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INCORPORATION.

When the new members are elected upon the Yukon council one of the first measures which should be brought forward for consideration is an ordinance for the incorporation of Dawson. The matter of transforming the town into a self-governing municipality has been before the people of Dawson for upwards of two years, during all of which time authority for granting such incorporation has been vested in the Yukon council.

That body has been steadfastly opposed to incorporating the town by reason of fear that revenues now controllable by the council would as a result of incorporation be diverted to the use of the municipality.

It is a notable fact that of a total revenue of about \$300,000 expended by the council last year \$180,000 was derived from the two sources of fines and liquor licenses, which revenue is almost entirely of local origin. In fact the money which the council has received and disbursed during the past 12 months may be said to have come in almost exclusively from Dawson. These funds, however, have been appropriated without regard to the sources from which they are derived. The single item for trails, amounting to \$105,000, covers more than one-third the gross revenues and that sum is entirely outside the amounts spent for the improvement of local streets.

There should be a clear and distinct division between the revenues derived from the town and the revenues derived from the balance of the territory. The enormous sums paid in from royalties and similar sources of revenue should be available to some extent for trail building and like purposes, and moneys derived from the town left for local improvement. These matters will never be properly adjusted as long as the Yukon council continues to act in the dual capacity of territorial and local legislative body.

There can be no argument of strength advanced against the proposition to incorporate. It should be done at the earliest possible moment.

AMERICAN PRODIGALITY.

Anyone who has watched the conduct of the American people during such a season of prosperity as the country is now passing through cannot fail to notice that we enhance our prosperity and also endanger it by prodigality. These days when work is plentiful and well paid are the ones when men refuse to labor.

For several days before the Fourth of July in this state employers of various kinds of labor were unable to fulfill their contracts because their men knocked off work and refuse to return until they had their holiday out; all over the country wheat fields are white to the harvest, and the number of laborers inadequate, not because there are not men enough to do the work, but because most of them have a few dollars which are burning in their pockets. The same thing holds in the field of domestic labor.

The truth appears to be that the American refuses to work when the lash of hunger is not actually upon him. Instead of working he spends. What actually happens during a prosperous season is that the people spend not only what they are earning day by day, but even the stores which they have accumulated painfully during seasons of stringency. In this way prosperity really becomes the advance agent of disaster and our prodigal temperaments make clear the way for more "hard

times," since they encourage us to diminish our reserve stores and thus to put ourselves at the mercy of any slight unfavorable change in conditions. When everybody is spending to the limit, as they are today, it doubtless is difficult to resist the contagion of extravagance; but the hard truth of the matter is that the time to work is when work can be had; the time to save is when money is plenty.—Seattle P. I.

The attacks made by the Boxer organization in China upon the foreign legations stationed at Peking have resulted in spreading very widely throughout the empire the feeling of hatred against foreigners of all classes. The lower classes of the Chinese are fanatics of the worst type and respond very readily to any appeal made by the professional agitators to their passions or prejudices. They regard their onslaughts upon the defenseless missionaries as a sort of religious function for which they will be duly and fittingly rewarded in the hereafter. Death met in such a cause is to them a sure admission into the heavenly regions and consequently has no terrors for them. It does not do to despise such enemies, especially when they are to be counted by the millions as in the case with the Chinese. The results which may flow from this outbreak are impossible to foresee. There is an illimitable field for speculation upon the outcome. It is, in fact, a case where the end cannot be seen until it is reached.

The political bee has already begun to buzz in the air and his humming will become more and more audible as time progresses and the day approaches when the citizens of the Yukon territory will be called upon to cast their ballots for members of the Yukon council. The question of candidates is being discussed in a lively fashion, not only among British subjects, who will be entitled to vote, but also among American citizens and others who, while being disqualified from casting a ballot are yet possessed of more or less influence among those who have that right. The greater the amount of discussion brought out, the better will be the chance of securing the best men for the important and responsible positions which, by the premier's promise, are soon to be filled. There must be no mistake made in this first election. Upon the men who are chosen, most important duties and responsibilities will devolve and a mistake in selecting weak men is certain to result disastrously.

According to the advices in our telegraphic columns today parliament will be prorogued on the 21st inst. Whatever legislation is contemplated for the Yukon territory, therefore, must occur directly and no more suspense or postponement should ensue.

Where Does He Get Off.

For a long time last winter and spring potatoes, unfrozen and otherwise in good condition, were held by Dawson merchants at \$1.25 per pound.

Think of it! No man, unless he has an income of fully \$2000 per month, should even think of succulent gubers when they are selling at \$1.25 per pound. He can't afford to do it without knocking down on his boss and taking a risk of spending a portion of the flower time of his manhood in the royal fuel works. However, potatoes were held for a long time at \$1.25 per pound while a potato-hungry populace ate of the evaporated brand.

