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## EXPECT HOUSE TO VOTE ON RAILROAD BILL TODAY

### City Council Gives Account of Stewardship

The Juneau city council has caused to be prepared and today issues a report covering in detail the financial condition of the City of Juneau and the record of the transactions that have occurred during the incumbency of the present administration. The council has also issued a statement explanatory of the report, which sets forth the reasons which have actuated the council in all that it has done.

It is the purpose of the council in the near future to hold a public meeting, which all of the citizens of Juneau are invited to attend, and at that time the city administration will be glad to answer all questions regarding any items in the accounts, or with respect to the administration of the city's affairs in any particular.

**Council's Statement.**  
The city council's statement follows: "What we desire is that every transaction of the administration which may not be clearly understood, be made as plain to any citizen, seeking information as is possible. While, as in all human undertakings, we have no doubt fallen short of the highest possible efficiency, and may in some respects be subject to criticism for our acts, we are conscious of having acted with the sole purpose of accomplishing the greatest good for the people of Juneau, and we do not shrink from any just criticism.

"We add here some comments regarding certain of our expenditures, not with the hope that they will meet with universal approval, but merely to explain our motives. No doubt some readers will conclude that we have placed the most favorable construction upon what we have done, but we believe that such construction is neither more nor less than fair.

**New City Hall.**  
The building of the new city hall has been fully justified. The building furnishes school facilities to 88 pupils. There was no suitable building nor, in fact, was there a building of any kind available where these children might have been housed and instructed. Even with the increased accommodations in the city hall, the old school building is still overcrowded. We were confronted with the necessity of building the city hall or building a cheap structure (discreditable to a prosperous and progressive community) on the school house block. A building which would have accommodated the same number of pupils as now receive instruction in the city hall, and having equal floor space, would have cost not less than \$5,000, even if constructed in the cheapest possible manner, and if so constructed it would be necessary to remove it in a few years, and it would not have been a permanent addition to the city improvements. The practical effect of putting the money into the city hall has been to decrease the cost of that building by \$5,000, and the money so expended is a permanent asset of the city. When the second floor of the city hall is no longer needed for school purposes, it is planned to devote a part of it to a dormitory and club rooms for members of the fire department, and the remaining part to a city library and reading room.

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**SCHOOL HOUSE SITE.**  
As is generally known, it was the intention of the School Board to raise funds to construct a new school building on the present school block, based upon a guarantee by the citizens of Juneau to be taken care of afterwards by bond issue whenever the authority

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**THE WEATHER TODAY.**  
Twenty-four hours ending at 3 p. m.:  
Maximum—50.  
Minimum—28.  
Clear.

### LAUNCH UNION IS LOST WITH CREW

There is little doubt but that the gas boat Union, plying out of Lituya Bay is lost, and, if true, William Germain, owner of the craft, and Stratton who helped him run the boat, perished with the wreck. The Union left Lituya Bay 35 days ago for Dixon Harbor, which is only a 5-hour run. She did not show up at Dixon Harbor nor has she been seen leaving Lituya Bay, although relief and searching parties have scoured the country looking for the missing boat and men. Shortly after the Union left Lituya Bay a storm came up and it is almost a certainty that the boat never escaped. The Union was a good sea boat, 35 feet long, and formerly was on the Haines-Skagway mail run.

News confirming the disaster was brought to Juneau by Sid Hooper and A. A. Cabbs, of the mail boat Fox who arrived with the Fox from Lituya Bay at five o'clock this morning. The men who lost their lives with the Union are well known in Juneau.

The Fox made the trip to Lituya to take a large prospecting party to that section, making the round trip in four days.

Malcolm and Jack Campbell are at Lituya Bay, but expect to leave for Juneau within the next three days.

### DEMOCRATS WILL CELEBRATE MAR. 4

The Juneau Democratic Club held a special meeting in Gross hall last night for the purpose of making arrangements for the smoker that is to be held on March 4, in honor of the first anniversary of the inauguration of President Woodrow Wilson. It was a very successful meeting, one of the most enthusiastic gatherings since the organization of the club. The main object of the meeting was placing the entire management of the smoker in the hands of the executive board. The funds necessary were raised at the meeting by contributions.

