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A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION.

That for the present year The Citizen will publish every bit of news it can get hold of. It will be of no avail for anyone to ask us to keep news items from the columns of The Citizen, for if it is worthy of publication at all it will certainly be printed. This resolution is made to be kept and not broken.

SIGNS OF PROSPERITY.

News from the Outside is to the effect that a French commissioner is in the United States to arrange for the purchase, at the end of the war, of some \$100,000,000 of structural steel, machinery and industrial supplies which formerly came from Germany.

It is also reported that there are men on the coast who are prepared to place, at the end of the war, orders for enough lumber to load from 250 to 300 ships, which are to be purchased by the allies to rehabilitate Belgium.

If you want to have a ship built today there is not a yard in the United States where they will even talk about laying the keel inside of eight months and some of the big ones will not consider it for twice that time.

These are a few good times hints, just to make us all feel better. And they are all true.

ALASKAN POLITICS.

Under the above heading, the following article appeared in the November issue of The All-Alaska Review, and, while the writer does not sign his name, he says it is by one who has taken part in many campaigns:

"Politics are again showing signs of life after smoldering since the last congressional election as one of Alaska's volcanoes slumbers fitfully between eruptions.

"The All-Alaska Review has stated its position as that of absolute neutrality in politics, and the writer, therefore, comes to it with the feeling that, unlike the usual run of Alaskan publications, it will publish what is said on any side or on all sides.

"It has often been my desire to speak my mind about politics in the territory from the point of view of one who wishes to stand in future outside of all controversy. I have seen in the political life of this fair Northland so much that is undesirable that I have no longer the wish to take either side, but I have the wish, and I have it strong, to express myself even in a disconnected manner about some of the incidents that I have been a witness to.

"There is one man who was once a candidate for an elective position in Alaska who failed but who afterwards got rewarded by an appointment to a lucrative office, and who told the writer that he 'got what he was looking for.' In other words that man ran for the elective office with no hope of succeeding in securing the majority of the votes, but in the hope that an appointment would come later. To analyze this fact is to find that the man in question used hundreds upon hundreds of voters in the territory for his own selfish ends. This serves only too well as an example of what some leaders of Alaskan politics aim at.

"It may be said that the strength of any political party in Alaska is in direct ratio to the seeming strength of the same party in the States just before a presidential election. Many of the men who voted for Wickersham in the last election but one immediately quit him when they learned that Woodrow Wilson had been elected President Wickersham himself, after having held the position of District Judge under the Republican party, opposed that party as the independent candidate for congress when he lost his position on the bench, and today he is again a Republican since his new-found love, the Bull Moose, died and left him without a protector. In his first election campaign he was opposed by John Corson, of Nome, the Republican candidate, John Ronan, of Fairbanks, the Democratic candidate, and by Chilberg, the socialist or labor candidate. The world knows that Corson was not the man to represent the Republican party, but he was supported by some of the best men in the territory because the best men are just like other men and just as fervently

love the party which is expected to have the handing out of the loaves and fishes to the hungry. It can be said of Ronan that he was an honest politician. His lack of training, let us say as a lawyer, rather handicapped him and the result was that Chilberg, the socialist, came very near being delegate from Alaska. It is quite likely that if Wickersham had been opposed at that time by a strong Republican he would have gained the prize which has since fortified him against every attack.

"In the next election Wickersham had gained strength. The men who had failed to secure jobs from the Republican President rallied to his standard for there is nothing that makes a man turn from his party so easily as a party turning from him when he asks for a place on the payroll.

"The first election, in 1906, of a delegate to congress from Alaska resulted in the return of Frank Waskey for the short term and of Thomas Cole for the longer term succeeding. Opposed was a former-governor of the territory, that fine old man Swineford, Waskey and Cole both were mining men and succeeded chiefly because they were not lawyers. That is really the secret of the great vote cast for them. Waskey is still in the territory, is very popular and was and is probably as clean a man as ever represented any constituency. Cole after leaving congress remained outside and did not return to refute some statements made against him. Neither of the two was a candidate for re-election.

