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FILLING FEDERAL OFFICES IN ALASKA

IN THE filling of federal offices in Alaska under the Democratic Administration, it may be well for the Democrats of the Territory to bear in mind that there is real danger that a not inconsiderable number may go to rank outsiders. While it is true that the Democratic national platforms, of the past eight years, have not only favored home rule for Alaska and have also contained declarations that the federal offices in Alaska should be filled by bona fide residents, it need not be taken for granted that the latter dictum will be strictly adhered to. This will be true especially if unseemly wrangling shall ensue between candidates for the various offices; for if there be not some degree of harmony it might well be that the President would ignore the Alaskan and send a man with a carpet-bag. This statement is not idly made. Already there are known to be a score or more of men in the States widely separated, who are aspirants for appointments in the different judicial divisions, and they will be backed by strong home influences, by Senators and Representatives in Congress who have votes and who, naturally, are desirous of helping their constituents to office in return for services rendered. Alaska is looked upon with favor by the Outside seeker after office. It is to him an alluring field, because, he thinks he may find there wider opportunities for personal advancement and success than he can find at home.

While The Empire hopes that every declaration of the democratic national platform will be carried out, as far as possible, in the utmost good faith, there is always a chance that an influential, and hitherto much-neglected mere Territory will not receive even-handed justice, not only in the matter of filling of offices, but in others much more important.

This is not a matter of individuals. The individual is nothing; the welfare of the people of Alaska, the maintenance of wise and progressive government, and the legitimate development of the resources of the Territory are everything.

As far as the appointments to office are concerned, The Empire has no axe to grind, and no favors to seek. It is not doing so, and it will not. Its position on all matters of vital interest to the Territory is known in all the four divisions. Home rule for the people, better laws, freer opportunity, the development of the country, have been advocated consistently for many years. Alaska for Alaskans has been its shibboleth. It is now, and it will be. In the days when carpet-bag government was the rule; when office after office was filled by Republican Presidents with outsiders, this writer took the same position that is taken today. Then it was said that there were "plenty of good Republicans in Alaska to fill every office within the gift of the Administration, and to fill them with credit and efficiency."

The Empire takes the same stand with reference to the Democrats of Alaska. There are enough Democrats in Alaska to fill all the federal offices without importing a single Democrat carpet-bagger. And it wishes to emphasize the statement in the strongest possible manner, so that it may be understood of all men—especially Alaskans—be their political affiliations what they may, that this it not, with The Empire, a matter of individual choice, selection or preference, but a matter of living principle, for which it will continue to fight until Alaska shall have a government of Alaskans, by Alaskans and for Alaskans.

The Seattle Sun, Seattle's new evening paper, has grown so rapidly in popular favor that in less than ten days from the time it was started, it has had to refuse advertising and, with its present mechanical equipment, it cannot meet the demands of its circulation. The Sun is a clean, up-to-date newspaper, and that it is filling a "long-felt want" is shown by its phenomenal instant success.

It may have been noticed that the war between Madero and Diaz in the streets of Mexico has overshadowed the Turk and the Bulgar in Adrianople and the Gallipoli peninsula.

SPEAKING OF OYSTERS—

THE political enemies of Woodrow Wilson have criticised him sharply for many of his public utterances. Some of them have told him with brutal frankness that he talked too much, but this hostile ebullition was evoked because they lacked sympathy with the subject matter of his remarks. But the President-elect has shown in a most direct and unmistakable manner that he can keep his own counsel. A legion of newspaper men have assailed him daily for weeks past in attempts to get a line on his Cabinet selections. They have utterly failed. Often their questioning has been so direct that it bordered upon the edge of impertinence, but with rare good sense and tact Mr. Wilson seems to have understood the reason for their pertinacity, and he has always replied suavely without divulging, however, the slightest information as to the personnel of the men who will make up his Administration. And yesterday he was quoted as saying that he would follow the good, old-fashioned method and not make any announcements until the names of the members of the Cabinet are sent to the Senate. And he probably will not, though there is scarcely a doubt that he has settled the matter with himself and probably with the men who will form his official family. But such extreme reticence as this, is not particularly pleasing to the Cabinet-making guild. They are left with the privilege only of hazarding mere guesses, while the public are only interested in the actual timber.

Even Vincent Astor, hundred-millionaire, is going to get back to the soil. This fact may give farming a boost among the idle rich.

Within seventeen days his critics will probably know Governor Wilson's choice of a Cabinet, but by that time they will have thrown pretty nearly all their missiles.

This is no piping time of peace—in Mexico.