After disposing of this matter a discussion on the disposition of Alaska's insane patients took up considerable time. Resolutions were passed placing the club on record as favoring the establishment of a permanent hospital for the insane in Alaska. Dr. DeVigne is chairman of a committee appointed to forward a copy of the resolution and bring it properly before the department before the new contract is made with institutions in the States for the care of Alaska's insane.

### FIRE LADDIES PULL OFF GREAT SMOKER

The fire bell rang last night, but there wasn't any fire except in the bosoms of the fire laddies who had gathered at headquarters for a good time. The bell was used to call the club boys in, and they gathered to the number of half a hundred or more.

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### FEDERAL OFFICERS CLOSE BAWDY HOUSES

District Attorney John Rustgard today gave instruction to Marshal H. L. Faulkner to close every bawdy house on both sides of Gastineau channel. Marshal Faulkner says that every occupant of such places will be notified tonight to cease their unlawful practices immediately, and that the orders of the district attorney's office with which he heartily concurs shall be rigidly enforced.

Speaking of the indictments for which prosecutions have been underway in relation to this matter Mr. Rustgard said: "I will ask the court to impose a substantial sentence by way of fine in one case against George Rice and that sentence be suspended in the other three for a definite period."

"I am not going to ask for a sentence of imprisonment in the present cases because defendants have been invited to conduct the resorts complained of and have been misled into the belief that they would be tolerated. In any case that comes up hereafter, however, I shall insist upon a jail sentence as well as a fine—and I want that distinctly understood."

"The marshal's office is thoroughly in sympathy with me in this matter and we expect to stay on the trail of these offenders until they are out of the country."

"My policy has always been to leave all matters of this kind to the municipal authorities, primarily, because I believe that the Federal authorities ought, for the sake of harmony, to stay out of the affairs over which municipalities have jurisdiction, and secondarily, because the municipal authorities have much better facilities for properly handling matters of this kind."

"In dealing with the social evil my office has the choice between only two courses: either to eradicate the evils, or leave them alone. They have caused such a stench in the community, brought ruin to so many young men, wrecked so many homes, and drawn to the city such a large criminal class that the time seems ripe for the Federal authorities to step in and enforce the law."

"The red light district might be minimized by proper discipline. This could be done by municipal authorities chasing a woman out of the country if, first, she supports or entertains a maquerona, second, if there is reason to believe she serves intoxicating liquors, third, if she allows anybody on the premises who is not of mature age or who is intoxicated, fourth, if there is ever a complaint that anybody is robbed in her place, fifth, if she solicits business or insists upon associating with respectable people in public places."

"Of course, to enforce regulations of this kind successfully requires municipal officers of probity and high intelligence and with plenty of determination and firmness of character, and such other qualities as distinguish successful executive officers. It is evident that the Federal officials cannot go into any such cleaning process."

### JUNEAU TEAM PLAYS MEXICAN MINE TEAM

The Juneau Athletic Club basketball team will meet the Mexican Mine team Friday night at the Treadwell club. A large crowd of rooters will probably attend from Juneau. The Mexican mine team holds the championship among the Treadwell teams.

### CAPTAIN MALCOM SERVANT OF CUPID

A quiet wedding occurred at Lituya Bay a few days ago. Louis James Green and Edna Lituya were the contracting parties. In the absence of a minister they put out to sea and boarded the Chiopeck, prevailed upon Capt. Jack Campbell to perform the ceremony. Not possessing a Bible, Capt. Campbell deviously took his tide book from the shelf and made it serve in tying the nuptial knot.

**NOTICE**  
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2-17-tf

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### Seattle Nominates Trenholme and Gill

SEATTLE, Feb. 18.—The total vote cast for Mayor in yesterday's primaries was 61,667. The vote for the three leading candidates was as follows:  
Gill ..... 23,419  
Trenholme ..... 11,852  
Winsor ..... 11,613  
Six other candidates divided 14,889 votes. About 12,000 of the registered voters did not go to the polls. It is estimated that 10,000 voters will register before the election in March. Gill received 38 per cent. of the votes cast.

**Early Returns Indicate Trend.**  
SEATTLE, Feb. 18.—Incomplete returns from Seattle's primary election yesterday leave no doubt about the nomination of former Mayor Hiram C. Gill and J. D. Trenholme for the office of Mayor. The indications are that Gill has received about 23,000 votes and J. D. Trenholme 12,000. Richard Winsor, Socialist, is running a close third. The other candidates are far in the rear with Austin E. Griffiths leading.

