

## REPRESENTATION FOR ALASKA

Is Demanded in Congress by Senator Brick.

The Wealth and Possibilities of Seward's Iceberg are Such as Demand That She be Recognized.

Washington, Feb. 26.—In his favorable report to the house from the committee on territories of the bill to allow a delegate in congress from Alaska, Representative Brick, of Indiana, enters into the subject of Alaska affairs very extensively, and urges the passage of the bill in unqualified terms. Among other things, he says:

"A bill of similar purpose was reported from the committee on territories of the house of representatives in the Fifty-third congress near its close; too late for action; and another in the Fifty-fourth congress, which for some reason failed to become a law. But in the unanimous opinion of your committee, fortified by the judgment of a vastly increased population in the territory of Alaska, whose best men have not only recommended it, but have urged it as an absolute necessity at this time, we respectfully submit that congress should no longer delay the right of these people of a great and ever-growing population to a delegate representation in congress.

"We found this conclusion upon various reasons, among which we suggest that, whenever it is practicable, it is the tenet of the American creed that proper elective representation is the heritage of our citizenship. Whatever may have been the needs and the requirements or the limitations of Alaska in the past, we think the time has now arrived when it is not only feasible for its inhabitants to elect and have delegate representation in the house of representatives, but that its absolute necessity makes it a matter of right which we should heed by speedy action.

"Alaska is a territory whose prospects, resources and commercial and political importance have heretofore been almost wholly unappreciated by most people. Even now, in the period of Alaska's marvelous development, the first thought of many persons is that a delegate would be a doubtful experiment and an unnecessary expense, when in fact, from the information received by your committee, of all our outlying territory it is the most deserving of this privilege.

"In 1890 the census of Alaska showed a population of 32,052. In 1900 it has swelled to 63,441, and will undoubtedly increase in even a greater ratio during the next few years; and while the number of white people were some less than 5000 in 1890, with a very large portion of the remainder Indians and mixed, this great increase during the last ten years has not been caused by the births of natives. The Indian is rapidly passing away; and while the census figures for 1900 cannot be given in detail at this time, yet it is well known that they will show less Indian and mixed population than in 1890, in a very large degree, so that the majority of the present population of 63,441 will, beyond question, be whites who have emigrated from the States. These persons dominate the territory, and in a short time, through the evolution of nature, the Indian will have become a tradition.

"Another reason for a delegate which must impress itself with great force upon every member is the fact that most of the relations with the territory are direct with the general government. Up to this time every transaction of that nature was required to be done through the individual effort and expense of some person willing to undertake it. This has fallen in a great measure upon the governor, who every year, upon a salary slender in consideration of the expense of living in that country and its distance from the seat of government, has been compelled to neglect his duties at home in the performance of more pressing and purely voluntary ones at Washington. This should not be forced upon him. His services in that respect have been invaluable to his people, but they are not a part of his duties, and they should not be.

"The people are in continual need of a delegate selected by them for that purpose, responsible to them directly for his service, to look after the multifarious affairs of the territory in the department at Washington. And this is as necessary and convenient for the departments as for the people. They very much desire to have some one person whose business it is to be correctly informed and look after all matters

that arise—some one whose duty makes him directly responsible for his acts."

The writer of the report devotes a good deal of space to the subject of Alaska's resources, going in detail into the production of gold, copper, coal and fish. Then he says:

"Believing that good reason has been shown why a delegate should be given to Alaska, it remains to explain the working of this particular bill. Considering the mining features and the isolated and primitive condition of Alaska, the first thought naturally is to provide her with a very restricting and complicated piece of election machinery, registration, Australian system, and all of the other safeguards of the ballot known to the states, and your committee was no exception to the rule. But having made up our minds that they are entitled to and ought to have a delegate, then it became the duty of your committee to give this to them in as practicable a manner as possible—the best that can be devised as applied to their condition and environment. Whatever we do will be imperfect, but that is no reason it should not be done. It will be improved as experience lights the way.

"The pioneer through ages has traveled from Plymouth Rock to Alaska. He may have been rough and daring and strong, but he was always manly and capable of self-government, and during all these years human nature has remained about the same. The more primitive, the simpler the method of elective franchise. As population and civilization advanced, the more complicated became the election machinery.

"The town meeting was sufficient in the old days of New England; today they require the Australian ballot. So the more you think of it the stronger grows the impression that in Alaska the simpler methods are, to say the least, the best in their present condition. Registration and the Australian system would both be too burdensome in that country and the existing state of society, and it would seem to be more than that—unnecessary and impracticable.

