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## FOR THE BOARD OF TRADE.

There should be no hesitation among the members of the Board of Trade in taking up the matter of local taxation. Either the Yukon council, as at present constituted, has or has not the power to impose taxes in Dawson. If it has that power well and good. The taxes as assessed by it should be paid.

If, on the other hand, it does not possess such authority and in imposing the taxation ordinance on the town is merely playing a game of "bluff," the earlier this fact is brought to light the better the results will be for all parties concerned.

The principle that money for purposes of local improvement should be raised by local taxation will not be contested, we think, by anyone. But since there has been provision for representative government for a period of two years, we must object, and the public generally will object, to the imposition of taxes by a body of men whose boast, as voiced through their legal adviser, is that they are in no way responsible to the people of this community.

The Board of Trade, as the representative body of the community, may well take the matter in hand and give it close and thorough investigation.

## SEEMS TO BE ASSURED.

Conservative Democrats are preparing again to support the Republican ticket headed by McKinley and Roosevelt. The movement has been inaugurated by the New York Sun, which is noted for its independent tone and refusal to be bound by party traditions or platforms, which fail to meet its approval.

The Republican congressional majority is not so large as it was at the beginning of the McKinley administration, and the fact of New York being a pivotal state, the vote of which cannot be depended upon until the ballots are counted, has given the Sun and those Democrats which it represents reason to fear a silver majority in the house after the November elections. Strong support for the Republican congressional candidates will be given by the conservative Democracy of New York in an effort to keep the Empire state solid for sound money.

There is every prospect, however, that McKinley will carry more states this year than he did four years ago. On the Pacific coast both California and Washington, which in '96 were carried for Bryan are conceded by the Democratic managers to the McKinley column, while some of the interior states which gave their electoral vote to Bryan four years ago are now considered extremely doubtful.

As nearly as anything can be safe in politics the election of McKinley and Roosevelt by splendid majorities seems to be assured.

The fact that the Liberal party is making all manner of desperate moves in order to save itself from destruction at the approaching election is significant. The possibilities of securing some measure of justice for the Yukon ought to be considerably increased thereby. While the spirit of repentance is in the ascendant is the time to push our demands. If we wait until one or the other of the two parties is securely entrenched in power for another term of years, disappointment in

all probability will be the result. The tide in Yukon affairs is at the flood right now and, properly taken hold of, there is no reason why we should not be led on to a realization of what we have been so long seeking.

Dr. Catto's letter, extracts from which are published on another page in this issue of the Nugget is decidedly entertaining. The doctor wields a pen which for descriptive power is certainly marvelous. His word painting of the fascinations and alluring enticements of the Dawson theater and dance hall cannot be excelled for force and accuracy and bespeaks for the author a thorough knowledge of the subjects. Our only fear is that the result will be a stampede of gray-bearded members of parliament for Dawson.

## WHERE IS THE WEST?

An eastern paper tells us that by the division of the census bureau the Western States begin at the western line of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Texas. Referring to this, the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle says: "The battleground of the Custer tragedy, which seems to be only yesterday, is today within the group of the North Central States." The Rochester paper is mistaken. Custer fought the Sioux in Dakota two or three years before the "Custer tragedy," but that took place near the sources of the Little Big Horn and the Rosebud rivers, and it is at least 150 miles over the Dakota line in Montana.

But the country is moving West surely. A little more than 50 years ago, when a young man went West from New York to Michigan, the day of his departure was like a funeral. The thought was that he might be seen again, but it was very doubtful. Now, a person gets on a sleeper at night and wakes up next morning in Detroit, and from Central New York a person can go to Chicago, St. Paul or St. Louis, transact a day's business and get home before he is missed. Indeed, it only requires a week for one to go to San Francisco and get back. In those days a trip on Lake Erie in a little old side-wheel steamer was a much more momentous undertaking than to go from New York to Liverpool now. In fact, the chances were one hundred to one greater than they are now, and men would grow very much sicker on Lake Erie than on the ocean, because the lake is shallow, is all chopped, and many an old sailor can ride out a gale at sea without any trouble who is prostrated by a journey on the lakes.—Salt Lake Tribune.