Now, however, conditions have changed. Yesterday evening as a Nugget man was walking along Second avenue a grocer hailed a teamster and said:

"Say, if you want a couple of tons of old potatoes to feed your horses, I will give them to you free of charge."

"To — with you and your rotten potatoes," replied the teamster. "Another grocer gave me \$7 yesterday for hauling potatoes which I took up to my barn and am now advertising for horses to board. If you want your potatoes hauled down to the river and dumped, I will do it for \$5 per ton."

Then the merchant entered the store and with a stump of a lead pencil figured out what his winter and spring greed, potatoes at \$1.25 per pound, had cost him.

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PERSONALITIES.

A portrait of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt is to be hung beside that of his son in Vanderbilt hall at Yale.

Jules Verne does not care for notoriety, and in order to evade lion hunters he has made his home at Amiens in stead of at Paris.

James Sullivan Phillips, who died recently at Vevay, Ind., was the original of Jeems Phillips in Eggleston's "Hoosier Schoolmaster."

Burglars entered the home of Prof. A. W. Skinner of one of the Oneida (N. Y.) high schools and left his watch and money, but stole his wooden leg.

Admiral Sampson is much annoyed by requests for autographs. Though these are not so numerous as they were just after the war, they still average some 50 a week.

For the seventh time Mr. Dolliver has been nominated for congress by the Tenth Iowa district Republicans. Six of these nominations were by acclamation, a record seldom equalled.

William Claflin, who recently celebrated his 82d birthday, while governor of Massachusetts affixed his signature to the charters of Wellesley college and Boston university.

The death is announced in Paris of M. Grimaux, the eminent scientist who was dismissed from his post as professor at the Polytechnic school for having taken part in the movement to obtain a new trial for Dreyfus. M. Grimaux was 65 years of age.

Prof. Albert A. Michelson of the University of Chicago is one of the few scientists who are sailors as well. The latter quality has won him the place of commander in the Illinois naval militia and the former membership to the Royal Institution of Great Britain.

Gen. Louis Botha, the Boer commander-in-chief, is married to a lady of an Irish family named Emmet. Mr. Botha is said to be related to Thomas Addis Emmet, the United Irish leader of 1798, and Robert Emmet, his brother, who was convicted and executed for high treason in Dublin in 1803.

A heavy burden of poetic ancestors weighs on the little son just born to the Hon. Neville Lytton, heir presumptive to the earldom of Lytton. Through his father he is grandson of Owen Meredith and great-grandson of Bulwer Lytton and through his mother great-grandson of Lord Byron and grandson of Mr. Wilfrid Blunt.

Alaska, the Wonderland.

The last news from Alaska is that immensely rich and extensive gold quartz veins have been discovered in the southeastern portion of the territory. Every year brings some new surprise from that region. At first the nation laughed at the purchase and was only reconciled by the understanding that the money paid was really intended as compensation to Russia for sending her Atlantic fleet to New York and her Pacific fleet to San Francisco when, in the civil war, the attitude of both England and France was most threatening to our country. It was understood that the admirals of both fleets had orders to report to the American secretary of the navy in case any demonstration was made against the United States by either France or England, and the people were well content to pay the purchase price of Alaska, even if it was a region dedicated to eternal frost and snow.

But it was soon discovered that with the purchase was included a great seal herd, and it is true that the money paid the government as royalty for the monopoly of seal hunting was equal to all that the government had paid for the country. Then it was discovered that the fisheries off the coast of Alaska were more valuable than those on the Grand banks, and then the fact was made clear that by the purchase a fishing grounds had been secured which would be a source of revenue and a trapping ground for American sailors for all time to come. A little later the Treadwell mine was found, which has now been a steady producer for a quarter of a century. The timber was the next find, or rather, it next began to attract attention. Last year Cape Nome began to be spoken of as a possible gold producer, and now 75,000 anxious people are impatiently waiting for the opportunity to go there. If now a great quartz field has been discovered and is awaiting exploration, it will not be strange. Indeed, people have been expecting it so long that the news that it has been found strikes upon the miner as something which was to be, as a matter of course. And the country has not been half explored. Alaska is becoming a very rare jewel in the crown of the United States.

What T'Elp?

One does not like to hear profanity—even from lips that have been touched with a live coal from the altar, but the American people would say amen if our Christian missionaries, withdrawing themselves from the Orient, would solemnly tell all the heathens of Asia to go to hell.—Ambrose Bierce in San Francisco Examiner.

Regarding Profanity.

Rev. Wright delivered an excellent sermon at the Presbyterian church last night on the prevalent sin of profanity which, aside from its wickedness, he very properly denounced as a wholly

senseless, useless and very ungentlemanly practice—one for which there is no possible excuse.

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