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## SPREAD THE NEWS ABROAD.

Arrangements for the celebration of the Fourth of July are progressing splendidly, as will be seen by referring to the report of last night's meeting, held in McDonald hall. The work of the various committees has been assigned, and all are now hard at work outlining and perfecting the various features of the day's entertainment. We hope that the public generally will rally to the support of the committees, and contribute as generously as possible toward making the day a grand success. The proposal for a grand industrial parade is something new for Dawson, and promises to be the great feature of the day. Every large business enterprise in the town should be represented in the parade, which can be made a splendid affair if the proper amount of energy is thrown into the work. We would suggest to the committees the advisability of advertising the celebration at all points within reasonable distance, both up and down the river. We are of the opinion that considerable delegations will come from all lower river points as far down as Circle City, provided that assurance is given of a celebration worth the expenditure of the time and money involved in coming so long a distance. In fact, we hope to see the program for the day prepared on so magnificent a scale and so widely advertised that every man, woman and child within a radius of 300 miles will consider it his or her duty to come to Dawson and participate in observing the day.

Prompt and judicious action on the part of the committees will, without doubt, end in filling Dawson to the limit of her capacity with guests.

## AN AMERICAN VIEW.

The Interior, the great western Presbyterian weekly, published at Chicago, thus discusses the issues growing out of the war in South Africa:

"It is not difficult to forecast the future. Great Britain will not vary, excepting for a snort time, from her established colonial policy. The two republics will be held as crown colonies only so long as the imperial security requires, and then they will be made a part of the South African self-governing confederation, and will partake in full of the prosperity and safety of the great empire. The railroad from Cairo to the Cape will be built. The young Boers will partake of the modern spirit and of an era of prosperity of which the thrifty burghers have not dreamed. They will hold the point of advantage in reaching the heart of the great rich continent. They will, we have no doubt, enjoy as much liberty and become as loyal to the British crown as the people of any other colony. The disaffected Boers must be appeased. They must be brought to see that their liberties and their prosperity, all

their interests, are bound up in the empire. Already the foreseeing British are counting upon the sturdily-fighting Boers as defenders. They expect to win the Boer Bible as they have the Irish shamrock. The Boers, as they will imagine at first, have lost their liberties, only to find them greatly extended and augmented."

It appears now as though the mystery surrounding the disappearance of the Clayson-Reife party will shortly be cleared up. The finding of a body yesterday, with two bullet holes in it, near the scene where the tragedy, if tragedy there was, took place, furnishes another link which points to the commission of a dastardly crime. The search for the bodies has been continued with unrelenting energy from the first, and it now seems as though their labors will be repaid with success. The relatives of the dead man may at least have the sorrowful satisfaction of recovering the bodies of their dead and making proper disposition thereof. It will then only remain to punish the perpetrator or perpetrators as they richly deserve.

Every few days the news appears of the failure of some Klondike concern which was founded upon a basis of wind and without financial backing. At the time of the original stampede into this country, such schemes were floated in almost every town and hamlet in the country. Most of them started with nothing, and as a result having to show for themselves no assets, beyond numerous stock certificates. The substantial enterprises, which were backed with money and managed with a fair degree of business acumen, have prospered in this country, and will pay investors well for the money risked.

The telegraph line should be extended to Fortymile without further delay. The police are practically without means of apprehending criminals who make use of the river as a means of escaping from Dawson. They are not provided with the necessary boats to undertake a pursuit, and, without telegraphic communication, a man who has a few hours the advantage, even though he may be traveling in a small boat, is almost certain to reach the international line before pursuit can overtake him. If the council has not already urged upon the government the necessity of extending the line down the river, it should be done without delay.

The Nugget is in receipt of a recent issue of the Klondike Revue, a French publication, devoted to general descriptive matter pertaining to this country. The Revue quotes extensively from the Dawson papers upon a great many questions of interest, and in addition presents in concise form much information, apparently gleaned through special correspondence. It is intended as a sort of handbook for the guidance of investors, and for its purpose is well prepared.

## Short and Pointed

At the recent Republican district convention held in Juneau the following resolution was passed by a vote of 32 to 13:

Resolved, By the Republicans of the district of Alaska, in convention assembled, that the further continuance in office of John G. Brady as governor of Alaska, is inimical to the interests of Alaska and contrary to the wishes of the Republican party and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the president of the United States.

The warmest and most comfortable hotel in Dawson is at the Regina.

Chloride of lime. Pioneer drug store.

## POPULAR OPINION.

### The Macedonian Cry.

Editor Klondike Nugget.  
Dear Sir: "Come and help us." Even in prosperous times there is heard occasionally from some unfortunate and disaster-stricken part of the earth the cry, as of old from Macedon for help.

The unavoidable suffering caused by the recent terrible conflagration in Ottawa appeals to the hearts of all, and has been quickly responded to by the generous people of the world. The telegram announcing to the people of Dawson the result in suffering of this great fire ends with the appeal, "Can Dawson help?" And Dawson has helped. Through the city and up and down the mining districts, contributions have been quite freely and generously given. In this broad, great country we cannot afford to allow a single individual to suffer for want of the necessities of life. The people of the Yukon have ever prided themselves upon their generosity. In the early days of the country the boast was made that though there was scarcely a miner in the valley worth a thousand dollars, and although all were poor there was not a single hungry or uncared-for person from Chilkoot summit to the Bering sea. And those whose strength and health had failed through the hardships incident to life in so harsh a climate were always given a free pass out of the country and money enough—a few hundred dollars—to keep them until their energies were recovered.

But a free horse can be ridden to death. A burden has been placed upon us greater than we can bear. I refer, indeed, not to the appeal for aid to suffering families, for this we give of our own accord, and it is a mere bagatelle compared to the tax which through some blundering legislation we are compelled to pay. I refer to the 10 per cent royalty.

Never in the history of taxation has greater extortion been known.

That the people of Canada, each and every one may know exactly the extent of the outrage, I need but recite the well known fact that the industry of mining, taken as a whole, does not pay fifty cents on the dollar for the labor performed. This country is no exception to the rule. Think of a year on a farm when the crops do not pay for half the labor performed, then impose a tax of 10 per cent in cash on the full value of what the farmer does raise, could he stand it? The situations are identically the same.

If you will come with me I can introduce to you hundreds of miners who have spent a lifetime "facing the mountains." They are now fast growing old, broken in health and strength through the exposure unavoidable in such a pioneer life. They are today poor. They have property here that would pay a small per cent of profit and yield enough to keep them the few remaining years of their lives. But the 10 per cent royalty takes it all and leaves them in many, many instances in debt. Now, after their strength is gone they must again start out afresh and go to new fields.

And this is being done in Canada. Can it be that this young and great pioneer country has put a penalty upon pioneering? Can it be that Canada must obtain her revenues by placing such a huge burden upon the men who go into her most inaccessible regions and do her mountain climbing and exploring?

We have appealed to the lawmakers in vain, so now the people of the Klondike are turning their appeals to the people of all Canada with the voice of the old cry from Macedon, "voter, of Canada, can you help?"

GEORGE JONES.

Summer drinks and ice cream. Mrs. West's.

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