"The choice of Corson as the Republican standard bearer was unquestionably the cause of Wickersham's overwhelming election in the second campaign. Many of the staunchest Republicans in Alaska turned from the regular party and went to the support of the present delegate for no other reason than that the inner circle of the party, in the usual manner of parties in Alaska, selected a candidate without consulting the rank and file.

"The following election found Orr opposed to Wickersham as the Republican candidate. This was the first attempt to combine the votes of the two regular parties to defeat the man who had come to be regarded as the arch enemy of party organization, and it failed badly. The second attempt of the kind was made in the last election and it also failed. During the first election campaign, W. A. Gilmore, of Nome, was one of his strongest supporters in that district. In the following election but one Gilmore was the regular Republican candidate in opposition to his old chief. The Nome man and his supporters defended their action on the grounds that Wickersham had declared his intention, or, at least intimated the intention, of not again being a candidate. The truth probably is that Wickersham became suspicious of the hatching of a scheme and like the consummate politician he is he let the scheme die for lack of fuel—he spoke only enough to bring out the plans of his opponents.

"When the star of President Taft appeared in the descendant drawing with it the Republican national party, the Democrats of Alaska came to life once again. The defeat of Wickersham became a secondary consideration and a wave of enthusiasm to be associated with the probable winning party passed over the political world of the territory. Democrats came into being like mushrooms in every nook and corner and the defeat of Wickersham looked a "cinch." But, alas, for human hopes. The struggle for the pie counter resulted in a scramble and the scramble developed into a free-for-all, so that not one Democratic candidate faced the electors, but two, and not all the men now calling themselves Democrats abandoned the Wickersham ship. They became 'Wickersham Democrats.' William Jennings Bryan Democrats and various other sorts of Democrats it is the hope that, although voting for Wickersham in the territorial election, they might still hold their title to consideration from the national party when the spoils came to be distributed. Robert Jennings, the Democratic regular candidate was also opposed by a regular Republican, Gilmore. Martin Harris became the candidate of the bolters from the Valdez Democratic convention but he got badly snowed under and soon afterwards he and most of his supporters considered it wise to return to the regular party fold.

"Wickersham won again, hands down. Woodrow Wilson became the President of the United States. Jennings received his reward in the shape of a District judgeship. J. F. A. Strong, one of his chief supporters, became governor. Davidson became secretary of the territory, and others of the leading members of the regular party also reached their goals while lesser lights were left in exterior darkness where they have since been weeping and gnashing their teeth. Men like James P. Daly, of Nome, brother of the late Democratic National committeeman, and a loyal regular, were turned down cold, while men like Erwin, of Fairbanks, who had been an opponent of the regular Democratic candidate, and Jordan, of Nome, whose politics were doubtful to say the least, secured the coveted jobs, and to add to the discomfiture of the loyalists in the

territory, Washington soon began to send in carpet-baggers to fill the places so eagerly worked for by the Alaskans themselves. An Outside judge, district attorney and assistant district attorney came to the Second division. An Outside district attorney and assistant came to the Third division, and the First division was treated similarly, with the result that newly-born 'Democrats' became afflicted with an epidemic and began to die off in a fancy, and the epidemic spread as the new appointees began to distribute the subordinate offices to men of all parties, and worse still, to men who actually opposed the regular Democratic candidate. In this respect, it may be said, that in no country in the world, perhaps, was the rank and file of a party so badly betrayed by the leaders when they had their own wants attended to. To that rank and file the leaders owe their fat jobs today and they have paid their debts by spurning their creditors from their door steps. In Nome, Ruby, Fairbanks, Juneau, Valdez, Seward, Skagway everywhere almost men are holding positions under the Democratic party today who fought that party, while men who fought for the party begged like a leprosy from an upstairs Dives in vain.

