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**Organic Act
Revision**

Senator McCarthy's Concurrent Resolution asking Congress to revise the Organic Act so that it will be possible to develop local self-government in this Territory without expensive and burdensome duplications and overlappings, points

out the particular line of revision necessary. The point is, that until the Organic Act is revised, it will be impossible for our legislature to extend county or other forms of local government without still continuing duplications.

Take for instance the office of High Sheriff. With the Territory divided into counties, with a sheriff for each county, there is absolutely no need for the office of High Sheriff. Nor is there any analogy for the office in other states or territories. But the Organic Act creates the office, and although it provides that its duties or most of them may be transferred to the county sheriffs, the legislature cannot abolish the office of High Sheriff. It remains after its need and duties have been taken away. It has to be filled, and of course a salary and an establishment has to go with it. All this creates expense for which there is no real need, and no justification except the fact that the office is there and cannot be abolished by the legislature.

Take the Attorney General's office. Under the Organic Act the Attorney General is the head of the entire police department of the Territory, and is charged with criminal prosecutions throughout the Territory. The whole machinery of criminal prosecutions in the circuit court centers in him. The County Act very properly provides for County Attorneys to conduct the criminal prosecutions in their respective counties. Here is at once a duplication, which should be avoided by limiting the Attorney General's duties to such as are usual in other states and territories. But the legislature was powerless to wholly sever the prosecution of criminal matters from the Attorney General's department, and it is highly creditable to the present Attorney General that he bridged over the difficulty with such rare tact as he did, by accepting all elected County Attorneys as his deputies, and co-operating so heartily and tactfully with each of them that there has never been any hiatus or difficulty in the matter.

But nevertheless the duplication remains. The counties, each have their county attorneys with such assistance as is needed, and at the same time the Territory is compelled to keep up the Attorney General's department. A very slight revision of the Organic Act in this respect would enable complete separation of the Territorial and the County functions in this matter, thus avoiding overlapping and unnecessary expense.

The office of Superintendent of Public Works is one that is without example in other states and territories, and ought eventually to be eliminated here. The present Superintendent of Public Works has in a number of instances pointed out where there is a duplication or overlapping of duties or responsibilities between his office and the counties, and shown, that but for a provision in the Organic Act, the duplication or overlapping could be avoided.

It is such things as these that add to the burdens of taxation in this Territory but yet cannot be very well avoided—at least some of them cannot,—until the Organic Act is revised.

The Concurrent Resolution very properly treats the subject in general terms, leaving the specific provisions that need revision to such investigation as Congress would naturally and certainly make before it made any change in the law. The Resolution suggests a commission, but Congress may not think the matter requires that and may leave the investigation of the matter to a committee. When the mode of investigation is decided on by Congress, then the best means of presenting the particular needs of revision will clearly define themselves.

**The Voyage
Of The Snark**

Jack London has sailed from San Francisco in the Snark. He proposes for himself a leisurely tour of the world. He will visit first the Islands of the Pacific, or some of them, for the Islands of the Pacific are legion. London proposes to write as he goes of what he sees and as he sees it. There is no doubt that the voyage of the Snark, if it prospers, will be a great copy producer, and that some of it will be very interesting copy too.

In some respects there is a suggestion of similarity between the voyaging that London proposes to do in the Snark, and that which Robert Louis Stevenson did in the Casco and the Equator. And if the voyage of the Snark shall be productive of a modicum of the intensely interesting reading that the voyage of the Casco and of the Equator were, it will be a notable voyage indeed.

Of all that Stevenson has written, there is perhaps nothing that has so distinctive and subtle a charm as his South Sea stories. He writes as a man who has seen with the eye of sympathy into the very soul of the people he met, and he met all kinds in these voyages.

There is a kindliness and a sympathy in his view, at the same time that he is not blinded to facts, and he writes with a beauty of phrase and diction that would carry much less interesting and important matter.

London has shown himself the master of at least certain phases of the psychology both of men and beasts that gives to his invention a verisimilitude that is realistic, and he has a style which though totally dissimilar to Stevenson's has in it the same element of thorough knowledge, and firm handling of his tools.

**Invested With
The Pallium**

The cable yesterday announced that Archbishop Blenk of New Orleans has been invested with the Pallium. To very many this doubtless meant nothing, because they neither knew what the Pallium is, nor what it signifies. In ancient Rome it was the distinctive Greek mantle as worn by men, and especially by philosophers; the corresponding garment for women being the Palla which was a voluminous, unsewn outer wrap.

As now used, however, in its ecclesiastical significance, it is a vestment of the Pope, Archbishops and Metropolitans in the Roman church, and of Patriarchs in the Eastern church. More particularly it is a yoke-like band of white wool with pendants on the breast and back, and is adorned with crosses. It is sent by the Pope to Archbishops and Metropolitans, in token of their sharing in the supremacy of his jurisdiction. The Pope wears it always when officiating, but Archbishops only at high feasts.

