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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28. MAY BE TURNED TO LOCAL ADVANTAGE.

Considerable interest has been awakened by the remarks of this paper in reference to the possibility of diverting in this direction the Tanana travel from outside points. The Nugget believes that a large proportion of those who are leaving from Puget Sound points en route to Tanana via Valdez could be brought this way if the facts in the case were properly and authoritatively laid before them.

The important points bearing upon the situation are as follows: I.—The trail from Valdez to Tanana is practically impassable and will need to be broken a large portion of the distance. II.—It is a difficult route to travel under any circumstances and at this time of year especially.

III.—Any one going by that route must necessarily travel "light," as natural conditions forbid the transportation of anything in the nature of a heavy outfit.

IV.—The time required to reach the diggings by the Valdez route is double that consumed in going from Dawson.

V.—The trail from Dawson to the new diggings is well broken and practicable for horses for most of the way.

VI.—With the exception of a short distance there are roadhouses along the entire route.

VII.—Supplies of American origin may be secured in Dawson and payment of duty thus avoided.

VIII.—The expense involved in reaching the diggings from this city is not half the amount that will be invested by everyone who goes from Valdez.

The foregoing may be easily established by official documents as also by statements of those who are familiar with all the circumstances and conditions surrounding both routes.

There is certain to be a vast amount of travel toward the Tanana from the States and it is the fault of Dawson if a large per centage is not brought in this direction. An information bureau in charge of a competent man at some point on the coast could accomplish results which would repay, many times over, the cost involved.

Dawson is in a position to become the supply point for the Tanana, at least until the latter part of July, for there is no other point on the river where any considerable stocks are carried.

Steamers from St. Michael cannot reach the diggings until July 15 at the very earliest, and until that time the merchants of this city can control the situation if full advantage of the opportunity is taken.

Nothing is to be gained by deploring the fact that a stampede out of Dawson is in progress. The stampede will go on just the same and the best thing to do is to turn the circumstances to local advantage and that as quickly as possible.

LET POLITICS DROP.

In suggesting measures for the betterment of local conditions the Nugget eliminates considerations of a political character altogether from the field of discussion. There is no political contest in progress at the present time and no likelihood of any occurring for some time to come. The election of Mr. Ross to the Dominion parliament was not a matter

of politics but purely a demonstration on the part of the great majority of people in behalf of the best man whose services were tendered.

The people are not interested in politics. They are interested in securing from parliament such remedial legislation as is required to ensure a continuation of prosperous conditions in the territory.

The country has suffered from the fact that politicians and would-be leaders have so long striven to make political capital of every effort that is made in the direction of remedying affairs. There are men here in Dawson who would prefer to see desired and needed reforms unattained rather than permit any share of credit to lodge with anyone other than themselves.

There are certain concessions which the community requires from the government and which we are of the opinion will be secured if stumbling blocks in the form of selfish personal ambitions are not thrown in the way.

The district needs beyond and above all other considerations assistance from the federal government in the establishment of a water system. If this assistance is secured it must come through the party in power—certainly it can come from no other source. It is obvious that the necessities of the community will not be given the desired attention if the old time tirades of abuse are continued.

What is wanted now is calm, dignified argument accompanied by practical information. The people have sent Mr. Ross to represent them at Ottawa and in so doing they have selected beyond the peradventure of question, the best man within their reach. Their task now is to supplement Mr. Ross' endeavors by every possible means within their power.

Let politics drop for a while and the interests of the district at large take precedence over the claims of politicians.

In the development and settling of Alaska, bound now to come on with a rush, Uncle Sam will stand badly in need of a force similar to the N. W. M. P. The days of '49 in California with their "wild and woolly" accompaniments are likely to be repeated—although necessarily on a smaller scale.

The news sought to force Joe Clarke onto the people and was turned down. The same paper then essayed the task of defeating Clarke and was again turned down. Still the news speaks of itself as having "influence and a policy."

It's an ill wind that blows good to no one and the same may be said of a mining strike. The Tanana stampede may be made a source of profit to every legitimate interest in Dawson if proper steps are taken.

The Tanana diggings may be reached from Seattle via Dawson in little more than three weeks. By the Valdez route it will take two months.

APPROACHING CRISIS.

Trouble is Expected at Most Any Moment.