"But, hope springs eternal in the human breast, and when the last election came along, and with a Democrat in the presidential chair of the United States, a Democratic candidate was easily found and he succeeded in finding enough supporters to make his candidacy worthy of notice in the national capital. Charles E. Bunnell, whose period of adherence in the Democratic party previous to his candidacy has been questioned, became the candidate. The Republicans failed to see any advantage in the condition of national politics, in putting a candidate in the field, but most of the regular members of the G. O. P. signified their intention of supporting Bunnell to defeat Wickersham and they probably did so. There were still many wavering self-styled Democrats supporting Wickersham and they justified their course by declaring that the territory should know no politics. A day or two before election President Wilson expressed a wish for Bunnell's election, but even then Bunnell went down to defeat before the apparently invincible James, for the experiences of the past had shown the rank and file that neither from Washington nor from the heads of the party in the territory itself could any reward be expected for faithful service. However, Bunnell is now judge of the District court of the Fourth division.

"Already, the sounds of the great guns are heard in the opening of the next battle. As usual rumors are afloat that Wickersham will not run. From Fairbanks comes the story that he will be a candidate for the governorship if the Republican party wins in the presidential election. His name has appeared in the Congressional Directory as a Republican and he has apparently abandoned the Bull Moose. In the Directory for 1913 he was entered without the mention of his politics. It is stated that after the election of Wilson he declared himself a Democrat, but throughout it all the delegate maintains the same old sphynx-like silence. His henchman, Dan Sutherland, of Ruby, is mentioned as the most likely man to take his place if he decides not to start in the race again. Bunnell has been mentioned as a likely candidate for the Democrats again, but it is hardly likely that he would resign his judgeship for a minority uncertainty like that of being sent to congress. Republicans of Nome have, we are told, declared themselves favorable to the candidacy of Senator Millard, of Valdez. An attempt is being made to create the belief, or the belief really exists, that the Republicans will win the next presidential election so that we may expect a strong Republican rally next year. At present the question of candidates is only under discussion, but we can look forward to four sure candidates at the next election—a Republican, a Democrat, a Wickershamite and a laborite. The two great parties will be represented because it is presidential year with the national election in doubt. The Wickershamites will be represented because it would be impossible in so short a time to heal the wounds that have been inflicted, opened and reopened, and the laborites are surer than ever to put forward a man because of questions arising from the construction of the government railroad.

SOMETIMES a near-sighted man has no trouble in seeing his finish.

SERBIA and Turkey, both having decorated John D. Rockefeller, he doesn't know whose ally he is.

WHEN a woman is in love the man with a fried egg face is as handsome as an Apollo in her eyes.

EGOTISM is often the first lap in the direction of the daffy house. District Attorney Roth cannot afford to make many more laps.

ELIHU ROOT has been cheered in New York as the 'next President,' but he isn't writing his inaugural address on the strength of banquet cheers.

DAVID HARUM'S long suit was trading horses, but it was left to the two daily papers of Fairbanks to trade horse sense when they traded reporters. The idiom of one paper will now only be switched to the other.

AS showing how widespread and how deep is the belief that the present is going to be a fine year for standpat Republicans who want to be President, now comes the information that the Hon. Warren Fairbanks expects to enter the national convention with the solid delegation from Indiana.

ONE New York paper, the name of which is mislaid, reminds the fearsome who are worried about the fate of the ballot in the hands of woman, that 'two-thirds of the membership of our schools and churches are women, and three quarters of the inmates of our prisons are men.'

WHEN the newspaper plant of the Raleigh News and Observer, owned by Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, was destroyed by fire on the 6th of November, it proved to be the second time the paper was put out of business by flames within a year. Josephus will not feel perfectly at ease until the third and final alarm is rung in.

AN unprincipled lawyer in San Francisco, in support of some contention, put one over on a confiding judge in Fresno whom he was trying a case, by quoting a passage which he affirmed to have been written by Erysipelas, the Greek poet. Being of a curious turn of mind his honor subsequently looked up Erysipelas in the encyclopedia and found, to his indignation, that Erysipelas was not a poet at all. He was a disease.

