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CONFIDENCE RENEWED

The best of evidence is being brought forward almost daily to indicate that capital and particularly American capital is ready for mining investments in this district. The experimental era in handling frozen gravel has practically passed and placer mining in this territory has been reduced to a scientific business basis.

During the six years that have elapsed since the original discovery on Bonanza creek was announced, methods of mining have undergone a total revolution. The problems involved in successfully developing properties under the peculiar conditions which prevail in this territory were new and complex.

How best to go about the task of developing low grade ground in order to realize a profit on the required investment has been the great problem that the mining industry has been faced to confront and the best evidence that it has been successfully solved is found in the vast mountains of dirt that have been hoisted during the past winter in localities which three years ago were pronounced worthless.

For the future, bona fide Klondike propositions must command respect because they will be backed by dividends earned and paid. Already there are a number of companies which have made splendid returns on the money invested and there will be others steadily added to the list.

Cost of transportation, supplies, machinery, labor, etc., have been substantially reduced which together with the vast improvements in methods noted above have immeasurably extended the scope of profitable mining operations. Outside financial centres are already beginning to realize the importance of the altered conditions and a feeling of revived confidence in the Klondike is the result.

RAILWAY CONNECTION.

The Sun observes that the way to secure direct railroad communication with the outside world is to address a petition to the Grand Trunk company. As usual the Sun is merely absurd. The Grand Trunk is before parliament with a scheme for a Pacific railway. As part of the plan a grant of lands adjoining the route of the proposed road is sought. To secure this grant the Grand Trunk would very likely accede to any reasonable condition the government might impose.

If the construction of a Yukon branch were made one of the stipulations the promoters of the road would undoubtedly agree to it.

But unless the government proposes the matter it is not to be anticipated that the Grand Trunk will regard it seriously.

A petition to the railroad promot-

ers would be so much effort wasted. It would be a very different matter should the suggestion emanate direct from the government from which the charter is sought.

President Roosevelt understands the full value of theatrics. While the eyes of 80,000,000 people are following him in his journeyings toward the west, he coolly makes up his mind to disappear for a matter of a fortnight in the fastness of Yellowstone Park. When he again comes on the scene of action he will be hailed once more with the plaudits of the multitude who dearly love the dramatic strain that appears throughout the president's make up. Considering the fact that he is an "accident" president, Roosevelt has won a place in the popular heart that is the wonder of his friends and the cause of an immense amount of concern to his enemies.

The exact status of the Treadgold concession with reference to the act of parliament making provision for the adoption or rejection of orders in council, has not as yet been determined—at least no information in connection with the matter has been received in Dawson. An important point is involved and as two directly opposed opinions have been expressed it would be well to have the matter passed upon by some authoritative source. The board of trade might communicate with Mr. Ross on the subject and have the point at issue definitely determined.

No injury ever befalls the mining interests of the district without a reactionary effect being experienced by every commercial and business house in Dawson. Every effort therefore to effect a clash or stir up enmity between the two is decidedly harmful no matter from what standpoint it may be viewed.

A newspaper which endangers an important public movement for the mere sake of venting personal spleen must be regarded as a foe to the community. It is about time for the Sun to discover a brand new strike somewhere in the Rocky mountains. The cheapest and most pleasurable amusement to be found in Dawson today is a genuine sun bath.

Chinese Outbreak. Peking, March 12.—Inquiries received at the legations here from foreign governments indicate that greater importance is attached abroad to the disturbances in China than the most competent observers here think the outlook warrants. The foreigners are entirely confident of the ability and disposition of Yuan Shi Kai, the governor of Chih-li province, to suppress the occasional Boxer demonstrators in Chih-li. Of the other revolts, the Canton movement is now alone considered serious. Lung Lu, the first grand secretary, is critically ill of dropsy. His death probably would promote Prince Ching, president of the foreign office, to the head of the government.

A man wakes up at early morn and feels a watery chill. He says, "I'll wear a heavy garb that I may not be ill."

And then he wails because in such a sultry atmosphere he is not wearing gauze. And then he changes, and anon there comes a biting breeze, and all his limbs are shivering like the limbs upon the trees.

Alack, when men are civilized what constant woes befall! I'd rather dwell in Fiji land and wear no clothes at all!

Job Printing at Nugget office.

Stroller's Column.

It has become one of the regularly established duties of the Stroller of abattoirs. All scraps until when this residue is thrown into the multiple arithmetical process will determine the approximate amount of gold in the claim.

The claim represents a government safe deposit in which the claim owner has on deposit a certain amount of gold as security. Whenever he wants money he simply goes to the government and draws as much currency as he requires, the gold in his claim standing as a guarantee of redemption.

The bills issued by the government instead of promising payment direct, would simply authorize the holder to extract so much gold from such and such claim. Everyone would prefer having the bills to the gold and, therefore, no one would ever think of taking the trouble to dig for the security.

Now you can see what the practical working of this scheme would be. I estimate that there is easily one billion dollars worth of gold still left in this immediate district. By adopting my plan that amount of money would be thrown into circulation in Dawson almost immediately and everyone in town would become wealthy in a day.

I shall lay the scheme before the government and if they don't take it up—just watch the opposition. Did you say have a drink? Why certainly.

The pay-out at Willow creek was due July 1st at half-past two. There was the laborers that was on the roll. And the farmers that came to get their toll. For the damage the passing trains had done.

