

# Stroller's Column.

Miss Dora, your letter fresh from the land of the magnolia and the red bug was eagerly perused by the Stroller who is well acquainted in Mississippi all the way from Natchez to Paschristian, but he can not recall Duck Hill. Perhaps both it and you, Dora, have sprung into existence since the Stroller was there.

The one thing about your letter, Dora, that the Stroller does not like and that is that it was written on the Fourth of July when, instead of having your mind centered on such common place, household objects as cats, you should have been in the county seat town with a copy of Old Glory in one hand, a red balloon in the other and been listening attentively while some young lawyer, who wore a Prince Albert coat ostensibly to look learned but really to conceal the dilapidation of his trousers, jerked every tail feather out of the proud bird of freedom.

The fact that you were at home writing letters about cats on the Fourth of July, Dora, leads the Stroller to conclude that you are either mercenary or that the boys pass you up. As this is your own case you are not asked to plead to the charge.

It looks, Dora, as if the Winona Times is not a wholly reliable paper. The chances are 19 to 1 that the same paper contained an account of a nigger lynching or of two sons of the most highly respectable families of Winona, Natchez, Jackson, Meridian or some other Mississippi town going out during the sermon and fighting a duel behind the church.

Dora, if you would confine your reading to the Wesleyan Christian Advocate, the War Cry and Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress, you would not see any mis-statements about the "North Yukon Territory" being in the throes of a cat famine. According to recent legislation there are too many cats here already for the good of the miners on the creeks when they come to town to attend the weekly meetings of the Y. P. S. C. E. or the Epworth League.

Besides, Dora, the city council has already dispatched a ship to the Island of Maltese for a cargo of cats. The scheme is to get them here and then make people pay license for keeping them.

However, Dora, in order that your letter may not have been written in vain, you may ship the Stroller one T. cat C. O. D. On second thought, you had better ship two so that the one that arrives will have something to eat on the way. It will be a case of the survival of the fittest.

In the meantime should either Postmaster Hartman or the Stroller notice any advance in the cat market, you will be immediately notified.

But at the present time, Dora, the very best grade, first family of Virginia, three star Hennessey cats, can be had for carrying them home.

To City Alderman:

Your letter received and contents noted. You hit the bull's eye when you say the city council is playing shishew to the main tent with a big he man for the bearded lady and a Mexican greaser with feathers in his hat for a Modoc chief.

Your question as to how you can possibly have the monumental nerve to accept your salary on what you are doing for the town is a nut with a wrought iron shell. The Stroller has lain awake two nights trying to find an answer to it but he now slides his cards under the pack and drops out.

But say, Ald! You lived a long time as a private citizen before you became a city pillar with nothing resting on it and the old rank is still open to you to drop back into, and if you wish to gain the plaudits of the people, you will lose no time in dropping.

You see the dark nights draw on apace and as your meetings will not be worth the cost of the required light (in addition to your salaries) you had better, instead of sticking your chewing gum under your chair, take it home with you from the next meeting and call it off. If the Yukon council wants to run things, what do you care. You have Third avenue in good shape even if the Stroller's street has begun again to gape at the seams and ravel on the edges. You get out the way and he will refer his troubles to the main squeeze, the Yukon council.

You are right when you say that

me and while he is dancing Spanish minuets with the Digger maidens or with those of the Puyallup, Stillaguamish, Squak, Muckelto and Kilkita tribes I will be here weeping and howling alone. Already I feel the breath of autumn toying with my vertebra. What will it be like by Christmas? Answer me that! All I can do is wail and by the time navigation closes next year the once proud wife of Chief Isaac will be known from Tagish to St. Michael as the brown-skinned wailer of Moosehide.