Chatanikans Have Big Celebration

The people of Chatanika appropriately celebrated the advent of the year 1916 on Saturday evening with one of the most successful dances held at the creek city this winter. The affair was held at the Chatanika social hall, a large number of people being in attendance from the various creeks of the district. Music was furnished by an orchestra from Fairbanks under the leadership of Victor Durand. The original idea of the Chatanikans was to hold the ball on New Year's eve, but they postponed it until Saturday evening in order that those who wished to attend the Arctic Brotherhood ball in Fairbanks could do so without a conflict of dates.

AUCTIONED TRUNK IS A HIDING PLACE.

LONG BEACH, Nov. 2.—Obeying a "hunch" while idly watching an "old horse" sale in a Los Angeles transfer company's warehouse, Joseph Dion, a well-to-do retired merchant of this city purchased an old trunk in which he found money and personal effects valued at more than \$500.

Mr. Dion had idly watched the sale of trunks and grips. When a certain trunk was placed on sale, Mr. Dion became possessed with a desire to become its owner and bid \$2. He discovered tucked away in one corner five \$20 gold pieces, seven \$10 gold pieces and one \$5 gold piece. In addition he found four suits, twenty-five silk socks, twelve shirts, twenty-four neckties, underclothing, opera glasses, two instruments for weather predictions, stationery and other office material.

Mr. Dion thinks he will be able to trace the real owner, whose brother is thought to live in New York.

Starting The New Year Right

In the presence of a few of their most intimate friends, the wedding taking place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Brakke, Mr. Norman F. Koon and Miss Frances Quigley were united in the holy bonds of matrimony Saturday evening. The ceremony was performed at 9 o'clock by Commissioner John Knox Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Brakke acted as attendants to the couple.

A reception was tendered to the newlyweds shortly after the wedding at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Laumeister. A large number of the friends of the couple were in attendance at the reception during which a wedding feast was served.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Koon are well known in Fairbanks. The groom at present is an employee at the Nordale hotel, where he has been for some time.

The tall man is occasionally short on intellect.

NEW YEAR.

Mortal:
"The night is cold, the hour is late, the world is bleak and drear,
"Who is knocking at my door?"
The New Year:
"I am Good Cheer."
Mortal:
"Your voice is strange; I know you not; in shadows dark I grope
"What seek you here?"
The New Year:
"Friend, let me in; my name is Hope."
Mortal:
"And mine is Failure; you but mock the life you seek to bless,
"Fuss on."
The New Year:
"Nay, open wide the door; I am Success."
Mortal:
"But I am ill and spent with pain; too late has come your wealth,
"I cannot use it."
The New Year:
"Listen, friend; I am Good Health."
Mortal:
"Now, wide I fling my door. Come in, and your fair statements prove."
The New Year:
"But you must open, too, your heart, for I am Love."
—ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

SONG DEDICATED TO NEWLYWEDS

A protest has been entered from the White House against the publication of a song dedicated to President and Mrs. Wilson, entitled, "Pretty Little Indian Maid." New York printing presses were busied shortly before the wedding running off copies of the song, which, however, had not at that time been set to music.

The words are supposed to tell the story of the President's wooing of Mrs. Norman Galt, an alleged descendant of Pocahontas. J. M. Fitzgerald, who wrote the ditty, says the song is being published, but that he may consent to keep it from the music shops.

Fitzpatrick sent a copy to the White House. The return mail brought a letter from Secretary Tumulty saying: "The President asks me to say that he would be very much obliged if the song to which you refer were not published. He would be very much distressed if it were."

The first stanza and chorus of the song follow:
"A paleface chief of a mighty tribe
On the trail of an Indian squaw,
In his light canoe that was built for two
Came drifting to the shore.
A lover's dart hit the white man's heart,
From the girl of copper shade,
For he was chief of the paleface tribe
And she was an Indian maid.

CHORUS:
You are red and I am white
That makes our love true blue
For I know that you love me
And you know that I love you
Let's stroll together 'neath the silvery moon
When the twilight shadows fall,
And I'll crown you lady of the paleface tribe,
My pretty little Indian maid."