"To look at the map showing the vast expanse of territory, with its far distant settlements and lack of roads, its long winters and short summers, all advise some simple and easy plan for the election of the delegate, at the same time, however, surrounding the purity of the ballot with all the safeguards possible.

"With the information at hand, the committee has striven to carry out this idea in the present bill. We believe the bill as recommended by your committee will be sufficient for the first election, and experience will undoubtedly suggest improvements. Whatever may happen, the subject will still be in the hands of the house.

"It was thought best to make the voting privilege as free from delicate questions as possible; therefore it is confined to male citizens of the United States and of Alaska who shall have attained the age of 21 years. Citizens of Alaska include all citizens of the United States who were residents of Alaska on September 1, 1900, and also all those who shall in good faith reside there for one year thereafter.

"In order that each particular community might learn to some extent something about the voter and his right to vote, he is required to have lived in the precinct where he desires to exercise the franchise for a period of 60 days immediately preceding the election.

"The statistics show that the great body of voters will be the white American citizens, native or naturalized. There is a provision as to the Indians, allowing them to become citizens, and therefore to vote, if they are living a civilized state and have resided in Alaska for the period of five years."

In conclusion, the reports says: "Representation is a privilege they have been praying for through many years. It must be that they will appreciate it, and your committee believe they will attempt to preserve it.

"Whatever happens, it is their weal and woe. We feel they are entitled to representation and a voice in the affairs affecting their own land. Your committee therefore urge the immediate passage of the bill, so that preparations may be made for the first election on the second Tuesday of next August, as provided for in the bill."

**British War Expenses.**  
London, Feb. 28.—The third supplementary estimate of £3,000,000 for the expense of the war was issued today. Transport and purchase of remounts swallow up £2,000,000, and provisions and forage cost £1,000,000. This brings the total voted for the fiscal year up to £95,309,133.

Round steak 50c at P. O. Market.  
Fresh halibut at the Denver Market.  
Fine fresh meats at Murphy Bros., Third street.

## PARTNERS TO PLACES

The Dreamy Waltz and Alaman Left Are Not Cut Out.

Dawson was lively Saturday night, the resorts being crowded from the middle of the afternoon until midnight with people anxious to witness the grand finale, the exit of the old regime, hear the last call of "Jack box" and watch the professional black-jack player sneak a look at his hand for the last time. But the high rolling that was anticipated failed to materialize. Considerable playing in a modest way was done and many salaries for the week passed over the various tables as farewell contributions to "the house." The games had all put on limits with the result that no heavy winnings nor losses were made. Many professional gamblers who were broke were rustling "stakes" for last plays in the hope that the fickle goddess would favor them with a farewell smile and that when the order went into effect they might at least have a few dollars "eating money" in the interior realms of their pants. A few succeeded while others realized that their pockets, when the hammer fell, contained naught but an aching void.

The bars were well patronized all the afternoon and night, many who take the slightest provocation for getting drunk, not forgetting that the following day was the 17th of Ireland and they took advantage of the occasion in due form. Late at night considerable wine was consumed, nearly every bar in the city disposing of several cases. Fair sized crowds were in attendance at the theaters Saturday night, but at those places nothing out of the ordinary occurred. There has been a mistaken belief about the order relating to the theaters as dancing has not been ordered stopped. Rigid restrictions, however, have been placed upon the women in that they are not permitted to rustle boxes, solicit drinks of anyone, neither are they permitted to drink in or around the theater buildings, and all men who drink at such places must be served at the bar, all box drinking being forbidden. The nice, dreamy waltz and the muck-luck quadrille are still permitted and partners may be engaged with impunity for two weeks ahead.

Commissioner Ogilvie smiles complacently these days as he thinks of the good fortune that, through his persistent telegraphic "hurry ups" fell to the lot of Dawson and the Klondike last fall when, very late in the season, scows bearing the material for the government bridge across the Klondike were tied up on the water front. The material once here, no time was lost in preparing for the actual work of construction as it was well known that the bridge could be erected while the river is solidly frozen at one-third less expense than when open. The result was that all local material needed was provided and delivered on the ice at the site and a month ago a force of 20 men was put to work with the result that before the expiration of next week the spans will have been hung on piers solid as the rock of Gibraltar.

## KLONDIKE BRIDGE

Is Assuming Proportions and Nearing Completion.

The north pier is already completed all but the filling in of the large iron pillars with a cement or concrete on which the weight of the structure will rest, the foundation being of solid rock enclosed in caissons and composed of 150 tons of rock which in turn rests on a concrete bottom. The work of pumping water from the caissons while they are being constructed is now going on for the south pier which will be completed this week.

