

ment of gas plants in the Territory of Alaska.

That the tax on stamp mills of three dollars per stamp per annum be abolished.

The tax of fifteen dollars per annum for cigar stores or stands apply only to regular cigar stores or stands, and not to the sale of cigars in mercantile establishments or bar rooms paying the tax required for mercantile establishments or bar rooms, and it is,

Resolved, by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, that a copy hereof be sent to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to the Honorable James Wickersham, Delegate to Congress, Washington, D. C.

Passed the Senate, April, 30, 1913.

Passed the House, April, 30, 1913. ,

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 9.

To the Honorable Postmaster General of the United States:

Your memorialists, the House of Representatives and Senate of the Territory of Alaska, in Legislative session assembled, most respectfully represent:

That Whereas, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska has received a petition signed by more than 150 persons, property owners and residents of Valdez, Alaska, and vicinity, as follows, to-wit:

“We, the undersigned, property owners and residents of Valdez, Alaska, and vicinity, respectfully represent:

That the postoffices at Beaver Dam, Wortmans and Tonsins, Alaska, are situated between Valdez and Willow Creek, Alaska, a distance of eighty-nine (89) miles, and on the Valdez-Fairbanks Government wagon road; That no mail service of any kind whatsoever now exists for the delivery of mail to said respective post offices; except

at the post office of Tonsina, which receives mail from the regular mail service now operated between Chitina and Fairbanks, Alaska, during the winter months; that the people residing at or near said places are put to great inconvenience in receiving their mail and dependent entirely upon passing travelers for their said mail; That such inconvenience is a great and serious handicap to developing the resources of the country surrounding said post offices and lying between said Willow Creek and Valdez, Alaska.

Wherefore, the undersigned property owners and residents aforesaid, respectfully petition the Honorable Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, that said Legislature prepare and endorse a memorial to the second assistant postmaster general of the United States, asking that a regular weekly mail service be established between Valdez and Willow Creek, Alaska, and that after such establishment said service be maintained both summer and winter.

Respectfully submitted this 28th day of March, 1913."

And whereas, between Valdez, Alaska, and Willow Creek, Alaska, upon the Government wagon road a distance of 89 miles over 150 people reside, eight road houses, a number of signal corps telegraph stations and two post offices are established, which during the period from October 1st to May 31st are deprived of mail facilities.

And whereas, mail for the entire interior of Alaska, and mail from the interior destined for outside points during the winter months, is routed via Cordova and the Copper River Railroad, and is frequently subjected to delays of weeks, causing great inconvenience to the people of the territory.

And whereas, at no time during the eight years that mail for the interior of Alaska was routed via Valdez, has any delay occurred—in fact has always gone forward with certainty, celerity and security.

And whereas, the establishment of this service will in addition always permit the mail for and from interior Alaska and the Seward Peninsula to be readily and quickly diverted to this route, thus obviating the delay to which it has heretofore been subjected at such times as circumstances may in the future render it necessary.

Now therefore, we respectfully request the postmaster general of the United States to take such action in the matter hereinabove set forth as will most readily and in the most effective manner relieve the conditions existing.

Passed the House, April 14, 1913.

Passed the Senate, April 19, 1913.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 10.

To the Honorable, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled:

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully represent:

That the Territory of Alaska has a white population of upwards of forty thousand, of which approximately three thousand are children of school age attending the public schools; that there are in the Territory of Alaska forty-two white schools. Your memorialists further represent that there is not at this time a territorial board of Education, examining board, or superintendents to govern said schools.

We, your memorialists, therefore most earnestly pray that a board of education and a board of examiners be created for the Territory of Alaska and that not less than two school superintendents be appointed to visit and superintend all public schools for white children in the Territory of Alaska, and that the Honorable Senate and Congress of the United States appropriate a suffi-