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"REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS."

In view of the fact that next month will probably witness the visit to Dawson of certain eminent Dominion officials it is but fitting that steps be taken to receive and entertain them in keeping with their prominent stations in life and it is with pleasure that the Nugget notes that steps leading toward such reception and entertainment are being taken, and that they will be successfully carried to completion there is no doubt for the people of Dawson never do anything by halves.

However, it is to be hoped that the desire to appear as the "representative citizen" will not be too apparent and that there will not be a repetition of the ridiculous display of unweaning desire to appear in the role of "representaitve citizen" that there was last year in the presentation of the Klondike souvenir to the first lady of the land on the occasion of her honoring Dawson with her presence This desire to figure as "representative citizens" on such occasions always brings out the narrow and shallow rather than the representative characteristics. The coming of the distinguished gentlemen is to the people at large and the country in general instead of to any one or half dozen individuals, and it is to the whole people to receive and welcome them and it will be done in that whole-souled manner which has ever been characteristic of the people of the Yukon.

The spirit which is to be so strenuously avoided in Dawson has lately cropped out in Ottawa and is thus referred to by the Colonist of Victoria:

"They are having trouble at Ottawa as to who are 'representative citizens,' and the casus belli is the approaching visit of the heir apparent. The development of Ottawa intellect is in the direction of fuss-and-feathers. The average citizen of the federal capital can get up a grievance over a ridiculous quibble quicker than you can say Jack Robinson, and while the grievance lasts it is more momentous than the Boer war. Some young men have undertaken to be 'representative citizens' in connection with the royal visit, and this makes some others feel badly. It is dreadful to contemplate what may happen."

If any "representative citizen" fever develops in Dawson it is hoped the committee appointed to arrange for the visit of the ministerial party will promptly check it.

EX-BOARD OF TRADE.

The cut on the first page of this paper today illustrates the present condition of what was intended to be the Board of Trade of Dawson but which has been allowed to pass from life to a state of innocuous desuetude; not that there was no field for it, for there is, but through lack of interest and utter apathy on the part of its members. Never in the history of Dawson has there been greater need for an active business man's club, for concert of action than at present when the crying need of the city and country is for more satisfactory transportation rates and yet no organized effort has been or is being made to better existing conditions. This is a deplorable state of affairs, but it is true of the condition of the organization which apparently took a new lease on life six or eight months ago when for three weeks or a month it showed indications of life and usefulness; but later developments have shown that what was then believed the dawn of a lively and active period was but the lucid moment which precedes death, for since that time the organization has not even struggled. Requiescat in pace.

CAUSES OF PROSPERITY.

The present Canadian minister of agriculture may not be an orator of the Brutus, or even of the Montague stamp, but he has proved that it is well to have a practical man in charge of the most important department of the government. Mr. Fisher is at present in Great Britain endeavoring to remove the few obstructions that are still interposed to Canadian trade in the country which is so fond of commercial freedom. In an interview with a representative of the London Morning Post Mr. Fisher explained the object of his visit and the reasons he had for seeking more assiduously than ever the favor of the ever increasing British consumer. He dwelt upon the increasing demand which had sprung up for Canadian produce consequent upon the improved means which had been provided of placing the goods upon the market in an attractive condition. If the present ratio of increase in the demand for Canadian farm produce be maintained, the minister of agriculture thinks in ten years we shall be supplying Britain with at least half of the food she requires from abroad. This is a pleasant prospect for Canadians, and it should be no less pleasing to Britons to know that the time seems to be rapidly approaching when the empire will be cable of producing enough to feed itself.—Victoria Times.

The action of the authorities in not molesting small, pastime games is to be commended. Dawson has a population different from that of any other city or town in Canada or on the continent. Her conditions are different from all others and those conditions demand, as a sort of safety valve, that a pastime in which there is some element of chance be permitted. It is not a violation of the original order for the reason that the purposes of the order were accomplished when professional gambling and the operation of gambling devices were suspended and wholly done away with. No more is being permitted in Dawson today than is found in every other city of her size in the Northwest.

The state board of pardons of Minnesota, acting under a law passed for this especial purpose at the last session of the legislature, has issued paroles to the notorious Younger brothers. There is no accounting for tastes; only, if the people of Minnesota want to set free that kind of men, there ought to be some way of preventing them from leaving the state. Let them live with those who love them. It is not hard to fathom the cause of the defects in American governments when we consider the actual fact that it one-half the effort made in the last ten years to get the Youngers out of the penitentiary had been devoted to putting other malefactors in, Minnesota's criminal record today would be unmatched in the Union.—P. I.

The gigantic water right recently granted at Ottawa to a syndicate, an account of which is published elsewhere in this paper, seems to have been granted with the view of protecting in every way possible the individual claim owner in his rights and so far as now seen the exercise of the right granted the syndicate can not result in other than benefit to the country as it will enable much low grade ground to be worked at a profit that would otherwise remain undeveloped. If fully operated it will be the most gigantic hydraulic proposition in the history of modern mining.