With Baby in Arms Girl Shoots Down Its Father in Court

CORSICANA, Texas, Nov. 9.—Spurred by the man who, it is alleged, failed to give her baby a name after seducing her, Miss Alma Morgan today shot and probably fatally wounded Allen Godley as he stood before the judge of the district court.

Clasping her baby in her arms, the girl approached the prisoner just as the trial adjourned.

"Allen, here's your baby," she murmured, holding out the nameless child.

Without a word, Godley turned his back upon her. The woman's anger flared. She jerked a revolver from her handbag and shot. The bullet bored into Godley's neck and he pitched forward on his face.

While the courtroom was in uproar, guards rushed the girl off to jail.

She seemed not to mind the enormity of her deed.

"I'd stood all I could from him," she said, defiantly, as she clutched her baby.

Then she told the jail officials that she really meant to kill Godley yesterday, but had no opportunity. The man in the case is paralyzed, and physicians believe he cannot survive.

FIZZY WATERS MAKE HIT WITH CHINESE.

The Chinese in Manchuria, according to information coming across, are becoming very fond of mineral waters. They are an economical, not to say parsimonious, race, and wedded to tea since the days of Confucius. Manufacturers of the mineral waters were discouraged at first and were told there was absolutely no demand. But they set to work and made the demand. Now great business is beginning to accrue. More than 2,000 dozens of bottles of aerated waters came into the port of Dairen last year, including 11,000 dozens of lemonade, 1,000 of a drink called cider—not real apple cider, of course—and 2,000 dozen of soda water.

Tonight at Thorne's

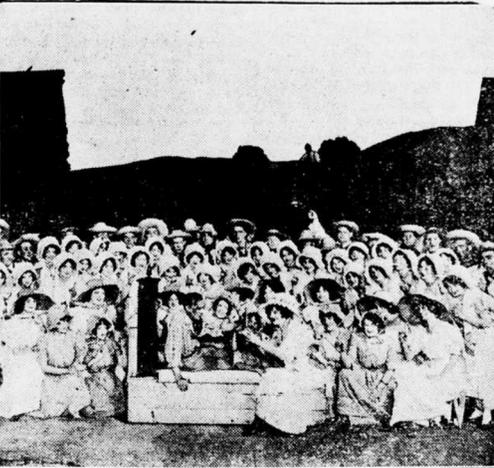
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Prosecuting Attorney of County Starts Campaign Against "One-Armed" Drivers.

ST. LOUIS.—Prosecuting Attorney Ralph, of St. Louis County, yesterday enrolled himself as a "safety first" champion by sponsoring a movement which might be termed the "Society for the Abolition of One-Arm Driving." Its origin:

A few nights ago the Prosecuting Attorney, standing near the Price road, in Clayton, was amazed at the number of "one-arm" drivers of automobiles that passed. The phenomena passed understanding until he made the discovery that in every instance there was a woman passenger at the driver's side.

Prosecuting Attorney Ralph will not tell his conclusion as to this remarkable coincidence, but it is known that Deputy Sheriff Madden has been instructed to look for spoony as well as speedy drivers. As a result, it is expected in most instances two hands will be on the wheel where there was but one before, and the auto accidents in St. Louis County will be materially reduced.

Madden will arrest one or more "one-arm" drivers and make test cases. County authorities believe that it will be possible to obtain convictions on charges of careless driving.

CHEMICALS COLOR THE HAIR OF WORKMEN.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Nov. 2.—Employees in the plant of the New York Air Brake company in this city who are engaged in work upon the completion of the company's munition contracts with the allies are becoming afflicted with green hair and moustaches.

Acid in which the jackets of the shells are dipped to clean them is attributed as the cause of the phenomenon. The change has been slow in affecting several men, but it has proceeded surely and a half

dozen or more now have brilliantly green hair and moustaches. The green hue appears to be absolutely fast color, as several have attempted by means of shampoos and scrubbing to remove the color, but without avail.

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