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THEY OPPOSE SELF-GOVERNMENT

Those who oppose securing the powers of a "full territorial government" for Alaska, pending the creation of one or more states in the North, are the people who will be responsible if Alaska shall continue to be governed from Washington. They would perpetuate Wickersham's joke government in Alaska, and continue to deprive Alaskans of the right of self-government.

Under a full territorial form of government Federal officials in Alaska would have little to do with territorial matters, and Alaskans would make the laws for the government of the people, and the laws would be effective. The prosecuting attorneys, the sheriffs, the probate judges, the commissioners to manage the roads, fix the tax levies and direct the tax expenditures, the recorders, justices of the peace, the school superintendents, and the other officials who come more generally in direct contact with the people would be chosen by the people, and they would operate under laws made by the people. All of the federal officials except the governor and four judges would be confined to strictly federal affairs.

This is what the immediate Statehood advocates desire to prevent. They know—Delegate Wickersham admits—that there is no chance for statehood at once. Delegate Wickersham is on record as saying that Alaska should be divided into three Territories to become separate states in the course of time. They desire to keep Alaska bound hand and foot under the present form of government. THEY ARE OPPOSED TO SELF-GOVERNMENT.

JUST LET IT SWING!

"Each week the pendulum of progress swings over a wider area" is the phrase in which an experienced trade reviewer sums up the course of American commerce and industry. Other striking phrases are:

"There is no step backward; few discordant notes mar the cheerful tone of reports from the leading centers; more new enterprises are starting than for several years; confidence is further strengthened."

There's a lot of good counsel in these words for those who feel that while prosperity may be growing for others it isn't coming their way. Maybe it isn't yet. But it may be just around the corner. Why not push on to meet it?

In any event, the man who cannot see the pendulum of prosperity swinging his way can refrain from making his disappointment and his impatience a check to its wider and wider swinging. If he is unable to march in the procession he can at least hand out a word of cheer to those who are toiling along in its ranks. In the words of an old song:

If you cannot with the column climb the mountain steep and high,
You can stand within the valley as the multitudes pass by.
You can chant in stately measure as they slowly pass along,
Though they may forget the singer, they will not forget the song.

When your country in general is on the up grade it is only a question of time when you will feel as much of the lift as your merits deserve. Sooner or later the pendulum of prosperity will swing your way if you watch your chances and are ready to grasp your opportunities.

So don't regret the prosperity of others, and neither by word or deed seek to hamper that growth. If you cannot ride to fortune on prosperid's pendulum you can at least stand watchful and let it swing!

ONLY ONE SIDE TO THE CASE

The people of Juneau who do not live within the city limits will soon be called upon to cast their votes in favor of joining the city or remaining out of it. They should come in and share the responsibilities of municipal government and municipal development. There is no other side to the case. We are building the best community in America on Gastineau channel, and it is the duty of every citizen to bear his part. In doing that he is helping himself. There is not a citizen here who cannot add more to his own prosperity by aiding in community growth and development than he can in any other way. Juneau should have the best city government and the best schools in Alaska and every citizen should do what he can to see that we have them. Those living just outside the borders can help the good work along by coming into city and bearing the proper part of citizens.

NO RACE QUESTION INVOLVED

There is not a scintilla of evidence thus far that there is any connection between Krause's or Christie's nationality and the kidnapping and probable killing of the respected Douglas Island citizen whose mysterious disappearance has deeply stirred the people of Gastineau channel. Nothing has been disclosed to give a shadow of foundation to the suggestion that representatives of any country or society acting in the interest of any country at war in Europe or otherwise had any part with the crime that evidently has been committed. If Krause had guilty connection with the disappearance of Christie he did not act because he was a German, but because he was either insane or a criminal. Insanity and crime know neither race nor creed. Every race and every creed has had its criminals, and doubtless will continue to have them. Fortunately the great majority of all races and all creeds are neither crazy nor criminals.

UNDERWOOD HAS NOT GOT IT JUST RIGHT

Jack Underwood is wrong. No one in Alaska is opposing a fight for Statehood for the Territory—provided that it is distinctly understood that we can have self-government while we are making the fight. There are no Alaskans who would not like to have the right to participate in the affairs of the Nation, but they do not want to be refused the right to run their own affairs and develop their Territory and its municipalities while they are waiting for that right.

The Seattle housewife sets a better table at usual

her cost than she was able to do last year and the year before, says the Seattle Times. Of course that is not due to the tariff. The tariff is responsible to those who sell for less than they previously got but by no possible combination of circumstances could it be credited with the less cost to the purchaser!

The Dispatch again disclosed its hand yesterday when it said that Delegate Wickersham should use all of his influence to defeat a "full territorial form of government for Alaska." It desires to continue the Alaskan Legislature as a salaried debating club, and it is following the same course that was pursued by Gov. Brady and Gov. Hoggatt to oppose self-government—is urging Statehood or nothing. It fools nobody, as Gov. Brady and Gov. Hoggatt fooled nobody.

At that there is a suspicion that The Colonel thinks the best Republican candidate could be found at Oyster Bay—that is when a certain Oyster Bay citizen is at home.

JAPAN'S REENTRANCE INTO THE WAR FORESHADOWED.

