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From Saturday's Daily.

MAKE IT OPEN.

The Yukon Council, in denying the right of the public and press to be present at its legislative sessions, is violating the established rule of such bodies the world over. The Council has jurisdiction over and is daily appropriating moneys derived from the various sources of local revenue. It makes laws for the government of the community in all matters excepting those over which jurisdiction is maintained at Ottawa. The reports of the meetings of the Council are subject to absolute censorship before they are given out to the press for publication. Such matters as in the judgment of the Yukon commissioner are considered suitable for publication are given to the press, and other matters are stricken out. The Nugget maintains that such a condition of affairs is nothing more nor less than outrageous. The citizens of Dawson, whose money it is that the Council appropriates, and who are expected to render obedience to the laws which the Council passes, are entitled to know the methods of procedure which maintain in the Council, and to learn directly, and without the reports being subjected to any kind of censorship, what those proceedings are.

As long as present methods are followed, the Council will always be subject to suspicion, both as to its motives and its actions.

WAR IMMINENT.

Great Britain is preparing for a war greater even than the one she has just been conducting. Volatile, fickle, France, John Bull's traditional enemy, but not infrequently his warmest friend, sees or thinks she sees, in the strain placed upon British resources in the Transvaal, the longed for opportunity to square up old accounts. The war spirit appears to be in the ascendant throughout France, and the newspapers and war advocates are calling in such urgent terms upon the government to prepare for war that resistance to their clamor seems impossible, even if the government felt so disposed. France claims to have the support both of Germany and Russia at her back, but there is as yet nothing to indicate that this claim is founded upon anything like substantial grounds.

Germany, while at times manifesting a spirit of unfriendliness toward Great Britain, has never indicated a specific desire for the severance of the relationships now existing. Germany is conservative, notwithstanding the fact that she has a ruler who is somewhat erratic. Her immense war force is maintained rather for the purpose of insuring peace than with any desire to prosecute campaigns for conquest. What she would have to gain, aside from some possible colonial accessions, is doubtful. Nevertheless, the situation is apparently regarded in England as involving possibilities of the utmost gravity. It has taken no little effort on the part of the government to place the present forces in the field in South Africa. To meet the requirements of such a war as would result from an attack by France upon England would strain the resources of the empire to the utmost.

The situation, however, is being met with that unflinching firmness which is characteristic of the race. If England has one or a half dozen enemies to fight, they will be fought singly or together, and as long as there are men and guns left with which to fight.

President Steyn's prophecy that startling events will precede the fall of Pretoria may yet be realized.

COAST PROPERTY.

The Pacific coast cities are all experiencing a boom, due in a very large measure to the fact that the Alaska trade is assuming such tremendous proportions. In Seattle and San Francisco the steamboat companies are already preparing to handle the increased tonnage, and in consequence every line of business has been stimulated. The former city is filled with eager Nomads and returning Klondikers, each one of whom contributes his mite toward the prosperity of the Sound City. It is stated by parties just arriving from Seattle that real estate in that city is held at three and four times the figures asked three years ago, with prices still stiffening. This would indicate a measure of prosperity which may well cause the Queen City to rejoice. The Alaskan trade has been a veritable Godsend to all the coast cities, but more particularly to Seattle, which is generally regarded as the center around which the Alaskan business revolves.

There appears to be a diversity of opinion regarding the desirability of working claims by the lay system. It is a well known fact that many laymen have spent months of labor upon a claim only to find that their work has been in vain and without results. At the same time the marketable value of much good property has largely depreciated by reason of the fact that laymen have in many instances failed to prospect properly the ground they were working. There is considerable room for doubt as to who has suffered the most from the lay system—the layman or the claim owner.

Business during the past few days has shown a general improvement. Local merchants are pleased with the increase in trade, the volume of which is steadily increasing. Reports from leading mercantile firms indicate that the volume of business, if anything, is greater than at the same time 12 months ago. This condition speaks highly for the stability of the town. From now on until the end of the cleanup, business should continue to show marked and steady improvement.