Of the votes counted, Gill has received nearly 40 per cent. of the total cast. In order to defeat him in the general election, Trenholme will have to receive from 75 to 80 per cent. of those that voted for other candidates in the primary yesterday and a majority of the voters that did not participate in the primaries.

### CIVIL CALENDAR H'S RIGHT OF WAY

Judge W. Jennings of the district court is making a clean-up of the criminal calendar this morning by continuing over all matters that have not come to issue. The civil calendar was taken up at 2 o'clock this afternoon and cases set.

**Kitty Changes Her Mind.**  
Kitty Brown, indicted for selling liquor without a license, changed her plea of not guilty to guilty and will be sentenced this afternoon at 4:30. George L. Rice also changed his plea of not guilty to guilty and will be sentenced at the same time. Chris Brovick, convicted of selling liquor to Indians, will also be sentenced at this time.

**Forfeits Bond**  
Pedro Pett, out under cash bond of \$50 and indicted for selling liquor to Indians, was called and not answering the bond declared forfeited.

**Wilbur Bulger Arrested.**  
Wilbur Bulger was arrested by the marshal's office on complaint of J. H. Maloney for pointing a fire arm at complainant.

**Sues Vanderbilt.**  
Charles Goldstein this morning filed suit against J. W. Vanderbilt to recover alleged indebtedness to the amount of \$173.84 for goods sold.

### FIRE DESTROYS A VANDERBILT HOME

JERICHO, L. I., Feb. 18.—The country home of Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., was destroyed by fire last night. The loss is placed at \$1,000,000.

### PRESIDENT ENTERTAINS FOR SPEAKER CLARK

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—President Woodrow Wilson gave a State dinner last night at the White House in honor of Speaker Champ Clark.

### EARTHQUAKE SHAKES UP NEVADA CITY

RENO, Nev., Feb. 18.—An earthquake at 10:18 o'clock this morning shook this city. Windows were broken and many walls cracked.

### OTTO PRAGER POSTMASTER OF WASHINGTON CITY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Otto Praeger was today nominated for postmaster of Washington City.

### W. B. HOGGATT ENTERING ALASKA FIELD AGAIN

The Juall Alaska Mines Co. filed articles of incorporation with Secretary Charles E. Davidson today. W. B. Hoggatt, former Governor of Alaska, but now of New York, is president and J. F. Kirk is secretary of the corporation, the home of which is named as New York City. The capital stock is placed at \$2,000,000.

### LIGHTING FERRY WAY.

Linemen today and yesterday were actively at work stringing lights along Ferry Way (Hooligan Alley) from the ferry float to Lower-Front street. When the line is turned on tonight it is expected that the thoroughfare will be as white as Broadway.  
FRESH SEALSHIPT oysters at Goldstein's. 10-9-tf.  
When hungry, hit the trail for the Stampede, corner Front and Franklin. —2-12-tf.

### House Eliminates Bond Feature of Alaska Bill

#### PERCY ROCHESTER COMMITS SUICIDE

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 18.—Percy W. Rochester, a dealer in cement and other building material in this city, and a pioneer of Seattle, was found dead in his office last night, a suicide. Mr. Rochester was widely known on the Pacific Coast and was a prominent Christian Scientist. Deceased was a native of Kentucky and about fifty years of age.

Percy Rochester was a pioneer real estate dealer of Seattle, and accumulated a fortune during the first boom that took place there immediately following the fire. He also was prominent in politics, and was a member of the famous "Kid Committee," which contributed so largely to the election of Judge James T. Ronald to the mayoralty in 1892. He was a brother of the late Junius Rochester, for many years law partner of James Hamilton Lewis and L. C. Gilman, and of G. A. Rochester, now a leading Seattle lawyer. He was prominent in society, club life, and civic affairs all the time that he lived in Seattle. He has resided in Portland for about three years. His friends were legion.

#### LOW TARIFF BRINGS IN FOREIGN BUTTER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Tariff reduction has led to large importations of butter into the American markets. The imports in January reached 210,000 pounds at New York, a record figure.

#### GOVERNMENT GETTING FARM MONEY BACK

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—To date \$15,000,000 of the \$40,000,000 crop-mov- ing funds originally deposited last autumn in banks of agricultural sections has been returned. Several large Chicago banks, instead of waiting for definite dates on which funds were to be returned, are voluntarily returning them in advance.

