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IS IT THE OFFICIAL ORGAN?

The citizens' committee has addressed an inquiry to Governor Ogilvie, asking for a definition of the exact status of the so-called "government organ." The action of the committee is very well taken. It is time that the officials should acknowledge or repudiate, officially, the utterances of the "organ." It is a well known fact that, when expressing their individual and private opinions, none of the officials will admit the validity of the "organ's" claims as their representative and spokesman. The citizens' committee, as representative a body as could be selected in the community, has been, on several occasions, grossly misrepresented and maligned by the "organ," and the committee, very properly, desires to know if all this is done with the commissioner's and other officials' approval. While we do not imagine that there is much doubt as to what the commissioner will say, still it will be interesting to know that the matter has been officially determined.

USE THE PRISONERS.

The suggestion has been made that the prisoners, whose labor is now being utilized for various purposes at the barracks, should be employed in the work of street improvement. The suggestion is, we believe, a timely one, and well worth consideration at the hands of the authorities. The matter of determining some method of paving the principal thoroughfares of the town is of prime importance. Every property owner and every business man is directly interested in it. There is a vast amount of teaming to be done in the city, which will be greatly facilitated by the proposed improvements in the streets. The prisoners have been employed around the barracks, exclusively, thus far, but there would be no departure from well established precedents in detailing them for work on the streets. The warm season is now at hand, and the wood sawing industry should be allowed to rest for a while in favor of the more pressing need of street improvements.

RECOGNIZING THE COAST.

The United States government is paying more and more attention to the interests of the Pacific coast. The Philippine islands have served to direct public notice to the West very forcibly, with the result that the demands of the coast states for federal recognition are now being given attentive consideration. Uncle Sam is also making an effort to build up the merchant marine, which for the past thirty years has slowly, but surely, been dwindling away. The growing trade of the Pacific coast with the Orient has served to bring the matter of shipping directly home to the government, and in-

ducements of a very liberal nature will shortly be made to American bottoms, which will enable them to make a bid for the world's carrying business. The coast cities are profiting by these conditions very considerably. Every move which the United States government makes in its present endeavor to secure a hold on the Oriental trade means a corresponding impetus to the growth of the principal cities of the Pacific coast. Naturally, the coast congressional delegations are doing all in their power to urge the good work along, and the results are proving most satisfactory.

According to the press dispatches, ten steamers will leave Seattle during the present week for Nome. Averaging their passenger capacity at 450, the first contingent of Nomads will number 4,500. What they expect to do when the ice in Bering sea is encountered, the dispatches do not state. To the excited imagination of the fever-stricken gold hunter, his journey is practically at an end, once he has stepped aboard the steamer leaving Seattle. In all probability, he will be unpleasantly notified of the fact that winter still has a grip on the northern seas, and, later, will discover that he might have enjoyed three more weeks of civilization and reached his destination just as early. It will be a good thing for the hot blood of the Nomad, however, to come in contact with a few icebergs. They will serve to prepare him for a number of experiences which will throw a chill on his hopes when the summer is over.

In all probability, there is no place on earth where people respond so readily to calls for charity, as they do in Dawson. Every public entertainment which has been given for a deserving cause has been tendered most hearty support. Hospitals, as well as individuals requiring assistance, have been most generously treated on all occasions when assistance has been called for. It is a peculiar fact that, in the midst of the excitement and turmoil incident to life in a mining camp, human sympathy is brought out so strongly. Such, however, is the case, as every one who knows the history of Dawson is well aware.

Silencing a Gun.

There is a great deal of ignorance as to what "silencing a gun" means. A gun is silenced when the gunners are disabled or driven back and the gun or carriage damaged. It is a common enough phenomenon for weapons which have thus been silenced to re-open fire after repairs have been made, the gunners rallied or a fresh gun crew obtained. It is a rare thing for a gun to be so damaged by hostile fire that it cannot be refitted and brought into action again. "I saw," says Prince Kraft, of the German artillery in the battle of Gravelotte, "many guns during the cannonade lying miserably on the ground 'winged'—that is, with a broken wheel. But not one was withdrawn. The injured guns were always speedily repaired with the help of the wagons, which were near, so that at the close of the battle I could not tell exactly how many pieces had been temporarily out of action."—Army and Navy Journal.

As Hetty Green Sees It.

