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MONDAY, MAY 27, 1901.

BY WAY OF SUGGESTION.

Our more or less esteemed contemporaries, the News and the Sun, have been greatly agitated of late over the matter of establishing a miners' union in Dawson. The News has devoted itself to the pros, and the Sun has looked after the cons of the subject with a fervor, born on the one side of a desire to pose as the guardian saint of the horny handed son of toil and on the other side arising from an incomprehensible faculty by which the Sun is compelled under any and all circumstances to say the wrong word at the wrong time. Both papers have manifested distinct evidence of hysterics in dealing with the question, but if the cases were properly and scientifically diagnosed it would be discovered that in order to classify the disease with absolute accuracy, it would need to be termed "hysterics for revenue only."

Columns upon columns of space have been devoted to the matter, and the end, apparently is not yet. The News as a result of desperate efforts to induce the man of the pick and shovel to buy the News, has become the victim of periodic spasms, which are not unlikely to terminate fatally. The Sun has undergone an equally painful experience on the other side of the question, probably laboring under the belief that in so doing it has to an extent earned the somewhat meagre patronage bestowed upon it by the government.

Meanwhile it has occurred to a great many people to wonder what it is all about. To read the two papers in question one might readily imagine that the entire Klondike so far as its laboring population is concerned has risen up as one man to enforce certain demands, by peaceful means if possible, or through forcible measures if necessary.

As a matter of fact the laboring men of the district are all at work at good wages and with the prospect that the same condition will continue throughout the summer, at least. Efforts which have been made to cut down wages have signally failed, and it may be said as a simple statement of fact that the average wage paid at the present time is as high if not higher than at any time during the past twelve months.

In view of the above facts, we would suggest to both our contemporaries that they calm their ruffled and troubled spirits and allow the working men of the district an opportunity to do a little thinking and planning on their own account—a feat which they are in every respect able to accomplish. The time will come, as has been pointed out in these columns on several occasions, when conditions in this territory will require organization of labor, for self-protection, but that fact should not give rise to newspaper hysterics. Our anything-for-revenue contemporaries are borrowing unnecessary trouble. We advise a little soothing syrup.

The Koyukuk country is experiencing a very substantial boom. According to most reliable reports that portion of Alaska has good prospects before it although it is difficult of access and a hard country to develop. History has proven, however, that no hardships are too difficult to be overcome, provided that the reward to be gained is sufficiently large. If there is gold in paying quantities in the Koyukuk country, means will be found of taking it out. In fact if it were known for a

certainly that there is gold at the North Pole that much sought after spot would have been staked and recorded long ago.

There is no great rush of people to the outside as has been the case at the opening of navigation in previous years. This may be accounted for by several reasons. The cleanup season has been unusually backward, which fact has kept the great majority of miners on their claims. It should also be noted that many claim owners who have been accustomed to leave for the outside at this season of the year have changed their plans of operation and are now developing their claims during the summer.

Unless all signs fail, it will be possible along toward the middle of July to send a telegram to New York and receive an answer the same day. That word "isolation," which was formerly used with such frequency in connection with Dawson, is rapidly coming to be a misnomer. Undoubtedly there was a time when Dawson was somewhat shut off from the rest of the world, but it can scarcely be said now that such a condition exists.

There may be music of a more dulcet nature than is contained in the notes of the average steambot whistle, but anyone who has spent the winter in Dawson will scarcely credit such a possibility.

Whitehorse Copper Mines.

In August of last year Mr. Harry H. Williams made an examination of the copper belt adjacent to Whitehorse, and his report, made at that time, which has never been published, is of interest from the fact that it comes from a man who knows what he is talking about. His report is as follows:

Whitehorse, Y. T., Aug. 4, 1900.—When we stop to think, we must concede it is only a question of time when the copper belt of Lewis river, Yukon territory, will take the place she is bound to fill among the great mining camps of the Northwest.

