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AMUSEMENTS.

Auditorium Theatre - "The Plunger." Standard Theatre - Vaudeville.

THE CLOVEN HOOF.

The Sun delivered itself of the following "knock" this morning which in view of recent newspaper developments was not altogether unexpected. "There are not," says the Sun in an editorial paragraph, "a dozen men in the Yukon who will not say that Mr. Ross is not the best man who could be selected." Rendered into intelligible English the above declaration of the Sun means that it would be impossible to find twelve men in the Yukon who will admit that Mr. Ross is the best man who could be selected.

This remarkable utterance coming from a paper that has lived, moved and had its being by virtue of patronage bestowed at the hand of Mr. Ross, furnishes corroborative evidence of the already well understood fact that the Sun is now virtually the property of Richard Roediger, chief booster for Joseph A. Clarke. The management of the Sun has been placed in the hands of W. F. Thompson, late manager of the News and while still exhibiting a show of loyalty to the governor, the Sun, as is amply proven by the above article, is secretly engaged in stabbing the governor in the back.

The cloven hoof has been exhibited in an unmistakable manner, and it is well that it has been done thus early in the campaign. Hereafter, the people will know where to locate the Sun and what to expect from that sheet. It is now nothing more nor less than a morning edition of the News, its every action directed and controlled from the News office. It will occasion some surprise that even Roediger would have the audacity to turn the Sun into a Clarke organ at this early stage in the proceedings, but it is well for the people to know the real facts.

A PRACTICAL QUESTION AT STAKE.

The platform upon which Governor Ross will appeal to the Yukon electorate for support embraces nearly every demand that the people of this district have made upon the government during the past two years.

One of the important points dealt with in connection with the fees charged for services rendered in the various departments of the public service. In particular the fees required at the gold commissioner's office are by general consent altogether too high and it will therefore be satisfactory to the miners of the district to know that among the planks in the platform is a recommendation for the reduction of fees for miner's licenses, and for recording and renewing claims.

The schedule of fees as now charged is practically the same as adopted in 1898, since which time no essential changes have been made. Ten dollars is still the fee for a miner's license, the recording and renewal fees remain at the old rate of \$15 and charges for filing assignments, mortgages and other papers are the same

as originally fixed. It will become a part of Mr. Ross' first duties when elected to lend his endeavors to securing the desired changes recommended in the platform and there is every reason for belief that his efforts in that direction will be successful in every particular. Certainly, if there is any man who will be able to present the needs of the territory before the government in a manner to insure heed being given thereto, that man is the Hon. James Hamilton Ross.

What the people of the Yukon desire to obtain from the right of representation in parliament, is results of a practical nature. They are not silly enough to waste their ballots in an idle attempt to wreak vengeance upon the government for past misdeeds, nor will they set up in a high office a man whose character and personality are despised by his own supporters.

They have a greater aim in view - better things to accomplish and their own interests to conserve and protect.

Is there a man in the country who would entrust the management of his private affairs in the hands of Joe Clarke in preference to committing them to the care of Mr. Ross? We refuse to believe that such a man can be found. And yet there are a few so blinded by prejudice who would seek to hand over to Clarke the keeping of the community welfare.

Mr. Ross is the man of all men who is qualified to accept and safeguard the sacred trust which the people of the Yukon are shortly to entrust to his keeping - and Joe Clarke is the man of all men in the territory who is least fitted for that service. The decision, therefore, should not be difficult. If every voter will consider the matter from the standpoint of his own individual interests and then apply his conclusions to the situation as viewed from the community point of view, Clarke will not be able to save his deposit.

Thursday's convention was a gathering in which all the varied interests of the territory were well represented. Its deliberations were in manner, and the fact that no division of sentiment arose as to who should be the nominee indicates plainly that there will be no defections from Mr. Ross' support. How different was the case with Joe Clarke's convention of August 23. Clarke dictated the whole thing from beginning to end, and his backers, with whom he had packed the convention, stood ready to do his bidding first to last. It was a one man affair absolutely, while Thursday's convention was representative in every particular.

The unusually heavy rainfalls of the past summer have not only proven of great assistance to the miners of the Klondike in their sluicing operations, but have also served to prevent any serious damage arising from forest fires. Heretofore, tens of thousands of feet of valuable timber have been destroyed annually through the agency of forest fires. There has been no systematic method of patrolling the country possible and the consequence almost invariably has been that severe losses have been sustained. The generous supply of rain with which the country has been favored this summer is therefore a cause for gratitude rather than complaint.

From all over the district come expressions of satisfaction at the nomination of Gov. Ross for member of parliament. Mr. Ross' strength on the creeks is phenomenal and will increase steadily as time elapses. The mining community will come to the support of Mr. Ross and give the pretensions of Joe Clarke such a setback that the latter will wonder at his own temerity in entering the race.

The electors of this territory are altogether too wise to be imposed upon by a political mountebank. They will not cater to a cheap demagogue, when for the same price may secure the services of a statesman.

