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**What Are the Powers of the Alaska Legislature?**

Since the passing of the home-rule bill, and more particularly since the territorial election, the question of the powers conferred upon the legislature—what it can and what it cannot do—has formed the subject of much argument throughout the territory. A recent issue of the Nome Nugget says:  
 "Several attorneys of Nome have been requested within the past couple of days to give their opinion as to what are the real powers granted to the Alaska legislature.  
 "Most seem to agree that it can certainly levy taxes on most private property, but not one would commit himself, without preparation, to a statement as to the manner in which the money so obtained could be spent.  
 "It is certain, of course, that the legislature cannot interfere with the judiciary. It seems to be specifically mentioned in the bill that the legislature cannot interfere with the game laws, fisheries, roads, schools, railroads, insane people and various other matters. Yet the consensus of opinion amongst Nome attorneys is that the legislature can kill the poll tax, and some believe that it can accomplish almost anything usually within the province of territorial governments Outside.  
 "A majority of the legal men interviewed appeared to believe that the amendment giving a Senate does not add to the power of the legislature, but several say that the restrictions specified in the bill will be found not to be so general as people suppose. Speaking in an offhand way the attorneys expressed the opinion that the bill gives much more power than the people generally suppose, but on being pressed to particularize each pleaded lack of opportunity to study the bill with sufficient care to permit themselves to be quoted."

**A TANANA PHILOSOPHER AND WHAT HE OBSERVES**

"I don't smoke very often," said a well known Tanana business man, "and when I do smoke, I would much rather buy my own cigars than to have them given to me; but that part of what I have to say is immaterial. What I want to call your attention to is to some curious incidents that I have been noting for years and perhaps you can satisfactorily explain some of them," says the Yukon Valley News.  
 "For instance—it frequently happens that the mails will come and go for a month or two without bringing me a single letter, and then again I will go to the postoffice upon the arrival of a certain mail and my box will be filled to overflowing with letters—some of them from rich widows, desiring matrimonial partners, and others merely relating to business affairs; or, as another illustration: I may not sell a single dollar's worth of a certain kind of canned goods in my stock for over a year and then suddenly there will be a demand for that particular brand of canned stuff that will clear out my stock in a single day.  
 Then again there may not have been any sickness in the town for a long time and suddenly I will learn that half of my customers are suffering from acute indigestion. Do you grasp the phenomenon? Or I may not have had a lady visitor come into my store in several weeks and then again a day will come when the entire female population seems to have descended upon me and my general merchandise store look as if I was having a bargain sale in ladies' furnishings. Do you get the phenomenal part of it? Well, what has caused me to think of this just now is something that occurred today. Now, I don't have a cigar given to me on an average of more than once in three months, but today three gentlemen presented me, each with a cigar, and each of the cigars had a busted wrapper. I tell you there is something phenomenal in what we may describe as the similarity of successive occurrences. You can't explain these things to me by saying that they just happen that way."

**Alaska News Notes**

Mrs. Arthur W. Heimburger, wife of a pioneer of Klondike, died recently at Ruby, Alaska. Her funeral was held under the auspices of the Pioneers of Alaska, Igloo No. 5, at which Dr. L. H. Moore and Judge Phil Galbraith delivered addresses.  
 The wireless station at Iditarod has been in frequent communication with the stations at Astoria, Ore., Friday Harbor, Wash., and vessels at sea as far apart as Seward, Alaska, and Astoria.  
 A number of Fins are reported to have struck upon Mud River in the Innoko district.  
 The Alaska Telephone & Telegraph Company is stringing new wires between Nome and Candle.  
 Helen Green Van Campen, the wife of the superintendent of the Bentson mine at LaTouche, is an authoress of high reputation and recognized talent. Stories from her facile pen have appeared in the Saturday Evening Post and other publications of equal merit. The last number of McClure's contains a story from her pen.  
 The Nome Bar Association has asked its representatives to Alaska's first legislature that they prepare a law to be incorporated into our penal code, making the malicious and public uttering, or promulgating of slanderous matter, a misdemeanor.  
 Iditarod promises to be the busiest placer camp in Alaska, since the Yukon Gold Mining Company secured the Mowhawk association and other properties, on lower Flat creek, says the Iditarod Pioneer.  
 The Manager of the Rainbow Mining Company on Skoogy gulch, Fairbanks district, has made arrangements for the milling of three hundred tons of rock from that mine and everything is rustle and bustle out there now. The work will be done at the Chena mill.  
 Alva McDonald, former deputy clerk under Judge Silas Reed, of the Third Division, must stand trial on the charge of murder down in Oklahoma for hitting and accidentally killing a man who was attempting to fleece an old war veteran out of his last cent.  
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**REGISTRATION NOTICE**  
 NOTICE is hereby given that the registration books for the Municipal and School Election, to be held on the first Tuesday in April, 1913, are now open at the office of Sowerby & Bell, on Second street, between Seward and Main streets, between the hours of 9 and 4 each business day. The books will be closed on Saturday the 29th day of March, 1913.  
 J. W. BELL, Registration Office

**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS**  
 NOTICE is hereby given that the delinquent tax list for year 1912-1913 will be published on or about Feb. 24, 1913.  
 A. W. FOX, City Clerk.

**SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION CASE NO. 972-A**

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA, DIV. NO. 1, AT JUNEAU**

Charles Goldstein, Plaintiff, vs. Mrs. F. Lyons, also known as, Blanche Lyons, Defendant.  
 TO Mrs. F. Lyons, also known as Blanche Lyons, defendant: In the name of the United States, and in accordance with an order directing service of summons in the above entitled cause by publication made by the above entitled court on the fourth day of February, 1913, you are hereby summoned to appear and answer, in the above entitled court holden at Juneau, in said Division and Territory, within thirty (30) days after the 22nd day of March, 1913, the complaint of Charles Goldstein, wherein he demands judgment against you in the sum of seventy-one dollars and ninety-two cents (\$71.92); with interest and costs incurred herein, and for want of an answer in the time above mentioned the plaintiff will take judgment against you for the above amounts.  
 IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the above entitled court this 4th day of Feb. 1913.  
 E. W. PETTIT, Clerk.  
 First publication Feb. 8th, 1913; last publication March 22, 1913.

The Guggenheims, operating in Iditarod, have let contracts for 15,000 cords of wood.  
 A. E. Walker, of Ketchikan, is circulating a petition in that city which should receive the signatures of everyone. It is addressed to the Alaska Forest Supervisor and through him to the Department of Agriculture, asking that the national government transplant elk from Montana to Gravina Island. The government looks favorably on such work and there is every probability that it will act on the petition.  
 Captain R. H. Stretch has furnished the Alaska Bureau of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce with a handsomely bound volume of seventy blue prints of Alaska flowers, collected at Cordova.

After testing the ground, the big English syndicate which proposed to buy out the holdings of the Pioneer Mining Company of Nome have decided not to go through with the deal. The syndicate had representatives on the property the greater part of the summer, and before they departed for the Outside is was generally believed that they had decided to buy.

There is every likelihood of a postal savings bank being established in Iditarod before the winter is over, according to Postmaster T. L. Thurston. When Inspector Flavin was here he stated that the government intended to establish postal savings banks in all money order offices throughout Alaska; and Iditarod was amongst those postoffices designated for an early introduction of the system, says the Iditarod Pioneer.

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