London, Feb. 14.—Events in the Balkans are marching rapidly toward a crisis. What the crisis will be is yet beyond the vision of the most far seeing diplomacy. Back of the Russian-Austrian program for Macedonian reforms lies a more important agreement, and that is the military convention of 1897, by which the two powers are pledged to one another in resistance to any alteration of the territory status quo in the Balkan peninsula.

That convention grew out of the agitation of the time for a "greater Bulgaria," but there is high authority for the assertion that its terms involve an undertaking by the signatory governments to prevent by force the establishment of Macedonia as an independent state—the communication sought by the Michalkowsky-Saraf revolutionaries. On this point

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the Fremdenblatt, official organ of Count Goluchowski, says: "Austria-Hungary and Russia are in complete accord as to the course to be pursued, whatever complications arise. Had it been necessary to do so, the dual monarchy would have been ready to play a strong solo part in protecting Austria-Hungary in this. But the agreement of 1897, from which we are assured by Count Lamdorff the czar has never contemplated retiring or desisting, insures community of action to maintain the status quo in the Balkans against all agitation. It is well for perverse and obstinate revolutionary factions at Sofia to understand that while the Austro-Russian pact is not aggressive, it carries with it the severest penalties for those who persistently plot to drag Christian Europe into another Bulgarian horror."

Unless, then, the Vienna foreign office is grossly betraying or betrayed, the Austro-Russian reforms project will be kept subordinate to the principle of continuance of Turkish solidarity in Europe.

Russia's program in the Far East is likewise controlled by precautionary reasons. The hour is not ripe for her to take the long stride toward the Golden Horn. Pan-Slavism has a difficult work to accomplish in the Balkans before a "Greater Bulgaria" of pro-Russian sympathy can become an accomplished fact.

The men who direct the Macedonian agitation hate the Russian as cordially as they hate the Turks. For Russia to remain supreme with Bulgarian-Macedonian levies assailed Ottoman troops would nullify all the work of Russian diplomacy at Constantinople since 1897. English opinion as summed up by the Morning Post is:

"There is no doubt that in the execution of the Austro-Russian project in relation to the European provinces of Turkey the allies have so divided the responsibility that Austro-Hungary will hold the Bulgarians in restraint; and Russia will guarantee that whatever the outcome, the Ottoman sovereignty shall be inviolate. On no other condition will Great Britain and Germany sanction even the best-intentioned reformatory endeavors directed from St. Petersburg."

WHEN ALBANI SING

She's jus' comin' over from England, on steamboat arrive Kebeek, Singin' on Lunnon an' Parre, an' havin' beg tam, I expect. But no matter de moche she enjoy it, for travel all roun' de worl', Somethin' on de heart bring her back here for she was de Chamby girl.

She never do no'ting but singin' an' makin' de beeg grande tour, An' travel on summer an' winter, so must be de firs'-class for sure! Ev'rybody I'm thinkin' was know her an' I also hear 'noder ting, She's frien' on de Reina Victoria an' show her de way to sing!

Dat song I will never forget me, twas song of de luttie bird, Wen he's fly from its nes' on de tree top, fore res' of de worl' get stirred.

Ma-dam she was tole us about it, den start off so quiet an' low, An' sing lak de bird on de mornin', de poor little small oseau.

I member wan tam I be sleepin' just onder some beeg pine tree, An' song of de robin wak' me, but robin he don't see me, Dees' no'ting for 'scarin' dat bird dere, he's feel all alone on de worl'.

Wall! Ma-dam she mus' listen lak 'dat too, wen she was de Chamby girl. Cos how could she sing dat nice chan-son, de sam as de bird I was hear TILL I see it de maple and pine tree, an' Richeieu runnin' near, Again I'm de luttie feller, lak young tolt upon de spring.

Dat's jus' on de way I was feel me, wen Ma-dam Al-ba-nee is sing!

We're not de bees place on our Canton, mebbe cole on de winter too, But de heart's "Canayan" on our lobby, an' dat's warm enough for true!

An' when Al-ba-nee was got lonesome for travel all roun' de worl', I hope she'll come home lak de snow-bird, an' again be de Chamby girl.

