

### ALASKA DEMOCRATS RESOLVE

That the Administration is a Failure, of Course.

Renew Their Allegiance to the Time-Honored Principles of Jefferson and Object to Being Taxed.

The man who would go to a circus in preference to a typical Democratic convention has no appreciation of amusement. Except during eight years in the past 40, the Democrats have been denouncing the administration at every convention, but at the same time they have never neglected to "point with pride to those principles promulgated by Jefferson, enunciated by Jackson, practiced by Tilden, severed by Bryan and dear to the heart of every Democrat."

The Alaska district Democratic convention was held in Juneau on May 28, and from an account published in the Skagway Alaskan it was a typical Democratic convention except that the revenue on whisky was not denounced as "outrageous and oppressive," as used to be embodied in all state Democratic platforms in the south.

At Juneau the committee on resolutions reported a platform which unqualifiedly endorsed William Jennings Bryan, denounced the growth of monopolistic trusts and the Gage financial bill, favored constitutional expansion as accomplished by Presidents Jefferson, Monroe and Polk and Secretary Seward, but unalterably opposed the Republican policy of imperialism, under which, as exemplified in the passage by a Republican congress of the un-American, unconstitutional and unjust tax law for Alaska.

"If the principles upon which the Republican administration has legislated for Alaska shall ever become the settled principles of the American nation, it will result in the subversion of our liberties under the constitution, and render our people subjects instead of citizens."

The platform further denounces the "unwarranted favoritism toward the shipping and commercial interests of Canada, to the great injury of Pacific coast interests and the utter ruin of Alaska trade with the interior, and believes that the treasury regulations which provide for the bonding of Canadian goods through Alaska should be immediately rescinded." Then it concludes by favoring a territorial form of government as the only practicable solution of the "Alaska problem."

J. H. Cobb, of the committee, submitted a minority report, dissenting from a section expressing sympathy for the Boers, which he moved to eliminate. The motion called forth a flood of oratory. Mr. Cobb maintained that England was the only friend the United States has in Europe, and earnestly pleaded that we could not afford to slap her in the face. The Boer resolution was defended by Judge Delaney, R. W. Jennings and F. D. Keisey in stirring and earnest speeches. A roll call was demanded and the amendment was voted down, 50 to 3. The majority report was then adopted unanimously.

#### Dyea's Dea h Knell.

The most momentous event in the latter day history of the great port of Dyea has just happened. Strange to say that notwithstanding the importance of the event, it passed without demonstration or bluster or fuss. Although it concerned the whole of the town and the famous trail that leads out of the town, this event extraordinary took place known but to one or two persons. The great affair was, to express it in a breath, nothing less than the closing of the port of Dyea.

There is no longer a port of Dyea. The erstwhile busy town having lost its seeming population of hurrying gold seekers and temporary traders, and dwellers, has lapsed into a deep sleep. Deputy Collector Walker (who bravely stood by and collected his salary) kept open the port as long as there was any prospect of a pound of freight going over the summit, and months and months after any did go over. The thousands of former townfolk had dwindled to hundreds, and the hundreds to a few tens.

Then some mysterious power moved the spirit of some one to have the port closed. So now, says the Alaskan, it is closed, and Mr. Walker has come to Skagway to help collect duties where there are duties to be collected and to be in a port which is a port, and a lively one. Uncle Sam's customs man is not the only one leaving Dyea just now. A large delegation is getting away for

Nome, and others are moving out. Still it is maintained by some of the most loyal to the old town that she has at least 100 population remaining.

One of the patriachs who came over yesterday to be in metropolitan atmosphere for a short time, stated that since the great hegra many houses which were left partly furnished have been rifled, and depredations of all kinds imaginable have been committed. Not content with taking contents of houses, some of the thieves took the very doors or windows designed to be a barricade to them, and others even carried away houses.

Campbell, the mail carrier of the Skagway-Dyea route, has left for Dawson, and Peter Bertona, better known as Spanish Pete, has been given the contract for the summer, and will continue to give a daily service between the two cities.

