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TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 1901.

A QUESTION OF INTERPRETATION.

The suggestion has been made that the government in reducing the royalty to five per cent, intends by the same measure to lay the tax upon the entire output, without allowing any exemption.

We can scarcely believe that such is the intention. It is not so stated in the telegram received yesterday and until an official interpretation to that effect is given it is fair to assume that the exemption continues.

As a matter of fact, without the exemption causing the advantage of the reduction, so far as the general interests of the territory are concerned will be comparatively slight. The exemption of \$500 does not mean a great deal to owners of claims which are heavy producers, but it is a consideration of the utmost importance to the great host of claim owners whose properties are of Eldorado richness.

A great many claims will not produce in the course of a year an amount of gold to exceed \$10,000. In such cases, the exemption is withdrawn, the royalty in the royalty affords no relief whatsoever. It is just as easy to pay five per cent on \$5000 as it is to pay ten per cent on \$10,000. If a claim yields between \$5000 and \$10,000 the amount of royalty will be greater at five per cent without the exemption than at ten per cent the exemption allowed. For instance under the present regulation a yield of \$8000 would require payment of ten per cent \$3000 or \$300. Under the new regulation without any exemption the same claim would pay five per cent on \$8000 or \$400, a difference of \$100 against the claim owner.

Such an interpretation of the new law would result entirely to the benefit of the heavy producer and against the small owner, which, as noted above, we do not believe to be the government's intention.

PUBLIC OPINION.

The history of the Yukon territory during the past three years has furnished a most striking example of the force of public opinion. If the people of a community unite in a determination to secure a certain object or objects, they cannot fail to meet with success, if honesty of purpose is shown. The effort to secure proper recognition for this territory from the federal government has met with many hindrances. There has been no direct representation at Ottawa. Communication with the capital has been slow and uncertain and many stumbling blocks have at times been thrown in the way as the result of misrepresentations on the part of men who have sought personal favors from the government. But in spite of all obstacles, the great work of rescuing the territory from the burden of unjust and oppressive legislation, placed upon it three years ago, has been pressed unceasingly, until nearly everything that was sought has been attained.

No responsible government can fly in the face of public opinion and survive.

Popular sentiment intelligently directed is all powerful, which fact has been demonstrated in this territory in a manner absolutely unmistakable.

LONG-RANGE POLITICS.

A representative of the News has announced through a Skagway paper that Dawson is to be incorporated immediately; that all the big commercial concerns are favorable to the project and that Mr. John Grant will be mayor of Dawson before June 1. This is all very refreshing news. There is a delightful tinge of romance about it which is characteristic of the sayings and doings of our amateur neighbor. We must say, however, that the News has not been absolutely just to its candidate. It looks very much to us like a case of long-range politics. Why should our contemporary go all the way to Skagway to boom Mr. Grant for the Dawson mayoralty? Why should it go 500 miles away from home in order to break the news that Dawson's commercial interests are supporting incorporation?

If these marvelous things are all true why not say so in Dawson rather than in Skagway? Why does not the News come out in Dawson to the support of the gentleman whom the representative of that paper has assured the people of Skagway will be mayor of this city before the first of June?

Certainly the News cannot expect to secure incorporation, or elect its candidate through the newspapers of Skagway, and we doubt very much if the aforesaid candidate is looking for that particular class of newspaper support. Here is a most remarkable situation to which the explanation editor of our contemporary may well devote consideration of a most serious nature.

The decision of the supreme court of the United States in refusing to interfere on behalf of Alex McKenzie, now serving a sentence of one year in jail for contempt of court, will be well received by the people of the States generally. McKenzie transgressed the laws of his country and although influences of a most powerful nature were brought to bear in his behalf, the decision of the court of appeals could not be shaken. While the integrity of the courts remain unimpeachable the liberties of the people are safe.

PERSONALITIES.

Lewis Neilson has been made secretary of the Pennsylvania railroad, taking the place of the late J. C. Sims. Mr. Neilson was formerly assistant secretary.

W. P. Fishback, the noted lawyer who died at his Indianapolis home recently, was an intimate friend of Lord Colebridge, the late chief justice of England, and was frequently his guest.

Friends and classmates of Hamilton Fish, jr., the first rough rider killed at Las Gussimas, Cuba, have decided to have a bronze bas-relief erected to his memory at Columbia university, New York.

The oddities of life were added to a bit a few days ago when Hon. Charles S. Francis, a Trojan, sailed for Athens, where he goes as the United States minister to Greece. And his daughter who accompanies him is Helen of Troy.


How Yow the Chinese consul general at San Francisco, has gone into business as a breeder of trotting horses. He has bought a farm for the purpose near San Jose and, except for an American overseer, will employ only Chinese.

Edward VII's queen has decided, it is said, to accept the \$5000 offered the soldiers and sailor's family fund by William Waldorf Astor, although her enmity to the giver since the Captain Sir Berkeley Milne affair has not lessened.

