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**SPEAKING OF GRAND JURY REPORTS.**

THE final presentment of the grand jury to the court, which was made yesterday afternoon, is as mild-mannered a report as ever emanated from a grand jury room. It neither views with alarm nor points with a pride that is particular to anybody or anything. Its recommendations are confined to two items, neither of startling importance. This being the case we do not know whether the grand jury or the people are to be most congratulated.

We have been accustomed in times past to read grand jury reports that covered nearly every subject that was supposed to be of interest to the body politic. These reports have condemned things animate and inanimate; have explored the heavens above, the earth beneath and the waters under the earth in endeavor to make crooked paths straight. But the Juneau grand jury's report is a marvel of simplicity and brevity. We commend it. It is worthy of emulation elsewhere, because the time-honored preachments presented with statutory regularity are almost infallible as non-producers of tangible results. And the frisking of rhetoric to produce a report that would scintillate with wisdom, if not wit has been almost invariably wasted.

There are exceptions, of course, but, largely, they prove the rule. Contrast the succinct Juneau production with that which recently bourgeoned into being at Valdez. The Glacier City grand inquisitorial body began with suggesting the appointment of a game warden, and ended with a recommendation that a law "be passed making it a felony for a notary public to impeach the signature of those who presumably have made affidavits before him"—that is, that the act must be one of fact and not of accommodation. This grand jury evidently had in mind the absent treatment that Fairbanks notary public gave the indicted bank officials when he subscribed his name and affixed his official seal to divers and sundry affidavits relating to the banks' affairs. And who shall say that the grand jury was not justified in taking cognizance of a flagrant lapse of this kind. And herein lies an argument in favor of a grand jury's investigation of public affairs. If, in itself, it is of little worth, if the recommendations be sound they are sure to receive publicity and thus attain, in a measure, at least, the end sought.

Secretary Nagel must have given Cipriano Castro the third degree—or perhaps he applied the literacy test

It is a sign of progress that editors don't break into jail as frequently as formerly—Idaho editors excepted.

**WHERE NOBODY WAS TO BLAME.**

THE newspapers of Alaska have printed more or less matter connected with the trial of the Washington-Alaska bank cases at Valdez. At least one Seattle newspaper had a special writer covering the cases, and the bank officials did not get the worst of it. Other Alaska newspapers have told us of the "persecution," of good, honest, upright gentlemen, who through no fault of their own got tangled up in the labyrinthine meshes of laws not made for such excellent men; that these men were, instead, so to speak, the creatures of a concatenation of cruel circumstances over which they had no control, and, therefore, are entitled to the molly-coddling sympathies of the dear public, who can never really know the anguish of mind, the carking care that creased their brows, because they were haled into court to be tried for high crimes and misdemeanors!

We, of course, assume that all of these honorable gentlemen were innocent—all except one and he was guilty only of a little misdemeanor, valued at one thousand dollars in cash, which the venacious reports tell us was paid with glad acclaim, or words to that effect. Incidentally the government's cash receipts were swollen to that extent.

And all the while that the newspaper and other clagues have been extolling the virtues, the ability, the heroism of these gentlemen, so unjustly, so unnecessarily and so needlessly "persecuted," we have failed to catch even the faintest whisper about the poor depositors of the busted bank, who lost their all. That, of course, may have been a mere oversight on the part of the friends of the good bank officials. The depositors lost their money, but they should not squeal. Was it not the act of honorable men? Nobody was to blame; nothing was to blame, for has not the operation of the law so declared? Nobody to blame but the poor, gullible, deluded men and women who trusted the bank and relied upon the integrity, the honesty and uprightness of the accredited management!

Yet the Washington-Alaska bank of Fairbanks, failed owing its depositors \$921,357.56, but of this \$460,678.78 has been paid to them. And it is estimated that the bank has uncollectable notes for \$141,000. But nobody can be blamed—not even the men who touched the bank through the medium of worthless notes of hand.

It ought to be a matter of joy and pride to the gentlemen that their escutcheons have been so brightly burnished and now they can go forth without spot or wrinkle among a wicked and gainsaying people—but what of the depositors? Fudge! Nobody was to blame.

That New York man with the Henry Clay lock will have to go some if he ousts Murphy from Tammany hall.

**INSULTING A STOCK-EXCHANGE.**

ALL the stock exchanges of Italy were closed for two days recently. The members took this means of showing their anguish because the Italian premier had spoken unkindly of them in passing a bill increasing the bond to \$20,000. Of course that is the "Latin temperament" on 'Change. The

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sturdy Anglo-Saxon way of our own Napoleons of Finance is how different!

Did not President-elect Wilson threaten to hang on a gib of shame, as high as Haman's, any stock-jobbers who should do certain things? Yet no Exchange was closed. Brokers continued to hypothecate their customers' securities. Banks continued to over-certify checks under the convenient device of a daily renewed note of hand. Manipulators continued to buy and sell the same stocks at the same time. Business went on without any \$20,000 bond, or any usury law, responsibility or limit lower than the blue sky.

