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VIEWS OF ALASKA'S LEGISLATORS

Senator Freeding of Nome Eloquent on Alaska

Senator Conrad Freeding, of Nome, has had a very active life. In 1898 he started for the gold fields via the Sitka river. For several weeks he and his party toiled up that noted stream. They had to abandon their outfits and turn back. They floated down the stream covering the same distance in eighteen hours and the Senator says they traveled so fast the hair was swept from his head. Nothing daunted him, and he went to Dyea and packed an outfit over the Chilcoot pass and floated with the mighty throng down to Dawson. From Dawson the Senator went to Nome in June, 1899. Here he followed mining and made a stake. After running over the country for a time he finally settled in Nome again in 1904 and established himself in the mercantile business which he still conducts. In 1908 he was elected Mayor of the Seward peninsula metropolis.

In speaking of his experiences, Senator Freeding said: "Having accomplished a journey of 1,200 miles through the wilderness of Alaska, I am pleased to say that we members of the Second Division of the Legislature have learned more about our great country than I, for my part, could ever have realized without that experience. In 1899 I floated down the Yukon in a small boat from Dawson to St. Michael—what a change in 14 years. In the days of '99 the population along the mighty river was mostly natives but now it is different—every 10 or 20 miles we found small villages had sprung up consisting of white people, and natives who are engaged in trapping, trading, and mining.

"From the moment we left Fairbanks until we reached Valdez on the coast. We traveled through a country that for scenic beauty and climate is not excelled in any part of the world. When the sun rose in all

the glory of his Arctic splendor and cast in silhouette the fantastic shapes of the distant peaks of the Alaska range, it was something great, majestic—and I cried in my ecstasy, 'thou wonderful Alaska.'

"I have read the statements of my colleagues in the Juneau daily papers and I agree with them in every particular. I realize that the First, Third, and Fourth Divisions, save mining, have greater resources than the Second Division.

"The first consideration for this Legislature should be the transportation question. We should endorse the report of the Alaska Railroad Commission and recommend the immediate building of the railroads and the opening up of the coal mines. This would in my opinion be of great benefit to those districts and to the general good of the whole Territory.

"In reference to the Second Division, I shall ask the support of the Legislature to recommend to the Congress that an appropriation be made to build a small harbor at Nome for our coastwise vessels or so-called mosquito fleet. Millions of dollars worth of property has been lost and many lives sacrificed on account of not having a shelter for our small craft. Every fall since 1899 a number of small steamers have been thrown on the beach and many of them completely wrecked.

"Nome has been, and is, one of the greatest gold producing camps of Alaska, and has added to the wealth of 'Uncle Sam' many millions. I believe we are not asking anything out of reason.

"Last Sunday I had the pleasure of visiting the Alaska-Gastineau works and mines and having heard of other mining companies that are to commence operations here I believe that Juneau will, inside of five years be a city of ten thousand people.

Rep. Collins of Fox a Lover of the North

Representative Earnest B. Collins, of Fox, a mining town near Fairbanks, comes from good, old patriotic stock. His forebears fought for the American colonies during the Revolution and for the States in 1812. After the war the family pioneered into the West. Mr. Collins is a hoosier, but left with his parents at an early age to grow up in the valleys of the sun-kissed Sierras. He was educated in the public schools of Chico, California, taking a special course in the State normal at that place.

He served one term as justice of the peace of Chico and was probably the youngest judge ever inducted into office in the great State of California. Then came the call of the North and the young judge was caught in its allurements.

Speaking of his experience in the Northland, Mr. Collins said: "I've cast aside that which most people would consider the opportunity of a lifetime to play this Alaska game, but I don't regret it, for I've enjoyed every moment in this country. The freedom of it all—the open-hearted generosity of the people and the naturalness of our associations appeals to me with an irresistible force, precluding any possibility of me going back. I've chosen Alaska as my home and am willing to gamble on its future possibilities.

"The ordinary human intelligence

cannot conceive of the unlimited possibilities in the future of Alaska and as long as I enjoy my present robust health and have the co-operation of my wife, I am only too willing to call Alaska my home.