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THE REJUVENATION OF PORFIRIO

IN THE name of the prophet, figs! Here's the venerable Porfirio Diaz, some time dictator of the bleeding Mexico, now an exile from his country, who notwithstanding his eighty-odd years, in the best approved swashbuckling manner announces from his easy chair in gay Paree, that he will put on his shield and his buckler, return to Mexico and take the field against the United States in case of intervention. And if he should? Confusion in Mexico might become worse confounded. There is, no doubt, some fighting blood still left in the veteran former president, and many Mexicans might rally to his standard, but he ought to know that he would wage a hopeless fight, and battle for a cause already lost, should the United States enter Mexico with hostile intent, which heaven forbid.

Instead of breathing war and slaughter this aged veteran of many bloody fights would better counsel peace and unification for the people over whom he ruled so long.

General Felix Diaz wants to be recognized as a belligerent. Certainly Felix is not a molly coddle.

BILL FOR DOG TEAM PRESENTED

Deputy Marshal Whittlesey, of Seward, Asks Money for Novel Transportation

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—A man, bundled in a big fur coat, walked into the United States district attorney's office here today and laid down this bill: "157 miles by dog team—\$15.70. "3.86 miles by rail—\$389.60. "Total—\$405.30."

He is William Whittlesey, attorney and United States deputy marshal at Seward, Alaska, who came here to testify in a government suit. Never before had the Chicago office been called on to pay a bill for transportation by dog team.

PUT SPIKED BELT ON "RAG" DANCERS

Managers of Spokane Halls Adopt Method of Curbing "Turkey Trotters"

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 15.—Spiked belts for "rag" dancers were put in use here last week at a dance held in a public dance hall. The management announced that any of the dancers, whether they be men or women, who persisted in doing the "turkey trot," or any similar dances, would be forced to wear a spiked belt. Three young women violated the rule and the belts, pierced by twenty-penny nails, were buckled around their waists for the rest of the evening.

OPEN DAY AND NIGHT

The new dining room of the Commercial Cafe, with private boxes in connection, is now open day and night, and excellent meals are served at all times. 2-4-t.

Northern News Notes

The Canadian-Klondike Mining Co. is moving many tons of mining machinery from Whithorse to Dawson. Horse teams and a caterpillar traction machine are being used.

George McIntyre Gibbs, former manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Dawson, now engaged in the brokerage business in Vancouver, has been placed under arrest on charges involving a matter of money. Gibbs has been most active in Vancouver club and social, as well as business life. Klondikers state that in Dawson he was a prominent curler, club and fraternity man, booster and all-around good fellow.

An experimental agricultural station is to be established near Kitwangak, 150 miles east of Prince Rupert.

The Indians at Fort Yukon celebrated the holidays in great style. Some dances cost over \$400, and there was one every night for ten days. These dances lasted for twelve hours. More than 300 Indians came to Fort Yukon for the Christmas and New Year's. Some even came from Circle. Others came from Rampart House.

Skagway firemen will give a grand ball on the evening of Washington's birthday.

F. J. Jerome, a Petersburg birdman, promises to establish a fast hydroplane mail service between Petersburg and Seattle.

Count Adolph Franzel is a working miner on Indian creek, Koyukuk district.

The Indian creek country is of a granite formation, and miners do not look upon it with great favor.

Aniak, the new camp on the Kuskoquim producerd \$25,000 last season.

Representative-elect E. B. Collins visited Fairbanks recently. Although he has been in the Fairbanks district since 1904, he has not spent a month in town in all that time.

"Right here in Iditarod the Yukon Gold Mining Company has a dredging proposition which is the best thing of its kind in the world, and they are going to make the most of it," says the Iditarod Pioneer.

Jack McCormick has received the appointment of "roving marshal" to patrol the Fairbanks district.

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JUNEAU FERRY & NAVIGATION Co.—Operating Ferry Service Between JUNEAU, DOUGLAS, TREADWELL and SHEEP CREEK

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
11:00 a. m.	12:00 noon	12:05 p. m.		Returning Leaves Sheep Creek
1:00 p. m.	1:40 p. m.	1:45 p. m.		11:40 p. m.
3:00 p. m.	3:25 p. m.	3:30 p. m.	Leaves Sheep Creek for Juneau	Leaves Treadwell
4:30 p. m.	4:55 p. m.	5:30 p. m.		11:45 p. m.
6:30 p. m.	6:55 p. m.	7:05 p. m.		Leaves Douglas
8:00 p. m.	8:25 p. m.	8:30 p. m.	11:40 a. m.	11:50 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.	

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