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A telegraphic message was received this week by Deputy Clerk Crandall which reads as follows:

"The next grand jury will probably be called in January. I start for Valdez in two weeks. Will hold short equity term when I reach there, but no jury until January.

James Wickersham."

Arrested.

Charles Davenport, colored, was arrested yesterday charged with taking gold nuggets and other valuables from his employer. This

A Rich Copper Dep

The Hubbard-Elliott Company Has Demonstrated That the Kotsina Copper Property Is Extensive and Carries Good Values.

The Hubbard & Elliott party returned to town this week after a good season's work on their property at Elliott creek. Diamond drilling and hand work was done, keeping 27 men busy since early this spring, and the ledges have been examined on a number of the claims.

On one claim a hole was cut with the diamond drill for 48 feet across the lead and nothing but solid bornite was encountered all the way. On another claim in running at an angle so as to cut across the ledge a hole was driven 92 feet, showing ore all through.

A tunnel was run into the mountain to strike one ledge at a depth of 125 feet, but when the season

closed they still had about 30 feet to go before striking the ledge. On still another claim a tunnel was run in 37 1/2 feet from the foot wall cross-cutting the ledge and when work stopped the hanging wall had not been reached, thus showing up more than 37 feet of ore which averages 25 per cent copper.

Another lead was cross-cut by a tunnel 18 feet from the foot wall without getting through the ore body. This ledge averages 20 per cent copper.

On many of the other claims the ledges were stripped extensively, showing large surface indications of a fine quality of ore.

It has been conclusively proven that the Mineral King claim has

a six foot vein with walls. The ore is This ledge has been feet.

Though work ceased for the season will be kept working.

In the event of a started this company deliver 500 tons of road daily within 3000 feet. This can be done easily and economically and there is an abundance for there.

H. P. Elliott, one of the company men of the company property and remaining summer. He is with the showing.

No Trail This Year

Work Stopped on Cut-off Trail To Delta. Doubtful About Route.

Copper Center, Sep. 6.—There will be no work done on the Gulkana Delta trail this fall. The crew which went through here a few days ago to cut the road has returned to the center and will be employed widening the trail to Fousina so that double sleds can be used.

Lieut. Pillsbury, who will inspect the trail to Fairbanks, Wm. Scott, who has been scouting out a short cut from Copper river to Delta, and Ed. Young, in the employ of mail-contractor Fish, left here this morning for Gulkana to decide on the merits of the rival routes to Delta. There are three routes proposed. One up Dry creek, between Fuzina and Gulkana, wanted by E. D. Hogan; one up Gulkana and the other following the old Gulkana trail, which leaves the government roadhouse at the mouth of Gulkana. Each route has its ardent advocates and Pillsbury is in doubt which to adopt.

The weather is fine and the trails were never better. Moshers from the camps are coming along slowly

Additional Locals

J. G. McCracken, of Seattle, accompanied by his wife, arrived on the Portland to act as cashier and manager of the Bank of Valdez. Mr. McCracken was connected with a large banking firm in Chicago till 1898, when he came to Valdez and spent a year on the interior. After going out he accepted a position in the Puget Sound National Bank at Seattle, which he has held until called here to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of E. W. Adams, who goes to Fairbanks soon to enter the express business.

C. H. Golden, Pete Cashman and Dan Greening returned yesterday from Nizina. During the trip Pete added more rays to the halo that has always attested to his incomparable ability as a packer. Dan claims the distinction of being the best bear hunter on the trail while Golden must content himself with being the only man on record who has climbed a tree with his saddle horse during a bear hunt.

Calls for bids for mail contracts in this section for the next four years will be issued soon. A contract will probably be let for a service along the Sound.

George Davison will leave on the Portland for the States. He leaves single, but—

The two Crays arrived yesterday from Slaty creek.

Bert Carvey and wife leave Nizina Oct. 10, for Valdez.

Chas. Wulff, who spent the season

Says Work Will

In an interview Swanzit yesterday he has completed a many work necessary construction, both the Portland and the Chicago, where he was his principals, and with a large firm of tractors. In the office force stationed kept at work, also clearing the rights for the delivery of have been received tracts for these will soon as a pile driver and put in place, a wharf will be built at and feet below the

Upon reaching the states the Color Valdez, powder, scrapers and other actual construction.

