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FAVORABLE CIRCUMSTANCES.

The Nugget sees no reason for taking a gloomy view of the local situation. It is undoubtedly true that a stampede of some considerable proportions is in progress to the Tanana country but greater misfortunes have befallen many communities without materially injuring them.

As a matter of fact the exodus, if such it may be termed, to Tanana has had the effect of stimulating local trade in a very acceptable manner, money for the past week or ten days being easier than was the case at the same time last year.

The Tanana strike has already caused a vast amount of excitement in the cities of the coast and with the opening of navigation there will be a considerable volume of travel in this direction en route for the new diggings. Local trade will thus receive a further stimulus which will be of no small assistance.

Aside from the business thus created, it is satisfactory to note that a number of enterprises of great magnitude will be inaugurated during the summer, all of which will exert an important influence in building up and developing the country.

These are the best of reasons to believe that actual work on the Klondike Mines Railway Co.'s line will be undertaken in a few weeks and employment for a large body of men will thus be provided during the entire summer.

These large enterprises, all of them demanding the investment of large sums of money, furnish the best possible evidence of the fact that moneyed men who are accustomed to regard everything from a dollar and cents standpoint are confident that the Klondike district has a rosy future, and what is more to the point are backing their convictions with their hard coin.

A PROPER MOVE. The action of the recently organized board of trade in connection with the proposal to enlist government aid in establishing a permanent water supply system for the district indicates a reawakened public interest in that most important matter.

ement can be secured in carrying out such an undertaking, the gateway to years of untold prosperity will be opened before the people of this territory. Beyond any question the future of the district rests primarily in its low grade gravel deposits.

There would be double the present employment offered to labor, and the consumption of all classes of commodities would constantly increase. The territory would, therefore, become a heavier purchaser in Canadian markets than ever before and the big commercial concerns of the Dominion would profit accordingly.

It seems reasonable, in consequence, to anticipate that every assistance within the power of the merchants and manufacturers of Canada to render will be forthcoming.

The Yukon market has become a most important factor in Canadian trade and any movement which may be calculated to assist in the growth and extension of that trade may safely count upon the influence of those who profit by it.

It is essential that such recommendations as the board of trade may outline shall be placed before parliament as early in the session as possible. There is a vast amount of business to come before the house, and in order that Yukon matters may not be shelved, there should be no unnecessary delay.

The board of trade has taken the matter up in a businesslike fashion and will undoubtedly carry it through to a practical end.

Newspaper Men Meet. New York, Feb. 19. - The annual meeting of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association continued today. A resolution was adopted recognizing the national and international importance of the Louisiana Purchase exposition to be held in St. Louis in 1904 and unanimously recommending the earnest and liberal support of members to secure the success of the great enterprise intended to commemorate one of the greatest and most important events in the history of the United States.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Charles H. Taylor, Jr., Boston Globe; vice president, A. A. McCormick, Chicago Times-Herald; secretary, W. C. Bryant, Brooklyn Times; treasurer, Edward P. Call, New York Mail and Express; commissioner, Frederick Driscoll, Chicago.

The executive committee was made up as follows: Charles W. Knapp, St. Louis Republic; W. L. McLean, Philadelphia Bulletin; S. P. Weston, Seattle Post-Intelligencer; F. E. Whiting, Boston Herald; Joseph T. Nevins, Pittsburgh Leader; C. W. Hornick, St. Paul Dispatch; H. H. Cahanis, Atlanta.

The convention was concluded tonight with a banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Ames a Sick Man. Concord, N.H., Feb. 19. - Requisition papers in the case of ex-Mayor Ames, of Minneapolis, were honored by Gov. Batchelder after a hearing today. It is considered doubtful if the physical condition of Mr. Ames will admit of an attempt to take him to Minneapolis. He is at the home of his sister at Hancock.

Mr. Dregor, the Minnesota sheriff, said that he was satisfied that Ames was a very sick man, and that he had determined to return to Minneapolis and face the charges against him as soon as his health would permit.

