

state insists upon something more radical than Parker, and a majority of the delegates voted for Hearst in the national convention. Bryan is, and was, a favorite, so the Johnson boom gets punctured at home. An attempt has been made in the east to help Johnson. Those who know him think well of him, but the sentiment for Bryan is too strong and the suspicion exists that the mention of any man like Johnson carries an ulterior meaning, such as to secure a trading delegation to throw to a conservative candidate when the convention meets.

Isn't it funny what insignificant and unimportant fellows get into the newspapers when they get away from home? Half the people interviewed by the reporters at the hotels don't know themselves when the interviewers get through with them. And how funny it all reads when it gets back to where they are really known.

The prophet of evil is certainly working overtime. We are solemnly warned through official channels that we would better use more soft coal and less hard, as the anthracite supply will give out in a couple of hundred years, and right on top of this comes M. Flammarion, the celebrated French astronomer, and tells us that the entire solar system, including the sun, all the planets and their satellites, will go out in darkness in about four hundred million or five hundred million years, or such a matter. Better "keep our lamps trimmed and a burning."

It is asserted by a political writer that President Roosevelt desires to have Gov. Hughes nominated for Vice President on the ticket with Taft. Now, if Roosevelt can dictate the platform, dictate the Presidential nomination, and the Vice Presidential nomination, ought not the Roosevelt shouters be satisfied? They should not insist that Roosevelt run again under such circumstances. Or, do they suspect that even if Taft is nominated through the Roosevelt influence he may be his own man after he is elected?

As for the war scare, it's mostly a matter of newspaper talk, and much that is published in the newspapers is not true. Before believing any bit of startling news don't forget to wait for the inevitable qualifications, or, what is about as likely, the flat denials.

The new senator, Bankhead, of Alabama, elected by the legislature of that state last Tuesday, is the former congressman who was turned down last year, in favor of the former naval officer of kissing fame, on the issue of "a greater navy." The new senator will evidently hereafter believe in the adage that there can be no loss without some gain to somebody.

EXCHANGE GOSSIP.

—According to the Fairbanks News the Alaska wireless system between Nome and St. Michael holds the world's record, there having been no error in the transmission of messages since the establishment of the line two years ago.

—Judge Wickersham has been affirmed in the Nelson case, to which Senator Nelson took violent exception because the Nelson litigation is a relative of the senator. Wickersham's diabolical decision in this case was one of the senator's chief counts in his indictment of the judge before the senate, and now comes the circuit court of appeals and says Wickersham was right on the law and the facts. A large amount of gold already mined was at stake and this was tied up by order of Judge Wickersham pending the final determination of the case. This is now lost to the Nelson family. —Seward Gateway.

—Maj. S. E. Flower has been appointed commissioner for the Sitka precinct, to succeed Ed. McGroff resigned.

—A general feeling prevails in the Juneau mining district that better times are near at hand. The prompt action of the court in cleaning up litigation has given courage to those interested in mining operations and work has already commenced in a number of places and more will be done as soon as arrangements can be made. Mining men generally say that within two or three years this district will present a scene of great activity and that Juneau, Douglas and Treadwell will add largely to their permanent population in business. A number of new mining enterprises will be started yet this season and as soon as additional miners can be secured all the mines now in operation will add to the force employed. —Record-Miner.

—A wireless telegraph station is being erected on Japonsky island, in Sitka harbor. The City of Seattle carried the material for the outfit to that place on her last trip, together with the contractor and his men.

—The Yukon Valley News sends forth the cheerful news that the whisky famine at Rampart has been relieved. * * * From everywhere the report comes that the mosquitoes are worse this year than ever before. Certainly they have not been so numerous or persistent on the streets of Rampart in recent years. * * * Sam Heeter's moose calf, which was intended to become one of Rampart's star exhibits at the A. Y. P. exposition is dead. Too much up-to-date prosperity did the business for it. It over drank of the milk of human kindness—the sort which comes to this country in cans. —Rampart News.

—It is a noticeable fact that the rebel press has grown weary of abusing the United States officials of this territory and it would seem have given up the

fight for territorial government. Can it be possible that a number of these editors have changed their minds? This may be so, for the great Napoleon said wise men were liable to change their opinion, but fools never. —Record-Miner. —Isn't it just possible that what worries the double-barrelled editor of the hyphenated sheet at Juneau, is only a lull in the storm of indignant protest at misrepresentation on the one hand, and a disinclination to continue firing on a vanquished enemy? The suggestion about wise men sometimes changing their opinions would sound better coming from some one capable of intelligent advocacy and defense of the opinions he himself professes.

