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THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

There is much food for thought in the message of Governor Clark to the Legislature, the full text of which was printed in The Empire yesterday. It is a comprehensive presentation of existing conditions in the Territory, as viewed by the Governor, and is worthy of the earnest consideration of the Legislature. The raising of revenue sufficient to meet the requirements of the territorial government is a matter of prime importance, and the fact that the sources from which it can be derived are limited, cannot be gainsaid. The question of taxation, therefore, is one that will demand the most painstaking efforts of the Legislature. The imposition of taxes should be laid as equitably as possible, with the constant view kept in mind that no industry should be unduly taxed or discriminated against. In other words, as Governor Clark points out, "it is a cardinal principle of all just and wise tax measures that the rate of taxation must not be so high as to impair the sources of revenue."

Alaska's industries should not be handicapped; encouragement is needed rather than the imposition of unjust, or unequal burdens and The Empire believes that the members of the Legislature are alive to this fact. At the same time there are industrial enterprises in Alaska which do not now, nor have they ever contributed their fair proportion of taxes to the territorial treasury, in return for the benefits they have received, and the profits that have accrued to them. Both justice and equity demand that those foreign corporations doing business in Alaska should bear their just proportion of taxation, but no more. As they have never done this it is highly probable that strenuous opposition will be developed to any proposal looking toward the attainment of this end, this being particularly true of the foreign salmon canning companies, which have greatly profited through that industry while in no wise contributing their just share of taxes in return for the privileges and protection that they enjoy.

The need of an adequate banking law, sanitation and health provisions, the establishment and enforcement of quarantine regulations, when necessary, vital statistics registration, compulsory school attendance, the relief of destitution, mining law amendments, a serviceable miners' lien law, and other labor laws, and revision of the Alaska Code, are among the subjects ably and clearly discussed by Governor Clark.

We submit that the message will bear careful analysis, and we are satisfied that such analysis will reveal the general soundness of the comments, suggestions and recommendations which it contains. It is not too radical, and yet it is based upon progressive lines, with a full realization of the conditions existing in a pioneer country, the complex questions which confront a new legislative body, hampered by many limitations.

LEGISLATIVE ELOQUENCE

TWO excellent speeches were made in the Legislature yesterday—one in the Senate by Colonel Millard, the other in the House by Representative Ingersoll. Both are printed in full in today's Empire. We commended them to the consideration of Empire readers. Senator Millard's vision is prophetic; he dipped into the future as far as human eyes can see, and briefly sketched the Alaska of fifty or a hundred years hence. And with much eloquence he compared the genesis of this republic with our own first attempt at self-government in a Territory on the last frontier.

"I am a Roman citizen," was the proudest boast of a Roman in the palmy days of that once powerful republic, but to Colonel Millard and every patriotic American, "I am an American citizen," is a more significant term than ever was uttered in the grandest days of emperored Rome.

Mr. Ingersoll combined fact and eloquence in his address, and his exposition of Alaska affairs and the neglect and indifference, on the part of the Nation, which have been the lot of the Territory, were portrayed in convincing language. Both these speeches are worth preserving in the beginning of our legislative history, and The Empire is glad to assist toward that end.

MR. TAFT, THE MAN

PRESIDENT TAFT'S open confession is good for the soul. "My sin," he is reported as saying, "is an indisposition to labor hard; my disposition is to procrastinate; my disposition is to enjoy the fellowship of others more than I ought." Mr. Taft spoke as a true man, and he also spoke with the simplicity of a child, which revealed his true character. For while he may not have risen to a great height as a statesman, while the mistakes of his administration have been many, it must be said of him that his sincerity was manifest, his purposes honest, and his motives just. The genuine wholesomeness of the man will be remembered and his mistakes as a statesman will be lost in the limbo of forgetfulness. His estimate of himself is frank, open, candid, combined with a touch of pathos. Yet Mr. Taft will be a greater man in the estimate of the American people a quarter of a century, or less, than he is today. When time has mellowed the asperities of his day and abated the political rancor that has hedged him about, a true perspective of William Howard Taft, the man and the patriot, will be had.

THE DOWNFALL OF THE TURK

TURKEY now asks the intervention of the European powers, of her own volition. A few weeks ago when the powers tendered their "kindly offices" to bring about a cessation of the war with the Balkan States, Turkey would have none of it. The London peace conference was a fiasco, as Turkey intended it should be. That country wanted delay and got it, to some extent, in the hope that her exchequer could in the meantime be

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replenished with the sinews of war. In this she failed, and ministerial crisis resulted in the return of the Young Turk party to power, of which it had been temporarily deprived. The new regime, however, has confessed its failure to prosecute the war against the victorious allies. It was inevitable; and now Turkey must at last submit to any terms that the powers may secure from the Balkan States. And these are not likely to abate one jot or tittle the demands they made through their peace commissioners in London. Practically there will be little left of Turkey in Europe.