#### Election Today.

Today the election of members to the provincial legislature of British Columbia is being held. The following are the various aspirants for honors:

- Vancouver Island:
  - Alberni: Govt., Joseph Redford; Ind. Lib., A. W. Neill.
  - Comox: Govt., Cory S. Ryder; Lib., James McPhee; Cons., A. Mounce.
  - Cowichan: Cons., C. H. Dickie; Ind., Major Mutter.
  - Esquimalt: Govt., Donald Fraser; Ind. Cons., C. E. Poolley; Ind., D. W. Higgins and Arthur Peatt; Opp., W. H. Hayward.

- Nanaimo City: Labor, Ralph Smith.
- Nanaimo N.: Labor, W. W. B. McInnes; Ind. Cons., J. Bryden; Ind., Dixon.
- Nanaimo S.: Ind. Cons., J. Dunsmuir; Labor, J. Radcliffe.
- Victoria City: Govt., Hon. Jos. Martin, Hon. J. Stuart Yates, J. G. Brown, Aid. Beckwith; Opp., J. H. Turner, H. Dallas Heimcken, R. Hall, A. E. McPhillips.
- Victoria N.: Opp., J. Booth; Ind., J. J. White.
- Victoria S.: Opp., D. M. Eberts; Ind., Geo. Sangster.

- The Mainland:
  - Cassiar: Cons., C. W. Clifford; Ind., John Irving.
  - Cariboo: Cons., — Rogers and Jos Hunter; Prov., Major General Kinchant and H. Helgesen.
  - Chilliwack: Cons., Geo. Ashwell; Lib., — Vedder; Prov., C. W. Munro.
  - Delta: Cons., J. W. Berry; Govt., J. Oliver; Prov., Thomas W. Forster.
  - Dewdney: Cons., R. McBride; Govt., Whetham.
  - New Westminster: Govt., Hon. J. C. Brown; Cons., R. L. Rein.
  - Lillooet E.: Opp., J. D. Prentice;

- Lib., — Henderson.
- Lillooet W.: Cons., A. W. Smith and R. Skinner.
- Kootenay N. E.: Govt., — Wells; Cons., — Armstrong.
- Kootenay S. E.: Opp., — Fernie.
- Kootenay W.: Rossland; Cons., C. H. Mackintosh; Govt., Hon. Smith Clark.
- Kootenay W.: Slocan; Cons., J. Keen and R. F. Green.
- Kootenay W.: Nelson; Cons., F. Fletcher; Prov., Mayor Houston.

- Kootenay E.: Revelstoke; Cons., — Taylor; Prov., J. M. Kellie; Govt., W. M. Lawrence.
- Vancouver City: Cons., Charles Wilson, Capt. Tallaw, Mayor Garden, Aid. Wood; Govt., Hon. Jos. Martin, Aid. Gilmour, R. McPherson, — Wells; Labor, Fred Williams, J. Dixon; Prov., F. Carter-Cotton.
- Yale W.: Govt., Hon. G. W. Beebe; Ind., D. Murphy.
- Yale N.: Cons., P. J. Fulton; Prov., F. J. Deane.
- Yale E.: Cons., Price Ellison.
- Richmond: Cons., M. B. Wilkinson; Prov., Thos. Kidd.

#### Tonight the Balloon.

The new balloon which Aeronaut Leonard has been busy constructing for the past ten days will be given a trial trip this evening from First avenue. Mr. Leonard has succeeded in making a balloon which he thinks is in every way equal to the former one which was completely destroyed by fire. The aeronaut says that such accidents as the one which overtook his airship will not occur in one case out of a thousand.

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### MAY YET BE CONSTRUCTED

Another Railroad May Tap Headwaters of the Yukon.

F. B. Morrill, a San Francisco Capitalist, Now Interested in Dyea's Proposed Railroad.

John H. H. Diers, the U. S. deputy surveyor, who has been in the field with a party in the interest of L. D. Kinney, came over from Dyea yesterday. When asked by the Alaskan about affairs connected with the Chilkoot Pass railroad project, Mr. Diers said:

"I know nothing whatever about the secret phases of the proposition, but can see tangible evidence that the affair has better backing than wind and imagination. In the first place, Mr. Kinney has proceeded through his attorneys, Price & Stevens, of Skagway, to legally organize a company of which he is president and general manager. F. P. Stokes is secretary, John Myers, treasurer, A. F. Schmeitzel, vice-president, and J. P. Stotko, his financial agent is F. B. Morrill, of San Francisco."