In aiding the election of the Hon. James Hamilton Ross the people of the Yukon will simply consult their own welfare. WHAT A DAWSON MAN SAYS. For six years I could eat nothing but milk and toast, and at times my stomach would not retain and digest even that. Last winter I commenced buying groceries of Dunham and since then I have become strong and well. A Member of the Kid Company.

Active Merger.

Chicago, Sept. 11.-The Record-Herald tomorrow will say: The long expected merger of the great meat packing interests of the United States will go into active operation Saturday, September 27, unless there should be an entirely unlooked for change in the plans agreed upon by all those concerned in the deal at a meeting held here yesterday. An industrial combination second only to the steel trust in point of magnitude and importance is therefore practically an accomplished fact.

According to a Boston authority who has possessed the most inside information about the deal ever since its existence was first rumored, the combine is to be capitalized at the rate of twenty-five times the last year's earnings of the constituent companies; for example, Cudahy & Co. are said to have earned about \$820,000 in 1901, which would make their share of the capital stock of the merger \$21,000,000.

A 4 per cent. dividend that the new consolidation might be expected to declare would amount to \$840,000 on this lot of stock - approximately its legitimate earnings.

On the basis of capitalization Armour & Co., whose last year's profits have been about \$8,000,000, will receive \$200,000,000 of the securities in exchange for their business. Swift & Co. will receive \$50,000,000 and the Schwarzschild & Sulzberger Company \$26,000,000. It is said that it is the undoubted determination of the consolidated meat interests to control all of the packing houses and stock yards of the country and save every possible dollar in the cost of manufacture and distributing. In addition to this all by-products will be absolutely controlled, and efforts made to buy up industries that are closely allied to the meat business.

Oil Fields on Fire.

Beaumont, Tex., Sept. 11.-The oil field is on fire and judging by the great volume of smoke which is flowing in from Spindletop there is grave fear that great loss will be sustained if the field is not entirely destroyed. The fire started early in the evening in some waste oil along the Texas & Sabine tracks and burned about sixty feet of trestle. This was gotten under control and it was believed that all danger had passed, but in the meanwhile, the fire had been communicated to the field and a number of huge settling tanks containing thousands of barrels of petroleum have already exploded and others are reported as being in the direct line of the fire, which has spread over a wide area. The ground is saturated with oil and there is no chance of stopping the progress of the flames tonight. The fire is spreading rapidly and it is believed the whole field will be ignited before daylight.

The streets are filled with people, thousands of them, on the way to the field in every sort of vehicle and on foot. There are 410 producing wells in the field; some of which are buried under earth to safeguard against fire. The tank known as Higgins' has blown off its top and the burning oil is running along the ground, and this may be communicated to other tanks.

At 1:30 o'clock this morning the telegraph operator at Gladys says he fears he will be compelled to leave his post and all means of communication will be cut off. The entire apparatus of the fire department is being loaded on cars to be sent to the field and a large number of people will go on trains.

Says Mars is Peopled.

Chicago, Sept. 11.-That a people superior in intelligence to those of earth inhabit the planet Mars is a conclusion that will be set forth by Prof. G. W. Hough, head of the department of astronomy of North western university, in a report which he is compiling of his summer's observations from the Dearborn university. He asserts that as a probability based on recent discoveries, and adds that, of course, it can never be established positively. The conclusion includes the acceptance of the theory of evolution and the statements of leading astronomers that climatic conditions of Mars are the same as of the earth.

The possibility of Venus and Mercury being inhabited is admitted, because they are solidified, and the intense heat radiating from their proximity to the sun may have been overcome by a deeper covering of atmosphere. None of the other planets, in the opinion of the professor, could contain animal life.

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Work is Progressing

The work of construction on the new road being built on the east side of the Yukon which will connect the ferry landing with the Glacier creek trail is progressing as rapidly as could be expected considering the limited number of men who are enabled to work to an advantage. About forty are employed, over half the number being rock men, and every day at the noon hour and also just after 6 o'clock a volley of shots can be heard as the charges are set off. As the road is being virtually cut out of the steep bluff the most of the time that will be required to complete it will be expended on the rock work. An easy grade is being established, the roadway will be sixteen feet wide and the difficulties experienced this summer by teams in trying to get to the top of the hill will have passed. At the last session of the Yukon council an appropriation of \$10,000 was voted to the improvement of the road in question and the trail to Glacier creek, and after the former is completed the funds remaining on hand will be devoted to the trail which in many places is sadly in need of repairs. When the latter was built it was done hurriedly and no provision was made for drainage, with the result that owing to the unusually heavy rains this season the trail in many low spots and in the crossing of small draws the mudholes are seemingly bottomless.

Yukon Representation.

The announcement made last night at the citizens' meeting at the North Star Athletic Club hall that Hon. J. H. Ross, commissioner of Yukon territory, had consented to allow his name to go before the nominating convention to be held at Dawson on the 21st inst., for nomination as a candidate for representative of the territory at the next session of the Dominion parliament was not wholly unexpected and will doubtless meet with the approval of a large number of the electors of the territory. The announcement was especially gratifying to Mr. Ross' personal friends for the reason that it removed from their minds all doubts as to whether he would be in a physical condition, at the appointed time, to make the race.

