

PROTEST AGAINST DUTIES.

Chamber of Commerce Advises Against Paying Them.

LETTER TO SEC. SHERMAN.

Effort to Add to Britain's Domain by Taking Americans Near Lake Bennett Will Fail—Ten Leagues From the Coast is the Limit—Commander Rater Promises Adequate Buoys and Lights for the Yukon River.

The correspondence created by the communication from Arthur C. Van Doren, at Dyea, in which the subject of Canadian collection of duties in American territory was stated, and the correspondence in the buoying and lighting at the mouth of the Yukon, were the matters of greatest importance brought up at yesterday's meeting of the board of trustees of the Chamber of Commerce. The statements contained in Mr. Van Doren's letter, printed a week ago in the Post-Intelligencer, have attracted wide attention from their international importance, and the fact that the Seattle Chamber of Commerce has taken the correspondence up with the Washington secretary in congress has been sent all over the country. Copies of Mr. Van Doren's letter and clippings from the Post-Intelligencer of a later date, in which L. C. Branson corroborated the statement regarding the occupancy of the land at Lake Bennett by the Canadians, have been forwarded to Secretary Sherman and to the senators and congressmen from this state. The chamber, by its acting secretary, Mr. Thomas Prosch, also addressed a letter to Mr. Van Doren at Dyea, of which the following is a copy:

Don't Pay Duty. Your letter of January 21 was placed before the Chamber of Commerce, and it received marked attention. I may almost say created a sensation. The idea of every man present was to insist upon your position of the case, it would be foolish, it would be wrong for you to pay duties to the Canadian officers and government. The United States claims all the land within ten marine leagues of the coast. The claim has in the past been recognized by the British Imperial authorities, by the Dominion of Canada and by the provincial government of British Columbia.

The dispute as to the location of the line is of recent date, and has yet hardly settled the city of London. The United States gives way so far as to admit that there is ground for contention, and provides for joint occupancy of the territory within ten marine leagues is solely and exclusively that of the United States. There is nothing, however, to prevent Canadian officers from dwelling upon the land and from doing business upon it, more than there is to prevent any other foreigner from doing so. You need have no apprehension of their interfering upon your business any injury, and they will make upon you no coercion that you strongly and steadfastly resist.

In early days we had in Washington territory a similar situation. Prior to June 15, 1846, Great Britain and the United States both claimed the territory between Oregon. Ships came and went without hindrance or cost. Goods were landed from any quarter, and no duties were levied or duty. It was a land in dispute, and both nations agreed to practice no official interference until the dispute was settled. It was finally ended in favor of the United States, when the British officers were at once put in force and Great Britain retired from the field. That is, the greater part of the field is now in our hands, and with the treaty, but not the whole of it. The British still claimed and attempted to hold the islands of the Haro archipelago. After a number of years they relinquished all but San Juan, and from 1852 to 1872 that island was in dispute. During the entire period neither the United States nor Great Britain exercised upon the island any but military and postal functions. There was absolutely free trade. Residents imported from Victoria or Puget sound without charges of any kind, there were no taxes. It was every man's land, but no nation's. The Emperor William settled the question in his reply in favor of the United States, since which time the laws of our country have been enforced just as in any other part of the American domain.

The situation in Alaska is somewhat similar. About the only difference is that the British have in the past repeatedly and for a hundred years recognized the rights first of Russia and then of the United States, to the land upon which they now present content is only the result of a recent thought or of a recent desire to add to their national domain at the expense of the United States. That the effort will fail this body and we personally have no doubt.

"Considering all things, we have no hesitation in advising you to pay no duties to the Canadian officers within ten marine leagues of the coast. Further, I am directed to tell you that the matter will be placed before the government at Washington City. I may also add that a committee of five members has been appointed to whom your letter has been referred for further consideration."

"I enclose a copy of a letter from Arthur C. Van Doren, of Seattle, who over two years past has been a resident of Alaska. Prior to that time he lived in Seattle and was secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. He is known to us, and we have confidence in his statements. Mr. Van Doren will be advised by this chamber of our policy on this matter, and we do not want to have him or other Americans in the disputed district molested, and we trust that you and our other representatives at the national capital will do what you can in his and our behalf."

A Letter to Sherman.

