

WORK ON LEGISLATION FOR ALASKA

Some Decisive Action Will Be Taken After the Holiday Recess.

Congressional Committees Working Out a Scheme of Action By Congress—Sentiment Opposed to the Formation of Regular Territorial Government—Population as Yet Uncertain.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The senate and house committees on public lands and on territories are at work on legislation for Alaska, preparing the way for action by the two houses. The matter has been talked over in committees, and there will be some decisive action shortly after the holiday recess. The chief problem is to provide for a better government. Secretary Bliss recommended in his annual report that Alaska be made a regular organized territory. The sentiment of the committee is that the time is not yet ripe, that the population practically dependent on the rich mining strike, is a roving one, and that even towns having a large population today may be abandoned tomorrow. It is probable there will be some enlargement of its present government, as preferable to a general system of local legislation and territorial organization. The jurisdiction of federal officials there may be extended and their number increased. This is to be a temporary bridging over of the problem until the transitory feature of the population is largely eliminated.

As to the extension of the general land laws, the sentiment now is that the Lacey bill providing for this is too sweeping. The right-of-way act for railways, etc., carried by the Lacey bill, is likely to be modified, while there will be some special legislation for the protection of timber. The homestead laws will be extended. Mineral and townsite laws are already in force. A prime difficulty is the absence of surveys, and it is said that in all probability there are some portions of Alaska that never will be surveyed (this interferes with the operation of the public land law extension).

After the Pension Attorneys.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Commissioner of Pension—Evans has been giving some attention to the proposition whereby the services of pension attorneys engaged in the prosecution of claims before the office may be dispensed with, and their work done by officials under government supervision. Informally, he has been discussing the matter with members of the house committee on invalid pensions, but is not yet prepared to outline the details of his plan. The present system he says, is wrong, and should be abandoned away with long ago.

Discontinuing the services of the attorneys would result in a great saving to both pensioners and the government, and liability to frauds in issuing pensions would be reduced to a minimum. Under government supervision the pension bureau would have direct control of the person appointed to look after the cases, whose business it would be to see that all honest claims were promptly and intelligently presented. The commissioner notes the fact that \$13,000,000 has been paid during the last year to pension attorneys by applicants for the prosecution of their claims.

Recommendations the Skagway Route.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Secretary Alger has received two reports from Captain Robinson, the contract quartermaster at Seattle, touching the respective merits of the different trails leading from the seaboard into the Klondike country. He made a thorough inquiry under the direction of the secretary, and in substance his conclusions, reached after conference with Jack Dalton and other experts, is that the Dalton trail is not well adapted to the uses of the government expedition during the winter, but that the Skagway route is probably the best.

The captain says he has had an interview with one man who claims to have 70,000 pounds of beef stored at Lake Bennett, which he is willing to sell at \$1 per pound. The same man says he has 10,000 pounds of corn and twenty or thirty horses at the same place, with which he proposes to organize a sled train into Dawson.

Captain Robinson says himself that his opinion is that the difficulty of reaching Dawson has been very much exaggerated, and that a good army officer could make his way in with an expedition. Montana horses should be used.

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Not Our Louse.
Ton. Parmele of Louisville was in town today and thinks we were wasting our sympathy on the wrong man, as the Elkhoff in the bank failure at El Reno was another person. L. C. Elkhoff is interested in a hotel and in farm lands at Hennessey, near El Reno, but he has plenty of means and suffers no shortage.

Oysters and Lunch.
Oysters in every style, and nice lunch at Holloways, in Fitzgerald block—Sahli's old stand.

Antonia Kessler Wins.
Yesterday ended one of the hottest battles ever held in this city on any voting contest. THE NEWS' power press was kept busy all day printing votes. It was the opinion of all that Dora Fricke would win, as she was way in the lead. Antonia Kessler, however, won by 462 votes. Total vote—Antonia Kessler, 18,161, Dora Fricke, 17,699.

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Miss Mattie Nuoshann of Marysville, Mo., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Pepperberg and family.

Klondike for wealth, but Bennett & Tuttle for all kinds of holiday goods and something good to eat.

The Tuxedo ball and banquet this evening will be a swell affair. A few guests from abroad will be in attendance.

Wanted—Everybody to see the fine pianos and hear the wonderful Plectraphone on the Everett. W. D. Crawford.

Dr. J. J. Davis, the eye expert, will be at Coleman's jewelry store next week. Call and have your eyes fitted properly. No charge for examinations.

The police court looked like the lull which precedes a storm today, as nothing was doing. The fellows who celebrate New Year's day will contribute Monday morning.

