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TO EXTEND MAIL SERVICE.

Energetic action has been taken in Seattle and other outside cities to secure from the American government a more extensive mail service for the Yukon country, not only as regards mail destined for Dawson, but for the lower Yukon as well. The Seattle Chamber of Commerce, one of the most active organizations of business men on the coast, has sent a memorial to the postal authorities covering the situation, and the Seattle newspapers, the Post-Intelligencer in particular, have done good work in presenting the facts in the strongest possible light.

No criticism is attached to the efficiency with which the mail has been handled during the present winter, the fact being, on the contrary, that much credit is given the contractors for the excellent service which they have furnished.

The government is asked to make such arrangements as will guarantee the delivery of second class matter, such as newspapers and magazines. As a matter of fact, more or less of such mail has been brought in all winter long, but, as the contract has only called for the delivery of a specific number of pounds, the amount of such matter brought in has necessarily been small.

In order that the service should be so extended, an arrangement will have to be made with the Canadian government and a substantial increase given the mail contractors in the sum now called for by the contract.

The American postal authorities have the matter under consideration, and will probably make the desired concessions before navigation closes this year. Meanwhile, during the open season, while the mails are carried on the boats, all classes of mail matter will be handled.

Elihu Root, who succeeded Russell A. Alger as secretary of war for the United States, is making a splendid record in conducting the affairs of his office. During Alger's administration Gen. Miles, commander of the army, was studiously snubbed by the secretary, and in consequence there was constant friction and trouble in the department. Root, who combines the qualities of a diplomat with wonderful administrative ability, has straightened out all of Alger's tangles, and the business of the war department is now handled like clock work. By some authorities the position of secretary of war is now classed as being higher even than that of secretary of state, since the administration of all of Uncle Sam's newly acquired territory is conducted through the war department. McKinley seems to have been very happy in choosing the present secretary.

The government organ, in speaking of the rush into the Klondike during the spring of '98 and the demand now being made for representation, has the following to say: "Of this [rush] about 75 per cent or more was of foreign birth. Would it do to

enfranchise a mob which had suddenly rushed in here for gold? We wouldn't like to accuse the Sun of plagiarism, but the above lines bear a very striking resemblance to an extract from a Boer newspaper which we recently saw. You had better be a little careful, captain, about using Kruger arguments. You may yet be accused of publishing a Boer organ.

More people have been afflicted with the idea that there is a fortune in bringing meat into Dawson than have been attacked by any other Klondike disease. There is meat in Dawson for months to come, and still the never-ending procession moves on. Today the dispatches state that 300 sheep and another drove of cattle will soon be en route, and these are probably only the vanguard of what will come at the opening of navigation. Without doubt, there have been considerable sums of money lost in the meat business, but it has resulted in bringing the price of meat down within the reach of nearly everyone.

Indications of a change of heart on the part of Minister Sifton, with reference to the Yukon Territory, seem to grow with the approach of the general elections, which, it is now said, will take place in June, or immediately after the adjournment of parliament, should the session outlast that month. No matter what motives—whether political or otherwise—may induce Mr. Sifton to act, we shall be very glad to receive the news that the royalty will be declared off or, at least, substantially reduced. Repentance is always better late than never.

Easter Sunday will be generally observed by the Dawson churches, special programs now being in preparation for that day. Not the least important feature of the day will be the number and variety of real, genuine Easter bonnets, which the Nugget has been assured will be seen. It will not be long until we begin to believe that we are living in a strictly up-to-date, civilized country.

The citizens' committee has a useful career before it, if harmony and unity of action prevail in directing its movements. The work of the committee is by no means finished. In fact, it has only begun. It is to be hoped that the committee will act as one man in devising the best ways and means for accomplishing the objects for which it was appointed.

The coroner's jury, in returning its verdict yesterday, devoted more space to the local press than it did to the cause of the dead man's demise. If the ideas of a great many people were followed out, the term newspaper would cease to have any significance.

Hands Itself a Bouquet.

