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## THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALASKANS.

Commissioner of Education L. D. Henderson suggests that one of the handicaps under which Alaska is laboring is that too many people who live in the Territory know too little about it, have too little regard for it and not sufficient belief in the value of its resources or their ultimate development. Which means, in short, that there are too many residents of the Territory who do not look upon Alaska with that pride in homeland that it is an essential element in the development of a country—and when we speak of development in this sense we do not mean solely material development, development of resources and industries, but the development of citizenship and community character.

And what Mr. Henderson says is true. Too many people look upon Alaska as a country to be exploited, a country in which to earn a stake with which to go to some other country where there is pride in homeland. There is no other section of the country that would, for instance, tolerate for a fraction of a second the attempts of people pretending to be Alaskans, but who refuse to live in the Territory, to run her affairs just for the glory or profit there might be in the running.

The thing above all else that would help to develop Alaskan character, that would aid in creating a pride in residence in the Territory, would be to give the people full self-government. Let Alaska and her government belong to those who reside here and the people would commence to think more of the Territory. As long as the Territory is managed by those who have the strongest pull at Washington that long will the man who lives outside, and whose claim to be an Alaskan is mere pretension, be at a premium. Let the actual residents possess Alaska and pride and love of the possession will naturally follow.

While we have too many Alaskans and pretended Alaskans who do not know the Territory and who have little of the real, home-loving faith that build commonwealths, we have enough Alaskans who do understand the Territory, who actually live here and expect to continue to live here, who believe in it and the greatness of its possibilities and its people to make this a great Territory if they will only properly assert themselves.

Mr. Henderson's plan to develop faith and pride in homeland among the children of Alaska is, indeed, praiseworthy. To those who spend their childhood in this Territory Alaska is and always will be home. They will be the mainstay of the country in the year that are to come, and they cannot know too much about it, have too much confidence in it or love it too well.

There is much for Alaskans to develop here in the North, but the greatest of them all is to develop Alaskans.

## CAPITOL BUILDING SHOULD COME SOON

That a general public buildings bill will have to be passed by Congress at an early date there seems no reason in the world to question. There has been no such bill passed for nearly six years, and the pressure for more housing for Government offices is pressing in scores of cities in the United States. In many of them the sites for the needed buildings have been secured. In a great number of instances appropriations have been made, but not in sufficient amount to meet the needs, just as in the case of the Juneau capitol and the Cordova building. Among those cities which require more Government buildings is Seattle. The Federal building at that place is wholly inadequate. A postoffice building is needed there and a site for it has been purchased by the Government. It is contended that even that would not be enough to supply the needs of the Federal offices in that city. They are now scattered through out the town in rented quarters. It has been suggested that in addition to a postoffice building there should be still another building to be occupied by the customs, immigration and, perhaps, the internal revenue offices. In other cities the situation is similar to that in Seattle. Senators and Representatives from all parts of the country are interested in this matter.

While there has been no public buildings bill passed since 1915, the Senate and House Public Buildings Committees have been functioning. They have considered the individual bills as they have been introduced and the needs of the country's business in the premises. The chairman of the House Public Buildings Committee about three years ago said the Committee had been keeping up the general Public Buildings Bill just as it would do if one were to be introduced at each session. He said that within a week after Congress should decide to consider such a measure a completed bill could be introduced. Five years ago the general Public Buildings Bill, that was never reported, carried \$38,000,000. Three years ago the items in the Bill totaled more than \$40,000,000. The chairman said if a bill is not introduced pretty soon it may carry \$50,000,000 in appropriations when introduced. Among the items that had been favorably considered was one for the additional appropriation for the Juneau capitol. The chairman said that item was regarded as one of the emergent needs, and that it would be kept in the measure. It will be kept

there if Alaska's Representative is on the job, and presses the matter whenever it shall be decided to take up the bill for consideration by Congress. That Delegate Sutherland will take such action as may be necessary in case the Bill is taken up during his term, as it in all probability will be, there is no reason to doubt.

