

of such an institution seems urgent. The number of native children who can be accommodated at Chemawa, Oregon, is very limited and the expense of sending them there would seem unnecessary. Moreover, a training in their home surroundings, where they are born and brought up and where they expect to live their lives, is obviously of greater advantage than a training under conditions foreign to the place where they expect to make themselves useful.

The neighborhood of the city of Wrangell, Alaska, seems to your memorialists to present the greatest advantages for the establishment and maintenance of such an institution as is here referred to. It is in the midst of mining, fishing, and of the lumber industry, and affords most excellent opportunities for training in agriculture; is one of the recognized centers and ancient headquarters of the native Indian population of South-eastern Alaska, and is located on the well frequented steamship routes, and, as such, easily accessible.

WHEREFORE, your memorialists respectfully recommend, that a native Indian training school for Indian children be established and maintained by the Bureau of Education in the neighborhood of Wrangell, Alaska.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

Passed by the House, March 17, 1923.

Passed by the Senate, March 28, 1923.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 5.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in sixth regular session assembled, respectfully represent that:

WHEREAS, during the World War approximately four thousand persons, residents of Alaska, enlisted or were inducted into the military and naval service of the United States, rendering therein excellent service; and,

WHEREAS, all or nearly all of the persons so serving with the forces of the United States made sacrifices by reason of such service above and beyond any sacrifices made by those who were unable or failed to undertake such service; and,

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Territory should render a grateful tribute to her sons and daughters who in time of danger took arms for the defense of their country; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor of Alaska, the Honorable Scott C. Bone, in his message to the Alaska legislative assembly, sixth session, delivered March 7, 1923, said among other things,

"I recommend that your honorable body memorialize Congress to grant land rights to Alaska soldiers of the World War. Rewarding service to country, the government will simultaneously insure good citizenship;" and,

WHEREAS, by reason of its limited powers and its reluctance to impose burdensome taxes on the people already sufficiently taxed, it is impracticable for the Legislature of Alaska to pay to Alaska soldiers, sailors or marines or nurses any money bonus, compensation or reward, and the only practicable way of showing the gratitude of the country is by an act of Congress making a grant of lands in Alaska to the persons from Alaska who served in the World War; and,

WHEREAS, a grant of 160 acres of land to each of the persons from Alaska who served in the World War would not cover more than one-half of one per cent of the vacant and unoccupied lands of Alaska in which the title still remains in the United States;

We, therefore, pray that an act be passed by Congress and signed by the President granting each person from Alaska, who served in the military or naval forces of the United States during the World War, one hundred and sixty (160) acres of land to be selected by the grantee from any open or unappropriated public land now subject to homestead entry, or one lode or placer mining claim of legal dimensions, and that no requirements of settlement, cultivation, labor or improvements be imposed on the grantee. And that further provision be made giving to those entitled hereunder to the benefits of such grant, but who are now non-residents of Alaska or so situated as to make impracticable location and selection of such lands in person, the right to locate and select such lands by attorney-in-fact under written power of attorney.

Provided further that to be entitled to such grant persons shall have been bona fide residents of the Territory of Alaska who were regularly called, enlisted, drafted, inducted or commissioned, and who served on active duty in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States between the 6th day of April, 1917, and the 11th day of November, 1918. Also any such

bona fide resident who being a citizen of the United States at the time of his entry therein served on active duty in the naval, military or air forces of the governments associated with the United States between these dates.

Persons who, while in such service were separated therefrom under circumstances amounting to a dishonorable discharge, and who have not subsequently been officially restored to an honorable status, are not entitled to grant hereunder.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

Passed by the House, March 24, 1923.

Passed by the Senate, April 18, 1923.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 7.

TO THE ALASKA ENGINEERING COMMISSION:

Your memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully call your attention to the antiquated system of coupling the cars operated on the narrow-gage [gauge] railroad under the control of the Alaskan Engineering Commission, and the hazard to life and limb of the employees of the railroad, resulting from the use of the antiquated type of couplers;

WHEREFORE, your memorialists respectfully suggest that appropriate steps be taken to eliminate the danger of accident attending the continued use of the couplers in question.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

Passed by the House, March 17, 1923.

Passed by the Senate, March 24, 1923.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 8.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, in the Sixth Session assembled respectfully represent that:

WHEREAS, the government of the United States, through its several departments and Congress, has demonstrated and is demonstrating its interest in the development of Alaska by the expenditure of many millions in the building of roads and trails