Your attention is respectfully called to the letter enclosed from Arthur C. Van Doren dated Dyea, Alaska, January 21, and also to copy of the reply letter of this chamber dated this day. Mr. Van Doren is an ex-resident of Seattle, where he is well known and where his statements are considered worthy of entire credence. His is only one of several like cases, of which one or more may have ere this been brought before you. One of the first of these cases is that of Mr. Willis Thorn, also an ex-resident of this city, from whom threatening demand was made by the Canadian authorities for duties on a large stock of merchandise held by him at about the place referred to by Mr. Van Doren. You will find as a third inclosure a clipping from the Seattle Post-Intelligencer upon which appears a letter from Fort

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"WAR HORSE" WHITE'S JOKE

REFERRED GRAN JURRY TO ITS LAWYER FOR INFORMATION.

Prosecuting Attorney McElroy Was Governed by the Whitney Case in Compromising the Smith Case—D. King was Whitney's Counsel.

When Judge Benson appointed S. D. King as one of the prosecutors for the grand jury which was summoned to look into Prosecuting Attorney McElroy's action in having the cases against Levi Smith and the other warrant forgers dismissed, the fact was not noted that Attorney King had not very long ago been interested in a case involving the same points of law and had argued precisely as the prosecuting attorney did when he had the charges against Smith dismissed. In fact, the decision in the Whitney case, in which King took such a prominent part, was the basis of Prosecuting Attorney McElroy's petition for dismissal. This fact was called to the attention of the jury, it is said, in a very forcible manner yesterday when W. H. White was giving his testimony.

Hotel Arrivals. THE DILLER. W. J. Hopkins, Nelson. G. R. McDonald, Glendive. H. C. Gray, Seattle. C. S. Glicker, San Francisco. C. Flecher, Stanwood. M. E. Quivley, Everett. M. Quivley, Gilman. F. J. Armstrong, Gilman. S. J. Moore, North Bend. J. T. Moore, North Bend. T. E. Shore, California. W. R. McInnis, California. Frank Happy, Cokedale. Those Johnson, Texada, B. C. Chas. Russell, Spokane. G. B. Chambers, Butte, Mont. H. W. Rexler, Montana. H. C. Elliott, Chicago. E. S. Sheppard, Riville. M. S. Shepard, Riville. Geo. Ferguson, Ind. T. R. Jones, Victoria. H. W. Willard, Southport. F. Neuman, St. Paul. James Morris, Tacoma. J. W. Currie, Edmonds. Mike O'Toole, Ireland. T. W. Himes, Toronto. T. H. Himes, Toronto. Wm. Turner, Marysville. Hugh B. Milam, Michigan.

THE NEW ENGLAND. Dan Healy, Genesee, Idaho. A. D. Aray, La Conner. John Carlin, La Conner. Paul Dwyer, New York. Jas. Liberte, New York. O. King, New York. A. King, New York. John Downey, San Francisco. John Rodgers, San Francisco. M. A. McLean, Capitan. A. H. Eddy, Hartford. J. North and wife, San Francisco. John McKenzie, City. H. M. Whiting, City. H. E. Cluffman, San Francisco. Robert Patterson, Honolulu. Thos. Johnson and wife, Hartford. H. Fraser, City. Fred McKelley, Minneapolis.

RAINIER-GRAND. Isiah Ball, New York. Geo. R. Cleveland, Chicago. J. A. Doughter, Chicago. Robert A. Renwick and wife, Nelson. R. Bird, Tacoma. E. W. Ross, Tacoma. A. R. Erwin, Butte. Henry Schwartz, Marinette, Wis. Sol Frost, Marinette, Wis. D. R. Davis, San Francisco. George H. Worson, Boston. D. G. Wiercy, Chicago. W. G. Wright, St. Louis. W. J. Rucker, Everett. A. S. Austin, Everett. Wm. P. Ledwith, Seattle. William Connor, Portland. B. S. Grosscup, Tacoma. Edmund Rice, Olympia. V. P. Mathret, Cleveland, O. J. O. Kupflin, wife and daughter, Los Angeles. G. W. Furbush and wife, Auckland. A. T. Roberts, San Francisco. E. W. Holt, Little Rock, I. T. L. Burrows, Tacoma. T. J. Conroy, San Francisco.