(New York Sun)
A state of war still exists between Japan and Germany, although hostilities ceased or were suspended when Japan captured and occupied Kiaochow. The Austro-German invasion of Serbia and advance upon Constantinople will raise in Tokio the question of a resumption of hostilities, for while Constantinople is the immediate objective of Germany, England's possessions and her interests in Asia would be imperiled by the success of the Teutonic campaign.

In the removal of the Anglo-Japanese treaty on July 13, 1911, "the maintenance of the territorial rights of the contracting parties in the regions of eastern Asia and India and the defence of their special interests in the said regions" were provided for by the agreement that "whenever in the opinion of either Great Britain or Japan any of the rights and interests referred to in the preamble . . . are in jeopardy the two governments will communicate with one another fully and frankly and will consider in common the measures that should be taken to safeguard those menaced rights or interests." It was expressly stipulated that if "either high contracting party should be involved in war in defence of its territorial rights or special interests" the other should come to its assistance and would "conduct the war in common and make peace in mutual agreement with it." Germany's possession of Kiaochow and the Caroline and other Pacific Islands brought Japan into the great war in the end of August last year. Japan rested when Kiaochow fell and Germany's island possessions in the Pacific were occupied. "The peace of the Far East" was then held to be no longer "in jeopardy."

It is not to be doubted that British interests in Persia would be threatened by the entrance of a German army into Constantinople, and that the Imperial government would include the Suez Canal, Aden, and even India in its sphere of military and political operations. Great Britain would only have to invoke the renewed treaty to bring Japan into the war.

EATING SUGAR

(Tacoma Ledger.)
In order to obtain an idea of how much sugar a human being can assimilate without injury, a "poison squad" of 45 medical students has been formed at the University of Pennsylvania under the direction of Dr. Alonzo E. Taylor, professor of physiological chemistry. The students are to eat increasing quantities of sugar and the effects are to be noted as completely as the present advancement of science will permit.

Physicians and others would be glad to have the question of the value of sugar as food settled, though it is doubtful whether the "poison squad" will dispose of the controversy. Physicians are not of one mind. Some will tell you not to eat sugar, others to eat all you like, while still others will advise temperance. Like other food, sugar is probably good for some persons and bad for others.

But good or bad, Americans consume an immense quantity of it. It was estimated that we consumed 85.4 pounds per capita in 1913. That did not include the natural sweets in fruits, berries and other foods.

Only two countries, England and Denmark, consumed more sugar per capita in 1913. For England, the consumption was 95.52 pounds, and for Denmark, 88.86 pounds. The consumption in Germany was 48.55; Austria-Hungary, 23.12; France, 42.41; Spain, 16.24; Switzerland, 17.24; Russia, 24.33; Italy, 10.76; Sweden, 57.09; Norway, 45.53. The variation in countries that border on each other is noteworthy, indicating a great difference in eating habits.

Sugar is much cheaper than it used to be and the cheaper it is the more we use. In earlier times it was used sparingly. A spoonful in a cup of coffee was regarded as a "great plenty," but nowadays, it is not uncommon for persons to use three or four spoonfuls to a cup of coffee.

Health authorities are considering whether the extravagant use of sugar is a cause of the prevalence of certain diseases, and the investigation now going on at the University of Pennsylvania may bring the answer nearer.

CITY POPULATION AND COUNTRY ROADS

(St. Louis Republic.)
Letters to "The Republic on 'what St. Louis ought to do next'" all have a strong transportation flavor. This community is vitally interested in four different kinds of transportation by highway, railroad, interurban trolley and river. And we are just now at a critical stage of development with respect to all four. In the "sixties and 'seventies of the last century it was realized by all forward-looking St. Louisians that a new instrument of transportation had appeared and that the Western community that did not secure railroads was doomed to take a secondary place. Today we are face to face with a like situation. For many years the communication of a great city with the greater suburban area surrounding it has been chiefly by railroad. Today the interurban trolley is pressing the railroad for supremacy in the field, and the automobile may, in the course of time, pass both. Railroads move our freight, but for short journeys the trolley car and the automobile move more passengers than the railroad does.

Cities, like men, need to work hard for something all the while if they are not to grow slow and flabby. We need to do a big thing out of the routine municipal activity about once a year to keep from forgetting that we are capable of big things.—(St. Louis Republic.)

Once the fall of a king from his horse at the front would have been regarded as a bad omen and struck terror to thousands. Which shows how far the world has traveled forward and the kings backward.—(Chicago Herald.)

George Bernard Shaw denounces those Britons who think Great Britain should crush Germany. If Mr. Shaw is at all apprehensive upon this subject we think a study of the military situation will tend to relieve his worry.—(St. Louis Republic.)

The valuable services rendered by Woodrow Wilson to this country this year has won him every Democrat, host of Republicans and multitudes of independent voters.—(Bay City, Mich., Times.)

While Great Britain applies economic pressure in the Teutonic empire the said empire keep on applying Teutonic pressure to Serbia with considerable success.—(Chicago Herald.)

Among the things of which this country is rapidly running short of is freight cars and pessimists.—(St. Louis Republic.)

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(Michigan Enquirer.)
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No Need For Eyes
Curiosity-Seeker—Love, why do they call you blind?
Love—Well, if you had been sitting around in the dark as long as I have, you'd be blind, too.—(Michigan Garvey.)

That Depends
"Aren't all patriots ready to serve their country, pa?"
"Sure, my boy, if the salary is sufficient inducement."—(Baltimore Evening American.)

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