—The Skagway Alaskan has a new editor, in the person of Mr. A. R. O'Brien, formerly of Montana, who is an experienced newspaper man, and a writer of ability. The Miner extends him the glad hand of welcome to Alaska, and sincerely hopes he may show himself able to cope with the task of putting on and successfully wearing the sandals of the best and most graceful editorial writer Alaska has thus far ever had. Had he been drafted into the service of almost any other publication in southeastern Alaska he would not have been set to so difficult a task as that which now confronts him—making good in such case would have been easy compared with an effort to maintain the high standard of ability which "Johnny" Troy left as the heritage of the Alaskan. The Miner earnestly prays, however, that its hopes, rather than its fears in that regard, may be fully realized and that quite speedily.

—The Dispatch says that the Perseverance Mining company expects to have twenty more stamps dropping soon—this in addition to the fifty already in operation. If that mine proves a winner, as it now promises to do, it will be the means of establishing peradventure the permanency of Juneau as a great mining center; but should there be a failure in that direction, considering all the noise that has been made over it, the blow to Juneau's prosperity will be a serious one indeed. Therefore, The Miner, for one, hopes the Perseverance may prove all, and more than its management anticipates.

—A recent dispatch from Fairbanks says: In spite of the handicap under which the district has been last winter and this spring, it is estimated there will be between \$5,000,000 and \$7,000,000 of gold taken out of this section this summer. This is the conservative estimate of those who have thoroughly canvassed the situation, and from actual figures which are kept in the banks of the city.

—Victor Lindquist, the well known blacksmith, was badly bruised by a seventy foot fall over the bluff on the basin road near the Rielly mine Sunday. Vic and Charley Anderson were going up the basin in a buggy when one of the Casey teams was met. Their horse started to back and shoved the light rig over the steep embankment. Anderson jumped and Lindquist and the horse and buggy went over. The \$400 buggy was crushed and the horse escaped with a few bruises. Vic was found badly crushed. —Juneau Dispatch.

—Ross Higgins & Co., one of the principal mercantile houses of Juneau has determined to retire from business in that place, and is selling out its stock at prices "regardless of cost." This firm retired from business in Skagway in a similar way some two or three years ago.

—Rev. Dr. John Pringle writes from Dawson to the Winnipeg Tribune of the "Infamy of Dawson" referring to that place as the "Legalized Plague Spot in Canada." Taking Dr. Pringle at his word the only logical inference that can be drawn is that he has done very little good in Dawson. That his labors in the corners of the Lord's vineyard have been barren of results; that he has expended his time and energy to no purpose and that his is but one more case of ministerial misfit. —Whitehorse Star. The reverend gentleman probably preferred the big stick to "moral suasion" as a means of saving grace—a mistake made by not a few missionaries who have been sent into this northern "wilderness." It is something like the old plan of educating children with a club.

—The Douglas News says 3000, more or less, railroad laborers at Catalla are on a strike. More likely that they are merely raising hades on general principles.

—Alaska exported 30 tons of gold and 4 tons of coal in 1906, says an exchange. Don't know about the coal, but the amount of gold is rather under than over stated.

—The Boston Alaskan will suspend publication for several months, while the editor takes a trip to Alaska. That fact, however, will not affect the production of the Reynolds Alaska company—nor yet the general welfare of Alaska.

—The Pioneer Mining Company, operating in the Nome district, recently paid a dividend of 14 per cent, amounting to over \$700,000.

—An Indian and his squaw wife, from Saxman, represented Alaska at the C. E. convention at Seattle. All of the Alaskans were a bit shy of the "Spirit," says the Douglas News. Not this particular Indian; he rather admires it.

—Recent strikes on Gold stream O'Connor, Esther, Big Elderado and Cleary creeks in the Fairbanks district have occasioned a rush of several hundred people to those fields.

—The collector of the port reports that for the month of April the valuation of copper ore, matte and bars received from Alaska at Port Townsend,

Seattle's port of entry, is fixed at \$682,754, the red metal leading the imports from Alaska for that month.

—The first aerial tram to be completed in the Prince William Sound country is now in operation at Landlock bay, on the property of the Standard Copper Co. This tram, which is half a mile long, with one span 2,200 feet, has a capacity of ten tons per hour.

—During the month of April and May the Tacoma Smelting Company treated 9,112 tons of Alaska ore, which contained 511,171 pounds of copper, 14,825 ounces of gold, 7,239 ounces of silver, and 248 pounds of lead. The tonnage was very much less than normal because of the labor strikes at the Treadwell, Ellamar and other mines in April. —That too, notwithstanding that practically all the copper ore of Alaska save that of the Prince William sound district goes to the Vancouver island smelters.

—Kansas wants men to help harvest her wheat. That job will be done in a few weeks. Alaska wants men to help harvest her gold, and the job will last for a century at least, says the Douglas News, and it might have added the job of mining her copper ores will endure for ten times a century—and then some.