Richard Yates, the new governor of Illinois, is the first native of the state ever elected to his office. He was inaugurated January 14, which was the exact date of the inauguration of his father, Richard Yates, as governor of the same state 40 years ago.

Wm. J. Bryan's great-grandmother, who is still alive at the age of 98 at New London, Ind., is Mrs. Mary Gano Cobb, the descendant of Francis Germain, a Huguenot refugee of 1686. Rev. John Gano, one of the revolution's "fighting chaplains," was her grandfather.

Winchell Sisters in Belfry Chimes, Savoy.



When will the ICE Go Out?

The Contest Closes April 28th, 10 p. m.

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As you know we are having a little guessing contest. If you can tell nearest the time the ice will go out in front of Dawson we will give you:
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The Gallup Family.

It had been a very quiet evening with the Gallups. He had read his newspaper, while she patched a pair of his trousers, and put a new band on a very old shirt. At 9 o'clock he had just got out of his chair with a grunt, wound up the clock, fastened the kitchen door, turned out the lamp and said they had better go to bed, and she followed him without a word. They had slept and snored, and midnight had come. Of a sudden she sat up in bed and listened, and after a minute she gave him a poke with her elbow and exclaimed:

"Samuel Gallup, wake up and bid your wife goodby forever, for she hasn't an hour to live!"

Mr. Gallup ceased to snore and opened one eye, and Mrs. Gallup continued:

"I've bin expectin the summons for the last 20 years, and now they've finally come. I was sound asleep and dreamin of whitewashin the kitchen ceiling, when one of our hens uttered a crow and woke me up. You know what it means, Samuel, when a hen crows in the night. It has never failed yet and never will. I hev bin commanded to lay down my airtly burden and become an angel, and if you'll git up I'll say a last few words to you."

Mr. Gallup didn't get up. He had closed his eye and fallen asleep again, and it took three digs of the elbow to arouse him again. He sat up without asking any questions. He had been there about 2000 times before, and there was no occasion for excitement.

"Yes, Samuel; I shall perish between this and daylight," said Mrs. Gallup, with considerable satisfaction in her tones, "and I want to talk to you a little about the funeral. I've had rheumatism, neuralgia, backache, buzzin in the head, fever, chills, measles, sore eyes and bunions, and I think I deserve a tolerably long funeral procession and considerable fuss made over me. Mrs. Gaines, who never had half the ailments I have, had 36 buggies and wagons in her procession, and you orter do as well by me. I believe you could skeer up 40 if you humped around. Will you hump, Samuel—will you hump to send me to my last restin place in good shape?"

For answer Mr. Gallup fell back upon his pillow with a great thud and snored away to make up for lost time. Mrs. Gallup didn't arouse him again. Having got a good start on her favorite subject, it made no difference to her whether he was awake or asleep. She went on:

"I was lookin at coffins at Brown's the other day. You kin get 'em at all prices but seem it was me he said he'd give a \$40 one for \$32. Jist remind him of it, Samuel, and don't let him squeak out of his promise. The funeral will take place day after tomorrow at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and you'll hev to borrow about 25 chairs. I want Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Bebee to hev front seats along of you. They allus do more weeping at a funeral than any other women I know of, and weeping helps things to git off all right. I don't expect you to do much weepin yourself, but you'd better shed a few tears for the looks of things. It may be hard work, but you'll try, won't you, Samuel?"

Mr. Gallup was noncommittal. Being sound asleep and dreaming of being tossed over a fence by a bull, he couldn't well be otherwise. Mrs. Gallup worked up an imaginary picture of him in the "front row" with tears raining down his cheeks and then said: "As to the preaching, it won't amount to much. It will be by Elder Thompkins, of course, and he'll say that another flower has faded, another leaf fallen by the wayside, another human being laid down the cares of airth and sailed away to become an angel. Let the women folks do most of the weepin, and you kin come in at the last end, while they are waitin to sing. You may feel like singin, Samuel, but I

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J. Ham Lost.

One James Hamilton Lewis, Seattle, a person who a few months since had his foot on the tail of a comet and seemingly was about to capture the critter, has unaccountably disappeared and we will give a suitable reward for information that will enable us to locate him. We regret that this reward and valuable piece of political bric-a-brac has been lost; but he's sure gone and we are left to lament the unfortunate absentmindedness which is the only excuse for letting him get lost. —Yakima Republic.

How They Managed It.

"Yes," said the ex-sailor, "I remember sailing on a ship, and the passengers were so well that they would walk on the wooden deck. We had spread a carpet for them. We had anything to hold the carpet down, the wind was continually blowing from one side to the other."

"How did you manage to keep long enough in place for the people to walk on it, then?" asked inquisitive Bill.

"Well, the captain kept the mauling tacks, and we soon had enough to nail it down," said the ex-sailor. Sing Sing Star of Hope.

About Right.

Mistress—Remember, Bridget, I want dinner served promptly at 5. What time is it now?

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