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KLONDIKE NUGGET.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 1903.

THE SHORTEST WAY.

The miners of Lower Dominion creek have gone about the task of solving the water problem for themselves. Instead of waiting for the government or Providence to work in their behalf, they have undertaken the construction of a big dam and an immense flume for the diversion of water from Dominion creek to the hillside claims.

As a result of their enterprise and cooperation they are in a position to operate their ground in a satisfactory and profitable manner.

If the Treadgold monstrosity were out of existence, the miners of the other creeks of the district might solve the water problem for themselves just as has been done on Dominion creek.

A common need would bring the principal operators together and a water system suitable to the necessities of the district would be the natural result.

hThe Treadgold blight has simply nade it impossible for the legitimate interests of the district to come to their own rescue.

A group of speculators, without a stake in the district, have succeeded in hindering and impeding the progress of the territory in a most lamentable fashion. The situation would be ridiculous did it not involve features extremely serious.

A group of men by scheming and plotting are in a position to withhold from the miners of the Klondike district access to a water supply for a term of years, and prevent them from taking measures for supplying their own necessities.

If Treadgold were out of the way, it would be found that men with sufficient capital and without requiring a mortgage on the entire district would come forward and establish a water supply. If outsiders would not undertake the task, the miners themselves in emulation of the spirit displayed on lower Dominion would come to their own rescue.

The shortest way, therefore, to a solution of the water problem is to secure immediate and complete cancellation of the Treadgold grants and thus allow legitimate interests to take hold of the matter.

It may be taken for granted that Treadgold will do nothing until he is forced to act, and even then he will exact his pound of flesh. The country will not go forward as its natural and abundant resources warrant it should until Treadgold's evil influence has been removed.

VALUABLE SUGGESTION.

Apropos of our observations of yesterday relative to the desirability of securing the presence of Mr. Ross in Dawson at an early date, the suggestion has come forward that Mr. Ross ought to accompany the Treadgold investigating commission to Dawson.

In this suggestion the Nugget heartily concurs. The time during which the commission sits in Dawson will be a crucial period in Yukon history. The fight which will be made before the commission will be historic. On its results will depend in a large measure the future of the mining industry of the district. The deliberations and conclusions of the commission will determine whether the district is to be delivered over to the tender mercies of a monopoly or whether the individual miner is to be protected in the enjoyment of his natural rights and privileges.

It is essential, therefore, that every possible leverage be brought to bear to strengthen the people's cause.

The committee which now has the matter of preparing the case in hand may be relied upon to present a strng and forcible argument, but the more strength that is given to their hands the better will be the results.

Mr. Ross has professed his sympathy with the popular side of the case, but the opportunities presented to him in parliament of redeeming his assurances have not been improved. If he should return to Dawson with the commission an opportunity would be offered him to remove the feeling of popular distrust which his apparent inaction at Ottawa has awakened. It was largely for the purpose of fighting the concessions that Mr. Ross was elected, which fact in itself constitutes the best of reasons for desiring his presence in Dawson while the battle is in progress.

It would seem to be a highly proper move on the part of the board of trade committee to communicate with Mr. Ross and ascertain if he will accompany the commission.

Hotel Arrivals

FAIRVIEW HOTEL.—J. B. Pattullo, John Grant, Frank Mortimer, N. and C. Marcier, A. J. Morris, Lahey, Cleveland, Frank R. Buney, I. Rosenthal, F. Schwartz, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. De La Pole, John Odgard, H. A. Ewart, Austin Fraseth, Peter Smith, H. Johanson, Frank Stander, Joseph Schumann, George Ferguson, Coe Stidtz, Martin Molerick.

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KLONDIKE HOTEL.—Mrs. Ross, Dan Karlson, W. Rasmussen, O. O. Tystod, H. Hart, Tom Keefe, T. F. Lawran, Miss Davy, S. A. Ellis, H. Jackson, B. B. Smyth, John Serell, Kirk, John F. Sugrue, John Q. Smith, Miss R. Miller, B. Brown, T. D. Macfarlane.

To Make Rain.

Utica, June 6.—Arrangements have been completed between Prof. Carl E. Myers, aeronautic engineer of Frankfort, and Major E. M. Burns, representing Dr. W. Seward Webb, whereby Prof. Myers on Tuesday or Wednesday next will attempt to induce a fall of rain over Dr. Webb's preserve at Nehasane, in the Adirondacks. Prof. Myers and his corps of assistants are working night and day getting the rain-making apparatus in shape. The professor is having constructed two balloon bombs, one 10 feet and the other 12 feet in diameter. The smaller one will hold a little over 500 cubic feet, and the large one about 1,000 feet of explosive gas. The twelve-foot bomb is the size used in experiments made for the government.

In a conversation on the subject of producing rain, Prof. Myers said that a lower altitude in a hilly country from which to send up the balloons, which carry the explosives is preferable. The atmosphere is denser and there is more opportunity for a succession of concussions in what is commonly known as echoes. This was demonstrated in Texas, where the earth's surface was flat and there was no echo or rebounding of the air put in motion as compared with other places which were mountainous or hilly. For the same reason the noise produced in Texas was much less than in Washington with the same amount of explosive.

