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SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 1901.

From Friday's Daily.

RECIPROCAL CONCESSION.

A reciprocal arrangement whereby American goods might be brought into the territory and Canadian goods sold in Alaska without payment of duty charges would contribute materially toward hastening the settlement and development of both districts. Both governments have been at fault in considering their northern possessions almost entirely from a revenue producing standpoint. If duties were removed for a term of years, especially on staple food supplies and mining machinery a wonderful impetus would be given to the growth both of the Yukon and Alaskan territories.

It is impossible to escape from the fact that the future prosperity of the Yukon country generally, including both the Canadian and American sides is largely bound up in the possibility of securing for the prospector and miner substantial reduction in the prices now charged for the necessities of life.

The cost of living is so high, as is also the expense of landing machinery in the country, that mining operations in what is known as low-grade ground have not as yet become a profitable business. Ultimately the transportation companies must come to understand that freight rates will need to undergo a very substantial reduction if the country is to sustain a permanent population. Regard for their own interests will sooner or later bring them to see this point clearly, and action in accordance with the conditions will naturally follow.

Meanwhile, however, if the Canadian and United States governments would get together in an agreement to remove duties so far as their Yukon possessions are concerned, their action would be an untold blessing both to this territory and Alaska.

While the two territories are yet in their swaddling clothes, so to speak they should be carefully nurtured. In the end they will well repay their respective governments for every consideration shown them in their infancy.

A NEW DEPARTURE.

The present age is witnessing a remarkable expansion of ideas in connection with municipal governments. The authorities of a town or city come into direct contact with the individual. Almost every act of a municipality has in some manner or other a direct bearing upon the personal interest of the citizens of the particular community concerned. It has come about, therefore, that municipalities are giving more and more attention to the matter of finding public amusement. As an example of this, the fact may be cited that almost every city and town of any consequence in the United States and Canada has during the past few years given some attention to the matter of bicycle roads. The bicycle has even become an important factor in politics. Cycle clubs in various communities have attained such numerical strength as to be able to demand and secure extraordinary recognition. It is by no means an uncommon occurrence to find committees appointed from members of municipal councils whose duties are almost entirely confined to the work of looking after the interests of cyclists.

The city of Chicago has recently made an important departure along somewhat similar lines. A committee of aldermen has been appointed in that city whose duties are confined exclusively to the direction and control of public athletic events. The committee will have the power to authorize

public carnivals and to decide how nearly the same may approach what is commonly designated as a prizefight.

In general, the committee is charged with giving attention to all matters pertaining to the entertainment of the public from an athletic standpoint and will act as official patrons in all such matters.

This action on the part of Chicago is only an example of what other cities are doing. It furnishes substantial evidence of the fact that municipal governments are beginning to realize that they have other duties aside from effecting prompt payment of taxes.

The San Francisco Examiner has dispatched a high school boy on a record breaking trip around the world. Mr. Hearst expects that his protegee will be able to reduce the record of Jules Verne's hero by about one-half. An opponent in his race the Examiner boy will have to compete against representatives of La Presse of Montreal, a Paris daily and of Hearst's Chicago American.

Local athletic enthusiasts are evidencing great activity in all classes of summer sports. Our long summer evenings furnish splendid inducements for enjoyment of this kind. In recognition of the interest manifested the Nugget is conducting a column devoted to outdoor games and cordially invites communications thereto to all who in any way are concerned therewith.

A combine of the purpose of which is to absorb all the tobacco manufactures of the United States has been formed. To a casual observer it would appear that there is not much left in the way of industries that the trusts have not gobbled.

Was Innocent.

Grand Forks, June 19.

Editor Nugget:
Dear Sir—In regard to a charge of stealing four pairs of blankets from a man by the name of Black last October, made against F. D. Gomez, in police court a few days ago, he proved himself innocent of the charge. Mr. Gomez always pays for what he gets and does not resort to anything in any way that is illegitimate.

JUSTICE.

Lumber Trust.

