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These are blithesome days. The winter of our discontent and the heave passed away. Wild flowers and last year's straw hats are in bloom, mosquitos are presenting their bills and yet many of us are not happy. Until boats arrive from Whitehorse we will continue to eat a brand of butter that will be used for axle grease after something better is on the market. "In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love." Not so with Hughie McDermatt.



children of what we saw in the halcyon days of the past. A fourteen-year-old Dawson boy was taken with an industrious fit the other morning in which he decided to cook his own breakfast. Repairing to the kitchen he started a fire and put on a kettle of water with the intention of cooking what is termed in the uncultured west "mush." The water boiled and the boy began the "stirring in" process. Handful after handful went into the boiling water

first attempt wither and fade as though it had an attack of San Jose scale, and he asked every day in tones of sarcasm when he thinks he will be able to start out with a basket on his arm to supply the neighborhood with garden truck. Any information as to how to make lettuce green without the use of paint and how to make radishes grow without applying a hop poultice will be thankfully received. In the meantime any of the Stroller's neighbors who are developing symptoms of scurry had better see a vegetable man.

It has been suggested to the Stroller that the time is ripe for beginning arrangements for the joint celebration of Dominion Day and the Fourth of July. The Stroller heartily endorses the suggestion and is willing to do anything to make it a success from being patron of the day down to taking part in the greased pig exercises.

Jewess and Divorcee
 Vienna, May 23.—In giving his niece, the Archduchess Elizabeth Amelie, to Prince Lichtenstein, Emperor Francis Joseph broke with many traditions of the imperial family, for his newly acquired relatives are "people of all sorts," as the Viennese put it. There is Prince Alois Lichtenstein, called the Black Prince on account of his ultramontane tendencies. His wife, Hannah (nee Klimkoech), is a Jewess, and was divorced from a jeweler named Haupt, that she might marry the leader of the Christian-Socialists. Hannah poses in the front row of the beautiful nude girls welcoming Charles V. to Antwerp on Makart's great canvas. Prince Philip of Lichtenstein became a Protestant to marry the beautiful Sophie Todesco, a baptized Jewess and divorcee, whose first husband was Baron Croex Princess Sophie of Lichtenstein married Francis von Eermienyi, a well-to-do Hungarian farmer.

Situation is Grave.
 London, May 1.—The discussion in parliament yesterday afternoon failed to throw any light on the Manchurian question. Lord Lansdowne in the upper chamber and Lord Cranborne in the lower house said the British government had received authoritative information confirming the news of Russia's disclaimer, but these official statements gave little satisfaction. The impression is gaining ground that nothing short of force will turn Russia out of Manchuria. Britain, Japan and the United States exert sufficient diplomatic pressure Russia will withdraw her demands for the present, but the complete Russification of Manchuria can only be a question of time. The situation just now undoubtedly is grave, still, war is unlikely as Britain is naturally anxious to avoid a serious quarrel with the Bear just so soon after the struggle in South Africa.

Grand Folks, June 10.
 Dear Stroller—A few days ago I was reading an account of the shooting 38 years ago in Ford's theatre in Washington of President Lincoln by John Wilkes Booth, who when he fired the fatal shot, exclaimed as he fled, "Sic semper tyrannus." Please inform me of the meaning of the expression and of its origin.

MINER.
 To be serious, the expression is not one which any accomplished and up-



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grandstone he was wont to turn at noon when the hired men were resting in the shade at the merry harvest time? Is it any wonder his heart was sad and he had no interest in the next baseball game? I trow not. The best, oldest and most staid of us in perusing a circus advertisement have thoughts which come surging upon us of red lemonade, balloons and a hog that can cheat a farmer out of his money at three card monte. Even the Stroller has a weakness for a circus which, in the sunny southland is dearest to the hearts of the people—next to a lynching.

Hughie, this is not said to blight any anticipations but the Stroller very much fears that you and he are destined to remain in Dawson a long long time before we see a girl riding on her toes horseback or hear a concert for 10 cents after the main performance. If we remain here we must content ourselves by telling our to-date assassin would use and certainly had no special meaning when applied to Lincoln whose memory will ever be revered by all good citizens of the country over which he presided.