HOTEL BUTLER. Charles E. Thomas, Boston. D. A. Schindler, San Francisco. B. B. Benson, Steamer Noyo. W. A. Carmody, Chicago. M. R. Reuber, Chicago. H. Cushman, Chicago. Geo. Williams, Shanghai, China. J. M. Cotton, Vancouver, British Columbia. J. A. Riordan, St. Louis. J. Behrman, Portland. J. H. Whittier, San Francisco. Leo Kingsley, Syracuse, N. Y. H. J. Ottenheimer, San Francisco. L. W. Well, San Francisco. Louis Isaacs, San Francisco. Jeff Gear, Port Angeles. H. S. Osgood, Tacoma. E. Austin, Minneapolis. A. A. Crawford, San Francisco. C. H. Wright, Ekhart, Ind. S. Weiler, Spokane. H. E. Stolz, Madison, Wis. Mrs. Helen De Ville, New York. A. R. Davis, U. S. Oregon. Ed Lee, Shelton. Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Jones, Sultan. J. M. Cotton, Victoria. Geo. W. McClelland, Minneapolis. C. R. Ellis, Spokane. Mr. and Mrs. I. Wolcott Ripon, Wis. Mr. and Mrs. D. Thiers Spokane. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Vail, New York. Mrs. Griffith, Port Townsend. Mrs. F. Baneroff, Spokane. George H. Milne, Chicago. William F. Brown, Everett. Geo. D. McLean, Mt. Vernon. J. H. Reed, Boston. E. E. Garvin, Boston. Wm. H. Colgan, Boston. L. S. Smith, Boston. E. H. Haller, Boston. L. C. Hammersmith, Vancouver. Mr. and Mrs. John Black, Fairhaven. J. W. Cranston, Portland. C. S. Baily, Winnipeg. F. Schonenbeck, New York. Mrs. R. L. Cook, Omaha. R. C. Lewis, Dulka, Cal. R. C. McCormick, Idaho. R. M. Burton, Dallas, Tex. W. M. Gotschalk, Milwaukee. A. J. Burrows, Chicago. A. H. Newell, San Francisco. A. Insley, New Westminster. John S. McMillin, Roche harbor. W. C. Osborn, San Francisco.

Transcripts of Judgment. Transcripts of judgment from Justice Corcoran's court were filed yesterday in the following cases: Thos. Perrot vs. W. White, Perrot & Perrot vs. G. T. Hager, W. H. Maud vs. Byron E. Thomas, C. F. Hazard vs. Mary Crowley, C. F. Hazard vs. Joseph Oliver, H. C. McDonald vs. D. G. McLean, Harry Thompson vs. A. M. Moore, Thos. Perrot, Thos. Perrot vs. R. C. Corey, John Haley vs. C. T. Terry, the Cote Bros, Vinegar Co. vs. A. G. Thompson, Perrot & Perrot vs. Charles Crowley, G. O. Guy vs. E. R. Hankins.

New Incorporations. Articles of incorporation of the following companies were filed yesterday: The Lake Irrigation Company—By Ed. W. Palmer, J. D. McIntyre and D. B. Stricker; capital stock, \$100,000. The Seattle Daily Hotel Gazette Company—By M. B. Curtis, J. J. Lowe and A. Sorenson; capital stock, \$500.

New Suits Filed. The following new suits were filed yesterday: The Balfour-Guthrie Investment Company vs. George E. Clarke et al.—To recover on a mortgage; \$102,000. \$80 interest, \$24,500 costs, \$20 attorney's fee. S. Spencer vs. J. Seelberg—For restitution of premises No. 159 Terry avenue and \$20 damages. Thomas H. Sackett vs. J. A. Gould et al.—To recover on a mortgage note of May, 1882, \$2500, with interest at 10 per cent, and \$300 attorney's fee.

Court Notes. George Schaab, a German, was yesterday admitted to citizenship by Judge Benson. In the case of M. H. Young vs. Curtis D. Brownfield, Judge Benson yesterday signed a decree of judgment. A marriage license was issued yesterday for W. Chester Morse (23) and L. Pearl Case (23), both of Seattle. Judge Benson yesterday signed a decree for the plaintiff by consent in the case of C. M. Chester vs. Roger S. Greene. Judge Benson yesterday approved the bond of William J. Winter as administrator of the estates of Daniel and Jane Winter. In the case of Margaret A. Powers vs. William L. Hall, an action to set aside a decree of judgment signed by Judge Benson yesterday was decreed for the plaintiff. In the case of the Kirkland Land Company vs. L. C. Beard et al. Judge Benson yesterday signed a decree of judgment in the sum of \$1,818.88. George M. Stewart yesterday made application for letters of administration of the estate of Peter J. Simon, who died without heirs and left no will.

Cough Medicines in Demand in Montana. "At this season there is an immense demand for cough, croup and la grippe remedies," says J. D. Miser & Co., of Stevensville, Montana, "we have in stock twenty-one different kinds, but sell more of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy than of all others combined and we have our first customer to claim it has not benefited him, to hear from."