PROSPEROUS DOMINION

Longest of the Gold Bearing Creeks

Paytreack Twenty-Nine Miles in Length and in Places of Immense Width.

"Dominion creek will produce more gold this year than any two creeks in the Yukon territory," was the statement made by Mining Inspector John Grant, to a representative of the Nugget yesterday evening. Mr. Grant had just returned from an extensive trip over the creek which he spoke with such confidence and was undoubtedly in a position to verify the statements he made without reserve.

Upon no creek in the Klondike or Indian river districts has pay been found for such a continuous distance as on Dominion covering as it does no less than 29 miles. Neither Hunker, Bonanza nor Sulphur can equal it by ten miles and there is a but little question but what from now on Dominion will be the banner creek of the territory, particularly since many of the richest claims on Bonanza and Eldorado have been more or less worked out.

On Hunker pay has been discovered and the claims are now being worked from 39 above to the Anderson concession near the mouth of the creek which is approximately 14 miles in length. On Bonanza the paytreack extends from the mouth of the creek at 104 below to Victoria gulch at 42 above, a distance also of 14 miles. Sulphur is yielding pay from 114 below to 48 above, nearly 17 miles, but none can equal Dominion.

For several years Dominion has been profitably worked above upper discovery as far as 18, a stretch of nearly two miles. Between the discoveries the work has been continuous ever since '97, a distance of five miles. Below lower discovery good pay is found to 38, nearly four miles, when the numbers jump to 68. From 68 to 102, three and a half miles, pay is found the entire distance in the left hand hillsides, some also being found in spots in the creek. At 102 the numbers again jump to 120 from which point they run continuously to 265 where they join on the Kruger concession, a distance of between 14 and 15 miles, every foot of which contains pay of sufficient value to make it working profitable. In the 130's is the Doherty & Stiles mammoth plant that was so successfully operated last summer, the company owning nearly a mile of ground. Just below and extending from the upper half of 144 to the upper half of 190, also on the left hand hillsides, is the block of ground owned by the Dominion Gold Mining Company which has on the ground and ready for operation with the first flow of water one of the largest steam shovel plants ever brought to the Yukon.

From that point, on down to the 220's the claims are for the most part owned by syndicates in large blocks, the pay being low grade but existing in vast quantities. About the mouth of Gold Run, which comes in at 226, the individual miner is again found, not scattering but by the scores, and the most remarkable thing about this portion of Dominion and also extending down to below the mouth of Sulphur there seems to be no limit to the width of the paytreack. And it is very rich, too, so rich in places that miners can make good money even though their claims are worked by the laborious and expensive method of employing wood fires. In probably more than a half hundred claims in that vicinity miners have made their ordinary expenses this winter by rocking in the drifts.

"It is most remarkable," continued Mr. Grant in speaking of that portion of Dominion, "the extent of the pay that has been located in many places from the mouth of Gold Run down the creek valley there stretches out in width for nearly a mile and there seems to be pay from rim to rim and no one knows how much further. You will see outcrops working in the creek near the center of the valley and then off to one side in probably the third or fourth tier there will be another outcrop in good pay, another in the sixth or seventh and still another as far out as the ninth, all lying side by side and adjoining the same creek.

Such will be found at 255 and also at other points along the same vicinity. Excellent machinery will be found on most of the claims, many having self dumping apparatus and large dumps, are the rule this winter. As to the quality of the pay, the boys all seem to be abundantly satisfied. I was down one shaft and saw the owner rocking as good dirt as any one would desire. He would average \$100 a day and has run as high as \$150. If dirt will rock that well, though it is got on bedrock, you can imagine that several feet of it ought to sluice pretty well, especially when it is thawed in large quantities, hoisted and dumped by a self dumper and handled on a big scale.

My prediction is that within a year or two Dominion will be the liveliest creek in the district and prove a wonderful producer. There are immense bodies of low grade dirt that will not pay to work except on a very large scale and these syndicates will sooner or later acquire them and with proper machinery will make their operation highly remunerative.

