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AN OBJECT LESSON

Writing under the caption, "How It Grows," the Douglas Island News expresses its very laudable pride in the wonderful progress of its home town and it gives a very sensible reason for its advancement. In the last five years Douglas has gained 100 per cent. in population and the growth has been along lines that count for permanency and civic health. In 1900 the place was a more or less unorganized settlement possessing little or no ambitions for its future. Now it is a little city of homes in which live people possessing pride in their municipality and confident hope for coming greatness.

In explaining the changed conditions, the Douglas Island News says:

"To some the reason for this rapid growth may not be apparent. To others who have given the matter careful thought, it is as plain as day. The first and most important of the events that have combined to bring about this healthy condition is the fact that as an incorporated town Douglas has been able to take on a measure of self-government. Her people have been privileged to partake of the revenues arising from the license tax, and with it build a city.

"Not alone has the increased dignity accompanying this event added to the importance of the town, but, having a governing power of their own choosing, the people have felt that they were somebody, that they were not mere slaves, working out some other people's salvation."

Reasoning from this basis, the truth of which is self-evident to every man who comprehends the cause and significance of American greatness, the News just as truthfully and very aptly continues:

"It is a question if this one condition, which has done so much for Douglas, which has pulled her out of the mire and clay of a shiftless, indifferent, don't-care village, and has placed her feet upon the solid rock of progress, would not if applied to the people of Alaska bring about similar results. Give her only a taste of self-rule, and Alaska will grow as Douglas has grown."

"The American people will progress under the freedom which the flag is supposed to guarantee, but they want to be independent, they want a voice in their own affairs, they don't make good slaves."

Tories are fond of prating about the lack of stability of Alaska, the population of which they say is nomadic and this they urge as a reason why self-government should not be given the people. The condition of which they complain is rather a result of the lack of home rule than the cause for denying it to the people. Give Alaskans to understand that this district is their very own in which to fashion as great a commonwealth as they are capable of making and a civic pride will follow that will cause Douglas cities to appear as if by magic from Dixon's entrance to Bering straits and from the Endicott mountains to Dutch Harbor.

Bear Steaks On Ice

The Rainier beer at the Seattle saloon is served in steins which are kept on ice—just the thing in these hot days.

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Home Rule Points Way Out for Alaska

(Noms Nugget.)

The efforts of the chamber of commerce (which are just beginning) to aid in the securing of an elected delegate to represent Alaska in the legislature of Alaska, sitting in Washington, are to be commended, on the same principle that "half a loaf is better than no bread." A delegate in congress would be little better than a messenger between the hall of the house of representatives and the committee rooms, but even this would be better than no messenger at all. Many full-fledged representatives and senators are little more. But the fight that is before the people of Alaska, in the opinion of the Nugget, and which transcends in importance the election of a delegate, is territorial autonomy. Under existing conditions if a delegate were elected, he would represent only an unorganized district—a territory "without form and void;" but were we given full territorial powers, we could then take our place among the organized territories, and thus have the benefits accruing from home rule. It is apparent that in formulating a system of territorial government for Alaska many serious problems would have to be met and many difficulties, largely geographical, must be overcome. Alaska is an empire in itself, and its great dimensions, coupled with the diverse geographical conditions, present a problem whose successful solution demands skill and care. Ultimately, of course, Alaska, like ancient Gaul, must be divided into three parts, each the nucleus of a future state, but in the meantime, it is submitted, that a territorial form of government, embracing Alaska as it stands today, would be a long step toward the actual foundation of a comprehensive system of self-government. It is needless to point out that government from and by Washington is an abject failure, and our only hope lies largely in governing ourselves as our forefathers have done for generations.

It Is a Good One

Skagway now has but one newspaper, the Alaskan, but it's a good one.—Noms Nugget.

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APPROPRIATE AND ATTRACTIVE. considerable amplitude at the bottom and follows the modified tail design in a general way. The combination corset and overskirt is close fitting and buttons down the back. The corsage is of dark green velvet with a small design in a darker shade. It fits closely in the back and is made in the form of a blouse in front. The sleeves are close fitting to the shoulders, where they are finished in puffs of medium size.—New York Telegram.

To Make Blouse Waists Fit

The woman who wishes her blouse waist to lie smoothly across the shoulder puts a bit of stiffening down the shoulder seam. Some of the manufacturers so called "bones" are excellent for this purpose. They are firm, but pliable. No matter how well a garment is out, if it is not tight fitting or with a tight fitting lining it is not possible to make that shoulder seam lie straight without some assistance and this the soft "bone" gives.

"You hope so? Great Scott!" "No, not Great Scott, at all! What that times comes, we men will be best of our own homes for the first time!"—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Way She Meant It

She—Indeed, Mr. Jigsty, it seems to me you ought to take a nerve medicine of some sort. He—Oh, I guess my nerve is strong enough! She—Undoubtedly, but don't they sometimes give people something to take their nerves?—Chicago News.

Two Almost

"You were so respectful to that merchant about two weeks ago, and you acted so overbearing this morning. What caused the change?" "Two weeks ago I had to be respectful in order to get credit, and now he has to be respectful in order to get the money."—Indianapolis Sun.

Girls Remember Best.

In experiments for testing the memory powers of an equal number of boys and girls at different ages in school and university classes they were all read a story containing 324 words and 152 distinct ideas, after which they immediately proceeded to write what they could remember. The conclusions were that the growth of memory is more rapid in girls than in boys.—Indianapolis News.

He Was Cautious.

"Why are you so cold and distant this evening?" she asked. "Are you offended at anything?" He said nothing, but her gaze followed him, and with a blush she got up and carried the parrot out of the room. "Ever my thoughtful Harold," she said. "That bird is wonderful at imitations."—Chicago Post.

"Making Over" a Hat.

A Corry woman, who could not afford a new \$5 hat, visited a millinery store, saw the late styles, went home, pounded her old hat for half an hour with a rolling pin, stuck a feather through the band and went to church the next Sunday the envy of all the women in the town.—Eric Dispatch.

Originality.

Original things are not always good. The best that any writer can do is to absorb facts and similes as a cow does grass—then give as good a quality of the milk of common sense as possible.—New York Journal.

Feared Gladstone's Ax.

Of the father of Viscount Hampton it is related that he was once asked if Mr. Gladstone had ever visited his seat. "No," he replied; "the truth is we have only three trees, and we are afraid to ask him there."—London Telegraph.

A Woman's Tease.

A shrewd observer says that "some times a woman cries just to get herself petted," a circumstance which shows that there may be a method in grief as well as in madness.—Bridgeport Telegram.

Well Answered.

An American woman who had been told by a Britisher that America was deficient in antiquities and curiosities, remarked, "The antiquities will come, as for our curiosities, we import them."

Holding His Own.

"Stingy, isn't he?" "Stingy, isn't he? Why, he holds fast to everything he gets his claws on and even bolts down his dinner!"

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