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AMUSEMENTS. Auditorium—"Are You a Mason?" Standard-Vaudeville.

SHORT OF MATERIAL.

The Clarke supporters are hard up for campaign material. They cannot pick any flaws in the platform upon which Mr. Ross stands, neither can they say a word against his personal fitness for the position for which he is a candidate.

The 20,000 people of the Yukon have cause to feel gratified that they live on the Canadian side of the line. They are able to hold their heads aloft and proclaim citizenship in their country, having those rights of liberty of self-government and of participation in the affairs of their country, the enjoyment of which has made sturdy and self-reliant men and women of the Anglo-Saxon race.

Under any circumstances it would be the height of folly to send a man like Clarke to Ottawa and more particularly would this be the case when the option is presented of securing the services of a man like Mr. Ross. In respect to the latter, the element of doubt is entirely wanting. His public record from his first entry in the field of politics in the Northwest territories until the present day is an open book which everyone may read.

Why doesn't the opposition occasionally hire a hall? Nell—"You ought to have seen the pleased expression on Tom's face when I accepted him." Ross—"Yes. It must have been so very different from the pained expression on his face when I refused him last fall."—Chicago Daily News.

A NEEDLESS WASTE.

Roediger's evening organ expended a large quantity of good printers' ink last evening in denouncing the morning organ as a fratricide liar. The latter reciprocates today—and there you are. There is excellent reason for belief that both the organs know what they are talking about in this particular instance.

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Stroller's Column.

"That reminds me it was just such a morning as this when Ref left here to rush it to Skagway," said veteran John Bechtol, of the Regina, yesterday morning. "There has not appeared to be nearly as much interest taken in the murder trial of La Belle and Fournier as there was in that of O'Brien, but that is perhaps because the mystery in the O'Brien case lasted longer, so much longer. In this last case no sooner did the bodies come to light but that the police were on the track of the murderers, and as soon as they arrested one he confessed all about it, and later the other confessed. O'Brien insisted to the very last that he was innocent, and this made the police work so much harder and kept up public interest in it.

"Yes, I remember that morning. Here's Ref's violin. He handed that to me at the door as he was going away, and said, 'John, keep that until I send for it.' He never sent for it, and I have kept it in his memory. I believe it to be a very fine instrument. He said he would have liked to have taken it with him, but he did not like to run any chances of getting it injured. He told me its history at the time, and seemed to be very much attached to it. Ref was a splendid musician, and a fine fellow all round.

"If it had not been for the foolishness of Clayton, Ref would have been alive today. Ref set out to rush it, without any dogs. Clayton had dogs all rigged up with colored ribbons when he left here. Ref sent a draft for \$750 to his mother the day he handed me this violin, and I don't believe he had much money with him. Clayton, on the contrary, carried a large sum in a belt next to his skin, and at every roadhouse, although he did not spend a cent more than was necessary, he would pull out his belt and count the money, no matter how many were present.

"That's what I mean when I say that if Ref had not traveled with Clayton he might have been alive today. It really takes a keen ear sometimes to tell an American from a Canadian by his speech, and the Stroller made one of these mistakes a day or two ago. 'No, I am an American,' said the gentleman, 'but I came from Hunker this afternoon for the purpose of becoming a Canadian. My parents were both Canadians, but just before I made my advent into the world they moved over the boundary. So I was born in America and an American. I have a stake in the Klondike, however, and I feel that in the interests of the country I ought to be forward and cast one vote against Clarke. I shall take out my papers tomorrow and there may be some men on Hunker who will think as I do when it comes to voting.'

The gentleman was Mr. G. W. Miracle, a large mining operator on Hunker.