The experiments at Nehasane next week will be watched with great interest, inasmuch as many drought-stricken localities will give the professor jobs if he produces results at Dr. Webb's park.

FOUND—Note book belonging to Jas. Madden. May be received at Nugget office.

Draught beer Rochester Bar.

Municipal Ownership

State and municipal ownership of public utilities would be ideal if it were not for the depressing fact that experiments in that line have shown that the tendency of the average citizen is to lean rather than to lift, and in municipal, as well as state control of large affairs, the "government" is often slow in working out plans of improvement that would be quickly brought to full consummation by private enterprise, but are sadly delayed by political considerations.

If there is honesty there is economy that checks progress, and on the other hand there is danger of extravagance when a party regards itself as invincible. The postoffice department of the United States, in the light of late disclosures, is an illustration of the last named danger, yet it is the best example of state ownership, administration and control that can be presented. None will deny that the government should run the postal service, but few will attack the proposition that there have been for years grave abuses in that department that would not be permitted in any great business enterprise of a private character.

In municipal affairs it is the same. The experience of Philadelphia, St. Louis, New York and Minneapolis has put a damper upon the sentiment in favor of municipal ownership.

Even where corruption is not charged, the idea has not worked out satisfactorily. In the United Kingdom there has been deterioration in the quality of service. In Denmark, small in territory and inhabited by a frugal and honest people, there is a constant decrease in the efficiency of the government-owned railways—about half the railroad equipment of the country. Profits have shrunk from about $800,000 in 1898 o $100,000 last year, and next year a deficit is expected.

It is a case of spoils politics. Wages have been unduly increased, the pay roll has been padded by the addition of a small army of unnecessary employes, and no more labor is performed. In the light of such experiments as we have made here in municipal and government ownership, could we expect much better results? Considering that the incentive to betterments and extensions is eliminated in state ownership, would the public be gainer or loser?

Fire Sweeps Town

St. John, N. B., June 6.—Further disasters resulting from the forest fires are reported. Hopewell Cape, the shiretown of Albert county, was almost wiped out on Friday. Twenty-one buildings, including the court house, were destroyed. The new steamer being built for the Petitcodiac river service, the o,d steamer Delta and a wharf were also burned.

The fire also crept into the outskirts of Hillsboro, another Albert county town, but was extinguished with a loss of one or two buildings. Many clubhouses along the lakes were consumed, together with 400 acres of timber land and two summer houses.

Clark's Settlement in York county has also been destroy?d. A light shower Friday night helped to retard the progress of the fire.

Montreal, June 6.—There is some improvement in the bush fire conditions in this province, partially owing to the dying away of the wind.

Receives an Ovation

New Westminster, B. C., June 8.—Hon. Richard McBride, premier of British Columbia, returned to his native city on Saturday afternoon, accompanied by Hon. R. F. Green, minister of mines, and Mr. Taylor, M. P. P., of Revelstoke. The party got a hearty reception, and in the afternoon when the new premier faced the ball in the lacrosse match at Queen's park, his first appearance since being called to office, he received an ovation.

A procession, headed by the city band and with many prominent citizens in carriages, escorted the new premier to the city, and he made an excellent speech to about 3,000 people from the band stand on Columbia street. Mr. Green, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Gifford (member for New Westminster city) spoke, and all were well received.

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Stroller's Column.

"When I come back in June I will bring you a fine hat on the condition that you wear it every day for one week," said Sam Weissberg to F. J. Hemen when the former left for the outside last February. "Next to myself," continued Weissberg, "you are the best looking man in Dawson and there is no reason why you and I should not wear the very latest and finest in the line of hats."

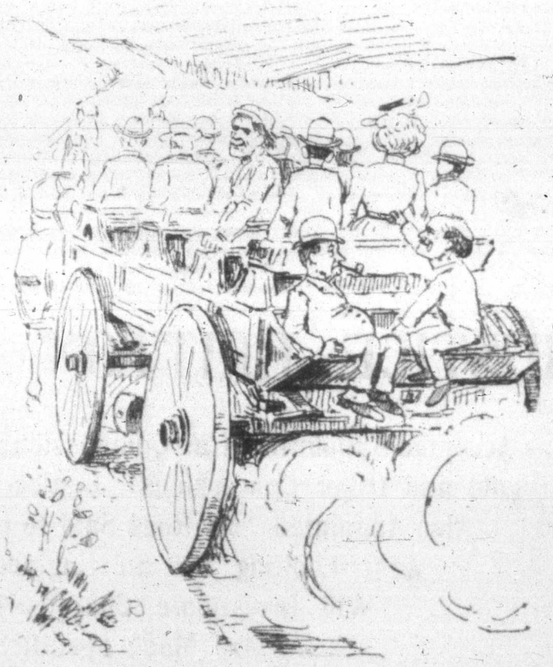
Hemen agreed with Sam in everything except as to which came first in the matter of looks, promised to wear the hat according to the terms

THE VERY LATEST IN HATS

stipulated, wrung Sam's hand and bid him goodby, the latter being whisked away on a White Pass stage.