"We, who come from the interior and who are developing the mineral resources of that broad expanse of territory are naturally the most independent people on earth. Our people ask no odds from anyone and are generous to a fault. We have sacrificed our own personal interests to come here to legislate for the good of the Territory in general and our own divisions in particular; for the betterment of those who have resolved to make Alaska their home and for the advantage of our children who will follow in our footsteps.

"I personally know no politics, except that which is of vital interest to Alaska. I represent no corporation and have never made a dollar in my ten years of residence in Alaska, that I did not take from the ground.

"I stand unqualifiedly for any legislation which may be introduced during the present session of this Legislature that is of vital interest to any one of the four districts and any measure which may be introduced touching those interests will have in me a most ardent champion on the floor of the House.

AT THE ORPHEUM
The Orpheum theatre held another pleased audience at last night's performance. "A Stern Destiny" and "The Cylinder's Secret" are clever plays cleverly acted. "The Social Secretary" and "When Dad Was Wise" furnished the laughs of the evening. Tonight "A Romance of the Border" and "The Mystery of Room 29" promise the thrills. "Vanity Fair" is coming later.

WILL PAY \$1.00 each for five live and unjured crows delivered to C. K. Forner. Tripp's Bungalow, Main street. 2-24-6t.

THE SITUATION IN MEXICO

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—The sub-committee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee filed their report today on Mexican conditions. Conditions in that country are reviewed in an exhaustive manner, but no recommendations are made.

MADERO'S BROTHERS KILLED IN BATTLE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Ambassador Wilson has wired from Mexico City that Emilio Madero, a brother of the late President was killed while leading a rebel force at Monterrey. No confirmation has been received of the reported killing of Ravoul, another brother, in the same vicinity.

NEWS NOTES OF NATIONAL CAPITOL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Vice-President-elect Marshall arrived here today from Philadelphia. President-elect Wilson has let it be known to the Democratic leaders in the Senate that he favors the Root amendment to the Canal Tolls Act, repealing the free tolls clause for American coastwise shipping. The Senate naval committee has restored the items stricken from the naval bill as it passed the House. It will now be a matter for conference.

EXCITEMENT IS GROWING OVER TESLIN DISCOVERIES

John Drury came in on the Jefferson from his recent trip to England where he attended the annual fur sale of the Taylor, Drury and Pedlar Company. It is said that this company annually disposes of about fifty thousand dollars worth of furs in London. Mr. Drury will go to the store at Teslin, where they expect a large volume of business this season owing to the new discovery on Silver creek, says the Skagway Alaskan.

W. A. Dikeman, discoverer of the Iditarod, and for some time past interested in placer ground in the Teslin country, came up Saturday and left the same day for the scene of the new strikes on Silver creek. He has had a number of men in there this winter looking after his interests.

SUFFRAGETTES ARRIVE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The suffragette marchers who left New York two weeks ago have arrived here.

MANY BURNED TO DEATH

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 28.—Twenty or thirty people were burned to death by a fire which destroyed the Hotel Dewey.

UP FROM TAKU INLET

Jesse Blakely, of the Penn-Alaska Mining Co., came up from Taku inlet yesterday, on the Santa Rita. Mr. Blakely is making preparations for extensive development of his company's properties.

ARE GETTING READY TO SMOKE UP

The smoker committee of the Commercial Club has met and divided its duties as follows: Burford and Barrage on finance; Wolland, on refreshments; Ferte on entertainment; Carter, on hall.

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-tf.

FOR SALE—Soldiers' additional homestead script—40, 42, 44—96 acres. Inquire of Senator B. F. Millard.

FOR SALE—Chicken and hog ranch. Owner has to leave. Inquire Empire office. 2-27-6t.

FOR SALE—Fruit and cigar store, one of the best locations in town. Enquire XX, Empire office. 2-26-3t.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.
Any subscribers to The Daily Empire not receiving papers regularly either by carrier or mail, will confer a favor by promptly notifying The Empire office. 2-25-tf.