The Archdiocese of New Orleans has long been a favored one with the papacy. It is one of the oldest, if not the oldest diocese of the Ro-

**LONDON'S
SNARK IS
EN ROUTE
TO HAWAII
ON VOYAGE
AROUND
WORLD**

Jack London, Mrs. Jack London and Mrs. Jack London's uncle, Captain Eames, and one other to be handy, sailed in the Snark from San Francisco on Tuesday on their much advertised three-to-seven years voyage around the world, with the first port of call booked as Hilo, and Honolulu the next.

Much time and money and ingenuity has been expended on the construction of the Snark which is a 45-foot schooner-rigged, most seaworthy boat, carrying an auxiliary gasoline engine for use in the rivers and shallows and for cruising in lochs and harbors. She will probably be treated to a coat of paint throughout on arrival here, London not wanting to delay her departure from the Coast long enough to allow for completion in a matter of such minor detail.

It is the intention of the little family party to visit all the great ports of the world and also to investigate for themselves some of the interesting infrequently visited corners of the earth.

With the auxiliary engine they intend to push up the Rhine in Germany, down the Seine in France, to penetrate the Volga and explore the Thames.

They will visit the South Seas and Australia, New Zealand and Tasmania, the Philippines, Java, Formosa, Japan, ports of China and India, the Red Sea, cruise through the Mediterranean, see Naples and live, take snap-shots of Vesuvius and Kilauaea, visit Paris and Pearl City, touch at Capetown and Valparaiso, in fact go as much over the world as inclination, money and the fates allow.

They will be busy outside of sight-seeing, for London will be gathering material for books and magazines and Sunday supplements and Mrs. London will be pounding a typewriter in the Snark's cozy little cabin.

Captain Eames is the navigator and he believes that the Snark will be herself in a South Sea calm or typhoon or a Chinese monsoon and that the trip about the globe will be one grand continuous adventure of delight, not unmixed with enough hardships to make the pleasure of the long journey the better appreciated.

Honolulu will be paid a long visit and it is doubtful if, in all their contemplated travels, the Snark's crew will find more pleasant little chunk of Paradise.

It is said that Mrs. London wears bloomers and is on the articles as chief mate.

STOPS AT LAYSAN.

The U. S. S. Annapolis, Captain Clark, stops at Laysan Island on her return to Honolulu from Midway.

The U. S. A. transport Logan is due here from Manila, en route to San Francisco, on May 6.

man church in America, dating from the days of French and Spanish possession of that region. Strangely enough the Archdiocese of New Orleans was the only one in the seceded states at the time of the Civil War, where the prayers for the President of the United States continued to be said after the secession of the state. Because of this President Lincoln, through appropriate channels, asked that the then Archbishop of New Orleans be made a Cardinal. Conditions were not such at the time of the request that it could be granted, and when the time came that the Pope did feel that it could be, the particular Archbishop was dead and his successor had not achieved such eminence as would justify more eminent prelates being passed over for him. So the Cardinal's hat went to Archbishop McCloskey of New York, although it was understood at the time, that the honor came to America at that time because of the request of President Lincoln.

It is very likely that this request of President Lincoln, in whatever form it was conveyed, was taken as the precedent for President Roosevelt's recent request through Ambassador Bellamy Storer that Archbishop Ireland be made a Cardinal.

Following the Spanish-American war it was the Archbishop of New Orleans, the predecessor of the present one, whom the Pope chose to go to Cuba to look after the church there in the disorganized condition in which everything then was.

It is to be hoped that the legislature will not fail to restore the item for salary of executive officer of the Attorney General's department, or whatever the title of the position is. The item appeared in the estimates, but was stricken out in the House because of the opposition of some members to Chester Doyle who occupies the position. The position is one that under present conditions is essential to the work of the Attorney General's department. Doyle has proved himself an exceedingly valuable man. In innumerable cases during the past year Doyle's work has been of the highest value and importance in the prosecution of criminals, and especially in those cases where criminals exhibit that subtlety and cunning which makes detection of crime difficult. But independent of the man who occupies the

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position, the position itself is a necessary one, and the Attorney General should not be handicapped in his work by cutting out the item for his salary.

The letter of a fruit grower in yesterday's Star regarding the bill to pay a bounty on fruit shipment, is an important contribution to the subject. Paying bounties is always a doubtful proposition anyway, though no doubt in some cases they serve an excellent purpose. But if bounties are to be paid, they should only be paid for a really beneficial purpose.

The present legislature ought to be known as the strenuous legislature. It has put in a thoroughly strenuous session.

If Governor Carter leaves for the Coast on May 7, by the Mongolia, as Trans-Pacific Trade announces that he will, he will leave just about the time the Congressional party arrives here and will be absent from the Territory throughout the period of their stay.

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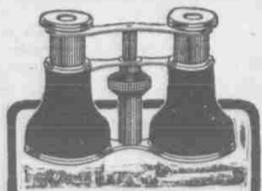
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