"Because a girl's father happens to be well off financially is no reason why she should not have a business training," is the emphatic position taken by this woman of vast wealth, giving her opinions upon "The Benefits of a Business Training for Women," in the Woman's Home Companion. "Besides being allowed a certain amount for her clothing she should be allowed to have a share or more in some corporation in which her father owns stock, and she should be allowed to manage the stock herself, not through a lawyer."

"A business man would do well to give his daughter a small interest in his business—let it be ever so small—so that she will set her mind to work-

ing as to how it can be improved. Parents who have real estate would be wise to give their daughter the title to a house, and let her manage it herself—collect the rental, bargain for repairs, etc.—always with her parents' consent, of course. Such a girl will make a better wife when she marries, knowing how to counsel her husband at critical times; again, she will make a better mother, in that she can begin her sons' business training almost from their infancy; and in the third place she is prepared in case she should happen to be thrown upon her own resources."

Where Pa Quit

"Pa?" "Yes." "I've been reading in that book you gave me for a Christmas present about some strange things. It seems that man cannot create something out of nothing." "Yes; that's true. Men may take ore and make iron out of it, or sand and convert it into glass, or wood and make paper of it, but it is not within the range of human possibilities to make even so much as a pinhead out of nothing. There must always be the original element to use as a basis." "And it says that men cannot remove from this earth anything that is found upon it, no matter how many times they may transform it from one thing to another." "That is also an everlasting truth. Everything comes from the earth in the beginning and returns to the earth in the end. The tree that is converted into paper came out of the earth, and finally it finds its way back into the earth either as ashes or decaying matter. Not so much as a grain of salt can be removed or absolutely obliterated by man. Everything that man uses returns in one form or another to the original element from which it was produced." "Pa?" "Yes." "What becomes of the light when you blow it out?" "Oh, don't bother me any more! This is the third time I've tried to read this article! Now, I don't want to be interrupted again!"—Chicago Times-Herald.

An Editor's Apology.

The editor of a small provincial paper in Austria was in great difficulty to find a fit subject for his leading article, having been too intent upon other business or upon pleasure to provide one. The last moment had come, and the editor was in despair. He tortured his brain in vain, when he suddenly was inspired by a happy thought and dashed off the lines: "After carefully perusing the leading article written for the present number by one of the ablest of our contributors, we have arrived at the conclusion that it may be misinterpreted by the authorities and regarded as an attack upon the government. We ourselves consider it to be perfectly innocent; but, as we are unwilling, for our readers' sake as well as for our own, to have our newspaper confiscated, we have very unwillingly, though, as we think, prudently, resolved to withdraw the article. This must serve as the apology to our readers for the blank space in our present issue."

The journal was published in the evening, and the sly editor, after performing this little piece of strategy, left the office in high humor. As soon as he arrived in the office the next morning a clerk came up to him with a doleful expression and said, "Herr Redaktor, the paper is confiscated by the police!" "For what reason?" asked the astonished editor. "For malicious ridicule of the institutions of the Austrian empire by the omission of the leading article," replied the man.

Opening Dance on Dominion.

D. T. Munroe has bought out the interest of Lee Brown and Mrs. Schoerff in the Dominion hotel, near upper discovery. Mrs. Vose has charge of the culinary department. The house is being refitted and a grand opening dance will be given, Friday, April 27th. Good music will be in attendance and a pleasant time is anticipated.

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AN INNOVATION IN MINING.

Chechako Hill the Scene of the Triumph of Genius.

Bonanza Water Company Solves Question of Elevating Water for Sluicing Purposes.

That which but a short time ago was a perplexing question to many mine owners on Chechako hill, namely: The matter of procuring water for sluicing purposes, without which the many rich dumps would be practically valueless, has been solved, and solved, not only to the eminent satisfaction of those who conceived and carried into action the plan, but also to that of the many mine owners who are now enabled to sluice their dumps on their own claims, the same as their neighbors on the creeks.

The Bonanza Water Co., is composed of Messrs. Chas. E. Severance, Allan R. Joy and H. E. Ashelby, and the scheme which they have so successfully carried to consummation was conceived last summer when the former mentioned gentlemen made a hurried trip in from the coast to spy out the land as to the nature of machinery required to facilitate and cheapen the work of segregating the yellow metal from the bowels of terra firma.

Through the operation of three boilers with a combined force of 120 horsepower, water from the creek is forced through a nine-inch iron pipe up to the second tier of bench claims, an elevation of 305 feet, where it is sufficient for three separate sluice heads. After being trained around by means of wooden, flumes to the various claims on the second tier of benches, it comes down to the first tier, where it is again caught up and used the same as above, and on its way back to the creeks is used on the hillside claims which are the property of the company.