#### ROCKHILL MAY GET RUSSIAN MISSION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—It is said that the President is considering the appointment of William Rockhill, formerly minister to China, ambassador to Russia. It is conceded that an experienced diplomat is required at St. Petersburg. Two Democrats, Henry M. Pindell, of Peoria, and Charles R. Crane, of Chicago, have refused the appointment. Rockhill is a Republican.

#### EASTBOUND RATES ARE TO BE CUT

BOSTON, Feb. 18.—The Hamburg-American Line will cut the steerage rate between Boston and Europe from \$27.50 to \$22, as the latest move in the trans-Atlantic rate war.

#### BALKAN NATIVES MAY FIGHT AGAIN

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—A Berlin cable to the New York Times says the German government has intimated to M. Venizelos, Greek premier, that another war with Turkey is inevitable unless ways are found of gratifying Turkey's demand for a more equitable settlement of the Balkan situation.

#### MOVEMENT FOR SAFETY AT SEA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The Department of Commerce will probably make efforts to have an international law adopted requiring steamships to come to a full stop and remain stopped until moving objects can be clearly distinguished within an eighth of a mile.

#### MANUEL RELEASES CLAIMS ON THRONE

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Ex-King Manuel of Portugal has lost the \$50,000 a year income which he has been receiving from the private purse of King George of England, and he has renounced his claim to the Portuguese throne in favor of Braganza.  
Whether you like Havana or domestic cigars, you can get the kind you like at Burford's. 2-16-tf

Washington, Feb. 18.—In the committee of the whole House this afternoon, by a vote of 88 to 87, an amendment offered by Representative John J. Fitzgerald, of New York, chairman of the appropriations committee, eliminating the \$40,000,000 bond issue provision of the Senate Alaska railroad bill was adopted, and a provision inserted providing that the railroad shall not cost to exceed \$35,000,000 and appropriating \$10,000,000 to start the work. Fitzgerald contended that the road should be built from current revenues of the government, and that the bonded indebtedness of the Nation should not be increased.

An effort will be made by the supporters of the bill to have the bond feature re-instated. The vote was so close on the amendment that they are hopeful that they will be able to accomplish it, but they refuse to make predictions on the point.

**Bill Will Pass Today.**  
The friends of the measure still contend that it will pass the House before adjournment today, though at 5 o'clock it has not been disposed of. With the bill adopted, it is believed that the Senate will insist upon the retention of the \$40,000,000 bond provision, and it is thought the House will consent in the end.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Detailed consideration of the Alaska railroad bill was resumed in the House of Representatives today with the administration leaders confident that a final vote is near at hand. The general debate on the measure has closed, and amendments are being considered under the five-minute rule.

Only one change has been made in the Senate bill. This empowers the President either to lease the road after it is built or to have it operated by the government.

**President Again Comes to Front.**  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—President Woodrow Wilson today told Representative Oscar W. Underwood, majority floor leader in the House, that he could be assured that the administration supports the Alaska railroad bill, and that it desires early action.

### JOHN ZUG IS DANGEROUSLY HURT

SEATTLE, Feb. 18.—John Zug, of Fairbanks, government engineer for the Alaska road commission and in charge of its work in the Tanana valley, was run down and dangerously injured last night by an unknown autoist.

### CASTILLO IS CAPTURED AGAIN

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 18.—Castillo, the bandit responsible for the Cumbre tunnel massacre, who was reported having been executed with six of his followers by Constitutional cavalry, was captured by American troops yesterday near Hatchita, New Mexico. He was accompanied by six followers when captured. They will be brought here.

#### Castillo Puzzles Government.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Three of the Executive Departments are searching for precedents to guide the United States in its treatment of the bandit Castillo who was captured yesterday in New Mexico.

#### Diaz Coming to New York.

HAVANA, Feb. 18.—Gen. Felix Diaz sailed today for New York.

#### Japan Not Supplying Arms.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Japanese Prime Minister Yamamoto, replying to a New York Sun cable, states that Japan is not aiding the Huerta government by supplying arms, but that a contract for arms was made last June with a Japanese private firm. He says that no delivery has yet been made on that contract. The United States government is said to understand that one delivery has already been made and that another will be made during February.