—Dr. W. H. Drummond. Patients Tortured. Venice, Feb. 14.—The discovery that the inmates of the San Servillo Asylum for the Insane here have been gagged, handcuffed, chained to the walls, and otherwise ill-treated after the barbarous methods of two centuries ago, has caused a great stir throughout Italy. The asylum was under the direction of a monk, Father Minoretta. He has been replaced by a specialist in nervous diseases and the antiquated instruments of torture will be used as evidence in Minoretta's trial.

A LOOK AHEAD OF THE SAXON AND THE SLAV

By REV. THOMAS B. GREGORY.

To be acquainted with the trend of European thought is to realize that in that thought Russia occupies a large place.

In the leading magazines, in the editorials of the more prominent newspapers and among diplomats generally the one ever-recurring theme is the great White Empire and its destiny.

Coming events cast their shadows before, and it is the shadow of the Colossus of the North falling across the ways of European politicians and statesmen that is causing them to do so much thinking.

That Russia has a great future no one who has paid any attention to the subject will attempt to question. Think for a moment what Russia means!

In the first place, its territory is more than twice the area of all Europe. To Russia belongs one-sixth of the land surface of the globe!

And this immense empire is practically all together. It forms one un-interrupted stretch of territory, which, so far as the purposes of empire are concerned, means a great deal.

In population Russia is increasing at a tremendous pace. A hundred years ago the population of the empire was less than 40,000,000; today it is in excess of 440,000,000.

And it is to be noted that this amazing gain is due, not to conquest, but, in the main, at least, to natural increase. Able statisticians tell us that within fifty or, at the utmost, sixty years, the population will reach the 500,000,000 mark.

Of the natural resources of Russia there seems to be no limit. Siberia, long supposed to be incapable of sustaining any considerable human population, is now recognized as being rich in agricultural possibilities, and, therefore, in all the elements of civilization.

It is safe to say that, with the aid of modern scientific appliances, Asiatic Russia will, within the present century, become the home of as many Russians as now dwell in Europe, and in the meantime the total population of the empire will have reached the enormous aggregate of five or six hundred millions!

The aggressiveness—we may say the natural, the inevitable aggressiveness—of such a practical homogeneous people with a practical unbroken territory will be immense.

It must assert itself! And in whatever it undertakes it must of necessity succeed. Numbers, when backed by science, must tell, and Russia will have both the numbers and the science.

Let us picture to ourselves the situation as it will probably be two or three hundred years from now.

Briefly stated, the situation will be all likelihood to be as follows: Russia will dominate all Europe and all Asia, and the Saxon—meaning by the term the American, English and Germanic stock—will have the two Americas, all Africa and every island of the seas.

Germany is a powerful nation, but Germany cannot always keep Russia back. The pressure will eventually be too great for Germany to withstand and the great Slav wave will roll over all Europe. Germany out of the way, the decadent Latin peoples will be helpless, and the Bear

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U. S. CONGRESS IS AT WORK

Trusts Hold the Center of the Stage so Far as the National Law Makers Are Concerned Discussion of the Nelson Amendment to Department of Commerce Bill.

Washington, Feb. 10.—At the opening of the session of the house today, Mr. Steele, of Indiana, called attention to the speech of Mr. Conroy, of Massachusetts, printed in the record this morning under the general leave to print granted on the anti-trust bill.

The speech dealt with the subject of Mr. Conroy's contested election case in Massachusetts and Mr. Steele claimed it was a violation of the order which confined remarks to be printed to the subject of the anti-trust bills. He asked that the speech be stricken from the record. As Mr. Conroy was absent, at the request of his friends, the matter went over.

Mr. Hepburn, chairman of the interstate commerce committee, called upon the conference report on the department of commerce bill.

Mr. Richardson, of Alabama, one of the conferees on the bill, to whom Mr. Hepburn yielded thirty minutes, explained his reason for declining to support the Nelson amendment including the bureau of corporations.

He said he did not believe that any Democrat could sustain himself by opposing everything aimed at the trusts because it was of Republican origin, but he did not believe the Nelson amendment was aimed at the trusts. He said it was a travesty on what it claimed to be. It was, he said, an "ultra diluted dose."

In purpose, he said, did not authorize the president to proceed against the trusts but simply to secure information upon which he could base recommendations.

This, he said, was a poor response to the bold threats which were heralded abroad that an extra session would be called unless effective legislation were enacted. It was "a pre-lex and a subterfuge."

