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## Tripp's Mining Bureau Bill Passes House

The House of Representatives this morning passed Senator H. T. Tripp's bill, creating a mining bureau in Alaska and making the Governor, Secretary of the Territory and the federal mining inspector the members of the bureau. The bill will now go to the Governor for his action.

Under the terms of the bill the mining bureau is authorized to collect data concerning all working mines and prospects, and give accurate information concerning the mining industry in Alaska and the character of the gold and other minerals in the differ-

ent sections and the separate properties.

It makes it the duty of all mine owners to report to the bureau at stated intervals, giving data as to the number of men employed, the output of minerals and the ore produced, the processes of mining, and other information desired by the bureau that it might be enabled to provide the information that it is required to furnish.

The bill is Senate Bill No. 55, and already has passed the Senate.

## CITY ORDINANCE HAS BEEN LOST

WANTED, AN ORDINANCE—The city government of Juneau would like to have a perfectly good ordinance that is lost, strayed or stolen from the archives of the city hall. This is the subject matter that occasioned a special meeting of the city fathers last night.

Yesterday when the Valentine building began to disappear, members of the city government thought there was something sinister in the movement and hurriedly called a conference. The excitement is all occasioned over the disputed right of way on Franklin street near Front.

As told in yesterday's Empire the city passed an ordinance on May 4, 1906, establishing the street line in conformity with the buildings now occupying that side of Franklin street approaching Front. This ordinance was repealed October 3, 1908.

Subsequently it is understood another ordinance was passed re-establishing the street line practically as before, but this ordinance has disappeared. All of last evening was devoted to a futile search of the premises for the missing paper.

"The loss of the ordinance is due," said a member of the city government, "to the fact that instead of having original ordinances recorded or bound, they have been kept on file and it has been the custom to permit them to be taken out of the city clerk's office as court records of a temporary nature are sometimes permitted to be taken by attorneys or others interested."

In the meantime city councilmen are wondering what rights the city has in the premises if former Mayor Emery Valentine should decide to place a building extending over the street line sought to be preserved by the city.

## HOUSE TO DECIDE WHAT IS MAJORITY

The question as to the number of votes that is required to pass a bill in the House of Representatives is one that has yet to be settled. Speaker E. B. Collins ruled yesterday that it requires nine affirmative votes. He made the ruling on a point of order raised by Representative N. J. Svindseth when the bill making murder and other crimes bailable under certain conditions. The bill had received 8 votes, and there are only fifteen members of the House, there being one vacancy from the Fourth Division, due to the failure of Mr. Mullaly to qualify. The statute provides that it requires a majority of all the members to which each house is entitled to pass a bill. The same statute provides for 16 members of the House of Representatives. Mr. Svindseth, in making his point of order against the passage of the bill referred to contend that, under the statute, it requires nine votes to pass a bill. He was sustained by the chair.

But that did not end the controversy. An appeal was taken from the ruling of the chair, and the appeal was referred to the committee on rules. A majority of the committee on rules this morning reported sustaining the decision of the Speaker. Representative Milo Kelly announced that a minority of the committee desired to file a minority report, and that Representative Charles E. Ingersoll is preparing the report, and a brief sustaining it, which will be filed. The proposition will come up on the question, "Shall the decision of the Speaker be the decision of the House?"

Capt. A. C. Jansen, for many years a master and pilot with the Pacific Coast Company, one of the owners of the George T. Meyers cannery at Chatham, is in Juneau and will leave for the South Monday on the Admiral Sampson.

## New Office Building Will Be Going Up

The work of excavating under the Malony-Hill-Wilhelm building at Second and Seward streets for a steam heating plant is progressing rapidly and will soon be finished.

Almost immediately work is to begin on the construction of the second floor of this structure which is to be converted into first class office building. Cleveland & Cleveland, contractors, have the work in hand and expect to carry it along without any inconvenience to the tenants.