"Now, all these people, except perhaps Mr. Morrill, notoriously lack personal capital. But they are spending money and no very modest amount of it. And as the bills are being paid, it goes without saying that they are acting as trustees for people of means. Locally, Mr. Kinney has been set down as visionary, but there is nothing of the dreamer about his fellow promoters. They are not of the stamp that could be led to chase rainbows. Mr. Kinney has cut a good sound figure in the past, and though the last panic drew him through a slim knothole, he has proved an adaptability of staggering to his feet."

"Everybody believes that Mike King has plenty of money back of him. He asserts constantly that he intends to build the Chilkoot railroad. It would be very poor business for him to proceed in this matter without so much as a preliminary survey from tidewater. It seems curious to me that Mr. Kinney should be so zealous in his surveys and Mr. King so untiring in his lobby work unless there was a fair understanding between them. It would be hard to believe that both Mr. King and Mr. Kinney were not figureheads for the same power. The charter of Mr. Kinney's Chilkoot Pass Railway Company is bristling with details. The field notes and charts that will be filed with his application for right of way show that full advantage has been taken of the terminals, deposits, Y's, sidetracks, etc., granted by his charter."

"I have every reason to believe that work of some nature or another will proceed on the enterprise with more or less activity until the fruition of dragging preliminary matters allow the projectors to show their enterprise with rapidity."

"I can hardly say that I expect to continue in charge of the engineering when the capitalists take active hold on their enterprise. There are others and others, you know. Many call but few are chosen for big places. I have no railroad secrets to impart. I am merely relating matters of public record and common news—and that's all I know about it."

#### Crack Violinist Coming.

Prof. Max Adler, for a long time a resident of this city, and one of its most popular and thorough musicians, will leave for Nome via Dawson tomorrow. He will go in the employ of the Simons company which has been playing at the Clancy theater, awaiting the opening of navigation, Alaska.

#### Indians Dying Like Kats.

H. H. Hildreth, of the Sitka Alaskan, who was a passenger for the capital on the Cottage City, reports the Indians of Kenai peninsula, near Cook Inlet, as dying by the score from the effects of a very severe form of influenza, which is epidemic in that section. He reports that 40 deaths occurred during the week immediately preceding his departure on the Bertha, which arrived at Juneau this week, and there was no indication of an abatement. The Indians are thoroughly demoralized and fear seems to be contributing to the fatality.

In speaking of the matter Mr. Hildreth said:

"When I returned to Kanan about ten days ago from a three weeks' cruise in the interior where I had been taking the census of the Indians of Kanan, Saldover, English Bay, and Munina they were dying at the rate of four or five a day."

"The infliction seems to be more nearly influenza than anything else, though it is more deadly than is usually the case with such an epidemic. The

victim is sick only two or three days before death, and nearly all who are afflicted die.

"The Indians from the interior had gathered with those on the coast to keep the Lenten season. The result was that they were overcrowded. There were in many instances fourteen or fifteen Indians living in one small room not over ten or twelve feet square."

"Thus crowded together, they had fasted for days, so that the system was much weakened. At the termination of the season they had a great feast, overtaxing the digestive system as is customary with them. About this time there came a drop of about forty degrees in the temperature. The result was the influenza."

"Another cause that contributes to the fatality is the fact that there is no physician in the country and but little medicine."

"During the week immediately preceding my departure there were thirteen deaths at Kanan, seven at Saldover, five at English Bay and fifteen at Munina."

"There is no indication of abatement, and the Indians are so frightened and demoralized that the percentage of fatality is more likely to increase than otherwise."

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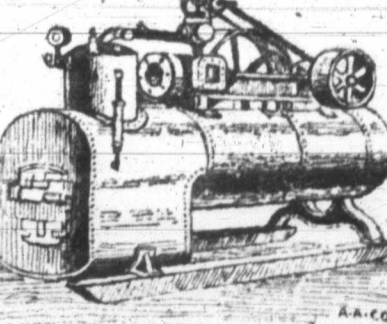
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