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FRIDAY, MAY 17, 1901.

COME IN AND CELEBRATE.

The Nugget takes this occasion to extend to its readers on the various creeks of the district a hearty invitation to come into Dawson and assist in celebrating Victoria day. It is nothing new for Dawson to undertake the preparation of a holiday program, and previous efforts along this line have been so eminently successful that this paper feels perfectly justified in assuring the miners of the district that a trip to Dawson on the occasion of the celebration in question will well repay them for the trouble involved.

A little time devoted to recreation and enjoyment is time well spent under any circumstances.

It is particularly appropriate this season of the year that a day be devoted to public amusement if for no other reason than to celebrate the fact that the long winter has finally come to an end and that warm weather so long and eagerly looked for has at last arrived.

This consideration coupled with the memories and associations attached to the 24th of May make it particularly appropriate that on that day the ordinary routine of life be laid aside and a general holiday be enjoyed.

The committees having the approaching celebration in charge have their work well under way and promise that the program of sports and other events will be fully up to the high standard established on previous occasions of a similar nature. In some respects the scale upon which the celebration will be conducted will surpass all previous efforts which Dawson has attempted along similar lines.

The Nugget hopes to see every creek in the district largely represented at the celebration. Dawson is planning for a splendid time and hopes that the mining community generally will come into town for the occasion and join in the festivities.

WHEN THE YUKON IS ANGRY.

The Yukon rose up last night in good old sour dough fashion. The fact that the ice has moved out smoothly and gently for two years past does not indicate that our noble stream is always in a meek and lowly humor.

There are powers of destruction lying dormant in the river, the possibilities of which may well cause a shudder. The rise of the water last night was merely a suggestion of what may occur at any moment during this season of the year. An inopportune jam might subject Dawson to a flood almost without warning. Such things have happened and there is nothing to show that similar events will not occur again.

When the Yukon becomes angry there is no staying its wrath. Its power is irresistible and no agency of human hands can withstand it. A hint of this was furnished last night—only a hint—but under the circumstances enough to satisfy most people.

Whoever has seen the Yukon when the rage of the stream was really aroused may well shudder and he who has not seen it under such circumstances, may be thankful.

When the Yukon is angry, poor, weak insignificant man may well stand aside and give way to the storm, for human power can no more contend against the power of the river than it can batten or postpone the day of judgment.

Nothing has been heard of Carrie Nation for some time. Carrie must have retired from the smashing business or else she has been smashed out

of business herself. In either event, the main point to be considered is the fact that Carrie has been suppressed. Poor Carrie! Her surplus muscular energy expended in prospecting a Klondike placer claim might have won her a fortune.

Dawson is not exactly enjoying a building boom, but new structures are being erected and old ones improved on a very satisfactory scale. The growth of the town hereafter will be of a steady nature and based upon real substantial values. The boom period has gone by and Dawson is all the better for reason of that fact.

Notices have been published that fast riding or driving over bridges will be followed by prosecution. Owners of speedy horse flesh will do well to bear this fact in mind.

The lien ordinance is not dead—it is only sleeping. The question is who will rouse it from its slumbers.

A little snow fell this morning just to remind us that it is not always summer in the Klondike.

Objects to Word "Dynamited."

Editor Nugget:

In a morning paper of this date I find the following:
"The miners will form a union notwithstanding the objections of the unofficial official organ, and everyone will wait in more or less breathless anxiety to see whether that sheet will discontinue publication and leave the country for fear of being dynamited by the ferocious union miner."

The above may have been written in jest and it may not; but I as a miner and an active participant in the work of striving to bring about the organization of a miners' union most seriously object to the words "dynamite," "dynamiter," and "dynamited" being used in any way when our proposed union is spoken of. The too free use of these words has been the curse of unions for years past, conveying the false impression that the members of unions are a lawless combination whose chief aim is to antagonize law and order when their objects are just the reverse. The proposed miners union of the Klondike is not to take law in its own hands, but for the purpose of making organized and intelligent effort to secure better and more equitable laws, laws which will protect the horny-handed son of toil in his rights, insuring him redress for grievances and remuneration for services performed.

The union will not start out with a chip on its shoulder and the pockets of its members filled with dynamite, and any miners who may for one instant entertain the idea that the organization will be perfected for the purpose of bluffing and bulldozing and of accomplishing its purposes through threats and the mysterious pasting of warning notices will do well to rid themselves of such delusions as none such are wanted in the union. If we can not organize as law-abiding citizens we will be injured rather than benefited by such organization, and I believe but voice the sentiment of every intelligent miner in the district when I say that we desire that no more reference be made to dynamite in connection with the organization of our proposed union. MINER.

CHECHAKO'S LAMENT

Bad luck to the day I heard of Nome,
Quit a good job and left my old home,
A grab stake I took and borrowed some cash,
Took lessons in panning and drinking sour-mash,
Bought a mining machine and gold-saving devices,
Paid for the same and freight at high prices,
Studied the map and selected locations,
I'd set up my plant and astonish the nations,
Bought claims on the tundra by thousands of acres,
And beach claims from Seattle fakirs,
Bid good-bye to my father with many a smile,
Assured my best girl I'd return with a pile.
The "Blind Goddess," I wagered, has made me her pet,
I'd won out big if I'd copped the bet.
When we landed in Nome—a lot of galoots—
The fall of my feelings knocked the soles from my boots.
My feet are now cold and I want to go home,
To hell with gold, and to hell with Nome.