He called attention to the language of the amendment, that information obtained by the bureau of corporations, "or so much thereof as the president shall direct, shall be made public."

IS ARTISTICALLY FRAMED. Was that the wanted publicity, he asked. He did not doubt the honesty of the present executive, he said, but supposed another man more friendly to trusts should be elected. Then what would the Nelson amendment amount to? He concluded with the statement that the amendment was artistically framed to defeat what the people wanted, proper regulation of the trusts.

Mr. Ball of Texas, who followed Mr. Richardson, ridiculed the program of the administration regarding anti-trust legislation. The administration, he said, was represented as anxious to secure the passage of the Nelson and Elkins bills and it was pretended that the Standard Oil Company was sending telegrams to prominent senators against their passage. He did not believe it.

"I do not believe," said he, "that John D. Rockefeller or any other trust magnate has raised a protest against the homeopathic dose in those bills. They are no more harmful to trusts than would be Mrs. Winslow's Scouring Syrup."

Mr. Mann of Illinois declared the Nelson amendment would give to the bureau of corporations greater power to investigate the affairs of trusts than was sought to be conferred by any bill presented to congress.

Mr. Adamson of Georgia said that while he realized the Nelson amendment was a "delusion and a snare, thinner than thin air," yet, as notice had been served that it was the only chance on the program of the trust hunters it would receive his vote.

The previous vote was then ordered and the roll was called on the adoption of the conference report.

The report was adopted, 251 to 140. Those voting in the negative were—Hall of Texas, De Armond of Missouri, Fleming of Georgia, Lester of Georgia, Little of Arkansas, Reid of Arkansas, Robertson of Louisiana, Shankleford of Missouri, and Vandiver of Missouri, Democrats, and Littlefield of Maine, Republican.

CIVIL APPROPRIATION BILL. The house then went into committee of the whole and entered upon the consideration of the sundry civil

appropriation bill. Mr. Cannon explained its provisions. It carried, he said, \$78,017,929, being \$8,878,432 less than accounted for, by \$14,464,393 for river and harbors and \$3,000,000 recommended for the relief of distress of the people in the Philippines.

Mr. Cannon explained at considerable length the necessity for a big office building near the capitol and connected with it by a subway to be erected for the accommodation of members. He said the designs had been prepared for a three-story building to contain 400 rooms, which would cost, building and site, about \$3,800,000.

The appropriations committee, he said, were practically agreed that such a building should be built. No provision had been placed in the bill because it would be subject to a point of order. When he stated that, notwithstanding this fact, he proposed to move the insertion in the bill, the announcement was greeted with great applause.

IN THE SENATE. Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—When the Senate met today a bill was passed increasing the limit of cost of a public building at Evanston, Wyoming, to \$179,008.

A house bill was passed permitting the town of Montrose, Colo., to enter 150 acres of land for reservoir and water purposes.

A senate bill was passed extending for a period of three years the time for making proof and payment for all lands taken under the desert land laws by the members of the cooperative colony.

The Rawlins resolution, regarding the courts martial cases in the Philippines was referred to the committee on the Philippines by a yeas and nays vote of 36 to 23.

Mr. McComas gave notice that he would call up the eight-hour bill on Thursday next.

Mr. Quay said he was in sympathy with the effort to secure the speedy passage of the bill, but he would interpose the statehood bill to antagonize it until a day is fixed for a vote on that bill.

The conference report on the bill to provide for the holding of terms of courts in Utah was agreed to.

The District of Columbia appropriation bill was then taken up.

CABINET MEETING. Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—President Roosevelt and his cabinet were in session for nearly an hour and a half today, but at the conclusion of the meeting it was stated that while some matters of importance were under consideration, no decision regarding them had been reached.

Both the president and the members of the cabinet expressed themselves as reasonably well satisfied with the situation in congress as to anti-trust legislation. It is said that they are assured now that practically such legislation as is desired is in a fair way of enactment.

Secretary Root brought again to the attention of the cabinet the necessity for legislation regarding the currency of the Philippine Islands. He presented dispatches from Governor Taft urging the enactment of remedial financial legislation and the efforts to obtain this legislation from congress were discussed. As viewed by the administration the necessity for both financial and other remedial legislation for the Philippines is very urgent. Indeed, if something of the kind is not accomplished soon, there is apprehension that another rebellion may develop.