This is St. Patrick's day, and the patron saint of the Emerald Isle is being properly honored in Dawson. If, as a result of the joy incident to the occasion, an unusual number of worshippers appear at the shrine of the police court magistrate Monday morning, the Nugget bespeaks for them a degree of leniency in accord with the nature of the circumstances.

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STROLLER'S COLUMN

It was on one of the late bright warm afternoons; the sun was singing brightly, and a number of men were basking in its rays by sitting on a pile of lumber on the river oank on the west side of Front. For some time the subject under discussion by the party had been that of steamboats, and all kinds of craft, from an American man of war down to a fishing smack, had been "treated" when one of the most venerable men in the party said:

"Do you know, men are very much like water craft. No two of them are of the same draught, and, I speak of their mental attainments, no two are of the same breadth of beam. It is usually the light draught boat that makes the most noise coming up the river, and it is usually the light draught men who make the most noise as they travel along the highway of life. The merchantman or battleship that displaces thousands upon thousands of tons of water makes less noise in furrowing her way through the ocean than does the little gasoline launch which a riffle would overturn were it not for her centerboard. And this is just exactly the way it is with men. Take John Smith, for instance, right here in Dawson. John is always bobbing up, no matter where he is, and he talks to other men as if they are mummies. One of his stock expressions is "I, as a business man," and "I," "I," "I," ad infinitum until people who hear him mentally exclaim with the apostle of old "How long, Oh, Lord, how long?" Now, John is one of these light draught fellows who has to make noise in order to be noticed at all. Otherwise he would go through the world without exciting comment favorable or otherwise. Who he is or what he was before coming to Dawson only God and John appear to know. All we know is that he is here, and is determined at all times and under all circumstances to keep people impressed with that painful fact. It is pleasant to contemplate, however, that John will never break into print for the reason that there is not a print shop in town that could publish one of his articles, as there are not sufficient capital "I's" to set one of them in type. However, John has his good qualities, just the same as a little steamer. He is useful in some channels where no ballast is required, and with all his vast business experience would be much missed if he were, some day while pondering over a sense of his own importance, swell up and burst like a toy balloon."

By the time the old skipper had finished the above harangue, only two of his original ten auditors were with him, and one of them was asleep; and as the other got up and shambled away he was heard to mutter: "That old windbag hit it right when he took to the sea; no calms would ever be found around any jammer that carried him aboard."

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"Do you know that for the past three days the worst walking has been on the best sidewalk in town, and that is the walk along Front street in front of the barracks. The speaker was a lady who had been out on some charitable mission and had walked until she was tired. Continuing she said: "It would certainly take but a little while for them to clear the snow and ice off the walk if they would put the prisoners to work at it; and I should think they could now be spared from the woodpile for a little while, as during this weather there will not be so much wood needed as when it was so cold

And with a sorrowful look at her bedraggled skirts, the lady passed out of the store to further prosecute her good work.

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"Had a great time up to my house smorning," said a clerk in a Dawson store to the Stroller yesterday. On being asked what constituted the 'great time' he replied: "Well, you see, I only get a very moderate salary for this country, as I am not what would be accounted a first class clerk on the outside, where, to tell you the truth, I always followed logging; so of course, we ain't been living very high this winter. Fresh meat has not been seen on our table in five months as often as I have fingers on this hand, which you see is shy the forefinger—snapped off by a log chain on a log raft seven years ago. Well, I had been reading in the papers a whole lot lately about so much fresh meat and eggs comin' in that it made a deep impression on my mind, and do you know that as a result I had the greatest mess of steak and eggs ever eaten in Dawson smornin.' I had two big, fine porterhouse steaks and four fresh eggs all on my plate at one time and was just sorter leanin' back admirin' the layout and congratulatin' myself on my snap when * * * Holy Moses! My wife gave me a prod in the ribs with her elbow and said: 'Are you goin' to sleep all day? Hop out and start the fire and slice off a lot of bacon; now get a move on yourself, or the first thing you know you'll be late gettin' down to the store and'll lose your job. An' don't forget I want $20 of your salary this week, as I'm goin' to have a new dress, and I must have some new stockings, as the weather is getting soft an' I cant hold up my dress on the streets until I get some new stockings.' I got up, but you can bet that bacon tasted rank to me this morning."

Billy Gorham

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