The first attempt at testing the raising power of the machinery of water through the long conduit was on the 16th instant at which time the efforts were so successful that there remained not a vestige of doubt as to the ultimate success of the undertaking. The work of extending the big pipe was continued and last Friday witnessed the triumphant achievement of what is undoubtedly the biggest proposition in the annals of Klondike mining history. On that day, by prearranged signal, the miners on the hill were notified the moment the ponderous pumping machinery was started, and ere the elapse of five minutes the shrill blasts from a score or more engines on as many claims were reverberating and reverberating over hill and valley in proclamation of the glad tidings that water in abundance for every claim on the hill was freely flowing just where it is needed. The question of water for sluicing purposes on Chechako hill was solved so satisfactorily as to be beyond the most sanguine anticipations of the promoters, and the day marked the achievement of another victory for labor saving devices in the Klondike.

The Bonanza Water Company uses less than one-third of the water accorded it in its grant for Chechako hill; and later, and on the arrival of a consignment of machinery which is now at Bennett awaiting the opening of navigation, plants similar to the one now in such successful operation will be constructed for Magnet; also for the hill opposite No. 30 below.

The elevation of water to Chechako hill will be the means of enabling the claims there to be operated during the summer the owners invariably having signified their intentions of so doing. Already 15 of the latter have contracted with the company to supply them with water, and mining on Chechako hill will be carried on this summer in a systematic manner never before witnessed in the district.

Mr. Severance, the senior member of the company, has a vast store of mining experience acquired in Montana and California, and that experience enabled him while here last summer to grasp the situation and see at once the entire feasibility of the plan that has just been carried to successful consummation on Chechako hill, and on his return to the vast machinery depots of the coast cities, he selected what his judgment indicated was required and late events evidence the fact that his judgment did not fail him.

operates its own sawmill thus enabling it to be wholly independent of other industries.

Concerning Good Roads: Gold Run, April 16, 1900.

Editor Nugget:

An editorial article entitled "Roads Wanted on the Creeks," which was published in the Dawson Weekly News, April 13th, is to so great an extent unjust, malicious and untruthful that we who have lived here for the last two winters and profited by the trails he condemns, feel that it ought not to pass unrebuked. His stunts and insults applied to acts of the government officials are none of our business, but it is our business to get our freight delivered on the new trail at 10 cents, which last year cost us 30 cents (and all other creeks in the Indian river division have profited in like ratio). Does the News editor imagine that this is not an aid in developing the creeks? Has he been over the trails he writes about? And where does he find his estimate of distances? Ask any miner in this district which is the shortest and best trail to Dawson, in either summer or winter, with a load or without. Ask, Mr. Editor, why is it that roadhouses on Hunter and Bonanza creeks have complained about such poor business, and many of them closed. In such case the reason is given that "All traffic is going over the ridge trail." In fact the entire article out of many contains but one truthful statement, and that "that money has been voted for good roads." If the English company he speaks of funds rates prohibitive for a short distance up Bonanza creek at three or four cents, why does he condemn a road which makes it possible for at least one-half of the Yukon mining district to work at a profit, at from three to four times that rate.

We in this district appreciate the road we have had this winter, and we hope the results obtained with the facilities the government has given will justify them in building a summer road suitable for heavy teaming, and that our interest in this matter may not be jeopardized by such an ignorant, ill-advised piece of office work as that of the News article above mentioned. Respectfully,

T. R. BARNES, S. S. SAUNDERS, No. 22 Gold Run.

Citizens' Committee Meeting.

The citizens' committee held a meeting last Saturday evening in the hotel McDonald. The situation relative to representative government was discussed at length. The committee has decided to proceed cautiously.

Regret is expressed regarding the action of the Yukon council in refusing to endorse the citizens' petition, after the fact has been established that there are at least 1000 British voters in this territory. Col. MacGregor, Messrs. McDonald and Woodworth were appointed a committee to telegraph to the speakers of the senate and house of commons, at Ottawa. The message will contain information respecting the census, and will ask for immediate action on the petitions, which are now before the federal government.

The members of the committee do not propose to be beguiled into controversy with irresponsible parties. The representatives of the people, however, are prepared to defend their character and dignity when occasion requires. The following resolution was unanimously carried:

Resolved, That the secretary be instructed to forward the following letter to the commissioner of the Yukon territory: Hon. William Ogilvie, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Dawson.