Consideration also was given to the status of the Venezuelan question. It is the belief of the president and the cabinet that Minister Bowen will conclude with the representatives of the allies satisfactory protocols within a few days.

Satisfaction was expressed that the points in controversy were to be submitted to The Hague tribunal. The president took up with individual members of the cabinet some routine matters, but it is said the consideration developed nothing of great consequence.

NO CONCLUSION REACHED. Washington, D. D., Feb. 10.—The

bill introduced in the senate yesterday authorizing the treasury to receive other securities than United States bonds from national banks, was under consideration by the senate committee on finance today, but the committee adjourned until tomorrow "without reaching a conclusion. Members of the committee express the opinion that the bill will be favorably reported tomorrow."

FORMALLY INSTALLED. Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—Francis B. Loomis today was formally installed in office as assistant secretary of state. It has been arranged that the incoming assistant secretary shall take up the important diplomatic work of the state department at once, in conjunction with a portion of the consular business.

ROOT WON'T RESIGN. Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—"There is no foundation for the story," declared Secretary Root today, referring to the publication of a rumor in New York that he would resign his position in the cabinet after the adjournment of congress, and resume his law practice in New York.

OMNIBUS CLAIMS BILL. Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—Senator Warren, from the committee on claims, today reported an omnibus claims bill. It carries a total direct appropriation of \$900,000.

Anarchist Convicted. Brussels, Feb. 10.—Gennario Rubino, the Italian anarchist, who has been on trial here since February 6, charged with attempting to assassinate King Leopold, November 15, by firing three shots at the king, while he was returning from the cathedral after attending a Te Deum mass in memory of the late Queen Henriette, was found guilty today and was sentenced to imprisonment for life at penal servitude.

When the trial of Rubino was resumed today counsel for the defense appealed to the jury to act in a manner similar to that of the jury which tried Spido (who attempted to assassinate the then Prince of Wales, now King Edward), at Brussels in 1900, and "listening only to the voice of the social death, acquit the accused."

MISSING.—If there is any one who knows the whereabouts of P. Chris Peterson please notify Mrs. S. Peterson, 12 Schuyler avenue, Kankakee, Illinois, U.S.A.

Job Printing at Nugget office.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowser THE BABY'S EYETEETH.

As Mr. Bowser was ready to sit down after dinner the other evening he took a small, red covered book from his pocket and was soon so intently interested in its contents that Mrs. Bowser's curiosity was excited and she looked up and asked:

"What is it, Mr. Bowser—something new?"

"Mrs. Bowser," he replied, dropping the book on his knee and looking at her over his spectacles, "you are a mother."

"Yes," with a glance at baby Bowser, sleeping as soundly as a young wolf.

"You are a mother, and yet what do you know about your child?"

"I know everything about him."

"You do, eh? I expected just such an answer. Has Orlando cut all his teeth yet?"

"Of course he has!"

"Of course he has or he hasn't! Have you run your finger into his mouth? Have you opened his jaws? Have you done anything but guess that he has cut all his teeth? Do you know for a fact that his eyeteeth have come?"

"Why, he's old enough and must have cut them, of course," she answered in some confusion.

"That's exactly why I bought this book," he said, as he tapped it with his finger. "It is a family medical book, mostly devoted to the bringing up of children. Here are two pages devoted to eyeteeth. Their cutting is the perilous season of babyhood. Do you know, Mrs. Bowser—"

"What?"

"Do you know," he continued, as he rose up and stood over young Bowser and shook his finger at her, "whether this child has passed the peril or is now only entering upon it?"

"Why, he's all right, Mr. Bowser. He's one of the healthiest children in this neighborhood. What are you going to do?"

"Feel for his eyeteeth. If he's got 'em, it's all right; if he hasn't, I want to be prepared for the worst. I don't want to be awakened suddenly at midnight to find my only child

"And that I probably love him a thousand times more than you do?" Mrs. Bowser, I want a peep at that child's eyes. The book says that if he's fifty the whites of his eyes will be streaked."

"But he isn't fifty, and if you try to look at his eyes you'll wake him up."

"And I'll see about those eyeteeth at the same time. Do you know whether he is tongue-tied or not?"

"Of course not."

