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INCREASE OF POPULATION.

Attorney J. A. Helleenthal of this city, predicts that within the next year Juneau will at least double its population. Mr. Helleenthal has been a resident of Juneau for many years, and he is an observer who is also in touch with current events and the progress that is being made toward the fulfillment of his prediction.

There is, no doubt, that Juneau is coming to be regarded as one of the great quartz mining centers of the entire country. It has been long in developing, but now, in view of the extensive enterprises under way there is reason for believing that the population of Juneau and this section will increase largely within the next year or two.

And the expansion of business and the increase of population will call for more room and additional facilities. In the present townsite there is still considerable space that may be utilized both for business houses and private residences, and the history of most towns has shown that where room for expansion is required it has been found. The same will be undoubtedly true of Juneau.

SHARING THE PROSPERITY.

Our neighbor, Douglas Island across the Gastineau, is also sharing in the era of development that has reached this section. Eastern capitalists who are in search for opportunity to get their money working to advantage have bonded a group of claims on the island for a substantial amount. These claims, we are told, have passed the prospect stage.

UNDERWOOD AND THE TARIFF.

Oscar W. Underwood, Chairman of the House Committee on ways and means, says that he is in favor of revising and reforming every schedule of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law. We believe that it needs both. Our tariff laws have been always "arranged" by the men who received the direct benefits of tariff operation, and who were always oblivious of the fact that the ultimate consumer bore the burden.

However, while The Empire believes in tariff revision that will be real, because it believes it to be necessary to the welfare of the American people, the belief may also be expressed that no legitimate industry will suffer because of a revision

righteously made. As for special privilege—that has fattened long enough upon the whole people, and few will feel regret when it shall have perished from the earth—if it ever shall.

PACIFIC CANAL DEFENSES.

The completion of the Panama canal and the opening of it to commerce are at hand, and the discussion of adequate fortifications for the great waterway is being renewed. Some of the facts and conditions, as alleged, are:

The Pacific terminal of the Panama canal is exposed to tides of about twenty-two feet, amplitude, and a fleet must emerge with ships following in file until Flamenco is reached, where the necessary depth is found undisturbed by tidal fluctuations. The contemplated fortifications on the shores and on the nearest island are not sufficient to procure the necessary freedom, promptness of action and security which a future conflict may require.

The most practical solution seems to lie in the acquisition of a certain girdle of islands of which the Pearl Islands form the most important chain. These are Chame Point, Hogue, Pear Islands and St. Miguel Bay. Where the gap between the islands is too great, artificial forts consisting of steel caissons seventy feet in diameter will form a supplement to the fortified islands.

WORD JUGGLING.

A New York newspaper in discussing the present European imbroglio says that France carefully refrained from acknowledging any policy of conquest in Morocco; its sole thought was "pacific penetration." For American use "benevolent assimilation" was the soothing phrase invented when the water-cure was still practiced in the Philippines and our troops were running down Filipino insurgents in the jungle.

THE GROWTH OF SOCIALISM.

The Socialist vote in the national election last month failed to reach the proportions predicted by Socialists and non-Socialists. It was said with apparent great confidence that it would reach a million. It failed considerably of the three-quarters of a million mark. But at that the gain was about fifty per cent. compared with the vote of 1908.

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION.

Case No. 940-A. In the District Court for the District of Alaska, Division No. 1, at Juneau.

First National Bank of Juneau, Plaintiff. Ellen G. Bach, Frank Bach, Northwest Rubber Company, Schwabacher Bros. & Co., Inc., defendants.

To the NORTHWEST RUBBER COMPANY and SCHWABACHER BROS. & CO., Inc., defendants, GREETING: In the name of the United States of America and pursuant to an order of the above entitled Court in the above entitled cause made on the 5th day of November, 1912, you and each of you are hereby commanded to be and appear in the above entitled court

held at Juneau, in said Division, in said Territory, and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action within thirty days from the date of the last publication hereof; and if you fail so to appear and answer for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the Court for and the Court will grant the relief demanded in said complaint, to-wit: Judgment on a promissory note against Frank Bach, in the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00); with interest thereon at the rate of twelve per cent (12 per cent) per annum, from the 24th day of May, 1909; one hundred dollars (\$100.00) attorney's fees; together with its costs and disbursements herein incurred; further for a decree foreclosing a certain mortgage upon certain property situate in Douglas, Alaska, against all the defendants herein.

This shows that renewed zeal is considered necessary, and instead of campaigns being shortened they promise to become continuous performances.

The only other party of prominence in the nation that seems to show quiescence is the Prohibition organization. Perhaps there is reason for this, as its vote this year showed a falling off from that of four years before. But while the cold-water people have always evinced admirable persistence as a party they have never made much progress in numbers although their influence undoubtedly has had its effect upon the other political organizations.

ALASKA NEWS NOTES

Vancouver, B. C., will make a bid for Alaska gold by removing the assay charges of the local assay offices.

The United States government has a coal mining outfit at Knik that will be moved into the Matanuska coal fields this winter. The officers in charge will take a crew of experienced miners from Katalla to do the mining. A shipment of 200 tons will be mined and freighted to Knik and next summer the coal will be used to make steaming tests on naval vessels.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has ruled that it has no jurisdiction over the White Pass railroad, as the greater part is in Canada. This decision was made in the case of the Humboldt Steamship Co. against the White Pass & Yukon railway.

Paul Rieckart, a Fairbanks farmer will take a threshing machine into that section next spring.

The Army and Navy Register favors a police constabulary for Alaska, and the removal of United States soldiers from the territory.

M. R. Ackley, a member of a hall-bait fishing crew from Seattle was brought to Wrangell last week by his shipmates for an examination as to his sanity. He was declared insane and was committed to Morning-side asylum.

Wrangell store has a new motor truck for hauling its freight. It is the first machine of its kind ever brought to Wrangell.

Wrangell is to have a lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose.

The Yukon ice stopped running at Dawson on Nov. 8. The river is in fair condition for mushers.

Thirty miles of new road and bridges were built this year by the Alaska Road Commission. The longest piece of road built was 15 miles between Circle and Birch creek. The season's work included three miles of road between Juneau and Sheep Creek, the completion of the Seward-Iditarod trail, improving the Valdez-Fairbanks trail, a winter road from Ruby to Saltna, a trail from Cook Inlet to Willow Creek, and the building of bridges across Stewart Creek, Delta river, Jarvis creek, and Pile-driver creek.

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The White Pass & Yukon railway office at Caribou has been closed for the winter, the agent E. B. Barreau, having been transferred to Whitehorse.



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