After all, why should any broker, in Genoa or New York, stop chasing "eighths" because a statesman tells the truth about stock-jobbing? Better be a practical man—and let the jingling of the dollar heal the hurt that honor feels.

If you would know what is the matter with Alaska, listen to the jingle of Seattle words. Or should we say the matter with Seattle?

Mexico may be able to protect Americans, but we would like to have more tangible evidence than mere assertion. Quien Sabe?

There is no doubt that Senator Joe Bailey's swan song was an eloquent one.

The "recall" seems to have got in its work on California State Senator.

**IMMIGRANT HAS \$49,800**

BALTIMORE, Jan. 3.—To the great surprise of the immigration officials here yesterday, Christian Schulze, of Russia, an immigrant on the steamer Barbarossa from Bremen, when asked to name the amount of money he had on his person drew out of his various pockets \$7,000 in cash, a check for \$2,800 and \$40,000 in securities.

As he laid the bank notes and cash on a table the officers smiled and expressed their astonishment that he should carry so much wealth in his clothes. He said he was a farmer and was on his way to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frederick Keppeler of Eureka, S. Dakota. His wife and six children accompanied him. They will settle in N. Dakota.

**HER SHOPPING TOUR COST A MILLION**

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4.—Mrs. Clara Baldwin Stocker, one of the two heirs of the estate left by "Lucky" Baldwin, has arrived at her Arcadia home from Chicago, bringing the first instalment of her \$1,000,000 purchases, in accordance with her expressed intention to "spend a million or two in order to have a really good time."

Included in the \$1,000,000 expenditures just made by Mrs. Stocker are a \$200,000 steam yacht, diamonds to the value of \$250,000, a wardrobe costing \$100,000, silverware, \$20,000 automobiles, \$20,000; new residence at Arcadia, \$60,000; ocean front residence at Venice, \$30,000, and many art pieces.

She has already received approximately \$1,500,000 from her father's estate, and will soon receive half of the remaining \$24,000,000.

**THE FISHING FLEET.**

- Rolle—Sailed Dec. 26.
- Kennebec—Ar. Jan. 1
- Dora H.—Sailed Dec. 26.
- Pacific—Out.
- Mildred—No. 1—Out.
- Mildred—No. 2—Out.
- Active—Out.
- Olga—Sailed Dec. 28.
- Belle—Sailed Dec. 11.
- Highland Queen—Sailed Dec. 28.
- Louise—Sailed Dec. 27.
- Norman Sunde—In port
- Volunteer—Out.
- Vesta—In port.
- Valkyrie—Out.
- Xanthus—Sailed Dec. 19.
- Waif—Sailed Dec. 9.
- White Star—In port.
- Lister—Sailed Dec. 26.
- Olympic—Sailed Dec. 10.
- Dick—Laid Up.
- Dolphin—Ar. Dec. 21.
- Halley's—Out.
- Atameda—Out.
- Annie—Sailed Dec. 30.
- Uranus—Out.
- Pollux—In port.
- Cedric—Out.
- Thelma—Ar. Dec. 23.
- Alvida—Sailed Dec. 14.
- Comet—Sailed Dec. 21.
- Anita Phillips—In port
- Solko—Sailed Dec. 30.
- Standard—Ar. Jan. 3.
- Gjoa—Ar. Dec. 29.

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Lv. Juneau for Douglas and Treadwell	Lv. Treadwell for Juneau	Leaves Douglas for Juneau	Leaves Juneau daily for Sheep Creek	From Juneau for Sheep Creek Saturday Night Only
8:00 a. m.	*8:25 a. m.	*8:30 a. m.	11:00 a. m.	11:00 p. m.
9:00 a. m.	9:25 a. m.	9:30 a. m.	4:30 p. m.	for Juneau Returning Leaves Sheep Creek 11:40 p. m.
11:00 a. m.	12:00 noon	12:05 p. m.		Leaves Sheep Creek for Juneau Leaves Treadwell 11:45 p. m.
1:00 p. m.	1:40 p. m.	1:45 p. m.		Leaves Douglas 11:50 p. m.
3:00 p. m.	3:25 p. m.	3:30 p. m.		
4:30 p. m.	4:55 p. m.	5:30 p. m.		
6:30 p. m.	6:55 p. m.	7:05 p. m.		
8:00 p. m.	8:25 p. m.	8:30 p. m.		
9:00 p. m.	9:25 p. m.	9:30 p. m.		
11:00 p. m.	11:25 p. m.	11:30 p. m.	5:10 p. m.	

Sunday Schedule same as above, except trip leaving Juneau at 8 a. m. is omitted

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 Leaves Juneau for Funter and Chatham, 8:00 a. m.—Nov. 17, Dec. 11, Jan. 4, 28, Feb. 21, March 17.  
 Leaves Juneau for Tyee, 8:00 a. m.—Nov. 23, Dec. 23, Jan. 22, Feb. 21, March 23.  
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