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LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Commendable energy is being exhibited by business men and householders in cleaning up and otherwise improving their premises. Such action will tend to improve the general health of the town, and at the same time add much to its appearance.

Dawson will, in all probability, never be particularly celebrated for its parked streets and costly monuments. Neither will it go down in history as having been remarkable for its palatial residences and magnificent church edifices. But there is no reason on earth why it should not be known as a place where people can live in comfort and enjoy ordinary good health.

The Yukon Council, which, in the absence of any municipal organization, must assume the responsibility of looking after the streets and other matters of public concern, would do well to emulate the enterprise displayed by many of our progressive citizens.

The streets, in many places, require attention very badly. Large pools of standing water occur in numerous instances. In all probability, this water would dry up and disappear in the course of the summer, if nothing were done except to allow nature to do her work. Nature can, however, be materially assisted by the construction of a few more drains, such as have been made in several instances.

The matter of paving First avenue should also receive early consideration. Property on First avenue sells as high as \$500 a front foot, and still the street in many places is little better than a marsh.

Surely Dawson can afford one street which can be pointed to as a first-class thoroughfare.

The authorities have certainly moved with most creditable energy in carrying out the work of opening sewers, extending sidewalks, etc., and a continuance of the same zeal will transform Dawson ere long into a veritable "outside" town.

Some two months ago, the Nugget made the prediction that the total losses in the Boer war would exceed 30,000. The "organ," so called, took the Nugget very strongly to task for venturing such a rash estimate. Recently, the war department issued a statement, wherein it was shown that the losses already have reached 23,000, and Roberts is still a long way from Pretoria. Judging from this estimate, the Nugget's guess was, if anything, too small. The war will prove a costly undertaking, but the end sought, viz., undisputed British supremacy in South Africa, is well worth the cost, whatever it may be.

A system of roads should be surveyed and built, such that every creek in the district will have communication with Daw-

son by the most direct route possible, and by good, serviceable highways, which can be used regardless of seasons. It is a ridiculous fact, but it is none the less a fact, that in many instances it costs more money to freight goods from Dawson to here than it does to transport the same goods from Seattle or Vancouver to this city. And yet we are told that there are people who claim that the government is taking care of the Yukon Territory. They probably mean that the government is taking care that no available dollar escapes from the treasury, and in that respect they are eminently correct.

The Nome stampede has begun from Seattle in dead earnest. Boats are already leaving, loaded to the guards with prospective millionaires, each one of whom, doubtless, believes himself chosen of the gods to be the recipient of special favors. The gold fever affects men in a peculiar way. Most of those who have the disease are quite willing to admit that not to exceed ten per cent of the victims will approach a realization of their expectations, but at the same time each man is possessed with an undying conviction that he will be numbered with the fortunate minority. Under such circumstances, arguments are of no avail. Experience is the only remedy for the case, and until he has been filled with experience to a satiety the average gold fever patient is beyond the reach of ordinary restoratives.

The dispatches last night announced the fact that a large consignment of machinery is at Skagway en route to the Forty-mile district. The failure of the Forty-mile country to yield extensively in gold has been due principally to the fact that the methods which have been employed at the diggings have not been suitable to the character of the ground. Parties who are familiar with the history of the Forty-mile country usually agree that, with the introduction of hydraulic machinery, the camp will become known as a heavy producer. The outfit now at Skagway will be the forerunner of many similar enterprises which, ere long, will cause our neighboring diggings to enjoy a veritable boom.

As set forth exclusively in the Nugget some days ago, the recent census has established the presence in Dawson alone of a sufficiently large number of British subjects to justify local representation, not only in the Yukon Council, but in the Federal parliament as well. It has been shown very clearly and authoritatively that from every standpoint we are entitled to representation. We have the population, we have the resources, and pay the taxes, which long ago should have brought us what we ask. It now rests with the government to fulfill its promises.

TO CAROLINE.