The expression "Sic semper tyrannus" originated during the reign of Jeroboam the son of Nebat who made Israel to sin. It was later used in the days of Nero and literally means "the tail goes with the hide."

After carrying over a ton of earth one shovelful at a time two and a half blocks, working it up into trundle beds for garden truck the Stroller now has a patch of lettuce that is suffering from yellow jaundice and a bed of radish plants that seem to regret their existence.

It is certainly discouraging to an ambitious gardener who talked all winter of what he intended doing in the line of agriculture to have his

MARKET REPORTS

Prices Generally on the Decline

Eggs Down to \$20 a Case and Oranges and Lemons Also Take a Drop.

It will be a month ago tomorrow since the river opened at Dawson and still there is no boat in from Whitehorse and the prices that householders have been compelled to pay for certain commodities in the past four weeks have been unusually high. There is one consolation, this week will see the last of high prices, as with the arrival of the fleet now at the head of navigation one will see such a reduction in prices that it will bring joy to the average consumer. The approach of the inevitable is already seen in the sharp decline during the past week in several lines. Eggs on Monday fell to \$20 a case and notwithstanding the consumption by the fire early yesterday morning of 500 cases which at first was thought would produce a shortage for a few days there will be no change in the market quotations. Eggs, at least, have seen their highest price this season. There are still about 300 cases on hand which will be adequate to last a week by which time the boats will certainly have arrived. Never in the history of the Yukon and never again will eggs be as cheap as they were yesterday. A price that has probably never before been equalled on the Pacific coast considering the fact that they were already hoisted and ready to eat. They were what were saved after passing through the fiery furnace at the Wilson conflagration and a hundred or so dozen were disposed of at 25 cents a dozen. They were not damaged in the least with the exception of being cooked.

Oranges and lemons have also declined several dollars, the former being quoted now at \$12.50 and the latter at \$16. There is a good supply on hand and they, like eggs, have seen their topnotch figure. But as stated last week is not only out of the market but almost out of the question. Lucky indeed is the small dealer who secured several cases from the scows that came down the river immediately after the opening of navigation for they in many instances are better off with regard to supplying their customers than are some of the big company stores. The latter have been compelled to buy

back at an advanced price goods that they sold to creek dealers earlier in the winter. Every wholesaler and retailer in the city who was in the city in '98 will agree that not since those days has the market been so thoroughly cleaned up.

Bacon is another very necessary article in conducting mining operations that is practically out of the market. There is quite a bit of ham left, but bacon that is good is very hard to get. Cream is in the same category and while not absolutely all out it is being dishied out in short rations. If one orders a case of cream he is liable to get but a dozen cans, for which small favor he must feel thankful. The spud market is strong and vigorous at 16 to 18 cents a pound. The amount one receives from one's grocer for a dollar reminds one of the spring of 1900 when the succulent spud sold for \$1.25 a pound and one could carry home in his pockets all that could be bought for a couple of dollars. A little bag is required now which is all the difference.

Fresh meat is still up in the air beyond the reach of people in ordinary circumstances with but little prospect of it being any lower according to the stories afloat of the meat combine.

MADE A RICH STRIKE

In Mexico—Hestwood and Rhodes

Two Klondikers Obtain a Lease From Mexican Government and Make Fortunes.

J. O. Hestwood and Louis Rhodes, two of the old timers in the Klondike, have struck it rich in Mexico. Mr. Hestwood was at one time owner of 60 below Bonanza and Mr. Rhodes will be remembered as the owner of 21 and 23 above Bonanza and was the first man to locate the rich Bonanza pay, on 21 above, in the fall of '96. During the rush days of '97 these two gentlemen combined their interests and sold them to a company of Philadelphia capitalists headed by J. Pierpont Morgan and formed the Reliance Mining Co. Mr. Hestwood and Mr. Rhodes returned to Dawson in the interests of the company, the former as general manager and the latter as mining superintendent, and for three years worked the properties to excellent advantage, taking out a large amount of gold.

