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THE SEVEN SENATORS AGAIN.

THE JUNEAU EMPIRE still continues its defense of the seven Senators who wrote the now famous letter to Secretary Lane. They have failed to answer, however, the charge that they were qualifying their official acts by private acts. As servants of the people all things they did as representing Alaska should have been done officially and not in secret. Opponents of the measure seized the letter with avidity as valuable ammunition in their attack on the bill. If it had not been for this disclosure made back in Washington, no one in Alaska would have known of the letter. Yet as servants of the people what right had they to send a private letter, officially garbed, on a public matter. Yet The Empire, discussing the matter in a recent issue, petulantly says: "Oh, let us be fair."—Cordova Times.

Now, once more, be fair. The letter that has caused so much discussion was dated and signed April 30th, the day before the Legislature adjourned, and not April 13th, as appears in the Congressional Record. The Legislature had adopted a special rule several days before that it would not consider new business.

The letter was not intended as expressing opposition to a government railroad in Alaska, and it did not express it. It pretended to be, and it was, an explanation. It was not out of harmony with the official record of the Legislature.

We suggest, and we make the suggestion in the same good faith that we believe that those who make the Cordova Times, the Douglas News and other newspapers entertain toward all things Alaskan, that they could accomplish more for the North by devoting their energies toward building up the Territory than they are accomplishing in this campaign to destroy men who have done and are doing their duty as citizens and servants of the people as they have seen and see it. If they desire to re-elect Judge Wickersham it is their privilege to do what they can to that end. If they think he ought to be re-elected they ought to support him. But, in that case, let them give him an affirmative support on his record, and not try to make the selection by a process of elimination. It would be far more complimentary to him, more in accord with right principles, and less likely to leave a bad taste.

The farther south Villa gets with his army the harder he finds the fighting—and the harder the fighting the more the old bandit seems to enjoy life. If things continue to go as they have been going he should have the time of his life when he enters Mexico City.

THE RESERVE BANKS.

THE criticism over the location of the reserve banks is subsiding as people are becoming better acquainted with the situation. The law, limiting the number of them to twelve, made it impossible for the organizing committee to gratify the ambitions of all of the cities desiring banks, and the desire to make the separate banks as nearly equal in size as practicable made it impossible to permit the trend of banking business to control in each instance.

If area had been considered alone, the reserve banks of the large Eastern cities would have nearly all of the capital. Likewise, if the trend of banking business had controlled entirely, the committee considered first of all the equality of the banking power of the separate regions, and next, the accessibility of the different cities within the regions.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the United States Commissioner's Court, for the Territory of Alaska, Division No. 1, Juneau Precinct, before Hon. John B. Marshall, United States Commissioner, and Ex-officio Probate Judge.

In the Matter of the Estate of WILLIAM H. WAHBEY, an Insane Person.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned, Edward W. Pettit, Guardian of the person and estate of the above named William H. Wahbey, an Insane person, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against said William H. Wahbey, an Insane person, to present them, with the proper vouchers, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to said Guardian, at his office, in the Cheney Building, in the City of Juneau, in said Precinct and Territory, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate

The New York World, commenting upon the dissatisfaction of Northern New Jersey and Western Connecticut, where the most persistent criticism has been offered, says:

"The organizers, in making out the districts, were undoubtedly guided to establish as far as practicable an equality of banking power between the several reserve banks, and no one had so strongly emphasized this consideration as the advocates of a central bank. If upper New York State conveniently could have been attached to some other district, this would doubtless have been done, and the Northern New Jersey and Western Connecticut banks would then have been included in the New York City district. But where else was upper New York State to be placed?"

When Mayor Rose threshed the recall petition man for abusing his wife for not signing a recall petition against her husband he probably made the chances of the success of the recall more remote than ever.

THE TARIFF AND PRICES.

NOW and again one reads an opposition speech or editorial twitting the party in power because the "new tariff law has not reduced the cost of living." They usually point to the fact that coal has not been reduced in price or that wool has gone higher since it was put on the free list.

No careful student ever expected or claimed that the reduction of the tariff would materially reduce the cost of living immediately. Lower prices must come through the operation of competition, and a reduced tariff was the first necessary step toward restoring competition. If the supply of coal is not equal to the demand it will go up. The best that any one could reasonably hope from the tariff was to place Canadian coal in competition with American. But there can be no competition when the demand is as great as both countries can supply. Should the supply increase until the various coal mine owners begin competing for the available markets it will be found that the Canadian coal producers will be able to sell cheaper in this country than they have sold in the past.

In places where there is competition there have already been reductions in prices. Manufactured woolen goods, butter and sugar, for instance, have all been slightly reduced as a direct result of competition or in anticipation of it—a competition that was made more keen when the protection to the American producer was removed in whole or part.

The tariff law was, as the President has stated, designed as the first step toward the freedom of business from artificial conditions—from the effects of unwholesome stimulants, from the support of props that held many down while holding some up. It was designed to put the business of the country on a normal and scientific basis.

Lower tariff rates cannot alter the effect of the law of supply and demand on prices. They can and do enlarge the available supply by making it possible for foreign goods to compete for the American markets. When this competition shall become sufficiently sharp falling prices will result.

The Cordova Times says Cordova is putting on fresh paint preparatory to receiving Secretary of the Interior Lane, Gov. Lister and other notable guests. It has been charged that paint is one of the important elements in the usual preparations for an interesting summer flirtation.

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6:30 a. m.	7:10 a. m.	7:15 a. m.	7:15 a. m.	Lvs. Sheep Creek for Treadwell, Douglas, Juneau
8:00 a. m.	8:25 a. m.	8:30 a. m.	8:30 a. m.	Leaves Douglas for Sheep Creek
9:00 a. m.	9:25 a. m.	9:30 a. m.	9:30 a. m.	7:00 a. m. 6:45 a. m.
11:00 a. m.	11:25 a. m.	11:30 a. m.	11:30 a. m.	1:30 p. m. 1:15 p. m.
1:00 p. m.	1:40 p. m.	1:45 p. m.	1:45 p. m.	5:30 p. m. 5:15 p. m.
3:00 p. m.	3:25 p. m.	3:30 p. m.	3:30 p. m.	Lvs. Juneau for Sheep Creek
5:00 p. m.	5:40 p. m.	5:45 p. m.	5:45 p. m.	Lvs. Treadwell for Sheep Creek
6:30 p. m.	6:55 p. m.	7:00 p. m.	7:00 p. m.	6:30 a. m. 6:20 a. m.
8:00 p. m.	8:25 p. m.	8:30 p. m.	8:30 p. m.	1:00 p. m. 1:20 p. m.
9:30 p. m.	9:55 p. m.	10:00 p. m.	10:00 p. m.	5:00 p. m. 5:20 p. m.
11:00 p. m.	11:25 p. m.	11:30 p. m.	11:30 p. m.	

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