## ALASKA PIONEER TALKS OF SITKA

Sitka is just coming into its own, according to Otis Smith, who with Mrs. Smith, recently arrived in Juneau en route to the East. When Sitka lost the marine barracks the people felt badly. Mr. Smith says, but it has turned out to be the best thing that could have happened. Losing the barracks was the last support from governmental institutions on which the community had depended for its support. With this loss there was an awakening to the fact that the real resources had not been touched and these were seized upon.

Lumbering, fishing and mining took on additional interest with the result that the town is now developing great business possibilities. The Booth fisheries in establishing their cold storage plant have opened up other industries. A large power plant was to be established for the purpose of selling power to the cold storage plant and such other industries as might follow. In less than two hours the stock required to be sold was over-subscribed.

Just as Mr. Smith was leaving Sitka the waterfront had all been taken up by people looking forward to the establishment of more industries.

"Sitka is the center of the greatest cedar belt in Alaska," said Mr. Smith. "The Alaska cedar is a rare wood that is in great demand on account of its peculiar qualities in taking a fine polish. It is resigned to have this lumber enter the New York market by going through the Panama canal."

During their visit East Mr. Smith will endeavor to arrange for the lumber dealers having this in view make Sitka the central point in Alaska for that business.

The outlook for Sitka was never so bright according to Mr. Smith as at the present time. He thinks that the best possible good has resulted from the fact that they no longer lean upon governmental institutions for support. The old marine barracks are to be made into a home for the men who have made the country when they shall have grown old and feeble. Mr. Smith thinks that this is especially fitting and he is glad that the legislature is taking action that will make the institution immediately available.

Sitka now has a white population of 400 whites and a large native population that is very industrious and which they are very proud to claim. Mr. Smith, who is an old newspaper man, came to Juneau twenty-one years ago and was at one time connected with the Mining Record newspaper of the early days. He removed to Sitka nineteen years ago and has lived there ever since. He also conducted a paper in Sitka when it was the capital of the territory, but gave it up to enter other fields of work. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are en route to Atlanta, Georgia, Mr. Smith being a delegate to the Presbyterian general assembly that convenes in that city May 15. While East they will visit in Boston and Providence, their old home.

Robert Forbes, the well known canneryman, is expected at Juneau Monday, he will appear before the revenue and taxation committee of the Senate and the ways and means committee of the House.

## Solons Answer Leaflet Attack

The exercise of the right of personal privilege brought forth several bursts of oratory in the House this morning in answer to charges contained in a pamphlet of resolutions, charging that members of the First Division had repudiated their platform pledges, alleged to have been passed at an alleged mass meeting Thursday night.

Representative Shoup reviewed the statements in the pamphlet along with his acts in the House and the platform on which he was elected and declared that he had kept his pledge on everything contained in the platform except as to the abolishment of fish traps and that he had not had an opportunity to be placed on record on that question because the action of the Senate had killed the bill before the House had had an opportunity to vote on it.

Col. Ingersoll said that while he occupied a position that made it possible for him to be misunderstood and misrepresented, he was glad to testify to the fact that Representative Shoup should not be misunderstood and that his every action had been in harmony with the platform. As for himself he had voted for all of the measures called for in the platform except the eight-hour day for women in which cannery employees had been eliminated which would have prevented nearly all the working women in his section from being affected by the act. The remainder of the women employees including laundry employees, salesladies in stores and telephone employees had asked him to vote against the bill because it would work a hardship upon them. The woman suffrage bill he did not vote for because he was opposed to the haste with which the House was rushing legislation. He did not, however, vote against it. The eight-hour bill affecting quartz miners, the only industry in which his section was interested was protected by an eight-hour law and he had voted for it—he deferred to the wishes of the gentlemen representing the placer mining sections in relation to placer mines and considered that he had done his duty in so acting. So far as the fish trap bill was concerned he would certainly have voted for abolishment had the bill been presented to the House.

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## SOLONS INVITED TO VISIT TAKU

Members of the Legislative Assembly will be given an opportunity to see Taku glacier. Ferry and Navigation Company, has made up an excursion party to consist of members of both houses of the legislature. The trip will be made tomorrow leaving Juneau at 9 a. m., and returning at 3 p. m.