Thoughtful and gentle, bright-eyed and sweet,
Never a girl more entrancing to meet;
Seldom coquettish, but truthful and true—
No other one to be taken in lieu.

Just like a flower, out on the plain,
Basked in the sunshine and bathed with the rain;
Brightening life's pathway, dispelling dark clouds
That hover about one in ominous shrouds.

To you, gentle Caroline, let no harm befall;
May you ever be guarded by the Giver of All.
For the world will be better to those here below,
Who live in the sunshine your good deeds bestow.

"Mainland" and "British Lion" cigars 25 cents. Rochester Bar, cor. Second ave. and Third sts.

Chloride of lime. Pioneer drug store.

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STROLLER'S COLUMN

The recent arrival of so many excellent vaudeville specialists is surprising. Within the past few months eight or ten such people have journeyed to Dawson from the outside. All of them have secured engagements at the local show houses; and theatrical patrons are witnessing some exceedingly clever sketches, which possess the attraction of novelty. Among the new performers, whose work is very creditable, are Garnette, Lulu Watts, Eddie Dolan, Robert Wingate, Louis Simonson and James Duncan; there is also Miss Tracie, who is expected to appear during the coming week. These capable actresses and actors have been graciously received, but they have not detracted from the popularity of any of the old favorites, who have amused the public during the winter. Audiences still appreciate the efforts of Nellie Forsythe, Beatrice Loane, Dot Pyne, Julia Walcott, the O'Brien family, Leo, Fred Brown and Mulligan.

The census of Dawson which has just been compiled by the police authorities, discloses the remarkable fact that only 51 Swedes are included in a population of 5400 people. If these statistics be true, and they probably are, then the actual status of affairs does not conform to the ideas which have heretofore prevailed respecting this northern country. The approaching season for sluicing may have attracted the native of Sweden to the immediate vicinity of the mines, and, perhaps, when the returns from the creeks will have been received, we shall learn that the number of such inhabitants in this territory is not so proportionately small, as the town census indicates. It is quite likely that the importation of vast quantities of machinery last summer induced the subjects of King Oscar to migrate farther into the interior, here their natural capabilities may be more liberally rewarded.

At infrequent intervals since the winter of 1897-98 reports of rich gold discoveries in the Koyukuk district have been received in Dawson. In the spring of 1898 quite a number of men ventured into that portion of the country; but they failed to find anything worthy of mention. Their unsuccessful efforts, however, did not prevent another stampede to the same locality in the fall of that year. During the following winter many of the tributaries of the upper Koyukuk were prospected considerably. After a season of such work, the miners returned and all of them told discouraging tales respecting the country's mineral resources. It is quite true that none of these facts prove the worthlessness of the district. There may be gold there in paying quantities, and it is to be earnestly hoped that the recent reports will be fully confirmed.

One of the local officials who is not always asleep when his eyes are shut, but who is a close observer of men and matters, remarked in the presence of the Stroller a few days ago:

"It is not surprising that a number of people in this country become demoralized. It is the case every place where men are isolated and live alone. Put a man off in a cabin by himself; he has no one with whom to converse, consequently he has plenty of time to think. His thoughts are apt to turn to gloomy subjects, especially if fortune is not smiling upon him. He frets because his lines are not cast in more pleasant places; he broods over his conditions; his mind becomes imaginative and his neighbors who do not see him oftener, perhaps, than once a week, notice that he is becoming 'nutty.' Things run on for a few months; he gradually grows worse and finally begins to make threats, with the result that he is taken before a magistrate and declared to be insane, which he undoubtedly is. Verily, the Bible hits a bull's eye where it says: 'It is not good for man to be alone.'"

A B's Last Night.

Owing to the firemen's ball, the attendance at the meeting of the Arctic Brotherhood last night was not so well attended as it would have otherwise been, although there were sufficient present to confer the degree upon Albro Gardner, jr., in "due and ancient form." Considerable important business was transacted, and all present took an active part in the meeting.

Happy days at the Rochester Bar.

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