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## NO CAUSE FOR ALARM.

There is as yet no cause for unnecessary alarm over the fact that a combine is made or is being made of all companies operating steamers on the lower Yukon for the reason that from a reliable source has come the statement that the combine is for the purpose of effecting a reduction rather than an increase in charges. And this statement is a most reasonable one for the very apparent reason that the future success of the interests involved in the big companies of in the consolidated companies depends wholly and entirely on the development of the country and to impede that development by the levy of excessive charges will be to kill the goose that lays the golden egg. No companies nor combine of companies can afford for what profits would accrue in one or two seasons to choke off the development of the one industry of this country.

A fair profit should be realized by all transportation companies on the capital invested and for risks taken, and the consumers in the country are ready and willing to pay that fair profit which, we have been informed, is all that will be demanded by the lower river fleet, and until the cloven foot is exposed there is no cause for alarm.

The legitimate growth and development of the country can and will stand what is right in the way of necessary expense, but when the limit is exceeded that growth and development must cease and in the latter event the companies would be the heavy losers.

Another negro has paid the penalty of his infamy in Louisiana and paid it at one end of a rope which extended over a limb and to the hands of an outraged people. Yet the northern press has ceased to use that once stereotyped heading "Another Southern Outrage." On the contrary nearly every northern state in the Union has had a lynching or two of its own to record within the past year or so, and the press has virtually ceased in its efforts to immortalize the dying words of Charles Sumner which were: "Take care of my civil rights bill." Thirty years' trial has proven that civil rights are too frequently abused by the "brother in black," and that a lesson in hemp is much more effective than is the learned legislation of statesmen and the moral suasion of the ministry combined. So long as outrages continue, their perpetrators will be used as tree decorations, civil and religious codes to the contrary notwithstanding.

If a gambling house wins \$100,000 in two months and, after losing a few thousand in one day decides that it is hoodooed and suspends business, where does the "gambler's grit" we hear about in sporting circles come in? The house that is not broke but stops its games until the hoodoo is broken has much less of that so-called "gambler's grit" than has the poor chumps whose bad luck made the accumulation of a \$100,000 bank roll possible. Brave men are these gamblers whom we are told are the backbone of our city. Did anyone ever hear of a game being

voluntarily closed down when the hoodoo was on the players, rather than on it? Well, scarcely.

If water is running as freely on the creeks these days as it is in the ditches along the streets of Dawson there can be no lack of it for sluicing purposes. The possible drawback to the work of inaugurating the spring cleanup is that the dumps are still frozen and, therefore, inaccessible to the shoveling brigade until thawed either by the rays of Sol or by artificial means. Regarding water for sluicing purposes, no possible shortage can be experienced this season.

After eating eggs all winter at \$1 per dozen the jump in price to \$2.50 and \$3 per dozen and the corresponding advance in the price of fresh meats is conclusive evidence that the days of corners in the Dawson market have not been relegated to the shades of obscurity. And all this, too, so soon after the passage of the game law which is a protective measure to the poor butcher. Verily, there be things past finding out.

That Commissioner Ross is above and beyond the petty superstitions which practically govern the actions of some men throughout their lives is evidenced by the fact that he took the oath of office on Friday and entered actively upon his official duties on the 13th day of the month. Men of his stamp have little time and less inclination for nursery superstitions.

It is encouraging to know that there is a disposition among the business interests of Dawson to take the bull by the horns regarding transportation rates or any other question which should develop symptoms of a spirit of unfairness or of excessive greed. But until such symptoms develop there is no cause for undue alarm.

The addition of Mr. J. P. McLennan to the committee which has in hand the matter of discussing ways and means to bring Dawson and the Klondike from a gold dust to a currency basis is a valuable one and the committee as it previously stood is to be congratulated on its acquisition.

The speedy manner in which justice was meted to a flagrant offender of law and decency today was but another sample of the unswerving regard for right which is characteristic of our judiciary.

### Expects a Reversal.

J. G. Price, who went north on the City of Seattle recently from his mission to Washington, D. C., in the interest of the citizens in the townsites case, gave a different version of his trip to what was quoted of him in a Seattle morning paper. The townsites case, far from being ended in the interior department, has the best kind of a chance of being reopened and a hearing granted before the secretary of the interior on the strength of the new and important evidence which the citizens' committee and attorneys have secured. "I am at a loss to account for those adverse reports published in the Seattle P. L., for am I able to assign a motive for them," said Mr. Price. "I knew nothing of them until they reached me through the Skagway papers. That they were entirely untrue it is almost unnecessary to say. The secretary of the interior has not declared that the case is ended as far as his department is concerned. On the contrary, the way is yet open to again bring up the hearing of the case on the strength of the new evidence which has been obtained during the past two months. As to the nature of this evidence, it would be poor policy to give it out and thus expose our line of attack, but every property owner would agree with us were the evidence known to them, that we are not over confident in expecting not only a rehearing but a reversal of the last decision."