Owing to the limited capacity of the boat and in order to insure comfort, no ladies will be taken on this trip. Quite a number of the legislators have signified their intention of accepting the invitation. A moving picture machine will be taken along and if the day is clear it is hoped to get a good film.

## MEMORIAL FOR SKAGWAY WAGON ROAD PASSES

Senator Tanner's memorial, asking for a wagon road from Skagway to the summit of White Pass, was put on final passage in the Senate today and passed.

## BIG CROWD ENJOYS DINNER

The home-cooked dinner given by the Ladies' Aid, of the Presbyterian church, in the church basement last night, was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. The affair was a complete success.

## Rigid Restrictions Asked for Fish Traps

The Senate practically devoted the entire forenoon to the consideration of the committee substitute for the Sutherland memorial on fisheries. The memorial was taken up section by section and adopted with but slight changes in the text as submitted. Senator Sutherland, aided by Senator Tanner and Senator Roden, defended the more drastic features of the bill, while Senator Bruner was in favor of modifying the radical demands. "You are, in effect," said Senator Bruner, "asking Congress to pass a law abolishing the traps, an act which this Senate refused to do." So far the demand for the abolishment of the jigger stands and the lead is asked to be limited to 600 feet. It was in relation to this last demand that the Senator from Nome declared that the trap would be rendered useless and virtually abolished.

In the course of the debate Senator Sutherland, author of the anti-fish trap bill, took occasion to say that Mr. Bower, Senator Sutherland said, fisheries, was present as an expert at the hearings, and that he (Mr. Bower) came at his (Sutherland's) request. Mr. Bower, Senator Sutherland said upon his arrival frankly stated that the bureau of fisheries favored the traps under restrictions.

One feature objected to in the memorial was placing the fishing industry in the light of being the most important in the Territory and the one that would settle up the country and establish a standard of citizenship. This part was eliminated. Senator Roden said that the farmer was the only class that really developed and settled a country and established a citizenship. The hunters would come and go; also the fisherman and the miner, but the farmer came to stay and any development that could be looked upon as permanent must come through the building of homes and the development of the farming industry.

The memorial will probably reach the House this afternoon and be forwarded to Congress early next week.

## MONUMENT FOR MAJOR BUTT

WASHINGTON, April 26.—A Celtic cross of stone will mark the lonely mound in the Arlington Cemetery, designed as a grave for Major Archie Butt, but not used because the major lost his life in the Titanic disaster last year.

In his will, Major Butt, who was President Taft's aide, asked that his body rest in Arlington Cemetery. The ocean, however, is his grave.

Now the brothers, in respect to his wishes, will have the Celtic cross above the mound, selected by the Major. It will be marked, "In memory of Major Archie Butt. Erected by his brothers."

## FIREMEN'S WAGES ARE ADVANCED

NEW YORK, April 26.—The wages of railroad firemen on all lines operating out of New York have been advanced 10 per cent. The raise may be followed by like advance in the wages of other railroad employees.

## THURSDAY BALL SCORES

(By Telegraph)

NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE.  
At Seattle—Seattle, 4; Tacoma, 2.  
At Spokane—Victoria, 5; Spokane, 4.  
Portland-Victoria—RAIN.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE.  
At Los Angeles—Venice, 5; Oakland, 3.  
At Portland—San Francisco, 3; Los Angeles, 3.  
At Portland—Portland, 1; Sacramento, 0.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.  
At Philadelphia—Philadelphia, 4; New York, 1.  
At Washington—Boston, 6; Washington, 3.  
At Chicago—St. Louis, 3; Chicago, 1.  
At Detroit—Cleveland, 5; Detroit, 3.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.  
At Boston—Boston, 1; Brooklyn, 0.  
At New York—New York, 7; Philadelphia, 1.  
At St. Louis—St. Louis, 3; Cincinnati, 1.  
Chicago-Pittsburgh—Postponed on account of rain.

A complete line of tobacco jars and pipe racks at BURFORDS.

warded to Congress early next week.

