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Memorial For Federal Building Causes Talk Fest

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people were the salt of the earth and entitled to consideration. It was his belief that the capital of this great country with its countless millions of wealth and destined to be millions of people should have their capital city at a point accessible to all. There was no place that was so ideally situated as the metropolis of the Tanana valley. Fairbanks was the proper place for the Territory to build its capital. Speaker Collins called Mr. Kelly to the chair and made an impassioned address that roused a storm. "I heartily agree with the gentleman from the Second division," said the handsome representative from Fox, "there is but one logical point for the location of a capital city and that is in the center of wealth and population. Come with me and I will show you the grandest and most productive valley on God's green earth. Fairbanks, Alaska's Golden Heart, is ideally situated. With untold and inexhaustible mineral wealth and the richest of lands this great Tanana valley is to be the homes of millions of people who are prosperous and happy. Certain to be the center of a great network of railroads and the commercial mart of this vast empire, centrally located and having every advantage that a capital should have, why should we vote to build an expensive building here in Juneau that may have to be torn down?"

Representative Shoup attempted to gain the floor but the Speaker and Mr. Kelly were changing chairs and he was not recognized. Representative Dan Driscoll taking it for granted he had the floor, and could hold it began a flow of oratory that made the chairs dance. He was indignant that they should be even asked to consider a bill of this nature. Not that he was opposed to a capital building. "But," he said, "if we are to have a federal building let us build it in Alaska, build it in Knik, Valdez or some other point in the Territory. Why you fellows down here seem to think you are the territory and entitled to everything. I ask you what are we to get. Fairbanks has never got anything. You want to centralize everything down around this little wart of a place that isn't even in the territory."

There were cries of questions from all over the hall, as Shoup attempted to gain the floor. The Speaker recognized the gentleman from Sitka. "I say to you gentlemen from the Second, Third and Fourth Divisions, that Juneau's claim to the capital is founded on sound reasoning and the facts will bear me out. Juneau is the most centrally located spot in all Alaska."

It doesn't make any difference in what part of the Territory one lives in, he must pass through the city of Juneau to reach it. It doesn't matter whether he travels in winter or summer. The man from Nome in order to reach either of these points in the summer time must also pass through Juneau. So, if destined for the States during the winter he must pass through Juneau. So, I say the point so far as central location is concerned is all in favor of Juneau. I will not take issue with you gentlemen on the other advantages that have been pointed out but it seems to me I hear some walls of poverty from those sections of inexhaustible millions when the eight-hour bill was under consideration." Here he was interrupted by cries of question, question,—but Mr. Shoup had attempted to read a resolution asking that the First Division be cut off from the balance of Alaska. It was hurriedly done while the other members were unmercifully grilling the claims of Juneau.

Col. Ingersoll, the representative bute had declared that he was willing from Ketchikan who early in the debate moved the capital to Ketchikan, managed to squeeze in a few words in favor of the position taken by Mr. Shoup, but he was called to order as having used his time.

Representative Aldrich, of Nome, said that he heartily endorsed every word that had been said by his colleague from Nome and by the gentleman from the Fourth.

The vote on the final passage of the memorial was called for. Aldrich answered "No." Then as the roll was called down the line, Boyle, Driscoll, Gaffney, Ingram, Ingersoll, and all the opponents answered in the affirmative—Shoup's face was a study. Just before the vote was announced Aldrich asked permission to change his vote. "Well," said Shoup, "you got a rise out of me all right, but I got your votes, and I'm satisfied."

The Objection. "What is your objection to this new five cent coin?" "They didn't go far enough and make it sufficiently funny to give you the satisfaction of a laugh."

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QUIMBY'S STORY OF TORNOW'S DEATH

Giles Quimby, the Chehalis County deputy sheriff, who killed John Tornow, the wild maniac of the Olympics who had assassinated seven or eight men during the course of his murderous career of a year and a half, tells this story of the battle in which the outlaw lost his life, but not until the latter had killed two men: "We found the carcass of an elk about 4 o'clock in the afternoon and later discovered the trail leading to where the kill killing occurred. As we were making our way through the woods I cautioned the men to be more careful and I swung out to one side. We went carefully through the woods and a few minutes later discovered tracks in the snow. We followed the tracks and made our way along, coming suddenly upon a small cabin in a clearing. I was 50 to 75 feet away from Blair and Lathrop farther around to approach it from and when I saw the cabin I swung the rear. Just as I gained about 10 yards I heard the crack of a gun and jumped behind a tree, and as I did I saw Blair stagger and fall and immediately saw Turnow shoot from behind a small hemlock at Lathrop, who also fell in his tracks.