Greece, which alone, of the Balkan allies, did not sign the armistice with Turkey, is the first to gain undisputed fruits of victory, in the taking of Crete. For 250 years this island was under the Turks, and for every year of that time the people were rebels. About Crete arose the disastrous war of 1897 and one of its results was to place the coveted land under control of Great Britain, Russia, Italy and France, as trustees, Austria and Germany remaining aloof. The four powers have now hauled down their flags, and Crete is now an integral part of Greece.

Crete is as large as Delaware and Rhode Island together. Its 300,000 inhabitants are Greek, and nine-tenths of them are Christian. Their right to deliverance from the Turk is morally clear; but no more so than that of most of the European territory from which the Crescent flag has recently been driven.

Mr. Ingersoll's Speech in House Yesterday

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making its heart beat true to those principles of justice, liberty and humanity upon which rests the prosperity and the safety and the glory of this land of the free.

"History again repeats itself. That same distrust in the good sense and calm judgment and the intelligence of the rank and file of the people as a whole, that same disinclination to entrust in the people at large direct participation in the administration of those affairs that concern their vital interests, displayed by our forefathers in framing the Constitution of the United States, we read between the lines of this instrument which is supposed to be the birthplace of Alaskan independence.

"However, all through, this fact is significant. That that same extreme caution displayed by our forefathers in the launching and the starting out on its immortal journey of the great Ship of State, in the trimming of the sails to meet every shifting wind, and the marking out of its course by chart to avoid the sunken reefs and all the dangers of an unknown sea,—that same hesitating spirit, that same lack of confidence in the judgment and discretion of the common people, we perceive upon the part of Congress towards this far distant land in its initial start upon the voyage of its career.

"We believe that the verdict is not justified by the facts, and we stand before the bar of a nation's judgment, and we rest our hopes on an appeal to the enlightened view of its second sober thought.

Great Possibilities.

"Generations may come, and generations may go. Nations are born to perish. But a land which draws its life sustenance from this source can never die.

"The day, however, is pregnant with great possibilities. Whether it is that Alaska is so large and her interests so diversified that Congress has never been able to reconcile our inconsistent appeals, or whether it is that that same distrust which made of the Constitution a measure of compromise, built seemingly upon property rights at the expense of human rights,—it is for us and us alone by the manner in which we execute the trust reposed in us to disprove the illusion and enlighten the world of its fallacy and misjudgment.

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NOTICE

United States Commissioner's Court for the District of Alaska, Division No. One, Juneau Precinct, in Probate.

In the matter of the estate of FRED BROMAN, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been, by the United States Commissioner, Probate Judge of the above entitled court, by an order duly made and entered, appointed administrator of the estate of Fred Broman, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them, with the proper vouchers and in legal form, within six (6) months from the date of this notice, to the undersigned, at his residence on the Beach Road at Douglas, Alaska.

Dated this first day of March, 1913.
L. A. SLANE,
Administrator.

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And unless you, within ninety days after the first publication of this notice, pay your proportion of the cost of said annual labor as required by law, and the cost of this notice, your interest in said group or groups of said claims will, in accordance with law, become the property of the undersigned; the proportion to be paid by L. A. Moore, holding one eighth interest in each group is \$25.00, and the cost of this notice; the proportion to be paid by Berta Jarma is \$12.70, and the cost of this notice, holding one-eighth interest in the Sum Dum group; and the proportion to be paid by Fred Stevenson, holding one-eighth interest in the Sum Dum group is \$12.70, and the cost of this notice;

Said claims being located in the Harris mining district, near Power's creek, and about six miles from the Postoffice at Sum Dum, Territory of Alaska; and recorded in book eleven (XI) on pages 51 and 52 of Placer records, on the 5th day of February, A. D. 1912, in the office of the Juneau Recording District.

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ANDREW JOHNSON.

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9:00 a. m.	9:25 a. m.	9:30 a. m.		for Juneau
11:00 a. m.	12:00 noon	12:05 p. m.	4:30 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	Leaves Treadwell
4:30 p. m.	4:55 p. m.	5:30 p. m.	Creek for Juneau	11:45 p. m.
6:30 p. m.	6:55 p. m.	7:05 p. m.	11:40 a. m.	Leaves Douglas
8:00 p. m.	8:25 p. m.	8:30 p. m.		11:50 p. m.
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