"But you don't know for certain. He may be lop shouldered, knee sprung, pigeon toed or color blind, and you would not have observed it. It isn't one mother in twenty who ever finds out these things for herself. I propose to give this child a thorough going over right here and now. I'll begin with the eyes and then work down. You see—"

And of course Mr. Bowser poked his finger in young Bowser's eye as a beginning to the general inspection. He didn't mean to, of course, but he did it just the same, and the action was followed by a yell which was heard across the street. The yell was followed by a display of flying

heels and hands, and Mr. Bowser caught up his offspring and began to dance about and pat him on the back and make use of soothing expressions.

A three-year-old youngster with his right eye almost poked out is bound to raise a row about it. Mrs. Bowser tried to get possession of him, but Mr. Bowser persisted in dancing around and yelling, "Shoo, shoo, shoo!" till he backed up to the baby carriage and fell over it and came down with a yell and a crash which set the doorbell ringing. He didn't know when young Bowser struck in his ear, fastened both hands in his hair and braced both feet against the paternal chin. Mrs. Bowser had the indignant and frightened child when the father kicked the slivers and splinters and ruins aside and got up. He looked for his family guide, but

it was blazing cheerfully in the grate. He struck a pose to say something to Mrs. Bowser, but she wouldn't look up. He therefore walked off to the library and banged the door after him, and she saw no more of him till midnight. Then he came creeping up to the family bedroom and ripped his collar off, twisted his necktie over his head and growled to himself: "I see now what drives husbands to it! I'll get drunk tomorrow, and come home and make Rome howl anguish!"

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Rush at the Gold Commissioner's Office Enlivens Things Quite a Bit.

Yesterday and day before the relocation recorder in the gold commissioner's office was worked as he had not been in many days before, all owing to the stampede to the Matson and Doyle concessions. On Thursday the big rush occurred, there being no less than 81 applications received. Yesterday the number received up to 1 o'clock amounted to only 27 and there have been but very few today. It seems to still be the belief among the miners that he who first records will have a better chance than he who delays until the last day of the time in which the regulations allow such record to be made. Hence, the great majority flock in as early as possible after having staked. To all the stakers the information is given that the grant will not be issued until March 12, and, too, the issuance of the grants on that date will depend entirely upon the decision of Mr. Justice Craig re the mandamus proceedings that were argued before his lordship early in the week. If the writ is sustained the staking will be held to be illegal, but if it is dismissed the grants will issue on the date mentioned.

A glance at the records shows duplicate staking on the most desirable pieces of ground to have been the rule rather than the exception. Fully half of the claims thrown open were not staked at all, they being considered worthless, but many of the others had all the way from six to a dozen or more sets of stakes placed upon them. The third tier bench opposite the lower half, left limit, of 22 Bonanza, was probably the most extensively staked, fifteen having already recorded there. The hillside adjoining 22, which was originally staked years ago by Captain W. H. Scarth, has an even dozen applicants. There are ten on Solly Spring's old claim, the hillside of the lower half of 9 on Bonanza. The hillside of 8 and 8a has eight and the bench above has as many more.

There are a half dozen on the lower half of creek No. 4 Magnet gulch, four on No. 5 American gulch, and nine on a hillside on the left limit adjoining 1 and 2 American gulch. A hillside on the right limit of 1 and 2 Fox gulch has ten stakers and the bench above six. On Monte Cristo hill the hillside adjoining the lower half, right limit, No. 5, has seven. The third tier bench opposite the upper half, left limit, of 32 Bonanza, originally staked by Mrs. W. M. Wilson and J. C. Whalley, has six stakers; that opposite 33 has the same number and so has that opposite 34.

In issuing the grants where two or more have staked simultaneously the gold commissioner will follow the precedent already established in such cases, giving each staker an undivided interest in the claim according to the number who have staked. The stampede who have not yet made application to record will have until March 7 to do so.

Lowes His Record
Albert Forrest, who won the first heat in the three mile championship race for the McLennan cup on Wednesday evening, was out again last night for practice before the general skating commenced at the rink. The ice had been freshly pebbled and was like a sheet of glass. After limbering up a little and getting his skates set the young racer went after his own record of 11 minutes and 53 seconds and succeeded in lowering it by 23 seconds, doing the three miles (45 laps) in 11 minutes and 20 seconds. His skating was beautiful and he turned the corners without slackening up his speed or once making a spill. He is confident he can do still better than that.

