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AMUSEMENTS. Auditorium—"Galley Slave." Standard—Vaudeville.

TAKE NO CHANCES.

Since the announcement was made that Mr. Ross has resigned from the Yukon Commission, to accept the nomination for the Dominion house, newspapers all over Canada have expressed an active interest in his candidature and almost without exception have had words of praise for him and have prophesied his success. The advantages that will accrue to the Yukon from being represented in the federal legislative body by a man of national reputation as a constructive legislator and an able administrator are manifold.

Mr. Ross is already a power in the councils of the government and when he goes down to Ottawa clothed with the dignity appertaining to the accredited representative of our great and growing commonwealth he will become a still more important factor in the determination of governmental policies.

Any matter to which he may direct the attention of the government in connection with the necessities of this territory will receive prompt attention and whatever measures are necessary will be immediately inaugurated.

An commissioner of the territory Mr. Ross has accomplished marvelous results for the good of the community which may be accepted only as an indication of what will be done in his capacity as member of parliament.

On the other hand, Clarke would simply be an object of curiosity at Ottawa—excellent material for newspaper paragraph writers—and as a product of the untamed North would undoubtedly attract attention from persons with a fat for curios and the like.

The people of the Yukon cannot afford to take chances with a mountebank when they have the opportunity of securing the services of a tried and true statesman.

CLARKE AND THE ALASKAN. Some time ago Clarke's evening organ published a laughable fairy tale in the form of an alleged telegram from Skagway in which it was stated that the Alaskan, published in that town, would support Joe Clarke for parliament. It appears to be a fact that the Alaskan is taking an interest in Yukon politics, but not exactly after the fashion indicated by the News.

When Clarke returned from Whitehorse he was quoted in the News as follows: "The circulation of the Alaskan in Whitehorse is quite extensive. In fact every business house takes it. The stand of the Alaskan is taken simply in answer to public opinion in the upriver district."

We comment to Joseph and to the News a close perusal of the following editorial taken from the Alaskan of Oct. 18—

The Yukon Election. The Yukon country has much at stake on the outcome of the present election for a representative in the Dominion parliament. The territory has reached a vital point in its course. It is at that stage of development when intelligent government will count for more than has been the case in the past and more than it will count after the period of transition from the primitive conditions and consequent primitive methods of the past to those conditions and methods that should obtain with an advanced civilization shall have passed. A mistake in the government at this time would be all but fatal to the future progress of the country. This fact, taken in connection with the further fact that the prosperity of Skagway depends almost entirely upon the welfare of the Canadian Yukon and the Atlin district, impels the Daily Alaskan to take an interest in the election that will take place on the 2d day of December, that would be impertinent on the part of a foreign paper under ordinary circumstances. Under the peculiar conditions that surround Skagway and the Daily Alaskan, and their connection with the interior country, the publishers of this paper feel that they owe no one an apology for daring to advise with those of the Daily Alaskan readers who are electors in Yukon territory. There is no one on either side of the national boundary line whose interest in the development of the Yukon is greater proportionately with the investment than is that of the publishers of the Daily Alaskan. This being the case, the Daily Alaskan feels that it has a moral right as well as the liberty to express its views freely upon the questions that are involved in the campaign that is now in progress across the line.

The duty of the Yukon elector to himself and his country could not be more clearly defined than it is at the present time. The platform upon which the two candidates are running are not far different, so that almost the sole issue is the personality of the two candidates, and between these there should be but one choice. The well being of the Yukon demands the election of Governor Ross. The platform upon which he stands is broad and liberal and it is amplified by the public career and character of the governor himself. Notwithstanding the terrible affliction that was visited upon Governor Ross in the loss of his wife and children in the Islander catastrophe, in the 16 months he was at the head of Yukon affairs, more was accomplished for the real good of the territory than during all the years that had elapsed between the day upon which Carmack discovered the golden sands of Bonanza creek in 1896 and the date of the governor's commission.

Governor Ross has the confidence of the government at Ottawa. He is a man who commands confidence from all with whom he comes in contact. If he shall go to the Dominion capital as the representative of the Yukon it will be within his power to secure those things for which the Yukon miner is and has been crying aloud. How would it be if he should be defeated?

The election of Joe Clarke could mean only one thing. It would be construed as a protest against conditions that were fast being remedied by Governor Ross when he was stricken last summer. That is all. Clarke is in no sense a man who could be depended upon to arrange the details of a constructive policy. He is an agitator who may pull down the Yukon requires a man at Ottawa who can be depended upon to build up.

Let it be conceded for the sake of argument that the Yukon has been an abused portion of the Dominion. (Although to Alaskans it will seem strange to hear a country that has been accorded the right of self-government and representation in the affairs of the nation, besides having received the benefit of hundreds of miles of wagon roads, built at the government's expense, referred to as being abused.) But the Yukon people feel that they have not been treated right by the government, and granting that, the question is how best to secure a reversal of that treatment. Will it be by the election of Clarke, the man who has made a failure of everything he ever undertook and whose election could only mean that the people of the Yukon are not satisfied with what they have received in the past? Of course not. Every sane man knows that should Clarke be elected the government would have to seek elsewhere for counsel and advice as to its Yukon policy. Clarke stands for absolute nothing but dissatisfaction.