Taking a fresh hitch with the clothespin the Stroller again sought to comfort the weeping chieftainess but she told him nay, nay. Then after stifling a sob that started from afar she said:

"When I am wrapped in my last caribou skin who will weep over my grave? Will the chief who is now probably reclining in a hammock while some Sinnamish Flat squaw digs clams for him, be here to do it? Skacely. If the grave of Mary Bowlegs is wept over, the brine will come from the starving papposes of her tribe to whom she has been kind during her long and exemplary life, although at times her voice has not been so mellow nor her racket so

THE STROLLER VISITS THE CHIEFS WIFE DURING HIS ABSENCE



the face of the picture, "is the man whom I have been a true squaw village has been visited by office and soft-eyed dudes and yet never remained the apple of my eye in an evil hour white men per him to travel. He went. Did he, Mary Bowlegs, to accom him? I trow not. You say paper says he is coming back better. He will never come I see in his face in that picture a look that shows me but to the man for whom she has been doctored young for thirty snows. Some squaw husband claims on the half and peddle bull to him with her and he will stay there. Mary will be forgotten. I have satisfaction of knowing that can not go to congress because not a citizen, not yet having out his second papers."

The Stroller took a clothespin with spring in it from his pocket, he in his nose and essayed to comfort the absent chief's wife but she would not go. Continuing she said:

"I see the white man persuaded me to take this long journey he said when the boss takes a carload to Chicago. His heart to open as a prospect hole could trust him among the leading accidents of our tribe and you yourself that some of them are ultra."

"I see a chew of hard-pressed navy let me hear real soon, and I will send the cats.

I remain,

MISS DORA LOTT.

July 4, 1902.

Postmaster North Yukon Territory.

Kind Sir,—As I noticed in the Winona Times where rats and mice was very bad in that part of the world and that the people were offering \$25 each for cats—of course I don't know how true it is—so please let me hear real soon, and I will send the cats.

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### YUKONS VS. DAWSONS

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Hot Baseball Played Last Night

### Youngsters Gave Heavy Men a Hard Fight But Suffer Defeat.

One of the hottest games of baseball that have been played during the season took place last night at the barracks grounds between the Yukons and Dawson teams, in which the former went down to gallant defeat.

The reputation which the youngsters who compose the first named team have made by their fine playing in previous games brought out a good crowd to witness the game. The Yukons made a gallant struggle to retain their hard-earned laurels and in certain respects, particularly in field work, outdid their opponents badly. In the third inning the boys piled up five tallies and in the fourth came up with four more but after that they gradually went down the line.

Long the pitcher did fine work for the first half of the game but weakened toward the last. Forest as catcher was right behind the bat and few balls went by him. In the field Latimer's work was particularly good.

The Dawson team was made up of picked men of the town and was much heavier than the other. Old time players like Russel, Frew & McFate lined up in the team and altogether made a most formidable combination. Brazer who pitched the last half contributed largely to the boys' defeat. The game was exciting throughout, though errors were numerous on both sides. The score was 19 to 23 in favor of the Dawsons.

The line-up was as follows:

Yukons—Hickey 2b, James ss, Hunt 1b, Whittemore 3b, Steinkamp cf, Latimer lf, Gray cf, Long p, Forest c.

Dawsons—Russel 2b, Boyer ss, Traube lf, Winters 1b, Paggi cf, Frew p, Brazer 3b, King rf, McFate c.

Dawsons 23, Yukons 19.

### Young Wardner Drowned

Seattle, July 25.—The body of Edward C. H. Wardner, who was

### Position Unchanged.

Washington, July 14.—It was learned here today that the reply of Secretary Root to the dispatch of Gov. Taft has already been cabled to Rome. It is in the nature of instructions as to what rejoinder shall be made to the vatican in answer to its first general reply to Gov. Taft. These instructions to Gov. Taft were deemed of such importance that submission to the president was deemed desirable.

The position of the United States is unchanged, and the instructions of Secretary Root, issued before Gov. Taft went to Rome, are adhered to in every essential. The important point of these instructions was that the friars should be withdrawn, and upon this question the administration remains firm. The rejoinder is a diplomatic document, and couched in such language that there will be a continuance of the negotiation.

### Work of Civil Service

Washington, July 14.—The report of Chief Examiner A. R. Serven, of the civil service commission, for the year 1901, has just been made public. Mr. Serven urges an increase of the facilities of the commission, and says:

"During the past five or six years the number of appointments through examination has increased from about 4,000 to more than 10,000 per annum and the number of classified positions from a little over 30,000 to about 100,000, and yet no additional employees have been provided by congress to assist in meeting the demands upon the chief examiner's office, occasioned by this enormous increase in the classified service."

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Resigns From Bench  
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