The T. J. Social society is making great preparations for their sixth annual mask ball to be given at their hall Saturday evening, January 15, 1898. Everybody is invited.

The Woman's club will keep "open house" on New Year's eve, and invite their friends to call upon them. Refreshments will be served and the ladies hope to entertain a large crowd.

THE NEWS is late tonight not on account of a pressure of matter, but in order to help the Journal out in its effort to print enough papers to supply the demand for Maid of Honor coupons.

There's no better flour made than Heisel's "Plansifter," manufactured in this city. Ask your grocer for it, and thereby get the best and support a home industry at the same time, which builds up the town.

The Epworth League will hold their monthly business and social meeting tomorrow night at the pleasant home of C. E. Wescott. All young people are especially invited. A nice program has been prepared.

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Dr. J. J. Davis, the eminent eye expert, will be with me all next week. Everybody wanting their eyes fitted properly should call and see him. Dr. Davis has been here several times before and the general satisfaction he has given merits a liberal patronage. JNO. T. COLEMAN, Jeweler.

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Whist Club Entertained.
The whist club was delightfully entertained by Miss Matilda Vallery last evening. After an enjoyable time at whist, nice refreshments were served and dancing was indulged in by those who enjoyed that pastime. The guests report one of the most enjoyable evenings of the season.

Following were those present: Messrs. Henry Goss, Henry Weidman, F. Ballance, Van Horn, Cal Atwood, Ray Waterman, Frank Johnson, Lee Atwood, John Coleman, Henry Snyder, Will Straight, George Sparlock and Misses Minnie and Florence White, Clara Green, Grace Walker, Rose Myers, Jessie Oldham, Edith Patterson, Amelia Vallery, Claire Drummond, Bertha White and Mrs. Edith Donelan and Mrs. T. P. Livingston.

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OUT OF THE FIRE.

One Horse That Was Not Quite Stricken When His Master Went to Rescue Him.

The common belief that horses in a burning building are always panic stricken and refractory, not recognizing their friends and refusing obedience to those who would rescue them, is not strictly true, as is proved by an incident related by a Companion contributor.

The governor had a fine black driving horse called Dexter. Although strong and spirited, Dexter was docile and obedient and was petted and made much of by his master. As the governor kept no other horse, Dexter had the stable all to himself, with a clean stall and a full manger.

The stable was near the house, and in addition to Dexter's stall and harness room contained a large carriage room, an oat bin and a haymow over the stall. One night, when the family and the servants were away from home, the governor was in the house alone, he was awakened by an ominous creaking and a bright glare on his chamber window, and before he could collect his sleepy wits he was startled by a cry unlike any sound he had ever heard. As he sprang out of bed the cry came again, and hastening to the window he learned the cause. The stable was all ablaze, and out of the smoke and flames Dexter was calling his master to his rescue.

Pausing only to don coat and slippers, the governor rushed out. The outside door of the stable leading into the stall was already blocked by the flames, and the only entrance to be had was through the carriage room, the harness room and a narrow entry leading past the oat bin. These rooms were on fire overhead, and burning wisps of hay and shingles were raining down in showers.

Blinded by smoke, the governor stumbled along the roundabout way and, reaching the stall sooner than he expected, fell headlong down the steps against the excited animal, who was vainly tugging at his halter. Thinking some new danger threatened him, Dexter gave a mighty kick that sent his master sprawling and lamed him for a month. "Whoa, Dexter!" shouted the governor. "Don't you know me, sir? Steady now, old fellow, and we'll get out of this."

Recognizing his master's voice, Dexter turned his head toward the prostrate man and uttered a coaxing whinny quite unlike his previous loud cries of alarm. Knowing he need fear no more kicks, the governor crept up and cut the halter and, calling Dexter to follow him, hopped blindly through the smoke filled entry and the two blazing rooms beyond, and close after him went Dexter, his nose pressed against his master's shoulder, man and horse reaching the safe outer air together.

"It was Dexter's obedience that saved him," said the governor. "I could not lead him, and had he shown the least obstinacy or any less readiness to follow at a word through all that roundabout, unaccustomed way I must have left him to perish in the flames, but he followed like a well trained soldier, and we escaped from our burning, fiery furnace almost as safely as Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego did from theirs."—Youth's Companion.

A Thorough Cure.

There is no sentiment about Grizler. He is close and is not easily alarmed. It is not surprising, then, that the doctor assumed the utmost gravity when Grizler called to present the case of his wife.

"I'm greatly afraid," said the husband, "that her mental equilibrium is disturbed. She is not like other women and not as she used to be."