On the other hand Governor Ross understands the conditions and history of the Yukon as well as does Clarke or any one else, and he has a remedy for the conditions that require a change of policy. He also has the confidence of those who have the legislation of the country in hand. Clarke stands for a protest against the past. Governor Ross stands for a policy for the future. The people of the Yukon will no doubt waste little in vain regrets over the past. They will vote for Governor Ross and the future.

A Newspaper for Beggars. In this enterprising age even the professional beggar must have his own special press organ. Therefore it is by no means surprising to learn that in Paris, the city in which mendicancy has attained the dignity of a fine art, there is published a "Beggars' Newspaper." The edition is a limited one, and is confined naturally to professional beggars. This organ does not deal with politics or with the leading questions of the hour; it confines its columns to "market reports" and "useful details," which are supplied by the fraternity.

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Stroller's Column.

Mr. Calderhead laughed at that story in the Stroller last week of how he first came to the north to start a bear farm, and it recalled many memories of his erstwhile partner Lancaster, of whom he always speaks with admiration. Lancaster was not himself a bad man, but he ran up against them occasionally in the many wild regions he sojourned in, and his coolness and readiness seemed never to fail him.

Mr. Calderhead also classes him as a peculiarly brave man, and he was therefore surprised to have Lancaster come to him one day and say: "Dick, I have been a coward, and I feel ashamed of it."

He then told the story. It happened in Butte, and Lancaster was mining in a tunnel in the High Ore mine. He was working under contract, taking the night shift. A man named Webster had the day shift. They never saw each other. It was the unwritten law for each man to clear the fallen ore from the tracks before he finished his shift, but Webster did not do this. Lancaster stood it for a time and at length one morning he left the tracks covered.

The next day Webster called at his house and asked if his name was Lancaster. He said yes. Did he work in a certain tunnel in the High Ore? He answered no.

"That was cowardly of me," says Lancaster to Calderhead, "but I wanted to finish the business I had with him. When I'd done that, however, I'd ought to have told him. I am going up there now."

Webster was a noted desperado and an immensely powerful man. Many people in Dawson will remember that Lancaster could not be called a small man. He stood six feet four, and was handsomely proportioned. He rode out to Webster's cottage and called him out.

"Your name's Webster," he said. "Well, my name's Lancaster. I told you a little while ago it wasn't. I have come here to kill you and I mean to do it. Get your gun and let's go behind that dump."

Webster got his gun and was out again in a jiffy. But he walked slowly and seemed to be sinking. Both were watching the other out of the corner of the eyes. At last he said:

"See here, Lancaster, we can both shoot, and there ain't an ounce of funk in either of us. If we go behind that dump it's sartin sure that only one of us comes back. We've both got families and I know neither of us will give to the other, so I suppose it will have—"

doctor of this city held that it did not seem to him to be perfectly fair to the witness, as there might be some questions it was not possible to answer with a mere affirmative or negative.

"The question must be answered in that way," said a barrister present, "but the witness is permitted to explain his answer after that. You cannot put a question that is not capable of being fully answered as the law provides."

"I don't know, but I would like to try it." "Try it," said the barrister, sure of a victory. "Well, let me think. Have you left off beating your wife?" "I never."

"Answer yes or no, as the lawyers say." But the barrister laughing acknowledged his defeat. He could not answer in the affirmative, as that would convict him of having previously committed the offence, he could not answer in the negative for a similarly obvious reason.

If this was of hand, as the Stroller is assured it was, it is decidedly clever.

What a fuss the people of Eagle seem to be making over that runaway match they had from the Forks last week. They believe now that they have struck something to boom the town and sell some real estate, and the Stroller is informed that the prospectus will be out shortly. A fund is being subscribed to present each genuine runaway couple with a vacant lot, and Lieutenant Mitchell is to be stationed at the boundary line with his feet team of government dogs to aid the lovers in their flight. Ben Downing, on his last trip there, nearly promised to give the use of one of his fine teams for the lover, as it would not be strictly proper for the bride to travel alone with a man unless it was a handsome officer, but when Ben got doubted near Fortymile it is said to have taken all the starch out of his enthusiasm. It is rumored that the Rev. Gordon is to be made the matrimonial agent in Dawson of the new Gretina Green.

What begone of Coster, Joe? Coster. He's dead and buried. "Then why don't he stay buried?" "That's just what I would like to know."

Cradle of the Race. The cradle of humanity has been located more than once. More than one anthropologist has staked out a little section of the globe and has said: "This was Eden." But now another scientist has used certain premises as a compass and certain theories as a chain, and has surveyed a new portion of the world and has located a new nursery.

Australia is the new Eden and Prof. Schoetensack of Heidelberg is its discoverer. His conclusions were presented to the Berlin Anthropological Society at a recent meeting. The methods by which they were reached are as interesting as the conclusions themselves.

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