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ALASKA A HEALTHY COUNTRY.

A news item published in the Daily Empire yesterday stated that the death roll of Nome since 1900 was approximately 558 people. It was alleged that many of the deaths were not due to natural causes but were the result of accidents.

The establishment of a life saving station in 1903 at Nome had much to do with the marked decrease of drowning by accidents. A life saving crew is maintained by the government and its work has fully justified the maintenance of the station at that place.

Speaking by and large the climate of Alaska promotes longevity, whether on the southern coast where there is much humidity, or on Bering sea and in the interior where the summers are bright and pleasant, and where in winter the days are clear, but at times the thermometer reaches a low point.

That Alaska is a healthy country in which to reside is borne out by the successive reports of the surgeon-general of the United States army who testifies that the general health of the soldiers stationed at the various Alaska army posts is better than in any portion of the continent where army posts are maintained.

Looks as if Turkey would be all picked to pieces. An eastern newspaper rises to remark that the Philippine islands are not inhabited by a homogeneous people. Judging by the ease and facility with which one tribe bores another, and between times machete American soldiers, we should say not—decidedly not. They are heterogeneous.

Men who spend their lives on the problem of perpetual motion, squaring the circle or drawing tariff bills are alone cognizant of the difficulties which beset a woman facing her Christmas list, says an erudite exchange. Well, that is putting a fine point on it.

A HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

The Empire believes that the time has arrived when Alaska should have a lunatic asylum of its own. This position is taken because it believes that the present system of farming out the insane patients of this territory to the lowest bidder is inhumane and little short of indecent.

The alleged sanitariums which make a specialty of caring for insane people by submitting bids for their care and maintenance cannot be expected to give the attention and treatment which a diseased mind requires. Competitive bids for the care of insane people! Think of it! The price per patient is pared down to the closest possible point. The government saves a few dollars a year, and the patients get the scantiest fare, the scantiest attention, the cheapest treatment. What else could be expected under such an archaic, inhuman system? Dollars staked against the helpless insane. Save the dollars; and let the helpless fall where they may. This is the logical working out of such a system. Primarily the keepers of these sanitariums are not to blame; they are compelled to "tender" for the keeping and clothing and treatment of the insane, and if the keeper tenders too low an amount to afford the treatment and the care of the sufferers require, who is it that suffers? The government? No. Its pocket-book is eased; the burden of discomfort falls upon the poor, the helpless insane folk.

THE INFLUX OF VISITORS.

A condition, not a theory confronts Juneau, as aton. According to United States Marshal Faulkner the population next week will be increased at least by one hundred and seventy-five persons, all adults, we assume. These are witnesses, jurors and others who will come here to attend the term of court which opens Tuesday next. And the crux of the matter is that the marshal does not know where they shall be housed. They can be fed, but they cannot sleep in the woodshed. And this is why Marshal Faulkner's brow is furrowed with care. Hotel accommodations cannot be had for such a number of people. That is too much to be expected. And the next, and in fact the only recourse is an appeal to the private homes of the people. No doubt a considerable number will be able to secure temporary lodgings in this way, but the time is here when Juneau must be able to permanently care for a largely increased population, both permanent and transient.

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asylum, in Oregon, where the Alaska insane are lodged. These statements were, in effect, that the patients there confined do not receive proper care either as to mental or physical treatment.

It is for these and other cogent reasons that The Empire believes that Alaska should have its own hospital for its insane. Better treatment, better care, better conditions would obtain in such a place in Alaska than elsewhere outside of it. It would be under responsible direction, whereas under the system now followed the main responsibility rests upon the men whose lowest bid has been accepted.

The Empire proposes when the territorial legislature meets to urge upon it the memorializing of Congress to the end that an appropriation may be had for the construction of an insane asylum at one of the numerous hot springs with which this coast abounds; and also that an investigation be made of the care that is now being afforded patients at the contract sanitarium in Oregon.

A story is told about a Seattle dog which fired a gun and killed a duck. The Seattle "spirit" was either on the dog or in the man who told the yarn.

We repeat that the high cost of living is analogous to the cost of high living—a sort of cousin german, you know.

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FUNDS.

