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A POINT TO BE CONSIDERED.

The census commissioner has stated that in his opinion the completed returns will give the territory a bona fide permanent population of 20,000 people. That is to say there are now that many people who consider this territory to be their home and who have taken up their residences here with a view of making the same permanent. In the opinion of this paper these figures, if they are borne out by results, and we have no doubt that such will be the case, furnish evidence of a most remarkable nature as to the firmness of the foundation upon which the town of Dawson has been built. It must be remembered that a population of 20,000 people represents a great deal more in conditions such as exist in this territory than would be the case under ordinary circumstances.

The great majority of our population are able bodied men who through one means or another are doing sufficient not only for their own support but for the maintenance of a family as well.

We are of the opinion that a conservative statement would place the number of people who are supported directly from this territory at twice the actual population. In other words, the territory is capable at the present time of sustaining a population of 40,000 people, and probably does sustain nearly that many—it being a well known fact that hundreds of men have left their families on the outside and make provision for them from their earnings in this territory.

These facts should be brought to the attention of the government when the census returns are made. In respect to actual production and amount of business transacted, the Yukon territory is easily on a par with other communities having twice our population.

AGRICULTURE IN ALASKA.

More than ordinary interest attaches to the interview in yesterday's Post-Intelligencer with Mr. George Stowell of the United States land office in Sitka. He is convinced that the soil of Alaska will some day produce vegetables and grains in sufficient quantities to support a considerable population, and the agricultural development of that country with attendant interests, stock-raising in particular, will be little short of astounding.

Mr. Stowell's opinion on this subject has all the weight of authority. He has been in the government service for years and has become expert in matters pertaining to lands. He has made a careful study of conditions on the Alaska peninsula, adding to his store of knowledge by interviews with prospectors who have penetrated into the country between Cook inlet and Bristol bay; and he has conducted a successful garden on his own account at Sitka. He knows what the soil of Alaska will do, if a way is opened for homesteaders. "We had as fine vegetables, taken on the average," says he, "as can be produced in the states

of Washington or Oregon;" and again, "for years at different points along the lower Yukon river, vegetables and cereals have been raised successfully."

But there is an obstacle in the way of agricultural Alaska that can only be overcome by the government. The country must be surveyed.

Although the law passed May 14, 1898, extended the homestead laws to Alaska, they are of no effect because of a lack of surveys, and as has been pointed out repeatedly in the Post-Intelligencer, there is no way to acquire title to a ranch or farm.

Unless extensive surveys are made and liberal provisions enacted for the encouragement of settlers, the large and numerous productive tracts of Alaska will remain undeveloped. Pioneering at best means hardship; but in the Alaskan interior, which is far removed from bases of supply, and on that account difficult of access, the settler is entitled to as much encouragement as can well be given him.

It is suggested, therefore, that the homestead laws be amended so as to give the settler 160 acres instead of 80, as at present, and that the timber laws applicable to Alaska be revised so as to permit a free utilization of the forests.

There is no longer any question in the minds of the well informed that the soil of Alaska will in time become a source of great wealth; and such being the case the government should lose no time in providing liberal appropriations for surveys and offering extraordinary inducements to bona fide settlers. It would seem that the history of Alaska will be a repetition of that of the Pacific coast states. The discovery of gold opened the way; then came the development of an empire through the fertility of the soil.—P. I.

The manner in which the morning edition of the News echoes what the evening edition has to say is something laughable. When it is remembered that it was not so very long ago that these twins in iniquity were calling each other such endearing terms as "Liar," "Traitor," "Scoundrel," etc., the present situation becomes all the more ridiculous. As we have remarked before, politics and occasionally other things make strange bedfellows.

There have been more heartburnings in Victoria and Vancouver over the expected visit of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall than occurred in Dawson when Lord and Lady Minto visited this city. The question of procedure at various functions to be tendered the royal party, seems to have thrown matters into a turmoil in our sister cities.

Long before there is the slightest danger of the placer fields of the Klondike giving out, the music of stamp mills and smelting works will be heard far and wide.