What a shocking story that was which came by wire from Seattle on Monday to the effect that Mike Bartlett had been arrested there for the murder of his wife. Such an ending for a man of such restless energy and real pioneer ability. He and his brothers Alf and Ed seemed to be hard workers and readily made friends. When the stamped out the Klondike broke out they were packers in a large way of business in Sandon, B.C. They had an idea at the time that the best way to get here was by the Edmonton route, but soon there came the news of the Mackenzie-Mann railroad project from Telegraph Creek by way of Teslin lake to the Klondike. This was the famous all-Canadian route, and in the winter of '87 John Bethune was at the head of a company advertising the Stikine river route as the best and shortest to pack over. The Bartlett Bros. decided to try it.

TWO WAGE CASES

Heard Before Mr. Justice Macaulay in Police Court. N. Bazen, for twenty-five days cook at the Frisco restaurant of this city this morning sued George Mich for \$140 salary for that time. He said the rate of wages agreed upon was \$40 per week, and that he had worked for 25 days. The defendant asked for time in which to produce witnesses and was given until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Henry Letourneau had been hauling wood for C. L. Woodworth, and claimed that that gentleman owed him on that account \$24.70. He made out a clear case and Mr. Justice Macaulay gave a verdict in his favor and ordered that judgment should issue forthwith.

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Lane telegraphed James Hamilton Lewis a request to take up the defence of the prisoner, and wired at the same time an order for his retainer fee upon one of the Seattle banks. It is pleasing to see that the brothers hang together in adversity as they did in the days of plenty, and it is to be hoped that the saddest of all endings to such an intrepid career may be avoided. The details of the occurrences which led to his arrest have not yet arrived here. The telegram merely says that the prisoner had been drinking heavily. There may be other extenuating circumstances. But the death of his wife and the fact of his arrest have already been corroborated in private messages. The wife, formerly Miss Mollie Walsh, was also well known in Dawson.

Pete Copeland, the great hustler, is back again, and is now talking of going to Seattle for the winter. Whitehorse is not big enough for him, and even Dawson only offers a limited scope for his ever soaring ambitions. He was dull in Skagway even in his brightest days, but he generally had some scheme upon which to work off his superfluous energy, or some good joke. He once got off on Big Joe, the present proprietor of the Board of Trade gambling rooms there. Joe was the night manager there at the time, and he bears a much resemblance to Pete as a hoghead does to a pint pot.

Pete walked up to the bar and very confidentially said to the manager: "Joe, things are getting just rotten around here these days and I've got a scheme to wake 'em up and make a little something for ourselves." "Come in here, Copeland," says Joe, taking him into the little office. "Jim, bring us a drink." When they had drowned the dust Pete unbosomed himself of his great scheme. "We've never had a good boxing bout in Skagway, Joe, and people are just dying to see one." "That's a good one," says Joe. "Go on."

"We'll make it a big affair, and we'll make 'em pay for it, too. All \$10 and \$5 a ticket, Joe, because they'll pay that for a good set-to." "Bully, you bet your life," says Joe, interrupting to call for another drink. "But where are you going to get your men from?" Joe asked after a pause. "That's just it, and we ought to make a big take-out of the betting. We ought to be able to swing the result either way, according how the betting goes." "Of course, of course," says Joe, "but where are your men?" "Why, you and I will box ten rounds for \$1000 and after three or four rounds I'll throw it for you." Joe did not altogether like the match being thrown over in his favor by a man not half his weight, so the articles were never signed.

Why should it not be the Rev. Arthur Boyle? This was a thought which occurred to the Stroller when he was listening to the excellent service of song at the Methodist church last Sunday evening. There was as much that was elevating and uplifting to the higher intelligence in the beautiful programme of music arranged by Mr. Boyle as in any eloquence any preacher ever uttered. The pastor's clear cut little essays on the composers of songs and music were deeply interesting, but only as pauses in the music. It was the music, those sweet melodies now so softly sighed, now swelling into passionate praise or longing, that moved the emotions and conveyed the impressions of infinite fest and joy. All religion is emotional. Music is the handmaid of the passions and speaks the language of every heart. It is only of recent years that the aid of music has come to be so much relied upon as an aid to devotion. And it is pleasing to note that the new churches of Dawson are not too primitive and puritanical to give it so leading a place.

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