The contributions to the national campaign funds of the three leading parties have been reported, and we find that about five millions of dollars in round numbers, were spent for campaign purposes in the late election. Of this amount two millions are credited to the Republican party in its effort to re-elect President Taft, and about a million and a half each were spent by the Democrats and Progressives.

It costs a deal of money to elect a President of the United States, but the sums spent are rather modest when compared with the campaign funds of former presidential years. This condition is due, no doubt, to the law which compels candidates and political parties to publish exact statements showing their expenditures. It is a wholesome law in effect and the "stush funds" of former years are no longer known.

An interesting phase of the contributions is their sources. President Taft, representing the Republican party, received a large portion of his campaign fund from his relatives. Colonel Roosevelt's heaviest contributors were George W. Perkins and Frank A. Munsey, of New York, who seem to have given most generously.

Governor Wilson's campaign fund came from a much larger number of people, and individual contributions were not very heavy as compared with those made to the other parties. It is also interesting to know that a large portion of all the campaign funds was used for advertising and publicity purposes.

We are making progress towards attaining purity in elections. The ballot box is now pretty clean, and bribery and corruption have been practically eliminated. A higher standard of political morality has been established. It is not so many years since, in Indiana, votes were purchased in "blocks of five." Yes, we are making progress all the time toward clean ballot boxes and clean politics.

A new society has been organized. We are great on forming new societies in America. This one is called the Society for the Prevention of Useless Giving—Spug, for short.

Anyway they seem to be having a sort of mixed time in Europe these days.

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anticipate. But it would seem to be a reasonable suggestion to prepare for it in advance.

Our neighbor, Douglas, will no doubt be able to care for a number of our immediate visitors, but it does not speak any too well for the capital city of the territory to be compelled to pass them along to other towns.

The Republican "pie" distributors in Ohio have patched up a trace. Good idea. Not much time left to get through with the work.

Mr. Wilson will have a busy time when he gets home. And it is likely to continue for four years thereafter.

Those Mexican rebels are by no means effete. They still know how to hold up a train and shake down its passengers.

Bulgaria got a loan from Russia. And she will likely get a slice of Turkey.

Judging by press reports General Panle is trying to edge General Prosperity out of the road.

THE TELEPHONE.

By the Post Philosopher. It is indeed a wondrous thing, this modern telephone, that will across the distance bring a speaker's lightest tone. Sometimes I sit and contemplate its weird, surprising plan, and bless the scientist so great who gave this boon to man. And then again I rant and bawl about its many faults, and tear the blamed thing from the wall, and on the pieces wait. Your mighty lips are stricken dumb, sealed are the founts of song, when central (busy chewing gum) gets all the numbers wrong. I sometimes wonder what we'd do if we should lose our phones. We'd be a hopeless, helpless crew! We'd get back all the world with groans. To get all our fathers' ways would fill our souls with aches! A message then would take three days, that now a minute takes! And then again it seems to me that life would be more gay if all the telephones that were burned or shipped away. For when in haste I'd use the phone to gossip with my frau, I hear stern central's monotone: "The line is busy now!" It is a nuisance and a boon, a blessing and a curse; perhaps they'll make it worse. WALT MASON.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Maj. C. S. Ford, of the army medical corps, has been assigned to cholera work at Constantinople.

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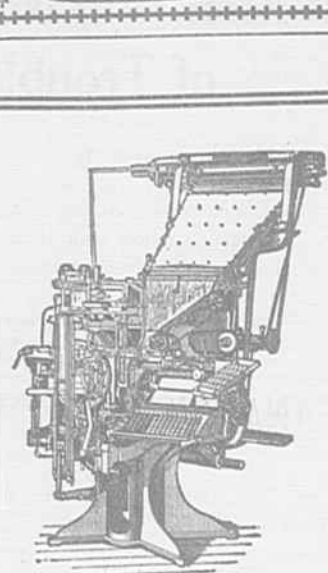
Case No. 940-A. In the District Court for the District of Alaska, Division No. 1, at Juneau.

First National Bank of Juneau, Plaintiff, vs. 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 holden 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. IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the above entitled court this 5th day of November, 1912. E. W. PETTIT, Clerk. First publication, November 5, 1912. Last publication December 17, 1912.

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