Evidently the Victoria papers are in dispute regarding their respective popularity in Dawson. In a late issue of the Times that paper hands itself a bouquet thuswise:

"For the benefit of certain contemporaries which have been making the most extravagant claims as to their circulation in Dawson City and rather bombastic allusions to the extraordinary efforts they were making to supply their subscribers up there, with the news ahead of all rivals, we publish below a part of a very interesting letter from a well known gentleman now resident in the northern city. We might also remark in passing that this contains a very complete answer to the complaints of political satellites of Sir Charles Tupper that the mail service to the Yukon country is unsatisfactory. The gentleman mentioned says: "Today, February 11th, I received

the Times of the 19th and 26th of January, and the latest Colonist (or any other papers) on sale are of the 17th January.

"I have no kick coming on the paper question, as I have always received the Times very regularly, and although I am on the other side of the fence as to politics, still the Times always has more war news than any of the other papers.

"A celebrated character in Dawson, Col. Veil, of Cripple Creek, Colorado, paid the Times a very nice compliment a few days since. I had loaned him my paper, and after reading it all through he gave it as his opinion that the Times is a much better paper than the Toronto Globe."

A Question for Diplomats.

Willie Winkle, of Moss avenue, came into his home last Saturday, says the Peoria Trade and Labor Gazette, and broke loose as follows:

"Say, Paw, what're we fightin' the Filipinos for, anyhow?"

"Why, my son, we wish to conquer them in order to bring them under the flag of this great and free country and to civilize them and teach them the true religion—to save them, body and soul."

"Well, but say, Paw, when we came to this country in 1492, who owned it?"

"The Indians, my son?"

"How did we get it?"

"By conquest."

"Did we civilize the Indians, Paw?"

"N—no."

"Did we buy their land?"

"Oh, no, we acquired it by conquest, as I said."

"Did the Indians have any penitentiaries, gambling houses, jails, brothels, strikes, trusts, opium joints, bunco steers, mortgages or insane asylums, paw?"

"No, I guess not."

"We've got 'em, ain't we, paw?"

"Well—er—yes, my son, but you see—"

"Say, paw, if I go to O. J. Baily's with a shotgun and kill him and his family and acquire his farm by conquest, is it mine?"

"Not by a darn sight. Say, young man, you go out and weed onions for about four hours—you're getting too smart!"

More Outfits Arrive

During the four hours previous to 6 o'clock yesterday evening 28 men with an equal number of horses which were drawing 42 sleds arrived in the city from up the river. The outfits were owned by a dozen or more different parties and consisted of nearly everything that can be either eaten or worn. The arrival of this large and varied consignment will no doubt result in the opening of a number of additional small stores, shops and stands for the reason that those now in business in the various lines are so well stocked that the state of trade does not justify further purchases and the newcomer is practically forced to open a place of business from which to retail his goods of whatsoever nature they may be. Many more speculators are reported on the river, a number of whom are hauling their sleds with oxen which they expect to convert into beef upon their arrival.

Would Be a Winner.

If some of the many who will ship establish to Dawson in the early summer would switch their ideas from meat, potatoes and canned goods to wagons they would make more money than they will lose on the other shipments. An old time teamster and freighter in Dawson asserts that there is at present a market here for fully 50 farm or freighting wagons. Hundreds of horses and mules have arrived lately fully equipped with harness and sleds, but now that the snow is gone the sleds are obsolete for the season and there are no wagons procurable with which to continue the use of the many teams and for all of which there is an abundance of work.

The man or company that delivers the first cargo of wagons in Dawson in 1900 will realize handsomely on the business venture.

Short orders served right. The Holborn.

Same old price, 25 cents, for drinks at the Regina.

Electric lights in all the rooms at the Fairview.

Another Dollar Dinner.

At the Yukon hotel restaurant; turkey dinner \$1, Sunday, April 1, from 5 to 8 p. m. J. E. Booge, manager. c31

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Transfers by Steamers Across Lake Bennett Until the Connecting Link Around the Lake is Completed.

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FIRST BOAT FOR NOME

STEAMER MERWIN is now in Winter quarters at Dawson, and will be ready to leave on opening of navigation, sailing direct to Nome, without delay or transfer at St. Michael. Tickets and berths can now be secured at

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