In the spring of 1901 they resigned their positions with the company and desiring a change of climate they went to Mexico. They obtained from the Mexican government a lease of 20 square miles near the city of Ameca in which to prospect, and employing an experienced expert prospector they soon discovered several leads. "Last summer they were offered \$500,000 for a one-half interest in one of their prospects but refused and are working their property themselves. They have at present two mills running night and day the year round. The ore, which is free milling, runs \$50 to the ton with a cost of mining and milling of about \$10 to the ton.

They are greatly pleased with the change from the frigid north to the more temperate south where they have a climate similar to Southern California. Their properties are located nearer to a city of 10,000 inhabitants than 21 above Bonanza is to Dawson and they have all the benefits of railroad, telegraph and, in fact, all modern conveniences. Aside from this they are located within 24 hours riding distance from the second largest and the most beautiful city of Mexico, where they enjoy all the luxuries of modern civilization.

Both of the gentlemen have a large

Thrown in Jail

Seattle, May 24.—Louis Cohn, a familiar figure on the streets of the city, was arrested last night by Detectives Byrnes and Kennedy as a suspicious character. Cohn has been in Seattle for a number of years, but according to the officers at the station, has no lawful means of support.

Cohn is often to be seen in the company of police officers about the downtown saloons. He protested against being placed under arrest and at the station claimed he had done nothing to warrant such action on the part of the detectives.

It is known that Cohn has been friendly with the boss gamblers of the city and has figured in a number of political deals. Chief Sullivan has instructed his officers to bring in all men with bad reputations and Cohn landed in the police dragnet.

All Shot to Pieces.

Ordinarily one well-directed shot is sufficient to terminate the earthly pilgrimage of a dog, but five were required to check a canine career yesterday evening when a pit-bull-outtempted to kill a dog by the N. C. dock where one bullet penetrated his anatomy. The animal continued on down First avenue and finally took refuge behind some boilers on the N. A. T. & T. dock where four additional leaden missiles caused him to stagger up to the rope and declare it was of no use to continue the go. As the dog's name was not Kostusko there was no occasion for freedom to shriek when he fell.

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number of friends in Dawson and the district who will be greatly pleased to hear of their good fortune.

St. Ann's Academy.
 It is possible that after the close of the Dawson schools and before the opening of the fall term a number of young girls will go from Dawson to Victoria, B. C., for the purpose of entering St. Ann's Academy, which is very highly recommended as a home and school for girls.

Must be Amended.
 London, May 23.—The new licensing act which came into force last January may be recalled as being chiefly notable for the powers it conferred on magistrates. It allowed them to place people convicted three times in the year on the blacklist, thereby making it an offense for them to obtain liquor. It seems that the blacklist clause refers to the inebriates act of 1898, and that the blacklist is only applicable in a certain clause of that act. This clause gives the magistrates certain powers in dealing with inebriates with their own consent. These words it has now been decided by a test case in the high court must apply to a blacklist which is now a useless weapon in the hands of magistrates, who cannot employ it without victims, except by amending the bill as has now been suggested. Meanwhile warrants are already begun to be withdrawn against persons who were charged with having purchased drinks after being blacklisted, and the magistrates have stopped adding to the list.

Phone Service Bad

Paris, May 30.—There have been so many complaints in regard to the inefficiency of the telephone service in Paris that an investigation of the reasons for such poor service has been opened. One of the first criticisms the investigating committee made was of the ridiculous manner in which telephone girls are chosen after a competitive examination.

One of the questions in a recent examination was in regard to a storm in the Pyrenees Mountains. A storm in the Pyrenees is an interesting subject, perhaps, but what relation it bears to "Hello," "Give me 711," "Busy," etc., it is difficult to see. Indeed, one is predisposed to believe that a young woman who would potically describe a storm in the Pyrenees with flashing lightning and beating rain—would be a dreary young person, little disposed to operate switchboards and telephone keys to the public's satisfaction. This is the committee's opinion, and the papers are having any amount of fun at the government's expense.

It appears that 350 young women who recently applied for situations as telephone girls wrote 850 essays on storms in the Pyrenees Mountains, but only 450 storms were considered sufficiently well described to entitle the writers to cover their ears with the regulation telephone receiver and properly manipulate the switchboard.

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