Geology of this district would puzzle the average prospector, unless his experience is far reaching and he is familiar with the contact ore which occurs in Arizona and New Mexico. The geological structures of this section are very complicated, due to the disturbances which have taken place. There have been eruptions or eruptive rock at different periods. The original limestones have been shattered, faulted and metamorphosed. Ore deposits are found at contact of limestone and other eruptive rocks, such as "felsite," "diorite," "cyanite," "birdseye" and "quartz-porphyr." The character of the ore in this district is a copper gold ore. The ores of copper may be classed as "oxidized" and "sulphides," the most abundant oxidized ores are in the carbonates, "malachite" and "azurite." The red and black oxides occur less abundantly, the sulphides are most abundant. Copper pyrites (yellow), bornite (purple) and chalcocite (grey ore), are the most important. The ore does not occur as true fissures, but is always at contact of lime and some other eruptive rock.

The belt at the present time has been explored for ten miles in length, and at the end is three or more miles in width. We start at the north end, say at the War Eagle and Le Roi claims. Here to the west lies a range of hills gleaming red and rusty in the morning sun; it reminds me of the Iron Mountain copper belt of Shasta county, California. On close inspection it proves to be the same formation that occurs in that region, viz., quartz porphyry.

Here at the War Eagle we have a contact of limestones on the east and quartz porphyry on the west. The ore occurs as "bornite oxides" and carbonates. We found an outcrop of the most beautiful peacock copper ore that we ever saw. It is not to be wondered at that the fortunate owners are enthusiastic over their prospects. About one mile to the south we came to the Pueblo. In a previous report I gave a full description of this particular claim, so will merely say that it is an enormous body of secular iron ore, carrying good values, considering the magnitude of the ore body.

The Copper King claim is a capital object lesson for a prospector in the study of the formation of this country. It does not take a graduate of McGill or Criesburg to determine how the ore deposits originated. He may gather an idea how the contact ore deposits between porphyry and limestone at the Copper King occurs from the following sketch, which will, in the writer's opinion, illustrate the majority of the deposits in this section:

That there have been great eruptions in this country there can be no doubt, as can be seen by the faults and cross faults. A country thus shattered is just in the desired condition for forming a future mineral belt. At the line of eruption the lava, or porphyry, rushing up to the surface, follows the weak lines of the fissures, and on cooling formed a dyke. Sometimes it over-

flowed and formed a sheet, and if it did not find relief by intruding between stratified rock, the porphyry dyke or intrusive sheet may, if it be mineralized, answer all intents and purposes of a mineral vein, or the ore may be found on one or both sides of such a sheet in the line of separation or weakness between it and the adjoining strata; or it may permeate and mineralize by a substitution process an adjoining porous or soluble rock, such as limestone. Thus both dyke or intrusive sheet itself, as well as at its contact with other rocks, he, the prospector, should look for signs of copper.

At the Copper King we found an excellent showing of "bornite" and copper carbonate ore. We also found "molybdenite" in the lime spar. This should carry good gold values. The assays from roughly assorted rock would make a Montana man have the nightmare. The Carlyle further on the belt is the next one visited. There we found at 40-foot shaft and on one dump about 40 tons of purple ore. It would take three figures to determine its ton value.

Express Train Robbed.

Memphis, April 22.—The fast express train of the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf railroad which left Memphis at 11:40 o'clock tonight was held up by three masked bandits at Bridge Junction, Ark., about midnight. It is not known what booty the robbers secured, but a dispatch received at police headquarters stated that the express messenger and porter of the train were injured after resisting the bandits. The Wells-Fargo Express Company usually makes its heaviest shipment to the West on this train.

Police Sergeant Perry, upon receipt of the telegram, immediately posted officers along the river front, with instructions to keep a sharp lookout for the bandits, should they attempt to cross to the city. The train left Memphis with a heavy passenger list. The scene of the holdup is a lonely railroad crossing about four miles from the river. The negro porter, Gould, was shot by one of the bandits and is in a critical condition.

The train was in charge of Conductor Nelson, one of the oldest employees of the road, and Engineer Johnson. The express messenger, Meadows, is said to have been shot, but it cannot be learned if any valuables were secured.