Montgomery & A posse from Escorted in capturing ery on Seohai pass, murder. The body victim was located men, with whom he winter, and whom he to have done away cated working in t gings. Nothing is

The Prospector.

Only a prospector looks sore and weary,
 But his will is more strong and his love more true
 Than the mossback and tenderfoot who idle so dreary,
 And complainingly say they have nothing to do.
 Through valleys and canyon, in all kinds of weather,
 The prospector travels day after day,
 Nor gives up the search for the long hidden treasure,
 Though his steps grow slow and his hair turns gray.
 The mossback and tenderfoot sit by the fire,
 And shiver to think of the weather without.
 The prospector travels o'er valleys and mountains,
 Nor cares for the storms that are raging about.
 He makes the way safe for others to follow.
 He opened the way to Dawson and Nome.
 For Valdez and Chisna, for Skagway and Chittyna.
 While the mossback and hobo sit idly at home.
 'Tis true his rations sometimes grow scanty,
 And his clothes may not be exactly in style;
 But you scarce ever find him dependent or dreary,
 He always greets you with a shake and a smile.
 He is found in all countries where ever there's mineral,
 Nor counts he the dangers that thickly abound.
 Each morning will find him with pick, pan and shovel,
 As he goes to prospect the country around.
 He will tackle a sled and will pull it for weeks,
 With provisions and tools, sometimes half a ton.
 With a pack on his back, though as large as himself,
 He will travel for days in rain or in sun.
 But when it's all ended and he lies in the coffin,
 A mere piece of clay soon to moulder to dust,
 We can say with all truth as we look back the trail;
 He always was faithful and true to his trust.
 MELVIN DEMSEY.

McHie's Blow-Out.



SENATOR McHIE.

What's that? Did you say a good time? Well I'd tell you, man. Saturday night, Feb. 15, at Von Gunther's hall, was the time and place chosen by Jim McHie to celebrate his success at the late election. Every one was invited

VALDEZ-YUKON ROAD.

The Juneau Record-Miner Urges the Chamber of Commerce to Fight for the Trail.

There is no one thing that will open up and develop Alaska more than the building of a government road from Valdez to the Yukon. To any man who has ever been over that part of Alaska and seen the possibilities of its latent resources, there is no doubt of the harvest just as soon as men can get provisions and machinery in there at anything less than fabulous prices. If the work is not completed in whole or in part, all that has been done will be of but little benefit, inasmuch as the work that has been done so far is simply to make it available as a trail and not as a road. The building of this road is doubly beneficial to the people of Alaska, for while it furnishes a highway over which miners can transport their provisions and machinery, the prospector, who is in that country and is worth his weight in gold to the government, can secure employment and thereby sustain himself in the work which will eventually open the treasury box of the United States.

The disposition of the Chamber of Commerce to do all in its power to litte the government complete the good work so ably commenced on this road by Gen. Abercrombie, should be encouraged, for it is as much to the interest and benefit of Juneau as it is to Valdez or any other point. It will put Juneau in direct communication with all the great interior of Alaska. It is the all-American route and with Valdez and Juneau working in harmony, much can be accomplished. While Juneau is surrounded with mountains of ore rich in gold, which in time will make her a great mining center, her chief effort just at the present time, should be to make herself the chief commercial center of all Alaska, the home of the Alaska Miner. Her mountains are here and cannot run away, but her commercial supremacy can; therefore the action of the Chamber of Commerce in taking a broad view of the matter and resolving to work and fight for the completion of the great trans-Alaskan highway, is worthy of the warmest support of every business man in Juneau. The Valdez people are a freehearted, industrious and courageous lot of prospectors, and their friendship for Juneau will count in the end. Give them a welcome to the best efforts Juneau can put forth in their behalf. Record-Miner.

Death of a Well Known Native.

Plumbeau, one of the best known

The Dog.