"What are the symptoms?"

"You may regard them of a negative character, doctor. To begin with, she never opens her fashion papers of late."

"Bad! Bad! Very bad!"

"I feared as much. The woman who lives next door called last night and wore one of the most elegant hats I ever saw. You know that I am not given to noticing such things. Mrs. Grizler never seemed to see it and said nothing about it after the caller had gone."

"Awful," exclaimed the doctor, "awful. I've known your wife, Grizler, ever since she was born. No one ever had a brighter mind or a happier disposition. I can't understand it. Used to be the life and beauty of every company she was ever in. Does she go out?"

"No, no, entertain. Never mentions the theater, burns all invitations and is without the slightest interest in the social whirl. I would give half I'm worth to see her the girl I married."

"Done," snapped the doctor, and he wrote out the strangest prescription on record. It called for horses, carriages, fine raiment, jewels and a well filled purse. At the bottom was a receipt in full for \$250,000. There was no chance for Grizler to weaken, and now his wife is one of the most brilliant women in the swim. When she and the old doctor meet, he winks and she whispers, "You dear old soul."—Detroit Free Press.

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INFORMATION AND OPINIONS.

Nebraska City is backward in its boasts of things that it possesses, but recently it has come to light that a rather queer trade was recently made by two men now residents of this city, says the News. These men, it seems, married sisters and each had three children. The men as well as the women seemingly were not pleased with their lot in life, so the men concluded to swap wives. The proposition met with the approval of the woman and one woman took all of the children until her husband came and claimed the children belonging to the wife he had traded for, leaving his wife her own children. One family resides in the southern part of the city and the other near the packing house and are apparently happy. This is about the latest thing that the News has learned of in the way of trading.

With American gold mines producing the yellow metal in greater abundance than ever before and the total production for the year aggregating at least \$70,000,000, importations of gold continue. Over \$11,000,000 worth of gold has been received in the United States from Australia since the first of last August.

The pecan crop in Texas is over 3,000,000 bushels, and the trees are not bare yet. Texas is the only state which yields a bushel of pecans to every inhabitant and furnishes an abundance for hogs.—Ex.

Miss Elckhoff, the eighteen-year-old daughter of ex-County Treasurer Elckhoff, died at her home near Louisville, on Monday of blood poison. The trouble started from having a cold blister upon her lip and wearing a veil, which poisoned it.—Weeping Water Republican.

Louisiana claims the largest farm in the world, situated in the southwest part of the state. It contains 1,500,000 acres, 300 miles of navigable waters, thirty-six miles of railway facilities and \$50,000 worth of fencing. A company of northern capitalists own and operate the tract, using steam plows on the cultivated lands. But the farm is chiefly devoted to raising cattle on pasture stations or ranches, existing every six miles.

At the Presbyterian Church Tonight.
It may be of some interest to the ladies of Plattsmouth to learn that Mabel Chilcote-Cowan, the brilliant pianist with the Imperial Male Quartet, wears a gown designed by Worth of Paris. In fact, the wardrobe of this superb company throughout is exquisite, and in perfect keeping with the excellency of the program.

At the Presbyterian church Friday evening December 31. One night only. Seats on sale at Lehnhoff Bros.

His Plattsmouth Friends Grieved.
Mrs. Reed has received a letter from her son George, who is a missionary in Africa, in which he states that he has fully recovered from his recent serious illness, says the Weeping Water Republican. His many friends at home will be glad to hear this and hope that now that he has got acclimated to the country he may enjoy good health and be able to accomplish much good.

The Journal Maid of Honor contest got to white heat today, and the power press of THE NEWS was called into requisition this morning and has been running all day. The contest between Miss Fricke and Miss Kessler is so close that a count of the ballots must be made before the winner can be named.

Whistling.
There are whistlers and whistling solos galore, but it remained for the managers of the famous Imperial Male Quartet to place before the public, the first and only Whistling Quartet. It is not only a novel attraction, but the music rendered is of a good order, and withal, thoroughly enjoyable. At the Presbyterian Church, tomorrow night. Seats on sale at Lehnhoff Bros.

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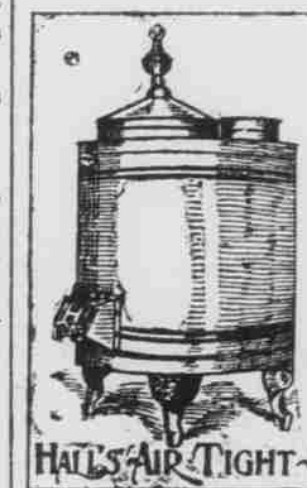
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