TO DECIDE ON A PRESIDENT.

Regents to Select Permanent Head of the University.

TIME TO MAKE A CHOICE.

Numerous Applications Already Before the Board, Among Them One From President Graves of the University of Wyoming—Members of the National Guard Ask For Lease of the Armory Building Grounds.

On Saturday, February 19, the board of regents of the University of Washington will try to decide on a president for the institution over whose destinies they preside. The decision to get to work at once on the matter of a president was decided at the regular quarterly meeting of the board held last night. There has been no regular head of the university since President Edwards was removed, as Prof. Reeves has been simply acting president. Several officers of the National Guard were before the board last night and requested that they be given a lease of the grounds on which the armory building now stands. This was the only other important matter coming before the board.

The members of the board agreed that in selecting a permanent head for the University of Washington is at hand. They say that the catalogue for next year must be issued and that the man who is to be in charge should get it done as soon as possible. The number of applications has been received from professors all over the country who desire the position. President Graves of the University of Wyoming, has made application to every member of the board and a number of teachers' agencies are backing men for the field. The petition was filed last night looking to the reinstating of ex-President Edwards.

Gen. McIntyre, Capt. G. H. Farison and Capt. F. D. Adams, of the National Guard of Washington, appeared before the board and asked for a ten years lease of the land now covered by the armory building, to be given them in trust, for the Seattle companies of the guard. The lease of the old armory company has expired and the National Guardsmen claim that they can purchase the property for a very small sum. In a few years they believe they could buy the ground from the board and erect a brick armory. The matter was taken under advisement.

After extended discussion on the matter of improving the university grounds, a committee was appointed to confer with the city officials with a view to taking steps to employ an engineer to look after the work in the city park and the university grounds. Some \$4000 is available for work on the university grounds.

Regent King reported that he had conferred with the state board of land commissioners in regard to the right-of-way of the Seattle & International railroad across the university grounds, and that the commission decided that the company was trespassing. The railroad company, however, has agreed to the conditions proposed by the regents, which include the building of two bridges and the leveling down of all cuts. As soon as the improvements are made the board will admit a proper right-of-way.

The matter of charging fees for the material used in the scientific department was discussed, and President Reeves was instructed to prepare a schedule of such fees. President Reeves filed a report recommending the employment of a graduate of an Eastern school of pharmacy as instructor in that department, and that arrangements be made to carry out the promise of the catalogue in regard to the engineering department. He also recommended the employment of an instructor in elocution. The report was referred to the committee on instruction.

The transacting some routine business the board adjourned until Saturday, December 19, when a meeting will be held in Tacoma to go into the matter of selecting a president.

Mary McDonald's Will. The will of Mrs. Mary U. McDonald was filed for probate yesterday. The will provides that after the debts of her estate be paid and the McDonald land in Calvary cemetery be willed up with stones and a stone monument placed on it, the rest of the estate is bequeathed to her children, Annie McDonald Healy, Ellen McDonald Padden, Theresa McDonald Harkin, J. W. McDonald, H. C. McDonald and E. A. McDonald. Roger S. Green is nominated as administrator, and in case he is unable to serve Judge Thomas Burke is named.

Building Permits. John C. Johnson has taken out a permit to build a two-story store on lot 1, block 54, Yesler's Third addition, to cost \$2000 and George Kinnear one to complete the four-story building on lot 2, block 11, Maynard's addition, at a cost of \$4000. A number of minor permits have been issued within the last few days.

BREVITIES. A marriage license has been issued to E. E. Elliott and Miss Cora E. Kramerer. The free employment bureau still continues its good work. Labor Commissioner Grout yesterday furnished fifty-one men and eleven girls with employment.

William Evans, father-in-law of A. Looney, died in Ballard Monday of old age.

For Alaska. George Schaab, a German, was yesterday admitted to citizenship by Judge Benson.

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age, being 81 years old. He had lived on the Coast thirteen years. He was buried at Lake View yesterday.

John Freund, aged 80 years, died of heart failure at his home on Second avenue, Ballard, last evening. He was a Grand Army man, had many friends and was quite generally and favorably known in Ballard.

THE Al bark Highland Light will be at Galbraith's dock Friday, February 11, to receive freight for Skagway and Dyea. Lumber, horses, dogs, hay, grain and merchandise will be received. For rates apply 112 Columbia street, Seattle, St. Michael & Dawson City Transportation Company.

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