San Francisco, June 4.—The Examiner says: There can be no doubt that there is in process of formation a combination, having for its ultimate object the gathering in of all the redwood interests on this coast. The capital of this combination will be somewhere between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000, and the men who represent the capitalists interested in the project are in this city today. The land which it is proposed to acquire is in the three great redwood counties of the state, the acreage being distributed as follows:
Humboldt, 420,000 acres; Mendocino, 600,000 and Del Norte 125,000, a total of 1,145,000 acres.

A. B. Hammond of Missoula, Mont., who recently purchased the Vance Lumber Company of Eureka, and who is now building new planing mills and a saw and door factory in that Humboldt county town, is one of the principal men concerned in the proposed combination. His company owns 30,000 acres. Friends of his in New Hampshire and Minnesota own 70,000 acres more, all recently acquired, and there are in addition other large companies owning jointly over 150,000 acres, which will become part of the redwood lumber combine.

The moving spirit of the whole matter is Hugh Bellas, who is now at the Palace hotel, and has been here since January last, except on the occasion of his visits to Humboldt county. He is known to every large lumber man in the United States and his acquaintance in the lumber line in Europe is, if possible, more extensive. When seen yesterday, Mr. Bellas said:
"I may as well admit candidly that I am interested in the formation of a redwood combination, which will be capitalized at somewhere between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000."

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J. P. McLENNAN

STROLLER'S COLUMN.

Meeting Sam C. Dunham in a joy store yesterday evening brought to the mind of the Stroller two lines of verse Dunham wrote in Washington City in February of '99 and after returning from an 18 months' trip to and sojourn in the northland. Evidently the glad hand was not extended to Samuel after his old tillacums found he did not bring home what "Kid" West would term "a bunch of coin," for then it was that he wrote the article which concludes with the two lines:

"For though the Arctic winters there are long an' dark an' cold,
They're warmer than my welcome when they found I brought no gold."

The Stroller inclines to the belief that, while the above is good poetry, it also contains a great deal of truth. This conclusion is based on what an old Klondiker who went outside last fall and returned last week, told the Stroller on his arrival at Dawson in a Stwah boat from Whitehorse. After staying here three years—practically losing all that time, as well as all the hair on the top of his head—the fellow returned to the old home where he essayed to repose in the bosom of his family and otherwise jolly around the scenes of former days. But he was hauled the "marble" for the reason that when he landed at the old town he didn't have the price of beer for the crowd. His wife looked at him with eyes askance and said: "You are not so swift; besides, there are others whose smoke is bluer." Everywhere he went he overheard such whispers as "dat bloke's been in der Klondike tree year and aint got nothin'." Then the cold, under-done shoulder was pushed out in his direction and in order that he might be crowded out of the conversation, the subject of the Spanish war was brought up. This made the returned Klondiker feel like a "nuley" steer at a strawstack and he realized that he was up against it. The result was that he went to work scratching gravel for blind chickens in daylight and taking in washing and digger wells at night. By rigid economy he saved the price of deck passage to Skagway where he crawled inside a boiler from which he emerged at Whitehorse. Five days later he was in Dawson where a man is not judged by his apparel; and in two hours, having met some old friends, he was full of hooch up to the top button of his vest and his heart was as light and airy as a "fat to rent." He is now at work at \$5 per day and board. The crickets chirrup in his heart and when he gets a few dollars ahead he will send a remittance home for the sake of the baby; but personally he don't care a cuss if he never goes back in the flesh. The Arctic winters here are cold, but they're warmer than his welcome when they found he'd brought no gold.

"Ven I was in San Francisco four weeks ago I saw President McKinley unt he wanted me to take der position of United States consul in Dawson, bud I told him my peaness interests was so great I couldn't do it."

At Whitehorse and after falling in with a number of prominent Canadians and Englishmen the same man is reported as saying:
"Ven ye get to Dawson dose Yankeees will hat to get od; don'd id?"
"Stopenough!"
Some men are born great and others are born in Ohio
Some men are born actors but when more than two "occur" in a century it may be called a coincidence. They are few and far between; in fact, seldom seen; but when seen they never assume a sort of paregoric look and say "Stopenough!" Such alleged actors are made by the gross at various kindergarten dramatic schools on the third alley back from Hogan's. "Stopenough!"

