

# UNFORTUNATES IN COURTS OF ALASKA SENT TO HOSPITAL

## No Poor Laws Operate There and Uncle Sam's Vagrancy Act is Sprung to Meet the Ends of Common Humanity.

By John E. Lathrop.  
Washington, Dec. 15.—A note of humanity is struck by Attorney General Wickersham in his annual report, in which he says:  
"It is the practice in Alaska, when a person without means is found with frozen limbs or badly wounded, to charge him with vagrancy. In order that he may, as a United States prisoner, receive the necessary medical and surgical treatment at the expense of the government, the appropriation for support of United States prisoners being charged with the expense. The attention of the United States judges, district attorneys and marshals in Alaska has been called on this practice more than once, and while they have expressed themselves as willing to keep it within reasonable bounds, they frankly asked the department what other course is open to them."  
"The usual course in such cases is for someone, even the federal officials at times, to go before the United States commissioner and swear out a warrant."

### RHEUMATISM EPIDEMIC

Prescription by Prominent Doctor Claimed Positive Cure.  
Those who have tried this say it has no equal for rheumatism, neuralgia and acute rheumatism and backache. "Get one ounce of syrup of Sarsaparilla compound and one ounce of Toris compound. When get half a pint of good whiskey (or sherry wine if it is preferred) and put the other two ingredients into it. Take a tablespoonful of this mixture before each meal and at bed time. Shake the bottle before using." The good effects are felt the first day. Any druggist has these ingredients on hand or will quickly get them from his wholesale house.

against the injured or frozen person charging him with vagrancy. Sometimes the commissioner imposes a jail sentence of sufficient length to cover the essential portion of the person's confinement in the hospital. The entire period of sentence being thus spent in the hospital and not in jail.  
"These persons, it is true, are prisoners, having been charged with the crime of vagrancy, and as such prisoners are entitled to all necessary medical and surgical attention, as well as their subsistence at government expense. The charge of vagrancy is, however, merely a subterfuge resorted to as the only means of extending public aid to unfortunate who would otherwise suffer and probably die."

**No "Poor Laws" for Alaska.**  
"Many of these cases involve amputations of the limb and a long period of confinement in the hospital. The bills in single cases often run to \$1000 or more, in spite of the fact that the charges are kept as low as possible. One of the United States judges in Alaska calls my attention to the fact that Alaska has no laws to help the needy and deserving poor, such as all of the states have; about the only statute having the semblance of such a law being the vagrancy act. I earnestly urge upon congress the adoption of some legislation dealing directly with these cases."

**System of Traveling Courts.**  
The attorney general tells of a good measure originated in Alaska—traveling courts. The treasury department supplies a revenue cutter, which left Valdez July 1, conveying the United States district judge, attorney, marshal and other officials, who hold court at a number of places along the coast. This was of advantage to litigants, who were thus saved the heavy expense of traveling the great distances in Alaska.

**Reclamation Water Rights.**  
Mr. Wickersham discusses water rights for reclamation projects. Important litigation affecting government water rights is pending. He says:  
"In Oregon, the department of justice, for special reasons, authorized the appearance of the United States attorney in a proceeding before a state tribunal for the general adjudication of water rights in the Umatilla river."  
"In Idaho a proceeding has been begun by a private corporation which seeks to drag in the United States by making 1500 settlers under the Minidoka project and certain engineers of the reclamation service, and even the secretary of the interior, parties defendant. The settlers have not acquired the rights as yet; the officials, of course, have no interest in them, and the United States, without voluntary appearance, cannot be bound. Such a proceeding, however, if ignored, is likely to produce some injury, even though it be so more than unceremonious."

"As the water rights are the life of the reclamation projects, their protection in litigation is a subject of the very first importance. This department should be supplied with a fund for the employment of specialists in irrigation law, who may, first, advise as to the whole situation, and thereupon take active charge of litigation as assigned them. Such cases usually consume much time and require careful management besides an expert understanding of the principles of irrigation as well as irrigation law involved in them."  
**Indians and Water Rights.**  
"Litigation has been directed in the territory of Arizona for the protection of the water rights of the Pima Indians. Similar litigation may soon be necessary in Colorado and Oregon. The failure of the Indians to avail themselves of the facilities for irrigation afforded by streams flowing through their reservations or allotments has, with other causes, resulted in such extensive appropriations by whites as to threaten to strip many Indians of all power to cultivate their allotments and thereby make a living for themselves. Serious questions exist as to whether this excessive appropriation of the water may not be in violation of Indian treaties and subject to be enjoined at the suit of the United States. The situations presented are difficult. A way must be found to protect the Indians and the policy of the government in regard to them without inflicting needless hardship upon their white neighbors who have diverted the water and are using it in good faith to irrigate their farms."  
**Power Rights in Forest Reserves.**  
"A number of complaints have reached the department from the secretary of agriculture against certain power companies which are claiming and occupying rights of way within national forests without the permission of the government. These matters are receiving careful consideration and will be acted upon in due course. Last August a bill was filed in the northern district of California to enjoin the Hydro-Electric Power company from proceeding with the construction of a pipe line and waterway across certain lands within the Mono national forest, which the corporation claims the right to occupy in that manner under certain mining locations. A restraining order was issued against the company and the question whether an injunction pendente lite should be allowed was referred to a master, who after hearing the evidence and argument thereon, has reported to the court in favor of the government's contention."  
"Reference is here made to these proceedings in view of the probability that others of like character will be added in the near future and constitute an important element in the litigation of the government."