This does not mean that an effort should not be made to make the money already appropriated available for immediate use. However, even if that effort should fail, there is no reason to doubt but that work on a Juneau capitol building will be started within the next year or two—possibly earlier than that.

## SAN FRANCISCO EMPLOYERS AND LABOR REACH AGREEMENT.

Industrial peace and industrial progress in San Francisco have been reasonably assured by a permanent arbitration agreement which has just been signed by the San Francisco Building Trades Council, representing the workmen, and the San Francisco Builders Exchange, representing the employers engaged in the building trade.

Under this agreement, which was brought about through the good offices of the industrial relations committee of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, composed of C. H. Bentley, J. B. Levison, Paul Shoup, Alfred I. Esberg, S. B. McNear and Miles Standish, the building contractors and the workmen have voluntarily set up a permanent Board of Arbitration and have bound themselves to submit to this Board of Arbitration for final decision all questions involving wages, hours and working conditions.

The members of the Board of Arbitration are the Most Reverend Edward J. Hanna, Archbishop of San Francisco; Max C. Sloss, former Justice of the Supreme Court of California and George L. Bell, consultant in industrial relations and management.

All present and all future disputes in the building trades in San Francisco will be submitted to this Arbitration Board for adjudication, and its findings and judgment will be accepted as final by the parties to the agreement.

The Arbitration Board is non-partisan in character; each of the three members being held to represent, impartially, the interest of all parties involved—including the employer, the employee and the general public.

Under the agreement the Arbitration Board is given the widest latitude in the matter of initiating investigations into all conditions affecting the building trades, and is empowered to call for copies of contracts or agreements touching any phase of the building situation.

The hearings held by the board will be public, except as the board may decide otherwise, and the expenses incurred by the board in its work are to be borne equally by the parties to the agreement.

## First Pulp.

(Douglas Island News.)

The Alaskan pulp industry became a reality on January 24 last, when the first pulp to be manufactured in the Territory was made at the Speed River plant of the Alaska Pulp and Paper Company and became a visual fact when W. P. Lass of the company arrived in Juneau on Wednesday with several tons of the product for shipment.

What was believed, when it was first mentioned, as being a visionary scheme has turned out to be a reality, and what is destined to be one of the greatest of Alaskan industries has been launched in a modest way to prove conclusively to the world that the Northland is a land of wonderful resources.

Now that the manufacture of wood pulp has been demonstrated to be feasible, who can doubt that within a few years paper and pulp will be two great products of the Territory, rivaling fish and minerals. As one travels along the Alaskan coast line for hundreds of miles, all that can be seen is timber and water power—the two things that go to make pulp and paper. The supply is unlimited and easy to get. From the modest beginning made at the Speed River mill will now grow a great industry that will date its inception from January 24, 1921.

## The Offering of the Farmers.

(Cincinnati Enquirer.)

There is a spirit at work which draws humanity toward the ineffable goal of brotherhood as irresistibly as the lunar influence compels the obedience of the ocean tides. Some time, perhaps far down the vista of future centuries, the Golden Age will come. Its advent is hastened by every good thought, by every gentle, unselfish act.

There are children starving in Europe, women suffering, broken men struggling to buffet the waves of adversity. Countless pleas have been made in their behalf. Noble has been America's answer to these pleas. But among the generous responses of our people, perhaps none could be considered more helpful than the voluntary offering of the farmers in 37 states to supply practically all of Europe's starving millions.

President J. R. Howard, of the American Farm Bureau, speaking before the members of the Illinois Agricultural Association recently, said:

"Farmers in 37 states have authorized me as their President to offer enough American-grown corn to feed the starving millions of Europe, China, Armenia and other famine countries."

He promises that the farmers will bring their offerings to the points of shipment. This treasure will come in voluntary gifts of from 5 to 3,000 bushels. Many big farmers have promised 3,000 bushels.