Francis Douce, a famous antiquary, who died in 1834, bequeathed a box to the British museum trustees, stipulating that it should not be opened until 1900. At a recent meeting of the trustees the box was unsealed and unlocked by the curator of the museum. It contained nothing but fragments of paper, torn book covers and other rubbish, with a note from the donor saying that, in his opinion, "it would be wasting any more valuable or interesting objects to leave them to persons of the average intelligence and taste of the British museum trustees."

Saved by a Little Girl.
O. C. Sigworth, an Indiana man, in catching a black snake recently, grabbed it back of the head, when it wrapped around him and squeezed his arms close to his body. He was unable for some time to get the reptile uncoiled, but finally received assistance from a little girl, who was with him, who grasped the snake's tail and walked around Mr. Sigworth and uncoiled it. Mr. Sigworth says the bravery of the little girl no doubt saved his life, as the snake was slowly but surely squeezing the wind out of him.

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HERSHBERG

15 YEARS IN PRISON

Heavy Sentence Imposed on Whatcom Rape Fiends.

Whatcom, June 8.—Judge Neterer this morning sentenced A. W. Witham, convicted last Tuesday of the rape of Raehael Dorr, at Blaine, on last Thanksgiving day, to 15 years in the penitentiary. Bedford Brooks, who, on Wednesday, pleaded guilty of having committed the same crime, was given 10 years. Witham jauntily announced that he had nothing to say in his defense and received his sentence with a smile.

Two hours was consumed by the defense in introducing testimony as to Brooks' present physical condition. Two physicians testified that his left lung was affected, but that with outdoor exercise he will probably regain his health.

In pronouncing sentence, Judge Neterer made a most exhaustive resume of the case. He told Brooks that he had received a letter from his victim asking for mercy for him. However, he continued, the testimony adduced in Witham's trial, which would have been the same in his own, brought to light one of the most revolting cases of lust imaginable. Another point which he said he must take into consideration was the spiriting of a state's witness out of the United States after the trial of the case had been assigned, thus holding up the court of this county to ridicule, and entailing great expense on the county in securing the witness again.

For the effect which he hoped the imposing of this sentence would have in deterring others from committing like crimes, the judge said that he felt he must pronounce the sentence which he did. The sentence meets with universal approbation.

JUST A BIT OF LIFE.

A Pathetic Incident of the Pawnshops in the Metropolis.

Sneaking into a small shop in an obscure and poverty ridden locality, the man who "went broke" at the races was realizing on a superfluous article of jewelry. A woman so poor and pinched in feature, so marked with care and desperation that it made him feel sick to look at her, was holding something under her shawl and waiting nervously until he should have finished his transaction.

"Wait on her. She seems to be in a hurry," he said to the man behind the counter, and at the word of permission a carpenter's plane was produced from the shelter of the shawl.

"How much do you want?" queried the unmoved pawnbroker monotonously.

"Fifty cents," replied the woman, with a gulping in her throat and an eager look in her eyes. She clutched the money tightly and ran into another creature, poor as herself, but bearing her troubles in a different fashion. She had a baby's cloak, never costly and much worn, on which she wanted to borrow money. The same sum as the other woman had asked for.

The man who had been offering a diamond felt uncomfortable. "There, give me \$50. The stone's worth four times as much." And, seizing the money, he hurried after the woman who had just left the shop. He was not given to acts of charity, and he felt awkward, the more so as the woman shrank from him as he accepted her.

"I beg your pardon," he began, "but here's \$50 I have no use for. Perhaps you?"

"No, no!" she cried, drawing further from him.

"For your child," he said gently. "My child is dead!" cried the woman, with a queer sob, and fled into the labyrinth of alleys and byways that shelters so much wretchedness.—New York Times.

Curious Mexican Laws.
They have some very curious criminal laws in Mexico. For instance, it is twice as much of an offense to mutilate the face of a woman as that of a man. The law seems to be based on the idea that a woman's best possession is her beauty and that to mar it does her a great injury.

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