

### GOVERNOR BRADY'S INDIANS

He Wants Them Given the Right of Suffrage.

Alaska's Chief Executive Looks After His Own—May Have a Congressional Bee.

Gov. Brady was recently interviewed by the Juneau Record Miner, and among other things strongly urged that the privileges of citizenship be conferred upon the Indians. He said:

"Another matter which needs attention at Washington and at once, is the legal status of the Indian. We seem to have the choice of a reservation system with all its accompanying disadvantages or the granting of full equality to the Indian, who has severed his tribal relations and who can pass satisfactory educational tests. There are many Indians perfectly capable of citizenship. I believe in making all equal before the law and am in favor of giving all privileges to the Indian and making him on the other hand liable to its penalties. I think we must do one thing or the other, for the old method of existence is no longer, in many places, possible. For instance, at Haines Mission, I was met by a delegation of Chilkats, some of the finest Indians in Alaska, little hurt as yet by contact with the whites. They were formerly great fur traders, buying the furs from the interior Indians and hunting themselves. This has gone. They also controlled a trail to the interior. The Dalton trail has spoiled the market for their labor. Finally the cannery mistake cannery sites, as they have a right to do at the mouth of the river and the fish no longer run as they used to and they cannot take them high up the stream as formerly. Something surely should be done."

The above appeared in the Daily Alaskan and in the same issue appeared the following editorial:

Gov. Brady believes the Indians should have the rights of citizenship, which of course includes the elective franchise, and would give the Indians the right to vote when the people shall be called upon to elect a delegate to congress, which Gov. Brady believes will be next year. While such ideas are strictly in line with Gov. Brady's record, it is not probable that his solicitations for the noble red men are alone responsible for his attitude.

The truth is more likely that the cunning executive is planning a political future for himself. He well knows that his public career will be cut short when the people of Alaska shall have been given home rule if the destinies of the territory to be are given into the hands of the white citizens who are now developing the north. If the elective franchise be given the Indians the wily aborigine speaking governor evidently believes he would have his political antagonists at a disadvantage. His copper colored friends would hold the balance of power, and if they did his bidding, it would probably be many years before the enterprising business men of Alaska would have the direction of their own affairs.

The scheme of our ambitious governor should be nipped in the bud. It is all very well for those who so desire to prate about governments to be conducted by the half barbarous polygamists of Sulu, but a mistake would be made if the race question be injected into the problems that will confront this territory when it shall have been established. The history of the Southern states during the last three decades should be sufficient to teach Americans what to expect if an inferior race be given the power to rule. The white population of Alaska is well qualified to lay the foundation of a state. The people who cut loose from the advantages of further advanced communities and have worked such wonderful improvements in Alaska, will compare favorably with those of any other portion of the United States, and it would be working a hardship, indeed, if the uncivilized natives of the forest were given the right to govern them.

#### The Royal Arms.

The only arms the British public knows are the royal arms, appearing as they do on official paper, in many churches, on writs, summonses, etc., and over the shop fronts of certain tradesmen—in fact, so misused and vulgarized is the royal escutcheon that it must be regarded by the bulk of the populace as a trade mark. This last certainly ought not to be; but matters armorial are become so chaotic in this kingdom that veritable trade marks, registered as such, are in many instances true coats of arms, certainly not granted by the Earl Marshal. It would not be difficult to name brands of hair wash, beer, etc., bottles of which are decorated with a complete achievement of arms, crest, supporters and motto, all complete! A well known brand of brandy sports three mallets on a shield, with a martlet as a crest, and the bottles are also adorned with three mullets. This perversion of use is nothing less than an injustice to those owners and rightful bearers of arms who pay their annual tax for the privilege of using an honor that they are entitled to bear either by descent or grant. If armorial bearings are of any honor or importance their use ought to be rigidly controlled; if not, then the tax ought to be abolished. At the present time a tax is imposed and no security given in return that misuse of arms will be perented.

Occasionally the impudent appropriation of the royal arms has been the object of a prosecution. In 1895 the treasury summoned a bailiff at Lambeth for using the queen's arms on a notice to quit; the case being the first of its sort, a nominal penalty only was inflicted. As far back as July, 1893, the London Reform Union obtained a similar conviction. A most remarkable instance occurred, or rather came to light, in May, 1899. A man was sent to jail and hard labor for keeping a disorderly house under the guise of a massage establishment; this scoundrel had actually had the effrontery to print the royal arms and "by appointment" on one side of his advertisement cards, with the Prince of Wales' arms on the reverse. The royal arms appear on certain well known newspapers; it is not generally known by what right, if any, The Gentleman's Magazine.

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