A TANANA TIP

Stampede Put Next to a Good Thing.

The wise man who starts on a stampede never leaves on an empty stomach. He takes all the grub with him that he can carry, externally and internally. Horkan knows just what the boys want and tomorrow will give a grand stampede dinner. If you intend leaving today wait over for Horkan's dinner and you'll never regret it.

The best that's going for 50 cents, of a full poultry dinner, chicken, turkey or goose to select from, for 75 cents.

Horkan's Sunday dinners are always wonders but tomorrow's bill of fare will be ahead of them all.

Power of Attorney Blanks for the Tanana-Nugget Office.

Job Printing at Nugget office.

EXCELLENT CURLING

Three Matches Played Off Yesterday

Crisp, Noble and Lithgow Astonish the Players With Their Skill.

Yesterday afternoon and evening saw some of the best curling at the rink that has taken place this season. Three matches were played off in the bonspiel for the Hartman trophies and all were particularly fine. The skips of the winning rinks seemed to be on their best mettle. Some really remarkable shots were made at a critical time in the play that had the effect of altering the result of the game entirely. Noble vs Cutbert played in the afternoon, the former winning by a score of 18 to 10. In one of the ends Noble made a shot that caused all kinds of applause. Cutbert lay shot with Noble four seconds stream about the house. It was Noble's last stone and with infinite care he chipped out the shot of his opponent, passing through a narrow port, scoring five for his rink.

In the evening Lithgow walked all over Edwards by a score of 14 to 6. On the adjoining ice Crisp and Jones played one of the hardest contested games seen this winter, the former finally winning by a score of 11 to 10. Fifteen ends were required, the score being tied at the fourteenth. Crisp never played better in all his life, and, in fact, his winning was said to be mainly due to his own efforts. It was a brow, gude day for curling.

LIBRARY CONCERT

Next Tuesday Will be Enjoyable Affair

The free library concert to be given Tuesday evening next promises to be a most enjoyable one. The program as arranged includes many of Dawson's most talented entertainers and a treat is promised to those who attend. Admission to the concert is free, but as there are a few incidental expenses in connection with giving such an entertainment a collection will be taken to defray such expense.

Those whose services have thus far been secured are Mrs. P. R. Ritchie, Mrs. W. E. Thompson, Mrs. Edythe Walker, Mrs. E. E. Eason, Alderman Frank N. Johnson, Chas. MacPherson, Messrs. Betts, Finnie, McMeekin, and others.

The concert will be given at the library building, corner Third avenue and Harper street, and will commence at 8:30 sharp. Everyone is invited to attend.

First Crusty Old Gentleman—Hub? You've taken cold, haven't ye? Second Crusty Old Gentleman—What if I have? 'Twasn't your cold I took, was it?

SAW MILL PLANT

Will Shortly be Taken to the Tanana

The Tanana people will not be long without lumber for building purposes. A fully equipped sawmill plant will be taken to Fairbanks in a very few days or just as soon as the necessary materials can be secured and transportation arrangements effected.

Messrs. Carroll & Parker are the enterprising men who have the work in hand and they have already placed an order with the Yukon Hardware Co. for a 25-horsepower pipe boiler which will be taken to Tanana "knocked down." It will be so arranged as to admit of assembling very readily, and a short time after Messrs. Carroll & Parker arrive at the scene of the strike they expect to have their mill in full operation. The capacity of the plant will be 18,000 feet per day which the owners expect will yield them a handsome revenue.

STEVENSON DISCHARGED

Man Who Sold the Sick Horse

Gets Benefit of Technicality of Law—Receives Stern Rebuke.

The complaint against C. E. Stevenson, who was "tried" in the police court yesterday for selling a horse knowing it to be sick with a contagious disease, was discharged this morning by Mr. Justice Macaulay on a technicality in the method employed by the veterinary surgeon in issuing the warrant. His lordship stated that it would be well for the newly appointed veterinary to study the law relative to his powers a little more closely. "The proceedings," said his lordship, "were not according to the law and therefore I technically cannot find you guilty, although the evidence certainly proved that you sold the horse knowing it to have an infectious disease; after the surgeon had told you it was a suspicious case of glanders. 'I don't know as I can add anything to what I said yesterday regarding your conduct, and while I shall discharge you I trust it will prove a lesson to you in the future.'