Honorable Sir: We beg to call your attention to some very irrelevant and erroneous remarks in regard to the movement to secure popular representation now going on in late issues of the Yukon Sun. Ordinarily, we would not have paid any attention to these statements, but as that newspaper styles itself "the official newspaper of the Yukon territory, Canada," we write inquiring whether these statements are official statements. We have the honor to remain, your obedient servant,

JOSEPH A. CLARKE, Secretary of the Citizens' Committee. The committee decided to postpone action calling another mass meeting until next Saturday evening, in order that there may be no excuse for not receiving from Ottawa an answer to petitions which have already been sent.

The Lady Minstrels.

The society ladies of Dawson are busily engaged in making preparations for the minstrel show, to be given by them at the Palace Grand theater next Thursday evening. An interesting program is being arranged; and the entertainment will be one of the events of the season. The proceeds of the performance will be given to the Good Samaritan hospital.

Chloride of lime. Pioneer drug store. The liquors are the best to be had, at the Regina. Happy days at the Rochester Bar.

FATHER GENDREAU GOES OUT

And to Montreal When Navigation Opens.

So Announced From His Pulpit Yesterday—May Be Absent Several Months.

The many friends of Rev. Father Gendreau will be disagreeably surprised to learn that he has been called to Montreal on business and that he will leave Dawson for that place probably on the first boat sailing for up the river, an announcement to this effect having been made by him from the pulpit at the close of yesterday morning's services. To his congregation the announcement was a thunderbolt from a clear sky his holiness not having previously mentioned the matter to anyone.

Father Gendreau read to his congregation yesterday morning a letter received by him from a priest in Paris to whom was sent the beautiful nugget rosary which was presented to the former last Christmas, and which was sent to the Paris priest to turn over to Canada's commissioner of the exposition, where it will be exhibited and later returned to Father Gendreau, the proud and happy owner. The rosary and its presentation to the holy father were the direct results of the efforts of Mrs. Cahill, who solicited the necessary contributions for the purchase of the nuggets and their manufacture. In acknowledging its receipt the Paris priest said that words are inadequate to express the admiration of the many who gaze upon the beautiful and costly piece of handiwork from the faraway Klondike.

When seen by a Nugget representative yesterday evening in reference to his contemplated early departure from Dawson for the outside, Father Gendreau said:

"I have received news from the outside of matters which will require my presence in Montreal, and I shall leave here for that place with the opening of navigation. I expect to return to Dawson in about three months, provided I do not visit points other than Montreal and Ottawa. But I may go on to England, and if I do, I will certainly visit Paris. The matter of going on to London and Paris will depend entirely on the condition of my purse."

While I am at Ottawa I will gladly execute any commissions entrusted to me by the people of Dawson. I am very well acquainted with Premier Laurier, in fact, he and I are personal friends, and anything that I can say to him to further the interests of Dawson and the Yukon district, I will gladly say."

Steam for Train Robbers.

Every locomotive that is built in the west nowadays has the new antibandit attachment.

On all the new engines of the D. and R. G. railway are iron pipes extending along the roof of the cab and connecting with the boiler. Through these pipes, without making a perceptible motion, either the engineer or fireman can send under 200 pounds pressure a jet of steam and boiling water that would effectually cook anything living that happened to be on the tender or the front end of the baggage car. The diameter of the pipe is 1 1/4 inches, and a single second would drop any man who tried to stand before it in action.

The steam leaves the pipe at a temperature of about 750 degrees, hot enough to have the toughest of outlaws cooked by the time the train could be brought to a standstill. It will quell the ardor of these gentlemen who make a specialty of holding up engineers from the tender.

Tramps are fighting shy of this railroad.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Who Is Vice President?

This question, which a subscriber asks, has probably puzzled many other persons. There is no vice-president of the United States. When Vice-President Hobart died, the office became vacant and will remain so until March 4 next year.

But the succession to the presidency is carefully provided for. If President McKinley should die, the secretary of state, whoever he may be, will, if eligible to the presidency, at once qualify as president.

If for any reason the office of secretary of state should be vacant in such an emergency or its incumbent be as yet unconfirmed by the senate or under impeachment or not constitutionally eligible to election as president, the succession would pass to the secretary of the treasury, and so on through the cabinet in an appointed order.

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