American Flags. Don't you believe it, if, after this, anybody tells you that Canadians are not a broad-minded and generous people. Within a radius of thirty miles of this city, at different summer resorts, the writer saw three United States flags flying during last week. The spirit is all right of course, and nobody objects to it (we are all sensible people on this side of line 45), but what a grist of trouble three Union Jacks would make over in the spread eagle country! There would be more excitement than at a nigger-burning down in Georgia.—Belleville Intelligencer.

L. O. Carter, more commonly known as "Dad," the enterprising news agent, has purchased the wagon news stand on the corner of 1st Ave. and 3rd St., by the Bank saloon, where he will be pleased to see his many patrons and friends.

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NO ANARCHIST NEED APPLY

To Judge Tallman of Seattle for Citizenship Papers.

"Any foreigner or alien applying to my court for citizenship papers who in any way acknowledges that he favors anarchism, is friendly to anarchists, or has any leaning towards anarchistic beliefs will be denied citizenship by me."

Thus Judge Boyd J. Tallman, of the probate department of the King county superior court, yesterday took the first judicial stand towards anarchism and anarchists in the United States. The situation arose through the application of three foreigners, Leonard Abrahamson, Peter Hoydstat and Benjamin Oleson, for citizenship papers. They were all of Swedish birth, and in the end convinced Judge Tallman that they were not to be connected in any way with anarchists, nor did they profess anything but the most profound horror at the assassination of governmental heads, for which purpose such societies were organized.

Their application for citizenship was heard by Judge Tallman without the least warning to the spectators and lawyers present that anything outside of the usual stereotyped form of examination was intended. The usual quiet of the court room, however, was then disturbed by the question:

"Are you an anarchist, have you ever been connected with any anarchistic bodies, or do you have any sympathy with the doctrines propounded by such bodies against constituted government and the vested rulers of such governments?"

The three applicants returned a negative reply. After further questioning, they satisfied Judge Tallman that they were not connected in any way with anarchistic doings. Then they were granted the desired citizenship papers. The thorough questioning to which Judge Tallman had subjected them in regard to anarchism aroused considerable complimentary.

In an interview, Judge Tallman explained his action by stating that it was a method he would follow hereafter while on the bench. This is the first time in the history of the King county court, at least, that a presiding judge has questioned intending alien citizens with a view to determining whether they believed in anarchism. Such questioning is not prescribed by the regular forms, and so far as known Judge Tallman's course stands unique and alone in the history of legal jurisprudence.

Judge Tallman's explanation of his motives for inaugurating such a procedure, however, coming directly after the murder of President McKinley by anarchist Leon Czolgosz, is generally commended by all of the legal fraternity in this city. The situation was quite generally discussed yesterday by those who were made familiar with the facts in the case.

"I don't know as the exact wording of the law would uphold such a course," said one, in talking over the matter in its legal bearing, "but I am certain that all American citizens and those who abhor such dastardly murders of rulers will commend Judge Tallman's course. The matter is brought to us in the United States by the recent assassination of our chief executive, and I think there is not a man, woman or child old enough to comprehend the situation in its true light who will not gladly uphold such procedure. If every official in the United States followed the example set by Judge Tallman the question of ridding our free country from anarchists and every one who advanced to account for the presence of that particular fish in that particular place, but it was finally given up as a bad job and the conclusion reached that it had just grown there."

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our midst would be to incorporate in the form of examination of aliens applying for citizenship questions which would show conclusively whether they had any leaning towards anarchism.

Then make it necessary for every alien to possess his citizenship papers unless native born, and in case of any trouble, regular examination of the papers could be made. This scheme, I believe, would mean the ultimate exclusion of such undesirable citizens."

Judge Tallman, in further explanation, said that he certainly intended to follow such a course in the future, although he expressed himself of the opinion that it was something new in the examinations of aliens.