Marshall May Have Seat in President's Cabinet

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 28.—Vice-President-elect Thomas R. Marshall arrived here yesterday afternoon and had a conference with the President-elect. Mr. Wilson said that friendship had followed his acquaintance with

Mexican Situation as Seen by Vice-President Elect

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 28.—The Mexican situation and the possible intervention of the United States was discussed here last night by Vice-President-elect Thomas Riley Marshall. "I would spend the last dollar," he said, "to save or defend an American citizen's life, but I would not spill a drop of blood to save an American citizen's dollar."

"My own view is that the troubles in Mexico are due to the upper crust of society in that country, rather than to the under crust, for there is no middle class in Mexico. "I don't blame those who have money locked up in Mexico for wanting intervention, but more than a question of money is involved."

THEATRE MAGNATE FACES CHARGES

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—John W. Considine, a theatrical magnate, and Sid Grausman, a vaudeville manager, who arrived here recently, are charged with persuading four women to enter a Barbary Coast resort in this city and engage in indecent practices. John W. Considine is a member of the Sullivan-Considine theatrical circuit which controls theatres all over

NICARAGUA, TOO, WANTS A CANAL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The national assembly of Nicaragua has voted to give the United States the exclusive right to construct a canal across Nicaragua.

The selection of the Nicaragua route was strongly urged prior to the purchase of the French rights in the Panama Canal. It was claimed that the Nicaragua's route presented fewer engineering difficulties and could be

MEXICANS STILL CUTTING THROATS

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 28.—A dispatch to the Herald says that a battle was fought yesterday, near Conclava, Mexico, between federal troops and a revolutionary force commanded by Governor Carozna, of Coahuila. The result was indecisive.

HIGH SCHOOL BAND TO ENTERTAIN

The Juneau High School Band is now preparing for an entertainment, of unusual merit, to be given within the next two weeks, in one of Juneau's play houses.

LADY SCOTT IS NOW IN WELLINGTON

WELLINGTON, N. Z., Feb. 27.—Lady Scott, wife of the dead explorer, has arrived here from England.

COURT NOTES

The case of Cobb vs. McCartney was set for 9:30 tomorrow morning. The hearing on the petition for saloon license was set for Monday morning.

PTARMIGAN SEASON CLOSING TOMORROW
Game Warden Schneider threw his eagle-eye on a bunch of ptarmigan coming down the trail today. The law says 25 birds shall be the maximum of one day's shooting—this bunch contained 23, so the owner "23'd" with his birds.
Tomorrow the season closes. Any one caught with ptarmigan during the closed season is liable to a fine.

FOR SALE—Choice residence lot, Shattuck Addition. Enquire Empire office. 2-27-6t.

Senator Millard Says Alaskans for Alaska

Col. B. F. Millard, who is Senator-elect from the Third Division, has decided opinions on the Alaskan subjects for legislation, both locally and by the general government.

"The paramount issue at this time," said Senator Millard, "is transportation. Next in importance is the opening up of our coal fields along legitimate lines. The laws that were in force at the time these locations were made should be lived up to in every respect. Those who made bona fide locations and complied with the law should be given title and those who have not done so should have their locations annulled. I consider that a law passed by Congress offering anything for sale is a contract between the government and the party trying to purchase it. The average Alaskan wants to see justice done to the coal claimants, but, however, insists that the government open up the coal immediately. The fact that the government should open up the coal would not invalidate a just and legal claim. We are paying annually \$18,000 for coal with which to operate the Cliff mine or nine dollars per ton for Washington steam coal. This should be cut in two.

"I am in favor of the government immediately taking up the subject of Alaskan transportation. I am inclined to favor government building and owning of railroads or of government assistance in the building and of government controlling of the roads to the end that cheaper transportation may be brought about in Alaska.

"I think the Alaska Code should be revised and provision made for a revenue system for Alaska and other matters should be carefully gone into."