The townsites case, according to Mr. Price, has become almost a national matter. Through the efforts of the Skagway Chamber of Commerce, its special committee and the attorneys, every friend of Alaska has enlisted to do the best for the town. The Skagway Chamber of Commerce has a stack of correspondence a foot high from representative men all over the United States, promising their aid.—Seattle Times.

For a good dinner go to the McDonald Cafe.

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## THE HEEL OF OPPRESSION.

It looks to a man up a tree as though the people in this country occupy the same position that the Spaniards found themselves in when Schley bottled them up in Santiago harbor and drove the cork home.

If the reported combination is effected by the big companies, including the White Pass Railroad, we are up against the real thing, and the small merchants can step down and out. The one least considered is "the mon on the dump" but the chances are he will dance to some lively music in the future—monopoly will grasp him by the throat. We use this space to say what we think of this latest and most damnable condition and feel better for the saying of it. Of course this combination will not effect us as others less fortunate, for we have a warehouse full of goods. See us for nobby clothing.

OPPOSITE WHITE PASS DOCK

# "HERSHBERG"

## EARLY-DAY HISTORY

### When the Public Bowd to Transportation Monopoly.

One of the most prominent questions in the public mind is, what will be the effect of monopoly with respect to transportation interests, should the reported combination be consummated?

This takes one back to the time when independent merchants in the Yukon district were an unknown quantity. Mr. P. B. Weare, of the N. A. T. & T. Co., tells a story of the difficulty he experienced in the early days in landing his supplies at St. Michael. Even then those who had already secured a footing thought they had some exclusive or inherent rights not possessed by others.

In 1896 there was no store at Circle City doing an independent business. The reason was that no freight could be gotten into the country. The river boats were owned and operated by wealthy corporations who discouraged others, and placed obstacles in the way of their engaging in the mercantile business. Every old timer knows this. They did business with the big companies because they had to. Once in a while a man brought something more than a grub stake in his boat down the river, but he was swallowed up in the infinite vastness of the country and the little he had made no difference to the total sales of the big 2. After a while if he remained in the country he had to purchase at the same market.

With the birth of Dawson came a change. Of course the original companies established themselves here. They had peculiar facilities for doing so quickly, but this did not last. Dawson is in Canada and native firms felt abundantly able to compete with the foreign ones because they practically had to draw their supplies from the same source, or the duty would be in favor of the Canadian firm.

Following upon this condition came the building of the White Pass & Yukon railway and that great arterial waterway, the Yukon river, was the channel down which commerce passed on its way from a Canadian source to supply the demands of Dawson.

The great richness of the Klondike gold fields was not apparent at the first, but it soon became so. No sooner was it demonstrated that this was a substantial camp and the gold present in large quantities over a considerable area, than the question of better transportation facilities on the up-river route became a question of practical value. It was quickly solved by alert capitalists and as soon as the machinery could be imported into the territory, first one and then another steambot was added, until the present up-river fleet was busily engaged.

At first the rates were thought to be high—they were high; but the service was such an improvement over the old method of bringing goods down in barges, boats and rats (and the consumer paid it anyway) that the exorbitant figure was overlooked. Following upon this came the competition of the down-river fleet, and the merchant who did not choose to pay the high rate via Whitehorse might take the extra risks and send his goods in by way of St. Michael and the down-river boat.

Owned and operated separately there has been no opportunity of combining upon a high freight rate, and the patronage has been (not calculating the freight each company carried for itself) about equal. Last season 32,000 tons of freight came into Dawson during the short time navigation was open—11,627 tons from St. Michael and 15,417 tons from Whitehorse, exclusive of 5000 tons brought in by barges from Whitehorse.

Thus it will be seen that a very small amount per ton represents a consider-

able sum of money to the transportation companies.

The question is, what proportion of this 32,000 tons was brought in for the use of the companies said to be in the combination, and what proportion was carried for other institutions. Whatever it is, that is the amount that would have to be provided for in the event of there being a movement on foot for the purpose of combining with the view of maintaining high transportation charges.

The Nugget has no hesitation in saying that there will be sufficient for the use of independent traders and individuals to provide a large remunerative business for several steamers either up or down the river as may be decided upon. There is a way out of the difficulty, if those interested desire to avail themselves of it. If they don't, well and good.

### Christian Science Lecture.

Ithaca, N. Y., April 3.—Carroll D. Norton, of New York, delivered a lecture in Barnes hall last night on Christian Science. His presence brought a petition from the physicians of Ithaca to the university authorities protesting against the lecture. Members of the University Christian Association also opposed it as a university function. Dean T. F. Crane refused to listen to

the complaint and the lecture brought out a big audience.

Mr. Norton dealt largely with the development of Christian Science, its growth and application. Cornell is said to be the first of the larger universities at which a lecture has been given on this subject.

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