MEANT NO INSULT

To N. W. M. P. Was Joking About Washington Hop Pickers

There is considerable difference between members of the N. W. M. P. of Dawson and a Washington hop picker.

Edwin T. Clondy this morning protested and reiterated the statement several times that he was speaking of the latter and not the former.

Clondy, in company with a friend, was coming out of a First avenue saloon this morning in a semi-intoxicated condition, and seeing a couple of policemen ahead of him, he doubled up his fists and put himself in the attitude of a prizefighter and remarked: "There goes the ———." He had not reckoned upon Corporal Egan, who was behind him taking it all in.

Clondy was arrested, charged with being drunk and disorderly, and the evidence against him given by Corporal Egan.

Clondy admitted having imbibed to a certain extent of the fiery brand but said that his remarks were not addressed at the policemen, but that he was joking about hop pickers with his friend as he had come from a hop picking country.

The magistrate fined him \$2 and costs for being drunk and stated that had the insult been offered the police he would have received a heavier penalty.

Job Printing at Nugget office.

TEMPORARY SUCCESSOR

Jack McLagan to Go to Clear Creek

In Company With Assistant Gold Commissioner—Start Monday or Tuesday.

Assistant Gold Commissioner Gosselin expects to leave for Clear Creek either on Monday or Tuesday for the purpose of investigating the charges that have been brought against Weldy Young and Tom Hinton. It has been decided that only one man will be taken at present to relieve the two who have been suspended. The segregation of that portion of the records that will form a part of the newly formed Duncan district, of which Hinton was to have been the recorder, has not been done and all are still together at the office at Clear Creek, so that one man it is thought will be able to attend to the business of the office until after the result of the investigation is made known and a decision is reached by the minister of the interior. Then if the suspension should be made permanent, regular successors will be named and the transcribing of the records for the Duncan creek office will go on as originally contemplated. J. C. McLagan, for several years at the certificate of work window, has been chosen to accompany Mr. Gosselin and will for the time being have charge of the Clear Creek office.

The four others who were appointed to positions in the gold commissioner's office from Ottawa some days ago have been assigned to their various positions. Desire Morin, located on Dominion, will act as assistant to Mining Inspector Holliday at Caribou. Wilfred Adam, at present on Henderson creek, will go to Stewart as assistant to L. Burwash, the mining recorder at that point. Gideon Pepin, for some time organized at St. Mary's, will be stationed at the local office here in the city. A position has also been made in the office for Aimee Dugas who on the first of the month will leave the office of the registrar. It has been rumored that a general shaking up in the clerical force of the gold commissioner's office may take place in the near future and more than one of the holders of a sinecure are quaking in their boots lest the axe of the executioner should descend in their direction.

LOOKING FORWARD.

What to Expect Next Month in Way of Weather.

During the month of February Dawson has been so singularly favored in the matter of beautiful weather that many have doubtless come to the conclusion that the winter is over and are seriously considering the early commencement of the annual cleanup. While this portion of the globe has been blessed with temperature ranging in the neighborhood of zero, the eastern provinces and states have had all the way from ten to thirty below and the weather prophet of the Yukon insists that it will be singular if the cold wave that has been chilling the blood of the easterners does not strike the Yukon some time next month. A glance at the weather chart of March of last year kept by Sergeant Major Tucker is enough to inspire terror in the heart of him who has so foot the wood hills. During the first fifteen days of last March the mercury constantly hovered between 10 and 14 below, the average temperature being lower than 25 below. Only once during that time, on the 15th, did the mercury rise above zero and as late as the 20th it fell to 27 below. On the 27th the minimum was 15 below while two days later the maximum was 11 above. Today at noon the barometer instrument marked 7 above with indications of a cold snap due before the next change of the moon. The record for last March is given herewith so that those

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Methodist Church. Methodist Church.—The pastor will preach tomorrow morning on the subject, "Enoch." Mr. H. Povak. The usual monthly musical service in the evening. Subject for the sermon "The Resurrection and the Life." Anthem: "Now the Day is Over," by Marks; solo, "Gethsemane," Barri, Mrs. P. R. Ritchie; duet, "The Wanderer," Rubenstein, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Torrey; solo, "I Heard the Voice," Danks, Mrs. Torrey; violin solo, "Intermezzo," by Mascagni, Miss Elsie Larsen.

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