Nelson, B. C., is considerably broken up over the severe defeat its lacrosse team sustained at the hands of the representatives from Medicine Hat. The same may be said of the big Eastern Canadian teams last fall when they came in contact with the world-beating aggregation from New Westminster. Defeat in athletics is no disgrace; if the right material is there it simply calls for more determined effort. Nelson is a wide-awake, progressive town; and the best sign of its future success in lacrosse is that it comes out frankly and admits a defeat without whining.—P.-I.

The interview published in this paper with a late arrival from Nome is such as to even make the prisoners brought up from Frotymile a day or two ago feel that they were fortunate in being arrested there instead of being permitted to go on down the river and to the desolate city on the beach.

It is proposed to erect a memorial in London to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, the money, which it is expected will amount to $100,000, being contributed by the members of the New York Chamber of Commerce, who recently visited the metropolis.

Reports from Clear creek, as published elsewhere in this paper, indicate that the time is not far distant when that creek will rank with the leading gold producers of the country.

NOME IS A DEAD ONE

Winter There Was Cause of Much Suffering—Many Claims in New Fields Are Blanks—Destructive Fire—Provisions Gambled For.

From Thursday's Daily.

Nome is a dead one. That is the news brought in by Victor Smith who left the Beach city June 4th last on the first boat out from there this season, the steamer Nome. He arrived in Dawson yesterday on the Canadian, making the trip via Skagway in 43 days. Mr. Smith went to Nome in the spring of 1900 and spent one year in the camp, a year which he says has been worse than wasted for, like the majority of people there at present, he finds himself worse off financially than when he first arrived in that country.

He says:

"I left Nome June 4th and to take the steamer was compelled to walk out on the shore ice two miles to get to the vessel. In the Bluestone country there are some good claims. Gold Run has turned out very rich in places, but the majority of claims even there are blanks. Numerous gun plays have occurred there due to parties jumping claims. The custom is for two men to oust the man in possession who in turn gets a superior force, his friends rallying to his support and at the point of a gun gets possession again. Soon they are in turn put off forcibly by superior numbers and so it continues until the men involved in the strife reach alarming numbers. As yet no battle has occurred but it was feared that a fight would ensue and numerous people be killed. This fear has prompted the authorities at Teller City to petition the federal government to send soldiers to the scene from Nome.

"About 3500 people spent the winter in Nome last winter and they had a tough time of it I can assure you. The town was dead and buried beneath the snow. The winter was a frght. While the thermometer only went down to 35 below still there were many people frozen to death, far in excess of the lives lost in this country from the same cause. The winds are fearful and the snow fall phenomenal. Last winter it was no unusual thing to tunnel from 25 to 100 feet to get in or out of a cabin. The average snowfall was seven feet, but in places it was 150 feet deep. A creek like Hunker for instance would be filled with snow to the level of the surrounding hills obliterating the creek entirely. Otherwise than accidents due to exposure the camp has been very healthy and in that regard compares favorably with Dawson. Mining conditions there are not as favorable as in this district. The season for active operations is shorter. They suffer from a dearth of water in the spring months and a deluge in the fall. The roadhouses along the coast are something wonderful to behold. They are built from drift wood in the fall and they soon get entirely covered with snow. All that can be seen of the places in winter is a hole in the snow mound. By going down the hole eight feet or so you can enter the retreat. Work is scarce and cheap. Miners are paid $100 a month and board, some less.

"Before the arrival of fresh goods this spring, flour sold for $1.50 to $2.50 per sack; fresh potatoes $4 a crate of 100 pounds; hams 17 cents, cream, all kinds, six cans for $1; canned meats and vegetables 25 cents a can.

"Up to the time of my leaving Nome June 4th, only two boats arrived, the whaler Jaene, May 28th, and the steamer Nome City. The crew of the Jaene received an ovation from the people of Nome it being the first vessel they had seen since last fall. The report that a big fleet of boats was awaiting the going out of the ice at the mouth of the Yukon is not true as all other boats but those two up to the time I left had not gone farther north than Dutch Harbor, the ice holding them there.

"Nome came near being destroyed by fire just prior to my departure. As it was a large number of buildings were burned to the ground including the Golden Gate hotel, Joe Jordan's saloon, Jersey hotel, Bowen & Boyle's saloon, Smiley & Campbell Supply Co. grocers; Washington Trading Co.'s stove and tin store and three or four residences. Temple court building was partially destroyed as well as F. L. Lang's store and others. The city jail was badly scorched and the prisoners had to be removed. It is estimated that the loss is about $200,000. A carpenter smoking near a pile of shavings is said to be the cause of the conflagration.

"Many Dawson people who spent the last two winters there want to come back. The only man I know of from here who has done well is Mike Sullivan, formerly with Tom Chisholm. He is supposed to be very rich and owns fine mining properties. He is building a fine home at the mouth of Alder creek.

"The merchants are all discouraged there owing to the disappointing news having reached them that but four or five thousand people will take passage to that country this season and nearly all of these will sail for Teller City. The season on the Bluestone country is even shorter than that of the Nome district, the ice leaving there one month later. The people of that district were all broke last winter and gambling in a cheap way was carried on in many instances by people with an outfit putting up a ham or some canned goods for a stack of chips. No one seemed to have any ready money. David Tewkesbury who was formerly with the Nugget, lost his position as commissioner of the Kougarok district, he having been removed by Judge Noyes and his friend Judge Cochran was appointed to the place."