Never Had a Chance. "Turnow was not more than six feet from the men and they never had a chance for their lives, all shots being fired too close together. Turnow began to shoot at the bodies as they lay on the ground. Lathrop was evidently killed instantly, but Blair squirmed until he was shot to death. All this time I was firing at Turnow every time he stuck his head from behind the tree to fire at the dead men, and the last shot I fired seemed to have struck him as his head sank on his breast and he fell from sight. I thought this might be a ruse to get me from cover and just then the dogs ran to the spot and began baying. I waited behind the tree with my gun covering the spot for 10 minutes, then came out to give the alarm. I was about 75 feet from Turnow during the shooting, but could only see his head."

Tornow Shot Twice. It was discovered when Turnow's body was found the next day that he had been shot twice. One at least of the shots was probably fired by Lathrop. That was a shoulder wound, and it is believed that it might have been the cause of saving the life of Quimby. Deputy Sheriff Quimby will probably receive the reward offered by the State of \$1,000 for the capture of Turnow, dead or alive. Other rewards offered amounted to \$2,000. A brother of Turnow, Fred C. Turnow, is a resident of Portland, Oregon, where he is a member of a timber cruising firm.

GLEANINGS FROM GREAT NORTHERN EMPIRE

Arthur Gibson, the Nome surveyor and engineer, has been appointed Swedish vice-counsel at that place. The low price of meats at Nome this winter caused the reindeer market to close much earlier than usual. The natives were disappointed at the results of the winter sales.

Chena elected E. W. Griffin, W. S. Laymon, Levi Lindgren, Charles R. Christensen, Fred Baxter and Herb. Tachelson councilmen at the election held the first day of the present month.

Although they had a quiet election at Fairbanks that city cast 43 votes more this year than it did last year. The total vote was one short of 700. Fairbanks papers think the vote an indication that the population is growing.

Gabe Anderson, a prominent Koyuk miner, died February 25 at Candel, of cancer.

The Arctic Brotherhood camp at Cleary in the Tanana country has been giving regular bi-weekly dances. They will continue until about June 1st.

Most of the miners in the Salcha district, Tanana valley, have spent the winter trapping for furs, according to A. L. Wissell, an old Alaskan pioneer, who recently visited the section. However there has been some mining on Twenty-mile creek and Pasco creek.

The Rexall mine on Wolf creek is producing quartz that is worth \$100 a ton, according to reports as late as April 1st. It is milling ore right along.

Good pay has been discovered on Slate creek in the Iditarod district. Options were being taken on the claims of that creek early in March. They are said to run \$2 to the foot.

A fire in Kaiser's Studio, Front street, Nome, March 1, did damage to the extent of \$300.

Jack Dalton, the miner who took out \$84,000 from Discovery claim on Eureka creek in the Kantishna district is still working in that country. Small quantities of gold are being taken out of the country every year by a few miners.

On the Totatlanika river, there will be three outfits at work during the coming summer, according to the statement of John Murphy, one of the mining men of that district.

NEW STEAMER LINE FOR KOYUKUK

FAIRBANKS, April 3.—The Koyukuk Trading and Transportation Company is the name of the new organization which was launched in Fairbanks yesterday. The purpose of the new company is to operate a line of small steamers from the mouth of the Koyukuk river, to the headwaters of that stream. Two boats will be put into commission during the coming summer, the steamer Dusty Diamond and the Ben Hur.

The company is now arranging for the first cargo of the Dusty Diamond, now lying in the vicinity of Fairbanks. This boat will leave the city immediately after the opening of navigation and, following the ice down the river will land supplies on the Koyukuk as soon as possible. As far as is now known, the first cargo will consist of supplies for the town of Hughes, and all the upper Koyukuk, as well as horses for the Indian river diggings.

The steamer Ben Hur, now wintering on the south fork of the Koyukuk, will be placed in commission as soon as possible.

The men who compose the new organization think that they can land supplies and freight for the upper Koyukuk merchants and miners cheaper than they have ever been landed before. It has heretofore been necessary for the people on the upper end of the river to transport their supplies from Bettles, at an extra cost of money and energy, and the promoters of the new enterprise think all that can be eliminated.

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