One point is insisted upon by the farmers: the corn must not be sold and the money applied to relief purposes; the corn must go straight to the people who need it.

The American farmer is having a hard time of it just now. If he voluntarily in such a cause gives to the limit, then the rest of the nation should be ready, willing and glad to do likewise in the matter of money, transportation, etc.

The good in the world overbalances the evil. All honor to the farmers who through their generosity thus honor their country.

One Bolshevik says Sovietism will not gain much headway in this country because of its great number of bath tubs. And Saturday night is more faithfully observed than the Sabbath.—(Houston Post.)

If, as Dry Commissioner Kramer says, "booze" stocks were consumed like lakes in a desert during the first year of prohibition, why insist upon calling it prohibition?—(Pittsburgh Dispatch.)

Some of the visitors at Marion, Ohio, are suspected of issuing advertisements, "Advice Given," when what they really mean is "Situation Wanted."—(Charleston News and Courier.)

More people are killed by people's stepping on the gas than by their blowing it out.—(Minneapolis Tribune.)

It isn't true that men will do anything for money. Some won't work for it.—(Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.)

The United States certainly is a tough place for a pessimist.—(Indianapolis Star.)

## BITS OF BY-PLAY

By Luke McLuke

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## Our Joe Miller Contest

A Brooklyn fan claims the oldest joke is the one about the man who listened to another man tell a tall yarn.

"Do you know what you remind me of?" asked the man.

"No," replied the story teller.

"What do I remind you of?"

"You remind me of a man who dyes lamb's wool," replied the man. "Only he's a lamb dyer, and you are something that sounds very similar."

## By Heck!

You may have some fair to mid-din scenery in your neighborhood. But you can Seymour Meadows in Beckley, West Virginia.

## Gosh.

H. S. went into a hotel in College Corners, Ohio, and got soup, roast pork, three kinds of vegetables, bread and butter, prune pie, pudding and buttermilk for 50 cents. He felt so elated that he slipped a quarter under his plate for the waitress. While he was putting on his overcoat the waitress came over and handed him back the quarter. And this is what she said as she compelled him to take back the quarter: "Vittles is high and there ain't no use eatin' up a pocketbook at one sittin'."

What's the Fare to Middletown? William Apple and Ira Lemon are the ticket sellers at the Big Four passenger station, Middletown, Ohio.

## Betcha.

If Rud Kipling had it to write over again, he might say it this way:

"Take me somewhere in the U.S., Where a man can raise a thirst!"

## Famous Horses

Man of War.  
 —on Me.  
 Old Rosebud.  
 —on You.  
 Sir Barton.  
 —and  
 Charley.  
 —and  
 Luke McLuke.

## Very Simple!

The Kentucky State Tax Commission is wrangling over the question: "Is a hears a passenger vehicle or a truck?"

Under prohibition we'd decide that a hearse was a pleasure vehicle.

## Is That So!

Luke McLuke says that a man thinks a heap of his new wife and his new automobile for a while, but he might have added that they both have to be painted over about the second season.—(Washington News-Journal.)

## Firms Is Firms

The Roach Restaurant.  
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## Correct!

Charley Hadley informs us that the chief aim in life of some folks is not to miss anything that goes on or off.

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## Luke McLuke Says

A man will get Highly Indignant if you suggested that he make a Wife of his Cook. And he'll get Highly Indignant if he can't make a Cook of his Wife.

When the phone rings you'll have to give a woman at least thirty seconds to guess who it is before she answers it.

There are a whole lot of men in the world who are satisfied to Second the Motion and be Among Those Present.

If the Doctor has to take three stitches in a cut, it is a sign that the patient is going to tell everybody that it was thirty stitches.

What has become of the o. f. woman who used to use an army sabre for a hatpin?

One of the redeeming features of these here times is the fact that the men are not getting Effeminate the way the women are getting Masculine.

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