Scarcity of Coal. Pendleton, Or., Feb. 19. - There was practically no freight traffic over the Oregon Railroad & Navigation main line from Huntington to Portland today on account, so officials claim, of scarcity of coal. The snow blockade on the Oregon Short Line in Southern Idaho has completely demoralized train service. Not a westbound transcontinental passenger has been through here for twenty-four hours, and there are none in sight. Orders have been issued to refuse all perishable freight and live stock, and other freight is standing on the sidetracks.

Officials say that coal will be secured in a day or two from the Wyoming mines and the blockade raised.

Perish in the Flames. Springfield, O., Feb. 19. - Three men are dead as a result of a fire which destroyed \$325,000 worth of property here today, and Fireman Peter Rude is probably fatally injured. The dead are J. H. Mulholland, Digsey Crane, Albert Voorhees.

While they were trying to save the stock in Mulholland's jewelry store the walls of the Fountain Square theatre fell upon Mulholland's store, which was a small building, and the men were buried beneath the ruins. Their bodies were recovered.

The fire started in Mitchell Bros. plumbing shop, on West Main street, and quickly spread to surrounding buildings, the following being burned: Williams Bros. plumbing shop, Fountain Square theater, Y.M.C.A. building, Kaufman's clothing store, Lafayette queensware shop and Mulholland's jewelry store. The origin of the fire is not known.

Pat-Did you ever back a horse in your life, Mike? Mike-Yes, once, and only once. "Did you win anything?" "No, begorra, that I didn't." "Why, how was that?" "Well, you see, I backed the blessed hoas through a shop window, and I had to pay \$5. -Spare Moments.

No Change Here. King Edward's first levee is described by those attending it as large, brilliant and stately. The king was more formal than was his custom when Prince of Wales. But notwithstanding the immense trade Dunham is having, he greets his customers with the same hearty welcome as he always has, and in the future as in the past they are sure of getting the very best quality of groceries in the Dawson market at the Family Grocery, corner Second avenue and Albert street. All eggs candied before delivered to customers.

MUSICAL CONCERT

Will be Given at the Methodist Church

Friday Evening at 8.30 by the Ladies Aid Society-Fine Programme

A musical concert will be given tomorrow, Friday, night at the Methodist church under the auspices and for the benefit of the Ladies Aid Society. The program as arranged includes many of Dawson's favorite entertainers and will be greatly appreciated by all who attend.

- The ladies are working hard to make the concert a success and there is no doubt but what their efforts will be well rewarded. The program is as follows: Organ Solo Selected Mr. Boyle. Duet, "Lead, Kindly Light," J. Wiegand Mrs. Fysh and Mr. McLeod. Solo, "The Red Rose," Hastings. Mrs. Platt. Viola Solo, Concerto D'Beriot Miss Elsie Larsen. Solo, "The Bandolero," Leslie Stewart. Mr. McPherson. Reading, Mr. Wilson. Solo, "My Dream of You," Paul Rodney. Mrs. Herbert. Solo (with violin obligato), "The Heavenly Dream," Treberne. Mr. McLeod. PART II. Solo, Mrs. Ritchie. Duet, "The Guardian Angel," Gounod. Mesdames Walker and Lorry. Reading, Mr. Wilson. Solo, "My Lady's Bower," Hope Temple. Mrs. Mollen. Solo, Mr. Craig. Violin Solo, Miss Elsie Larsen. "God Save the King."

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NAVAL WAS

Uncle Sam New

Washington, Feb. 19. - A protracted session of the naval committee of the House of Representatives passed the naval appropriation bill, which provides for the construction of a new battleship, two steel cruisers, two steel destroyers, and two steel torpedo boats. The bill also provides for the purchase of a new submarine, and for the construction of a new battleship, two steel cruisers, two steel destroyers, and two steel torpedo boats. The bill also provides for the purchase of a new submarine, and for the construction of a new battleship, two steel cruisers, two steel destroyers, and two steel torpedo boats.