Senator Millard has had quite an experience before coming to Alaska in politics, having been Mayor of a city, and several years as councilman and county board member in Chipewa Falls, Wisconsin. He served one term in the lower House of the Wisconsin Legislature and one term as sergeant-at-arms in the lower House and five years on the Republican State Central Committee. Since coming to Alaska, fifteen years ago he has taken no part in politics up to the present time. He was elected as a non-partisan and a thorough progressive whatever that name is politically. And he says that he is, and will be, at all times for that which he believes will be to the best interests of Alaska in general.

He is a warm supporter of home rule for Alaska and touching the home situation as to appointments for Alaska his position is more specifically shown by the fact that he will introduce in the Senate a joint resolution requesting President Wilson to appoint bona fide residents of Alaska to fill all offices from Governor down.

Senator Tanner Offers Practical Suggestions

"I am going to be a good listener for a while," said Senator J. M. Tanner, yesterday, referring to the Territorial Senate and the work that may be cut out for it, or by it, as the case may be.

"I propose to favor anything that is good and oppose anything that I believe is bad. I am of the opinion that the Alaska Codes should be revised by a commission and that the Legislature should go slow in proposing amendment. Better secure only one good law, than twenty which may be of doubtful utility. A banking law is necessary to protect the people, but it should not be so radical as to drive out any reputable banking institutions.

"Municipalities should be given more power, and a law should be passed enabling incorporated towns to sell property for delinquent taxes and to give titles after the period of redemption has passed. Under the present law liens must be first satisfied. The probating of small estates should be simplified. I have in mind, in this respect, an Alaska estate in which the attorneys' fees were \$12,000, and the administrator's and other fees, amounted to \$10,000—the entire estate being practically eaten up by fees.

"The United States Government should take over all the Alaska fish hatcheries. The present system is inequitable. I know of one small cannery that paid in taxes \$1,500 last year, while the Alaska Packers' Association paid only \$700, the balance of its tax having been remitted on account of salmon fry released. To question of importing Oriental and other help by the canneries should be investigated and the canneries should be compelled to take care of their employees in all respects. The recent killing of a man at Dundas bay, by Orientals entailed great expense upon the Government and in my opinion a poll tax should be levied upon all cannery employees, and their employers should be held responsible for the payment of the tax. Under present conditions these big canneries get everything and pay nothing in return for the privilege.

"As I said, I propose to be a good listener for a time and shall favor anything good, and oppose everything which I believe will not be to the best interests of this great Territory."

STEFANSSON TO SAIL IN JUNE

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Captain V. Stefansson will sail from Esquimaux, B. C., late in May or early in June for the Arctic regions. He will have a crew of fourteen men and he expects to winter at Herschel island or Prince Patrick Land.

GOVERNMENT'S APPROPRIATION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The Senate has adopted an amendment to the sundry civil bill appropriating \$1,500,000 for a government exhibit at the Panama and Pacific Exposition at San Francisco in 1915.

MEXICO APPOINTS NEW AMBASSADOR

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 28.—Emilo Rabasa has been appointed Ambassador to the United States.

FOR RENT—Building in a first class location for a restaurant on lower Franklin street. Three-year lease. Enquire Mrs. Cassidy. 2-26-3t.

RUSSELL FORCED TO STEP DOWN

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Upon the demand of Governor Sulzer, Superintendent John W. Russell, of Mattewan Insane Asylum has sent in his resignation. The resignation is the outgrowth of statements made by Dr. Russell relative to the release of Harry Thaw, Dr. Russell having testified that he was offered \$20,000 by John Anhalt, a New York lawyer. Anhalt denied the charge, and so did Mrs. Thaw, the mother of Harry.

DORR GUILTY OF MURDER

SALEM, Mass., Feb. 28.—William A. Dorr, of Stockton, Calif., has been found guilty of the murder of George E. Marsh an aged Lynn, Mass., manufacturer. The reason alleged for the crime was that Marsh spoke disrespectfully of Dorr's aunt, Mrs. Orpha Marsh. The murder was committed in 1911. After the killing of Marsh, Dorr returned to Stockton, where he was arrested.

Everything that will please a smoker may be found at BURFORD'S.