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## STROLLER'S COLUMN

"You're drunk," said the soubrette, whose face was flushed with the best rouge to be had in Rudy's drug store, "I know you're drunk, because you don't walk right. You're toes are turned in."

"Madame," said the man thus addressed on the sidewalk of First avenue, at an early hour this morning, "you behold in me a man drunk; it is true. Resotted, if you will, but not in the ordinary way. I mean not in the hootch way. I am drunk through the effects of strong emotions and fate."

"Hard luck story?" asked the damsel somewhat coldly, preparing to move on.

"No. It happened this way. I am a prudent man, and generally save a little money from my modest earnings. I have been around on several occasions when banks were broken, so here awhile back I decided to be my own banker. I found a secluded spot, little frequented by any of the political push, and here I scooped out a little hole under a large flat rock and deposited my wealth. I used to go there two or three times a week and count my money and add to the roll till it was getting to be something good to look upon. So far this story is all right and sounds reasonable, don't it?"

The soubrette said, "Gowan."

"Last night I went up there to put away a little more money, and was scared pretty near to death by what I saw. My bank was near the grave yard so I didn't expect to find anyone there. Well, when I got nearly there I heard voices. This was bad enough, but what followed was worse. It was Joe Clark making most of the noise; he was sitting on my bank reading an editorial from the Ottawa Kicker, in support of a four-mile resolution by himself to the effect that everyone now holding office should be at once crucified. Col. McGregor was leaning against a fence post making notes. Near to his right hand lay an ax which he eyed thoughtfully from time to time, when the resolver sitting on my bank seemed to approach the point where a call to order would be within the rights of the chair. Leroy Tozier stood a little apart holding a roll of typewritten matter in his hand, waiting for a chance to speak. His pose was statesmanlike, and reminded me of "Soapy" Smith. In the foreground was Doc. Wilcoxon reclining gracefully upon a mossy bank, sleeping. Scattered around over the landscape were about a thousand statesmen, all waiting to say something appropriate.

"Is it any wonder that when I got a chance I robbed my own bank and went against one of Tom Chisholm's wheels with it?"

"Now, you know why I seem to be filled with hootch, but am not. I haven't the price."

The soubrette was weeping bitterly as she handed the poor wretch a percentage check on the Orpheum, and the Stroller pondered on the text "What shall we do to be saved from the reformer."

"My impressions of Dawson?" asked the tourist who was incidentally taking statistics for the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. "Well, I don't

know what my principal impressions will be by the time I get away from here, but I am convinced that I will be subject to a severe financial depression if the field of my labors is not soon changed."

"Is the gathering of statistics for the W. C. T. U. so expensive?" asked the Stroller.

"Not ordinarily," replied the tourist, "but in the particular work in hand I find I am 'up against the real thing.' I am gathering figures to illustrate the utter impossibility of quenching the soubrette thirst of Dawson. In order to show that this is impossible I must show by actual figures and experiment that a failure has been recorded. Now, for instance: Last night I spent \$34.50 for beer for one soubrette, and she was to all appearances just as thirsty when she finished drinking it as when she coyly insinuated, on being introduced, that she would not be averse to liquid refreshment.

"Now, of course the amount of beer

sold here for a given sum of money is comparatively small, but just out of curiosity I figured up the results obtainable from that much money spent in the same way on the outside—I mean in the States. Beer purchased in the ordinary way, over the bars, there costs five cents a quart; now at that price I should have purchased with \$34.50, 122½ gallons of beer. Now, supposing that I had consumed half of that amount, which I assure you is quite beyond the limit of possibility, there would still have been left for the soubrette 61¼ gallons. Of course, without the resources of the Bank of England I cannot demonstrate positively that it could be accomplished here, but I think I may say that outside it would be possible to quench this thirst.

"This evening—if I can find the man who introduced me to that soubrette today—there will be a funeral."

The Holborn Cafe for delicacies.  
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