The events, however, of the past few weeks, and the assassination of our beloved president," he continued, "certainly show that something must be done, and at once, to rid our country of such undesirable citizens. I hold that my method is right, and if any foreigners who demand citizenship through my court show any anarchistic tendencies they will be refused papers."

Many of the members of the local bar who unanimously upheld Judge Tallman in his course were of the opinion that such an examination as the latter propounded to the three aliens yesterday would be made a law in this state at the next convening of the legislature.—P. I., Sept. 31.

ANOTHER FISH STORY

Told a Nugget Reporter by a Forks Stage Driver.

Mr. Charles Nichol, a stage driver whose credulity is only exceeded by his ability to narrate events just as they happen, called to a Nugget reporter from his seat on the stage yesterday afternoon, on his return from the Forks, and said, "Say, I have a big story for you, call at the office in 30 minutes."

Always on the alert for news items the reporter was at the place at the time designated and found Mr. Nichol awaiting him. "Well," said the reporter, "here I am all attention, now for the big scoop."

"You shall have the exclusive story, and if it don't make a sensation then I will consider myself very much mistaken," replied Mr. Nichol, but as he said it the reporter saw him chuckle quietly to himself and thought he smelled a mouse and was rather expecting what followed.

"On my way down this afternoon," Mr. Nichol began, "I saw a crowd of men standing in a group on 46 below on Bonanza, and I could see them going through the most frantic gesticulations when I was a mile or more away."

"They seemed to be in a state of great excitement, as if one of their numbers had fallen into the creek or something equally as sad had befallen them, and thinking that perhaps I might be of service I whipped up my horses and had them going at a break-neck speed in a second."

"Notwithstanding the valiant endeavors of my steeds I was too late to be of service, as the evil deed was finished by the time I arrived. Just as I pulled up my horses one of the men stooped and 'picked up' the remains of a huge fish which they had been throwing stones at for at least 30 minutes before one of them by an accidental shot hit it on the head, which made it turn a flip flop in the water and come to the surface 'belly up'."

"The fish weighed not less than 200 pounds," continued the narrator, "and I think is called a halibut. That is—the largest fish and the only one of that specie ever caught in this country. Various theories have been advanced to account for the presence of that particular fish in that particular place, but it was finally given up as a bad job and the conclusion reached that it had just grown there."

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The Atlin Country Now Booms and for Good Cause.

Confirmation of all of the big reports that have come from the Atlin district during the past three or four days was received in Skagway yesterday. On the Gleaner, which arrived at Caribou Thursday, were twenty-five who were all up in mining matters pertaining to the district.

In speaking of the reports last night, Mr. Brooks said: "Yes, everything that you have published is perfectly correct."

"The LaMarre syndicate have certainly struck it rich. I was on the ground myself the day after the report was circulated and it was demonstrated to me, and to the best of my satisfaction, that the pay dirt on bedrock runs high, some even going as high as the \$5 per pan. The syndicate is putting all of energy toward getting water and making one of the greatest runs imaginable."

"The mother lode has been found and the croppings are simply immense. There is now more excitement in the district than ever before. You will notice that since last Saturday there have been few people coming out. This is due solely to the reason that the new reports are creating a renewal of interest and many are looking now on other creeks for good fields."

"The company with which I am connected have a good thing in sight. We own claims on Spruce for six miles and have just obtained the property of Capt. Martin. We are lucky in getting this piece of property, for it is a great prospect."

"Mark my word, there will be many people going back to the district this fall and in the early spring."—Alaskan, Sept. 28.

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A great company with almost unlimited capital has been quietly working in this district sampling ores from quartz prospects, with a view to investing heavily in this country. You will read all about it now in the local press. We knew it must come, and we gave a little advice in a previous article on this subject of boosting. Good times are with us. The country is safe. Quartz is king. The great company, which made Cripple Creek has come to the Klondike and they are here for fun. Take a pointer from the old man and get in on the ground floor. By the-by, we can not let the opportunity pass to tell you more good news. We are in receipt of our winter's supply of clothing and the best line of Fur Goods for men that money can buy.

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