All were promptly there to get their pay. In such cases none forgets the day. And the train on time to the station rolled. With its treasure of bank notes, silver and gold.

And proceeded at once to take the names. And to test the merits of the different claims. The clerk was a dapper and stylish chap.

Smart as a whip with a ringling snap. He picked a flaw in every claim—Told the farmers to their carelessness was due the blame.

And point by point he did dispute. To the amount of damage done each brute. He reduced Bill Jones's claim by halves. On the price of his yellow and brindal calves.

Why the pesky thing deserved a flogging. Did you ever see such a dog on dog? There was one farmer lean grizzled and lank who loomed over the crowd in second rank.

Over those before him to the clerk he did sing. Have you got me down there for anything? The clerk—him, a glance like a dagger threw.

He roared at the rancher who in a—) \$20.00? Those not over-awed began to sneeze. And suggested that the lank one get for the liquor.

If you on my gullet your grip will slack. Alright says Rufus, get upon your feet. And this answer proper thus verbatim repeat.

Mr. Rufus McMullen of Willow-creek With respect and reverence the name I speak. As the representative of the great U. P.

Whose interest here now is personated by me. We find to your credit ten dollars due.

Which does us an honor to pay to you. It's the price of a hog of the Berkshire breed. We unavoidably killed it, but deplore the deed.

Henceforth of your stock we will take more care. Here Rufus McMullen have a cigar. All this verbatim was said and done.

While the crowd immensely enjoyed the fun. Then the clerk from Rufus' grasp was released. And he ambled away like a lamb that was just fleeced.

Then Rufus unassuming the cigar then lit. And at leisure prepared for his own exit. And as he turned to go away He to the laughing crowd did say.

That chap thought he was gal-darn-ed swift. Throwing his right hand back over his shoulder. Indicating the clerk with his bony thumb.

He of late from an eastern college come. He understands books and all that sort. And of better men he would make sport.

He's proud of the fact that he passed through college. But he ain't got much of practical knowledge. He swallowed the dictionary and has knowledge by rule.

Which inflames the conceit of an egotist. He bought the essays and lectures on which he did pass. And reads his diploma with a single untroubled glass.

He's all cuffs and collars of immaculate whiteness. But he had to come west to learn perfliteness. JOHN KEHOE.

Assoc'd with Rufus and Lincoln. New York, March 23.—By an odd incident the cabin in which Abraham Lincoln was born and another cabin of logs which was associated with the life of Jefferson Davis, have become mixed up and the timbers of both structures now make up a single building.

incident in the life of Jefferson Davis the president of the confederacy. When they were brought out the movers mixed the timbers. It is hoped to straighten them out.

"I'm afraid our boy Josh is one of them geniuses who doesn't know the value of a dollar," said Mrs. Corntassel.

"I dunno 'bout that," answered her husband, "from the way I that Josh keeps writin' fur dollars I should say he was pretty appreciative."

"So he gave you a dog?" "Yassir," answered Mr. Pinsky. "He must like you."

"Well, I can't make out whether he likes me or whether he doesn't like de dog."

"That new man won't do," the London editor. "He's one of those sensational American journalists."

"How do you know?" "He wrote a joke and failed to get any judges or parentheses to it."

The first volume of Laurier and the Libera Mr. J. S. Willison, from the publishing of Marang & Co. The latter fine example of art. Paper, printing of the best that has Canada. The first volume of Sir Wilfrid the rebellion of 1855, the important subject of the church and which have exercised influence on the history.

The book is not without a brilliant sketch with a brilliant growth of the Liberal party with graphic great leaders. The sources are near enthusiasm and son of William Lyon. They genius and tenacious. The same more responsible. Baldwin and Lafontaine and splendid George Brown, the influence of Edward. The sympathetic and liberalism of Wilfrid. The reform and prudent year and storm of A. Laurier.

WM LYON MACKENZIE. Speaking of the rebel Mr. Willison says "Mackenzie was impetuous, but the rebelling was a pitiful expression of content which the great passion of the family developed. Too much of the rash counsels and ventures of Mackenzie, of the crying grievances and autocratic of red robes, and of the ever resolved to maintain such fashion that the have been dealt to tyrannical all down the splendor of British history. There are wild and sanguinary, it is because only found popular government. Mackenzie bore him steadily and resolutely. The rash advocacy of the reformers, heart-breaking, vagrant and almost visionary and impractical and at last return in sight to the land he had loved so well, but which he had outgrown (the first and had not passed into gratitude."

BROWN AND MACKENZIE. George Brown loved to travel. He loved to go to the land and face to face with his people except to home, and nothing for as a point of advantage to write abuses and stir up factory conditions. And architect, he was chief customer of cooed John Macdonald, on the was rather the political leaders of the men of moderation a dominant force. He was sympathetic. He was in touch with the South American League. He was in 1848 to reconstitute the Conservative party. The arguments of Mackenzie and the "Father-Macdonald" list of 1858 finally convinced him, but, like many, he preferred to use the law of office. The adoption of a revised law in view of his reasons there was clear in restoring the Brown of Mackenzie. Harry an ally, unopposed and vigorous, kept the child until grown, and he then built on side than the men who were in the way.

As least four great, immediately associated with the name of George Brown. The restoration of the clergy's representation by popular election of the Canadian, and (4) the incorporation of the Northwest territory into the new commonwealth. In the chapter dealing with the early life of Mackenzie "in so far as Mackenzie's interested quality

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