—So Judge James Wickersham has declared in favor of territorial government for Alaska! It's good to note the crowd that is beginning to come over on the other side of the fence to get in with the territorial lambs. —Douglas News.

—Another instance of the slipshod character of the legislation enacted for Alaska by the National Congress is found in the law which provides for the incorporation of towns in the territory, but which contains no provision for extending the exterior boundaries of such towns after they are so incorporated. Several cases have developed where the boundaries were not made to include territory that became necessary for the growth of the town, and the benefits of the town are denied those who live a few feet over the line, however much they and the inhabitants of the town may desire to remedy the matter. This condition has existed for six years, and repeated appeals for a remedy have met with stern indifference. And still people wonder why Alaskans want to make their own laws. —Douglas News.

—A little Douglas Island boy was very anxious for a playmate, so he bargained with the family doctor to pay \$5 on the delivery of a baby sister. In due time the sister arrived, and the boy after satisfying himself that she was genuine, got his saving bank and paid the doctor the money, as he had promised.

—It is a historical fact, says the Juneau Record-Hyphen, that the Behrens bank is the oldest banking institution in Alaska. From first to last it has kept pace with the best of them.

—Our merchants predict a good run of business from now on. Things were slow to start this season, but the volume of business will be quite as large or larger this year than it was last. —Juneau Record.

—About a week ago three sailors were seen going out in a dory. They had apparently all imbibed to such an extent that they were in a hilarious mood and as they got under way began singing the "River Rio," which caused some who heard them to remark that they were deep water sailors. Nothing more has been seen of them but a quantity of provisions was found the other day below the sawmill and it is reported that an upturned dory went ashore at Douglas. It looks very much as if the provisions found belonged to the sailors and that the briny deep has claimed three more victims. —Juneau Record.

—Yesterday's telegraphic dispatches to The Alaskan brought gratifying news to Alaskans in the form of a statement of Delegate Calk that President Roosevelt would use his good offices with the next congress in behalf of granting to Alaska its rightful heritage—territorial government.

From what the dispatches say it would seem that, despite the machinations of self-constituted lobbyists for non-resident corporations, the ear of the President has been reached and the justice of Alaska's claim made apparent to him. Should this be the case it will not be long before a recalcitrant congress will be induced by him to grant Alaska what she has so long pleaded for and which is sacredly hers as the home of loyal Americans.

Once let the President be convinced of the degradation which Alaska has suffered—of the calamity which has been heaped upon it—and he will act. They may make their fight against the territory before congress, and those who should be its defenders may be counted on to play their Judas part, but with an active interest taken by President Roosevelt, their failure to further wrong Alaska is as certain as the setting of the sun and their efforts to do so will be as empty as the winter winds. —Skagway Alaskan.

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The growing interest taken by the general government, by the different states, the railroads and by private individuals in forestry has developed a new profession with new opportunities for young men. It is that of forestry culture. Ten years ago the schools and colleges gave no attention to this branch of study. Today Yale, Harvard, Michigan, Baltimore, Nebraska and Iowa universities have chairs of forestry and offer technical instruction and training to students. At the close of this year's college year thirty-five of the graduates of these schools were taken into the government forestry service and there is a demand for more. The profession of forestry, through comparatively new, is one that is very promising in opportunities for young men willing to work hard. Something more is needed than knowledge of trees. Practical experience in the woods, in logging and in sawmill operations is necessary, and the competent forester will also know the value of timber and the uses to which it can be put. The profession will be of growing importance as the problem of timber supply in the States becomes more pressing.

"The man who works with his hands," the speech delivered by President Roosevelt at the Agricultural college at Lansing, Mich., now has free circulation through the mails, having been printed by the Agricultural Department as a public document. There are many good things in that speech, much that is interesting to the people, and some of it shows that the President has quite a fair conception of farm life. Yet we imagine that when the average farmer reads it, and when his wife reads it, they will both find that the President cannot be acquainted with much of the hard practical life of the man and woman who work on the farm and raise a large family. The President knows about the farm from the view point of those who think it must be a happy and contented pastoral existence. He can not know that it is the ambition of almost every boy on a farm to get into something else, and that nearly every girl hopes her prince charming will be something besides a farmer. Still the farm life is steadily improving, and just at this time it is particularly profitable.

It is reported that Gov. Johnson of Minnesota is curbing some of his enthusiastic friends who are pushing along his Presidential boom. Down in Minnesota they like Johnson very much, but it appears that they love Bryan more. There have been several intimations that the Johnson movement was simply a shrewd political game to take the state away from Bryan, and Johnson has hastened to say that he is in no sense a candidate. Minnesota would not stand for the Parker movement four years ago. The unperturbed democracy of that