation is always expensive and very much of an annoyance to all parties concerned, in view of which fact it is to be hoped that the council will see its way clear to allow matters to rest until an ordinance can be framed by the full council including the elective members. We think it perfectly safe to say that time will be saved in the long run by such action.

## WE HOPE IT WILL PROVE TRUE.

With good roads established, the royalty removed and ground now closed thrown open for location to every prospector who desires to follow his calling there can be no doubt that the Klondike country will advance on the highway to prosperity with a series of leaps and bounds. Mr. Sifton's recent telegram certainly holds out a rainbow of promise which we should rejoice to see develop into a living actuality. Events are certainly swinging around to a point where the government must show its hand and declare itself with reference to its future attitude toward this country. What we desire to see, however, is remedial action taken before the coming election. Such action would be some evidence of sincerity on Mr. Sifton's part which is certainly lacking in the bare terms of his recent manifesto. Everything is promised as has been promised a hundred times over, but nothing is as yet done.

We shall be pleased to attribute to the minister of the interior all the virtues which our two local contemporaries are now enthusiastically claiming for him, when he does something to merit the same. But as long as his actions are confined to promises to be realized in the dim and distant future we must be excused if we refrain from joining in the chorus which is being raised in his honor.

When it comes to a question of favors for this territory at the hands of the minister of the interior we confess that

we want to see the thing down in black and white before we spend much time in the preparation of hymns of gratitude.

We earnestly hope that every sentence of Mr. Sifton's telegram carries with it a forecast of what will soon become a fact, but meanwhile we see no reason for any spasms of enthusiasm and thanksgiving.

The Chinese as a nation possess wonderful talents when it comes to spreading deceitful and misleading rumors. There have been as many stories told of the fate of the foreign ministers in Peking as have been circulated in Dawson regarding the removal of the royalty, and just about as much is known of the one as of the other.

Not far from Jackson, Nebraska, and Elk Point, South Dakota, the maps show a horseshoe bend in the Missouri river, known as Brugher's bend. The farmers on the South Dakota side of the bend have long held that the floods which frequently injured their property could be prevented by cutting a channel across the neck and straightening out the course of the river. A few days ago an armed band of 32 Dakotans crossed the river and actually dug a trench across the neck, thus making dry land of the bend—and adding the region within the twenty-five mile sweep to the state of South Dakota, as the meander line of the river is the interstate boundary. When the sheriff of Dakota county, Nebraska, learned of the work of the South Dakota farmers, he sent a posse to the scene, but the deputies arrived too late, for the intruders had gone and their work had been completed. The river is rapidly widening the channel across the neck.—Skagway News.

## Franklin Set It Up.

The North American Notes and Queries says the first printing press in Montreal was set up by Benjamin Franklin in 1775, in order to print manifestos appealing to the Canadians to cast their lot with the colonies farther south. The press was not long in operation, and was removed to the United States, but the vault in which it was set up is still standing. It is in the Chateau de Ramezay, a quaint old building whose history is contemporary with that of the city, and which is carefully preserved as a relic of the French regime in New France. Franklin's idea from the first was to include Canada in the confederation, and he wished to include Ireland as well. His journey to Canada later, however, convinced him that there was no possibility of the Canadian possessions joining in the revolt.

## Cricket vs. Baseball.

Life is more strenuous in America than in England, and this is shown in the sports of the two nations. Take the game of football as an illustration. In the American college game the tackling is lower, harder and surer than in the English game. The backs hit the line as one man, like a battering ram. Every yard gained or lost is of great importance. Year by year the game grows more complicated, more fierce, and more perfect mechanically. It is getting to be like a fine piece of machinery in the harmony of the several parts. In England they play the game more loosely, much as their fathers did before them. Cricket and baseball are the national games of the respective countries, and nowhere do national characteristics appear more in evidence. Cricket is an all day, leisurely, social event; baseball is an hour of wild excitement. The English game cultivates the amenities of life, and courtesy is a canon of the game. Baseball keeps the nerves too near the edge to leave much room for the interchange of fellowship and good will toward the opposing team.—Self Culture.

## Another Yukon Railroad.

Some days ago the Nugget contained a telegram from Sterling, Colorado, regarding a new railroad scheme which is backed by the C. B. & Q. Co., but as the news was somewhat indistinct and vague, the following full report from an exchange is reproduced:

The promise of another transportation factor in the Pacific-Yukon trade has lately appeared in the way of the filing of certain articles in the states by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, ranking among the most wealthy and greatest of railroad systems of the world. The news in regard to the matter was received in Denver, Colo., July 23, in a special to the Republican from Sterling, Colo., which says: "From action taken in this city today it appears that the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad contemplates entering the railroad field of Alaska. February last, articles of incorporation were filed with the county clerk of this county for a rail-

road from this city to Akron, Colo., to be known as the Akron, Sterling & Northern. These papers bore the signatures of officials of the Burlington.

"Today an amendment to these articles was filed permitting the building of a line from the head of Valdez bay in Alaska to Keystone canyon, thence through Dutch valley to Thompson pass."

It is not known at what point the railroad proposed in the foregoing is intended to terminate, but it is presumed it will be somewhere on the Yukon, and likely near the new town of Eagle, not far from where the boundary between Alaska and Canada crosses the Yukon river. Some speculation has already been entered upon here as to what effect the construction of such a road would have on the present trade conditions with the Klondike and that of the American camps on the lower Yukon. Some expression has been made that probably it would effect the trade on the American side considerably, but not to such a great extent in the Klondike, because of the duty that would be imposed at Fort Cudahy on the goods should they be taken over the boundary.

## Fates Foretold.

Upon the death of the empress of Austria European papers recalled the sad fate that has also befallen her two sisters. The Herald of St. Petersburg tells us that these sisters, the Duchess of Alencon and Queen Marie of Naples, once consulted a noted fortune teller, who told the Princess Marie that she would be a queen, that she would be deceived and have a disastrous rule and lose her crown, that she would show great courage and energy, but that she must look out for the "hommes rogues." If one recalls the victory of Garibaldi and his "red men" over the king of Naples, one must admit that she guessed "true" on this occasion. To the Princess Sophie she said: "You will not reach middle life. You need not fear water, but keep yourself from another element—fire." The princess became the Duchess of Alencon and was burned in the fire of the charity bazaar in Paris. When her sister, Marie, once queen of Naples, was searching in the ruins of the bazaar for the body of her sister, she recalled to those assisting her the warning of the gipsy.

## A Splendid Collection.

E. F. Botsford, managing director of the Ladue Company, has gathered one of the finest collections of Indian curios in the country. They are to be seen at his company's store and consist of articles illustrating the implements and customs of the Yukon Indian from St. Michael, Alaska, to Fort Selkirk, N. W. T.

Among the collection is a model of the bidarkas used by the Esquimaux on the coast and made from the skin of the walrus; this takes the place of the birch canoes used on the upper river and models of which are also to be seen in the collection. There are also copper tipped arrows, with bone head piece, harpoons, spears and ancient war implements, all with different characteristics, denoting by their peculiar construction the locality from which they come. A salmon skin parkey came from the lower river and models of ingenious fish traps are to be seen from the inland waters. Some splendid ivory from the walrus and immense mastodon tusks are in the collection; also birch baskets in different shapes and sizes. A remarkable curio is a blanket made by a Chilkat Indian squaw, 4x6 feet in size and which took 10 years to complete. It is from the fleece of the mountain goat.

Mr. Botsford will take the collection with him to New York. He leaves for the outside next month.

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