THE SENATE—APRIL 26.  
The Senate convened at 10 a. m. The committee substitute for Senate Joint Memorial No. 26, by Sutherland, relating to the fisheries of Alaska, was considered section by section.

The Senate took a recess until 2 p. m.

Yesterday Afternoon—Senate  
Senate Bill No. 72, providing for a referendum on the eight-hour law for dredge work in the Second and Fourth Divisions, was introduced by Senator Roden.

House Bill No. 89, by Driscoll, providing for a commission to establish a home for aged prospectors in Interior Alaska, was put on final passage and passed.

A message was received from the Governor, stating that he had signed Senate Bills Nos. 34 and 35; the first a code amendment and the latter, by Sutherland, providing for the punishment of notaries for issuing false certificates.

THE HOUSE—APRIL 26.  
The House convened at 10 a. m. Senate Bill No. 55, by Tripp, creating a mining commission and providing for a bureau of mines, was put on final passage and passed.

House Bill No. 94 by the committee on territorial institutions, creating a commission to provide for a home for indigent prospectors at Sitka, was put on final passage and passed.

The following House Bills were withdrawn: Nos. 54, 87, 39, 24, 71, 31, 64, 18, 19, and 1; the latter being Gaffney's eight-hour bill, identical with the original Roden bill; also House Joint Resolution No. 3, by Driscoll, relating to a railroad into the Interior of Alaska and House Resolution No. 1, by Shoup, relating to conservation.

The question of personal privilege was raised and the House was addressed by Representatives Stubbins, Shoup and Ingersoll.

## FORMER EDUCATOR DIES IN SEATTLE

SEATTLE, April 26.—Thomas M. Gotch, formerly President of the University of Washington, died here Thursday morning. Gotch served as President of the university before the administration of Dr. Kane for several years.

## AMERICAN SHIPS WILL NOT HAVE TO PAY

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Senator Root's bill amending the Panama canal act, which would remove the exemption of American ships from toll payment, will be brought up before the inter-oceanic canals committee again during the present session.

The Root amendment may not be taken up at once, but will be disposed of probably before the tariff bill is brought over from the House.

Senator O'Gorman, chairman of the committee, says that he is just as much opposed to the Root bill as he ever was and expressed the belief that it would fail to be reported to the Senate by a vote close to that by which it was defeated at the last session—10 to 3.

## VICE-PRES. MARSHALL IS BASEBALL FAN

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Vice President Thomas R. Marshall praises the honesty of organized baseball in a letter sent to B. B. Johnson, president of the American League. After acknowledging the receipt of an engraved annual pass, the Vice President says:

"I am deeply interested in baseball because it is a fascinating game; because it is the great American sport, and because it sets an example to the business and professional men of America which is as valuable as the precepts of the politicians—namely, that no success is lasting or permanently valuable which does not result from playing the game on the square. "The dirt accumulated upon the baseball diamond is clean. A Democrat cannot say that for all other diamonds in America."

## LITTLE HOPE FOR ENTOMBED MINERS

PITTSBURGH, April 26.—Very little hope is felt that the 72 miners in the Cincinnati coal mine on the Monongahela river will ever come out alive. All efforts of the rescuers to reach them have this far been futile.

## Senator Lewis Arraigns Former Foreign Policy

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 26.—The Senate today celebrated the birthday of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Stephen A. Douglas. Senator James Hamilton Lewis made a noteworthy speech. He unmercifully arraigned the policy of the Republican party during the later years of its ascendancy in the United States. He declared that there is prospect of war between the United States and Japan, that there is disturbance between the United States and England over the Panama canal, and that the people of Mexico and Central America are enemies of this country.

He asserted that all this is the direct result of the late course of the United States in meddling in the direction of stock speculators in the private affairs of foreign lands. He praised the course that has been outlined by President Woodrow Wilson and Secretary of State William J. Bryan. He believes that the United States can become great better by doing the things that become the country and permitting other countries to manage their own private matters. He spoke in favor of a return to the old American policy of refraining from entering into entangling alliances with other countries.