The train was delayed about 20 minutes. The engine, mail and express car were cut off from the train and run to a point half a mile west of the place where the train stopped. The engine was then detached and run a short distance up the track, two men remaining guard over the train. The third used dynamite on the express car and blew open the doors.

It is reported that everything of value in the express car was taken, and it is believed that the bandits' haul is large, as this was a heavy run. Bloodhounds from the convict camp at Hulbert, three miles from the scene, are now on the bandits' trail.

Spider Cures.

In China spiders are highly esteemed in the treatment of croup. You get from an old wall the webs of seven black spiders—two of which must have the owners sitting in the middle—and pound them up in a mortar with a little powdered alum. The resulting mixture must then be set on fire, and the ashes, when squirted into the throat of the patient, by means of a bamboo tube, are said to effect a certain and immediate cure.

Black spiders are evidently full of medicinal virtue, for they are largely employed in the treatment of ague as well. In Somersetshire, if one is afflicted with the unpleasant ailment, the way to get well is to shut up a large black spider in a box and leave it there till it dies. At the moment of its death the ague should disappear. In Sussex the treatment is more heroic; the patient must swallow the spider.

Perhaps, after all, this remedy may not be so disagreeable as it appears, for a German lady who was in the habit of picking out spiders from their webs as she walked through the woods and eating them after first depriving them of their legs declared that they were very nice indeed and tasted like nuts.

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J. P. McLENNAN

Attention, Railroad Pioneers!

This is written for the chechako. The sour dough, hop yeaster baking powder pioneer can pass it up for they know all about it. Mr. Chechako, you have much to learn about this man's town and you might as well start right. We won't attempt to tell you about anything but clothes—we're strong on that subject—let the other fellows put you right on their graft. This is not the Dawson of '97-'98. In those days a man could wear a mackinaw suit and be a prince; now he might be taken for a bum. The ladies would surely give him the glassy, anyway. You will find the Dawson man a warm number on the dress problem. You might as well fall in line and come along with the procession. Start in right and put on a good front. The shabby man is a back number these days. Call around and get acquainted, anyway.

Opposite White Pass Dock.

HERSHBERG

Look These Up.

In many educational journals nowadays we see pronunciation tests, catch words, etc.; which may be valuable for technical use and yet not being needed every day in everyday talk are, like certain folks I know, chiefly interesting on public occasions. I should like to put down here a list of words that are very generally mispronounced.

Everybody knows how to pronounce them perhaps, but being such common little things, mere street waifs, with unwashed faces, nobody takes the trouble to "speak them fair." Now, to know what is our duty and fall to do it is a much more culpable thing than not to do it because we don't know what our duty is. So here they are, little, commonplace creatures, which are mispronounced every day.

Toward, again, bade, brooch, apricot, often, catch, hearth, eye, hen, greasy, sew, scare, years, idea, area, bouquet, ague, bleed, rise (noun), article, shone, route, gaunt, canine, juvenile, infidel, corporal, tete-a-tete, trousseau, amendment, restaurant, bicycle, were, recipe, frontier, depot, process, recess, romance, tirade, essay, tarpaulin, won.

The above are in common use and of common abuse. Some of them of course come from our sister, France, and people are likely to say that they are not expected to pronounce foreign words correctly.—Texas School Journal.

Sweet and Low.

A young man named Sweet engaged to marry a young woman named Low. A few Sundays previous to the wedding the happy couple attended church together, and as they walked along the aisle the choir began singing the song "Sweet and Low," entirely unconscious of the musical pun that was being perpetrated. "And all this happened in a city in Michigan."—Choir Journal.

The Way to Success.

The Elderly Gentleman—The true secret of success is to find out what the people want.

The Younger Man—And give it to them, eh?

"Naw, corner it."—Indianapolis Press.

A Brute.

The Father—You two had better have a quiet wedding.

The Lovers—Why?

The Father—There'll be noise enough and to spare after you're married.—Syracuse Herald.

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