During the year and a half that Mr. Ross has administered the affairs of the territory we have watched his course closely and found nothing to condemn in the policy that he has seen fit to pursue; on the contrary, his actions have met the unqualified approval of all except those who are opposed to him simply for the reason that he is a representative of the present government party. - Whitehorse Star.

Far Reaching Union.

San Francisco, Sept. 11.-The Call this morning says that the largest and most far-reaching union in the history of railroads has been recently formed by the railroad conductors and brakemen on roads operating west of Chicago. The men are dissatisfied with the present rates of wages and will in the immediate future make a demand for an increase of salaries of 20 per cent. The Call is in a position to announce that this union will make a test case on one of the roads. Should its request be refused by railroad officials, the conductors and brakemen are able to tie up every road west of Chicago. The organization was perfected last June in Kansas City, and W. V. Stafford, a passenger conductor on the Southern Pacific, residing at Oakland, was elected its executive head.

Circulars have been secretly passed around among the men, and as a result every trainman has signed the request asking for the increase of 20 per cent. and making other demands. Chairman Stafford of the executive council of the union, when seen, confirmed all of the above statements, and added:

"Our organization is perfect. The circulars we have been sending out have been signed, not only by myself, but by E. E. Clark, grand chief conductor of the Order of Railway Trainmen. We have every trainman in the country back of us and we will win our demand." Manager James Agler, of the Southern Pacific, stated that he was fully aware that the organization had been perfected, but he refused to discuss the subject.

Crops a Failure.

New York, Sept. 12.-According to reports from all parts of England, the heavy rains of the last three days, coming on top of an exceptionally wet summer, have seriously damaged the crops, cables the London correspondent of the Herald. Grain has suffered severely. Owing to the weather it is of such poor quality that early samples failed to get a bid on the market. With a continuance of the prevailing weather it may be days and weeks before any considerable quantity of wheat can be put on the market. One of the largest agriculturists in Lincolnshire states that with wheat in its present damaged condition, the season would prove one of the most disastrous that has been experienced during the last twenty years.

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LEGISLATION IS URGED

To Secure Settlement of Strike

Pennsylvania Coal Miners Carry Their Grievance Before the Governor.

Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 11.-The conference committee of the People's Alliance, appointed at their convention at Hazleton last Thursday, appeared before Gov. Stone this afternoon and submitted a plan for effecting a settlement of the anthracite coal strike. Their plan consists of calling an extra session of the legislature to enact laws for compulsory arbitration, better control of foreign corporations doing business in Pennsylvania, and enforcing the sixteenth and seventeenth articles of the constitution. D. J. McCarthy, of Hazleton, said the Alliance represented the business interests. Mr. McCarthy said:

"President Baer, of the Philadelphia & Reading Company, is the creature of J. P. Morgan, and the latter should be forced to compel Mr. Baer to arbitrate the strike. A load of coal cannot be bought in the coal region at present from the large corporations at any price. If the legislation is enacted which the Alliance recommends, it will bring the strike to an end and prevent future strikes." Mr. McCarthy argued that the present difficulty in the coal region comes through the gross mismanagement of the great coal corporations. None of these corporations, he says, pays a dividend, while the individual operators are all making money and getting rich. Relief can be granted, he continued, by enacting legislation that will favor the sixteenth and seventeenth articles of the state constitution. Article 16 makes it unlawful for any operator or superintendent to employ any person as a fire boss who has not obtained a certificate of competency; and article 17 prohibits any boy under 13 years of age, or woman, from working in a coal mine, and also prohibits a boy under 15 years of age from mining or loading coal.

T. C. Parker, of Wilkesbarre, says the conditions in the anthracite regions are horrible in a commercial way, and that hundreds of people are being forced to leave that locality because of those conditions. The best residents are going away, leaving the region with a remnant of undesirable people. The only remedy, he said, is an extra session of the legislature for the enactment of laws that will settle the trouble to the satisfaction of all concerned. William Asthell, of Pottsville, argued that if the legislation recommended by the Alliance was ratified by a special session of the general assembly, it would force the coal operators to settle the strike and improve the conditions in the anthracite coal regions.

Matt Long, of Hazleton, argued that the only solution of the problem in the coal regions was compulsory arbitration.

Rev. Dr. Schwayer, of Girardville, a blind preacher, said that what was needed to settle the strike and have legislation such as suggested by the Alliance.

The Invasion.

New York, Sept. 12.-Dressmakers of the American Protective Association will establish their first foreign headquarters in Paris. This was decided by the convention of the association now in session here. After a report from the president on its advantages and possibilities, the project was unanimously endorsed and the details turned over to a committee of three members. Paris was selected as the stronghold of the enemy, where the modistes of worldwide renown may be fought on their own ground and the grit of the American army of invasion proved before going further afield. The convention will close today.

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