

Alaska be taken over, operated and maintained by the Federal Government.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

Adopted by the House, April 22, 1913.

Adopted by the Senate, April 23, 1913.

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### HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 18.

To the Honorable Alaska Road Commission:

The Legislature of the Territory of Alaska hereby memorializes your Honorable Body and represents:

#### I.

That at a distance of approximately sixty-five miles from the town of Fairbanks in the Territory of Alaska is located the Big Chena River Hot Springs, the waters of which have been demonstrated to contain excellent medicinal qualities bringing quick relief to persons suffering from rheumatism, a very common ailment among miners and others on the waters of the interior of Alaska.

#### II.

The following analysis and comment made by Hon. James Wilson, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, shows the result of the analysis of said springs made under the authority of that Department, to-wit:

“Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Office of the Secretary, June 3, 1912.

Hon. James Wickersham, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,—

Replying to your inquiry in reference to Big Chena Hot Springs, analysis of which was made for you in the Bureau of Chemistry of this department, I beg to advise

you that the records in the Bureau of Chemistry show this water to be different from any American hot springs which we have examined. The principal characteristic of the Big Chena Hot Springs is its contents of sulphate, chloride, and bicarbonate of sodium. In general character it is somewhat like the Felsenquelle, one of the famous springs at Carlsbad in Bohemia. The percentage composition of the principal salts in solution is somewhat similar.

BIG CHENA SPRINGS.

FELSENQUELLE SPRINGS.

Carlsbad, Bohemia.

13.6.....	Sodium Chloride .....	16.2
31.2.....	Sodium Sulphate .....	38.1
35.6.....	Sodium Bicarbonate .....	29.5

The Felsenquelle is also a thermal spring.

Trusting the above information will be of service to you, I am,

Very respectfully,

JAMES WILSON,

Secretary."

and its healing qualities are commonly known to practically all persons living in the interior of Alaska.

### III.

That during the winter season, even with the present difficulties of reaching said springs, there are at all times from fifty to sixty persons availing themselves of the use thereof and access to said springs would be greatly facilitated by the construction of a road from Fairbanks thereto, as many of the persons visiting said springs are so badly crippled as to render the trip expensive and extremely difficult under existing conditions.

### IV.

A road constructed from Fairbanks to the Big Chena Hot Springs would pass through valuable mineral country which is at present mined to some extent, and the development of which would be greatly promoted by the

construction of a good road. Said road would also connect with a trail leading from the springs over the divide in the direction of Circle City, and thereby furnish better communication during the winter months between the towns of Fairbanks and Circle City.

Wherefore, your memorialists respectfully urge that, in view of the great benefit which would be conferred upon the residents of the interior of Alaska, there be constructed during the coming summer a road between the town of Fairbanks and said springs, the same to become a part of the the Military Post Road system in the Territory of Alaska and to be maintained as such.

Passed the House, April 25, 1913.

Passed the Senate, April 26, 1913.

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#### HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 19.

To the Honorable Alaska Road Commission:

The Legislature of the Territory of Alaska hereby memorializes your honorable body, and represents:

I. That there is urgent need for the construction of a wagon road connecting the road leading from Chilkat to the Katalla oil fields, with the Town of Katalla, and extending from said Town of Katalla to Martin's River, the entire distance to be constructed being approximately eight miles.

II. That this road throughout its entire length will run through land that has been shown to contain valuable deposits of oil.

III. That the construction of said road will make it possible to place machinery in said oil fields at a reasonable cost for the further development thereof, and will result in greatly increasing the output of Alaska oil.

IV. That by connecting the road with Martin's River, the oil products at present shipped to Cordova and other points by vessel, can be loaded upon vessels at Martin's