**Want Lower Grain Rates.**  
Huron, E. D., Dec. 15.—A request from the Farmers' Grain Dealers' association to take up the matter of lower interstate grain rates was heard here today by the South Dakota state railroad commissioners.

# WISE MEN FRAME UP INTERNATIONAL COURT

Washington, Dec. 15.—To promote the cause of an international court of justice, the American Society for the Judicial Settlement of International Disputes met at the New Willard hotel today and began what promises to be a highly notable conference. The prominence of the speakers alone is sufficient to attract wide public attention to the deliberations of the conference, the sessions of which will last three days. President Taft, who is honorary president of the society, heads the list of speakers, which also includes Secretary of State Knox, Senator Elihu Root, Dr. Charles W. Eliot of Harvard, Judge Simon E. Baldwin of Connecticut, Joseph H. Choate, Representative Richard

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## PIANO CHECKS REDEEMED

Good News For Our Piano Contestants

### Ivers & Pond, Davenport & Treacy and Walworth

We have just been authorized by the above-named factories to accept any piano checks formerly issued by us of whatever date or amount, as first payment on any of their pianos, if presented on or before January 1st, 1911. This, we know, will be good news to those of our contestants who were not in a position to take advantage of their checks while in force, and coming at this time when the Christmas problem is being solved.

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about taking advantage of this very special and great opportunity to secure a fine piano at small cost. The sooner you act, the better selection you will have.

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Clipping from The Journal, Monday, December 5th, 1910. Stock Damaged by Fire—Empty pastboard boxes thrown into an ash box in which live embers smoldered started a blaze in the I. X. L. clothing store at 61 North Third street yesterday morning. The stock was damaged by smoke, fire and water.

# FIRE, WATER AND SMOKE SALE

## \$10,000 Stock Clothing, Gents' Furnishings, Hats and Shoes of The I X L Clothing Store

61 North 3d St. Corner Davis St.

Slightly damaged by smoke and water is being slaughtered regardless of cost or value. This stock must be closed out by the end of this month. Clothing, gents' furnishings, hats and shoes at your own price. The crowds that have attended this sale have been more than well pleased. We are offering better and bigger bargains than ever. Be on hand early and get your share of these bargains. Below we quote a few of the big values that may be had at this sale. Bear in mind there are thousands of different articles just slightly damaged by water and smoke that all go at these prices.

## Men's Furnishings

Slightly Damaged by Smoke and Water.

- \$1.25 and \$1.50 Dress Shirts .....79c
- \$1.00 Dress Shirts .....59c
- 75c Dress Shirts .....45c
- 65c Work Shirts .....39c
- \$2.00 Blue Flannel Shirts, double breasted 95c
- 75c Shirts and Drawers .....45c
- \$1.25 Wool Shirts and Drawers .....89c
- 35c and 50c Wool Sox .....23c
- 25c Wool Sox .....12 1/2c
- 20c Wool Sox .....9c
- 10c Cotton Sox .....4c
- 10c White and Colored Handkerchiefs .....4c
- 10c Canvas Gloves .....5c
- 500 75c Neckties, 4-in-hand .....39c
- 35c Neckties, 4-in-hand .....15c
- 75c Suspenders .....39c
- \$1.50 Sweater Coats .....59c
- \$2.00 Sweater Coats .....89c



## Men's Suits

Slightly damaged by smoke and water. GOOD SUITS of men's clothes, all to match, slightly damaged by water \$2.95

MEN'S WOOL SUITS, up-to-date patterns; regular retail price up to \$15.00; slightly damaged by smoke and water, \$4.95 at

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At \$9.95 you are free to pick and choose from 25 different lots of finely finished and hand-somely tailored suits, values up to \$25.00; slightly damaged by smoke and water \$9.95

200 MEN'S OVERCOATS, all sizes, dark patterns; values up to \$12.00; damaged by smoke and water \$4.95

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- \$5.00 values, slightly damaged by smoke \$2.95
- \$4.50 values, slightly damaged by smoke \$2.45
- \$4.00 values, slightly damaged by smoke \$2.15
- \$3.50 values, slightly damaged by smoke \$1.95
- \$3.00 values, slightly damaged by smoke \$1.65
- \$2.00 values, slightly damaged by smoke .95c
- \$1.50 values, slightly damaged by smoke .79c

- Genuine Boston Garters 15c
- 50c Genuine President and Coin Suspenders 19c
- \$1.50 Sweater Coats 59c
- 50c and 35c Silk Four-in-Hand Ties 15c
- \$2.00 Blue Flannel Shirts, all Double Breasted 95c
- 10c Cotton Sox 4c
- 10c White Handkerchiefs 3c



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