Another Concession Case.

Another concession case was heard before Gold Commissioner Senkler yesterday, the action being entitled Kraemer et al. vs. Milne. Practically the same points and arguments were brought up in this that were set forth in the Matson case heard several days ago. The gold commissioner made the same ruling, holding that the action could not be properly brought without the consent of the attorney general. The case will be appealed.

Next to the Anderson concessions, the Milne grant is considered to be richest on Hunker. It joins the Anderson tract on the latter's left limit side boundary and extends back a distance of one mile, taking in Dago and Savoy hills and the lower end of Henry gulch. The latter was the scene of some phenomenally rich strikes made a few months ago.

Photo supplies reduced at Goetzman's.

ANOTHER MAD DOG

Killed on the Side Hill After Having Bitten Others.

Another mad dog is reported. A man named Perkins living on the side-hill near Fifth avenue has a kennel of dogs one of which went mad last Monday night biting all other dogs within reach. He was killed by his owner.

It might not be amiss to call the attention of the authorities to the fact that hundreds of dogs are now allowed to roam muzzleless around the town, not only to the injury of defenseless dogs which are muzzled by owners in conformity to the law, but to the imminent danger of the people as well.

Coming Coronation.

London, July 6.—Official preparations for the coronation parade ceremony are being made. It is expected the route will be through the same thoroughfares as at Queen Victoria's coronation in 1838. Offers running up to several hundreds of pounds are already being made for seats along the route.

It is evident that King Edward's coronation will eclipse in magnificence that of any previous sovereign.

J. O. Hestwood, wife and five children arrived last night on the Victorian. Mr. Hestwood is hevily interested on lower Bonanza.

RECEIVED BY WIRE.

SANTES DUMONT

A Renowned French Inventor Solves Problem of Aerial Navigation

IN PRESENCE OF PARIS DE L'AERO CLUB

And Is Awarded Grand Prize of 100,000 Francs.

FULL CONTROL OF BALLOON.

Came Down Six Times on Designated Spots at Will—All Paris Rejoices at His Success.

From Thursday's Daily.

Paris, July 13, via Skagway, July 18.—Santes Dumont in his trial trip with his new air ship this morning for the Grand Prix of the de L'Aero Club, covered the stipulated course from the Mendon Park around the Eiffel tower and back in 35 minutes. This was five minutes over the time allowed by the club, nevertheless Santes Dumont will be awarded the prize offered, 100,000 francs, as he proved the value of his invention and practically solved the problem of aerial navigation.

All Paris is in a furore over the success of the great inventor and nothing else is being talked of in the city. He seemingly had the balloon under his perfect control from start to finish. The average speed was 40 kilometers per hour and the average weight from 100 to 200 metres The aeronaut came down six times on designated spots without damage to his machine.

YUKON TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Interest in the tournament of the Yukon Lawn Tennis Club waxes stronger at the games proceed. The various players who have entered the lists are striving hard to carry off the trophies offered for the winners.

On Monday night a game of men's doubles was played between Messrs. Nicol and Long vs. Elderton and Clazy, and was won by Nicol and Long in the first two sets. Score 6-1, 6-4.

In the mens's single, F. E. G. Berry met and defeated Herb. Robertson by a score of 6-4, 6-0.

The game of G. H. Clazy vs. C. C. McCaul which was postponed from Friday evening was finished. This was one of the best and most warmly contested game thus far played, Clazy winning by a score of 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

On Tuesday evening in men's singles, H. G. Herbert (owe 40) played C. R. Elderton (owe 15). Herbert won the game in the first two sets by a score of 6-1, 6-3. A game of men's doubles was hotly contested between Messrs. Nicol and Long (owe 5-6 15) vs. Hughes and Berry (owe 30 1-6). The first set was won by Nicol and Long, the score being 6-3. The second set a score of 6 all was reached when the game was postponed temporarily. Last evening the only match played was a game in men's doubles between Messrs. Herbert and Pattullo (owe 30 1-6) vs. Finney and Martin (owe 15 1-6). This was the best game yet played each point being hotly contested. It was the opinion that Herbert and Pattullo would have a walk away from the start but their opponents gave them a surprise by winning the game by a score of 6-1, 46, 7-5. Finney excelled his usual strong game while Herbert from whom a good game was expected, lost the game for himself and partner by playing the worst game he has yet played.

The following notice has been issued by the committee:

The committee has decided to suspend the by-law relating to special evenings for gentlemen during the progress of the tournament. Competitors in the tournament are notified that the different rounds in the various events must be completed on the dates mentioned in the respective lists of the drawings, which are posted in the club pavilion, otherwise their names will be scratched.

The handicaps for the doubles, ladies' singles and ladies doubles have been arranged and games will begin today.

Mr. and Mrs. Casper Ellinger took their departure for the outside on the Selkirk yesterday evening.