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JACOBS' MEAN ENGLISHMAN

The Word "Mean" Not Used in Moral Sense.

How He Lives, What He Earns and How It Is Expended—Simple Life of Average Man.

"The Mean Englishman" is the title which Mr. Joseph Jacobs has given to his suggestive study in the Fortnightly Review. But he uses "mean" in the mathematical, not the moral sense. He distinguishes "mean" from "average" by saying that "the average is an ideal calculated figure, the mean a concrete example." He begins with the remark:

"When we think of the typical Englishman, we probably combine together in our minds Lord Kitchener, Mr. Kipling, Mr. C. B. Fry, and (perhaps) Canon Gore."

But these eminent exceptions can scarcely form a basis for generalizing. So Mr. Jacobs makes an attempt to "sum up all those qualities of the mean Englishman which can be conveniently put in a quantitative form," and presents a picture of the type which English civilization is turning out today.

Arranging all Englishmen according to the size of the town in which they live, the writer finds half of them dwell in cities of above 30,000 inhabitants and half in towns of less size. So the mean Englishman will live in a town of 30,000 population. By "crediting the center of each county with the number of square miles it contains," he finds that "the center of gravity of the 40 English counties is somewhere in the neighborhood of Warwick." He finds the center of the population to be in the northwest Midlands, in the neighborhood of Hinckley, Loughborough in Leicestershire, with a population of 30,931, is therefore chosen as the abode of the mean Englishman. Arranging all heads of English families according to their income, the mean man, or "the fiftieth percentile," would fall within the artisan class and would be receiving about 30s a week nominal wages, which, allowing for an average of weeks out of work, would amount to a real wage of 24s 9d (about \$6) a week.

Proceeding on the basis of statistics of various kinds, the writer ventures on this biography past and future of his imaginary hero:

"William Sprogglet was born at Loughborough on January 12, 1864. His father was born in the same town, but his mother migrated thither from the country. He was married on August 20, 1892, at the age of 28 years 6 months, to Jane Davies (of Celtic descent), born also at Loughborough on January 18, 1866, and therefore 25 years 6 months of age. Her father had come thither from the Welsh borders. They were married in church, which Sprogglet then visited for the first time since his boyhood. In the seven years since that critical period they have had five children—three boys and two girls. One of the boys has died in the interim, and I regret to have to prophesy that the girl that is still to come will die before she attains five years of age. Sprogglet left school in 1875, when he was 11 years of age and in the fourth standard, and his wife in 1878, when 12 and in the fifth standard. Only his eldest boy is at present at school. He is a bright lad, quite up to the average, but the other boy, I regret to say, will show signs of nerve trouble when he comes to school age.

"Our hero is five feet seven inches in height and 150 pounds in weight. He can pull 70 pounds when in the attitude of drawing the long bow, and his chest girth is no less than 36 inches. Jane, his wife, is naturally inferior to him in all these categories, being only 62 inches in height, 120 pounds in weight, and can pull only 40 pounds. Both are of the same physical type, known to anthropologists as the 'C,' or 'Anglo-Saxon' type.

"Notwithstanding their meagre diet (of which we shall hear anon), their habits is stout and well covered. On the whole they are tolerably healthy. William has only had eight days of sickness in the last year, and will live on till the age of 68, when he will die on March 15, 1932, of a disease connected with the nervous system. Jane will survive him nearly three years and die of bronchitis.

"Sprogglet is in a hosiery manufactory, and began work as we have seen, at his trade at 11 years of age. He is (as we have also seen) at present earning 24s 9d a week, to waste. His high eminence he has reached after having commenced on 6d a day. Mrs. Sprogglet's housekeeping mosey would probably be 15s. He works 54 hours a week, and notwithstanding the claims of his family, he has managed to save no less than £21 (average), which is securely placed in the Postoffice Savings Bank."

From returns of "family budgets," the writer informs us precisely that the Sprogglet family spends each week out of its exiguous income 13s 7½d on food and drink (including 10½d on alcoholic drinks), 3s 6d on rent, 8d on insurance, and on other items 6s 11½d.

And the Ice Went Out!!

A. C. CO.'S OFFICIAL TIME
4:12 P. M., MAY 14.

WE, the undersigned, have carefully examined all guesses as taken from the sealed boxes in the store of Hershberg's and hereby acknowledge John Green to have come the nearest to the exact time of the moving of the ice, he having guessed 4:14 p. m., May 14. Official time 4:12 p. m.

E. J. Fitzpatrick, Nugget.
F. F. Lischka, Sun.
Ben S. Goodhue, News.

THE GUESSING CONTEST is all over and the lucky man has been found. John Green, day manager of the Northern Annex, gets the outfit. Keep your eye on him—you will notice the elegance of his attire. The clothing awarded to the nearest guesser is but a sample of the goods carried in stock by us. No cheap and flashy goods are kept in our store. If you want a consolation prize call on us for a Spring Outfit. We will charge you a fair price for your purchase but you will get the best money can buy.

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