## Two Important Municipal Bills Through Both House

The Senate this afternoon passed two important bills relating to the welfare of municipalities—House Bills Nos. 21 and 84. The first mentioned is by Representative Ingersoll and provides for the extension of the limits and boundaries of incorporated cities and the Territory of Alaska. The second is by Representative Boyle, and provides a manner in which incorporated cities may acquire lighting plants, water works and other public utilities.

Col. Ingersoll has been worrying considerable over the fate of his bill because there seems so much need of a provision of this kind especially in his home town where a great deal of the assessable property is outside of the town limits. Heretofore the owners have voluntarily paid taxes but there was no legal means of collecting the same and persons living in that territory were denied the right of participating in the city government.

The reasons assigned by Col. Ingersoll for the urgent need of the measure apply with equal force to Valdez, Fairbanks and Juneau. In Juneau the city assessor has been hesitating on certain parts of his work pending the action that would be taken on this bill.

## SALONS WILL CONSIDER TAXES

Much of the time of the legislature next week—the last week of the session—will be given to the perfection of the revenue and taxation measure that is gradually being whipped into shape. There will be several hearings given to the fishing interests and others interested. It is the purpose of the committees on revenue and taxation in the Senate and the ways and means committee in the House to adjust the taxation provisions of the bill that will be introduced in such a way that all portions of the Territory will contribute to the territorial revenues.

It has been determined that there will be no general property tax, as the cost of collecting it would be so great in proportion to the amount of revenue derived that the members of the legislative committees believe that it would be impracticable.

## MONTENEGRO MAY GIVE UP

LONDON, April 26.—It is said here that Montenegro has intimated that she will yield to the demands of the powers that she give up Scutari and accept in lieu of her victory at that place the town of Berdicia, including both banks of the Boyana river, and other territory.

## STRIKE IS OFF AT PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, April 26.—The strike that has been impending here for some time has been averted. A settlement that is satisfactory to the union workers and the employers has been reached.

## GEORGIA WILL BE FIRST TO ACT

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Senator Augustus O. Bacon, of Georgia, will probably be the first United States Senator to be elected by direct vote of the people under the new constitutional amendment. He already had been elected by the legislature, acting under directions of a Democratic primary, but, it has been decided by lawyers, that the election was not legal.

A strange coincidence is that Georgia is the one Democratic state that refused to ratify constitutional amendment for the direct election of Senators.

Senator James Hamilton Lewis was the last United States Senator to present credentials to the Senate from the legislature of a state.

## JAPAN NOW WELL PLEASED

TOKYO, April 26.—The Japanese government is greatly pleased with the action of Secretary of State Bryan in going back to California to take up the anti-alien legislation proposition with the California legislature.

## Baseball Season Opens in Juneau

"Play ball." The first game of the season will be pulled off on the Casey and Shattuck lot tomorrow afternoon. Jack McBride has been training the C. W. Young Tigers during the entire week—and was this afternoon out in the alley leading to the ferry slip working like a porpoise. He had a mattress strapped around his back and was working out to fill the position on second base.

Lawrence Reedy was all dolled up in the office, but gave a sinister wink when asked about the condition of his trousers. "There's nothin' to it," he said, "we don't need any practice—just look at this talent." He reached behind the counter and brought forth a list bearing such names as Biggs, Frick, Carver, Woodford and Semple—besides he called attention to the fact that he was going to take a hand in the game himself and said he got his hinges just as regular as Honus Wagner.

Mayor C. W. Carter is not going to fling the first ball but will be in the game to the finish, having accepted the position of manager for McBride's Tigers.

The game will be called when they all get there. The following is the line-up:  
C. Y. Young—Alaska-Gastineau (Tigers) Terriers  
Cornell.....c.....Frick  
Sagers.....p.....Carver  
Zott.....p.....Dickson  
Woodford.....p.....Woodford  
Louke.....1b.....Deyo  
McBride.....2b.....Semple  
Zott.....ss.....Reedy  
Fisher.....rf.....Lawrence  
Frieman.....cf.....Terry  
Albertson.....lf.....McLaughlin  
Tigers' subs—C. W. Carter, mgr., A. Carrigan, C. Naud.

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