

the most western point of the continent and the possessions of the United States, and where a populous village is situated and the port of call for the trading vessels between Siberia and the United States.

And your Memorialists will ever pray.

Passed by the House, April 20, 1921.

Passed by the Senate, April 25, 1921.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 18.

Petition to the Congress of the United States for the appropriation of sufficient funds for the establishment and maintenance of an insane asylum and sanitarium within the Territory of Alaska, for the purpose of caring for the insane of the Territory and the abolition of the present contract system at Morningside, near Portland, Oregon.

TO THE HONORABLE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES ASSEMBLED:

Your petitioners, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, represent as follows:

That the system now in vogue for caring for the insane of the Territory of Alaska under contract with an asylum and sanitarium located near Portland, Oregon, is, in our opinion, not conducive to the best results to the inmates, and that the present contract with the Morningside Sanitarium Company of Portland, Oregon, expires January 16, 1925.

Besides, we consider the contract system for caring for the mentally needy and helpless is the most inhuman and iniquitous that can be devised, since the contractors are too apt to have their eyes on the profits they may derive from such contract and the commercial greed would outweigh the human love and christian charity.

That there are many desirable places in Alaska where there are mineral hot springs which would be beneficial to such as are inmates of said institution and where the climatic conditions are fully as favorable as those near Portland, Oregon.

WHEREFORE, your petitioners pray that the contract system for the caring of the insane of Alaska be abolished and

that an institution for the care of the Alaska insane patients be established in Alaska at some convenient and desirable location, any number of which can be obtained where the climate and facilities are conducive to the proper treatment, care and welfare of the insane patients:

AND IT IS RESOLVED by the Fifth Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Alaska, that this petition be forwarded to the Congress of the United States with an urgent request that the same be given immediate consideration and that immediate steps be taken for the abrogation of the present contract system and for the establishment of an asylum and sanitarium for the insane in the Territory of Alaska.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Territory of Alaska be, and he hereby is, instructed to forthwith transmit copies of this Memorial and petition properly authenticated to the President of the United States, to the Secretary of the Interior and to the Delegate to Congress from Alaska.

Adopted by the House, April 23, 1921.

Adopted by the Senate, April 28, 1921.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 20.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR:

We, your Memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Fifth Regular Session assembled, do most respectfully and earnestly represent that

WHEREAS, there are many water power sites in Alaska, exact information regarding which is exceedingly meager; and, whereas, water power is important to the development of the mining, cannery and wood pulp industries; and, whereas, the only investigation made of such potential water power is carried on by small allotments made from the appropriations for the investigation of mineral resources of Alaska;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialists respectfully urge that Congress appropriate at least forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to be used in investigating the water resources of Alaska with reference to their use in mining, wood-pulp and other industries.