All this happened in the dead of winter and Hemen had forgotten the compact before a week. Not so with the merchant and broker. Sam wore a rubber on his finger all the way from Dawson to San Francisco just to keep him from forgetting the compact and lest water would cause the rubber to contract and hurt the finger he never washed his hands on the entire trip or until a deal in hats in the Sunset City had been consumated. For himself he purchased a Panama such as a son of John D. Rockefeller might wear. A two bit wheat straw would do for John himself. But for Hemen he purchased the very latest in silk hats, and the "latest," by the way, bears a slight resemblance to the bell-crown of our fathers.

Weissberg and his hats arrived on the first boat and with the arrival of warm weather Sam donned his Panama. Hemen noticed it and asked



EDITOR BEDDOE WOULD GET A HALF NELSON ON A TIMOTHY WIDOW.

about the hat that was to be brought to him. Sam said it was ready for him but that the terms of the agreement must be met, Hemen being required to wear the hat a week without regard to wind or weather. They repaired to Murphy's butcher shop and a solemn oath was taken on a porterhouse steak to carry out the agreement, the hat was produced and Hemen put it on.

"Where did you get that hat?" "Get on to the gee!" "His cow is dead and he is wearing the churn?" "He is bughouse!" and other similar remarks and ejaculations now greet Hemen on every hand, but like Casibianca who stood on the burning deck whence all but him had fled, he stays with the hat, wears it in daylight, keeps it in a refrigerator at night and devotes half an hour every morning to grooming it. Weissberg is satisfied, Hemen is satisfied and if the public does not like the latter's hat it can transfer its gaze to some other object.

Some men are connesseurs on cuisine, others run to fancy drinks, while Sam Weissberg is a specialist on hats.

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The latest strike and walkout reported occurred in a Dawson barber shop. It was not a strike of barbers but of a customer who struck in the middle of a haircut. His action brought him into police court where, could the Stroller's readers have seen him they would have fully appreciated the sight. It reminded the Stroller of a few gashes he once inflicted on a field of wheat with a cradling scythe in the days of his youth when he was rarely ever able to stand flat footed on account of stone bruises on his heels and grass cuts on the keels of his toes.

The barber in the case mentioned claims to have struck a sand bar in the man's head and when he expressed the fear that if he went any farther he might run on to some tin cans or baling wire and spoil his machinery the customer became wroth and called it off.

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No one in this country has ever lost a midnight sun, therefore, why should people discommode themselves to seek for what they never lost?

The Stroller was hypnotized into riding 12 miles on the poop deck of a Concord stage coach Sunday night and his only reward was a view of the outline of the crest of the Rocky Mountains 100 miles or more away. Editor Beddoe shared in the Stroller's tribulations except that when a rough place in the road was reached the Stroller was compelled to get a hammerlock on a man in the rear seat to prevent him from falling out while his brother scribe would get a half Nelson on a good looking young timothy widow for the same purpose.

Joe Choynski was in the party and with all his science, strength and activity the dust landed on him at will. He agreed with the Stroller and hereafter he will leave midnight suns for Greeley and other Arctic explorers to locate.

The dome between Dominion and Sulphur is not an inviting place at midnight for a man with little clothing other than pants and a linen duster.

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Dies by Dynamite.

Seattle, June 9.—James Hamilton, a laborer, was killed yesterday morning on the eastern side of Lake Washington as the result of an explosion of dynamite. Hamilton neglected to go far enough away from the charge after he had lighted the fuse.

The deceased was supposed to be expert with explosives. He was in the employ of the Holt & Maguire Company and was blasting in the railroad work on Lake Washington. The gang of men while grading struck a quantity of "hardpan" which it was decided to blow up. After the charge had been made ready and the match applied Hamilton retired to a small planked shelter built a short distance away. The explosion shook the earth and the building and threw down upon the miner the roof of the shack and a great quantity of earth.

The man was dug out and brought into the city. He was placed in the Yesler way car and died when the car reached Occidental avenue. Hamilton is not supposed to have any family or relatives in this state. It is said he has a sister in California.

H. Pinkiert
AUCTIONEER
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Corner Hoye will today go to the scene of the accident to determine definitely how it occurred.

The Orr & Tukey Co., Ltd., night stage to Dominion. On and after June 20th stages for Caribou and 33 below Lower Dominion, will leave Dawson at 7 p. m.

Forest Fires

Syracuse, June 6.—The forest fires have come close to this city. The woods near Constantia are afire, and a fierce fire is reported at West Monroe. The sun has not been seen for two days owing to the smoke, and a haze is over everything. At the local weather station today it was said there were no indications of rain.

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