The work of putting up the false structure from which the iron spans will be put in place was begun today and it was stated by Mr. Ogilvie yesterday that ten more days will see the 154 feet span from pier to pier in permanent position, when all that will remain to be done will be to put down the planks and fill in the approaches. The bridge will be floored with two layers of two-inch planks, the top layer to be renewed from time to time as required.

It is expected that by the time the ice is unfit for travel the bridge will be ready for use, then vale ferryman.

The force of men, about 20, employed since the work of construction on the bridge commenced, was largely increased today as no chances will be taken on an early going out of the ice.

## MARRIED AT HIGH NOON.

Mr. Foster and Miss Clark Made Man and Wife.

Mr. Ernest Foster and Miss Gertrude Clark were married today at 12 o'clock at St. Paul's church by Rev. Naylor. A large number of invited friends were present to witness the ceremony and bid the happy couple bon voyage adown the sea of matrimony.

Mr. Foster is employed by E. Meeker at the Log Cabin grocery, while his fair bride was for some time employed in the central telephone office. The young couple have hosts of friends in Dawson who join the Nugget in wishing that their bark may never be rocked by the waves of domestic infelicity or stranded on the bar of family dissension.

## A SWELL RESTAURANT

Opens Tomorrow on Second Avenue by E. J. McCormick.

Ed McCormick who formerly operated the Portland Cafe when that place was in the height of its glory has opened a first-class restaurant on Second avenue near the scene of his former activity. His new place will be opened tomorrow and will be in keeping with Dawson's progress as a metropolitan city.

Cozy boxes are arranged for dining "en famille" connecting with the main dining hall which is finely fitted up and artistically decorated. The culinary department is in the hands of a corps of efficient artists who are now busy in preparation of the opening dinner which is to be of exceptional excellence. Mr. McCormick extends an invitation to the public to drop into his new place, and see what an up-to-date cafe looks like.

## Savoy Sacred Concert.

The sacred concert at the Savoy last evening was, as usual, first-class in every respect. The orchestra pieces were all from the best composers and well rendered. Walthers and Forrest and Madame Lloyd in solos and duets received very hearty encores. Professor Parkes with his wondrouscope and moving pictures closed the performance.

Following is the program:

Overture, "Ungarische Lustspiel," Kina Bela; solo, Madame Lloyd; cornet and trombone solo, Raine and Evans; solo, Miss Elaine Forrest; overture, grand se election from Faust; solo, Miss Lillian Walthers; overture, Irish melody, Catlin; solo, Madame Lloyd; violin solo, Prof. A. P. Friemuth; overture, "Calvary," Rooney; duet, Walthers and Forrest; march, "Tannhauser," Wagner; wondrouscope and moving pictures, Prof. Parkes; "God Save the King."

## Street Car Riding For Insomnia.

One of the most prominent physicians in the city is recommending a new remedy for insomnia, a cheap and pleasant remedy, which is at least worth trying. Two hours before bedtime, says he, put on your most comfortable clothes, your easiest shoes and your least choky collar. Then walk over to the nearest car line, take a front seat in the first open car that comes along and sit there till time to go to bed, riding from one end of the line to the other with the cool night wind blowing in your face. An hour's street car riding, he says, scarcely ever fails to bring on a feeling of drowsiness, and he has actually been able to bring sleep to the most nerve wrecked of insomniacs by his simple device.—Washington Post.

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### COMING AND GOING.

Justice Craig was confined to his bed Saturday with a very bad cold.  
Joe Burke and wife of 25 above Bonanza, made a visit to their claim yesterday.  
Mr. R. P. McLennan, of McLennan & McPeely, is now on his way down the river, having left Whitehorse on Friday.  
F. A. Cleveland is freighting a summer's supply of provisions and also a thawing plant to Harris & Comer's claim on Sulphur.  
Henry Honnen has received the contract for moving M. Neilson's large blacksmith shop from the Forks to Dominion creek. The outfit all told will weigh about 15 tons.  
Mr. C. Dolan and J. M. Partridge who own the lower half of the third tier off of No. 11 Last Chance, have struck a very rich pay streak. From two buckets and one pan of dirt they recently took out \$80, making an average to the pan of \$54.

**Gen. Dewet's Movements.**  
Oudtschoru, Cape Colony, Feb. 28.—Gen. Dewet, it is officially asserted, having failed to cross the Orange river at Daltorsport, is hurrying to Roonfontein. The range river is falling fast.

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