Those of us who come from the warm section of the states have been accustomed to term the extra-warm or sultry days as dog days; for then the dogs have nothing to do but lay indolently in the shade and slept all the while. But to us in Alaska, where we enjoy the finest climate on the continent, with never a sultry day, we look upon the dog days in a different sense. We take a commercial view of the matter and look upon the dog as a valuable piece of property, in proportion to his qualities as a draught animal. In summer we use him to yack our outfit from place to place and a good dog will yack from fifty to seventy-five pounds, but generally he will have a quiet, easy life during that season and also during a greater part of the winter. Just now we are in what we consider the dog days—that is, the days when he attains his highest monetary value as a sled animal. Of course, the horse assumes valuable proportions at this season, but to the average prospector the dog is the more valuable as he can be used on any trail, while it takes a number of men to make and keep open a trail for horses when the snow is thick on the ground.

We have here in Valdez hundreds of dogs of high and low degree and ranging in size from the small house dog to the large, stately mastiff. Some are native animals, but the greater number have been brought from the states. Every house in town possesses one or more dogs, and in general they are very quiet and business-like fellows.

Now, as the spring is opening, there is a great demand for good dogs, but any kind will bring a large price. Outfits are already purchased; sleds are properly rigged up and everything is being got in readiness for the trail and the man who is unfortunate enough to be without a dog must now have one.

A few days since Mrs. Johnson sold her large black dog Shamrock for \$75; she also sold Beauty for \$75 and Queen for \$50. Fred. Date sold his four collie dogs to C. D. Shaw, to be used on the postal route from Katmai to St. Michaels, for \$75 each.

Edie sold one dog for \$75. Sam Means brought in several dogs on the last boat and sold one of them for \$50, even though he was perfectly green and never had a harness on; and so it is in many cases. There is a good demand and large prices prevail, and justly so, for the dog—the humble friend of the prospector—will haul a load of provisions and tools a distance of two or three hundred miles where the prospector may settle down for the summer and prospect to his heart's content, and more than likely strike a good rich

CHURCHES SOCIETIES ETC.

ENDEAVOR CONG. CHURCH—Cor. Glacier Avenue and Hobart Street. Rev. D. W. Cram, Pastor. Services every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday night. Christian Endeavor Society meets Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Melvin Demsey, President.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY—Cor. Glacier Avenue and Hobart Street. Services on Sunday at 4 p. m. Jas. Fish, Senior Warden.

ORDER OF ALASKA MOOSE—Pioneer Troop No. 1. Meet in their own hall on Reservation Avenue, every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. H. H. Hildreth, Ruling Spirit, E. A. Wheat, Keeper. Wa Wa, (See)

ARCTIC BROTHERHOOD—Valdez Camp No. 10. Meets at Moose Hall every Tuesday evening. A. M. Edwards, Arctic Chief, J. G. Snyder, Secretary.

VALDEZ SOCIAL CLUB—Oscar Fish, Pres. Mrs. Jas. Fish Sr. Sec. Meet at the Moose Hall every Friday evening.

VALDEZ CHAMBER OF COMMERCE—Meet at the schoolhouse the first Monday night of each month. F. D. Kebley, Pres. A. W. Rockford, Sec'y.

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This couple were married March 10, 1877, in the town of Gonzalez, Cal., and thus began their first honeymoon, and they are now launched out upon their second. We hope the last honeymoon may be as happy as was the first, and that the afternoon of their lives may be gilded by a radiant reflection of their morning, and and they may

SOLOMON GULCH ROAD TO NOME SUNRISE ITEMS.

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NEWS FROM THE MINING CAMPS ON

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The Kenai Peninsula

For the Small Amount of Work That has Been Done so Far.

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Mrs. McCabe was attired in a lavender silk, trimmed with point lace, and was a charming hostess. Mr. McCabe's face was wreathed with happy smiles, as if twenty-five years of wedded life had been spent happily.

The evening was pleasantly spent in music, songs, dancing and social conversation. Refreshments were served and all the friends retired to their respective homes wishing the couple many more happy anniversaries. They were the recipients of a handsome case of silver knives, forks, table and tea spoons, which was the gift of their children in California.

Those present were Captain Burnell, Lieut. Allison, Lieut. Anderson, Mr. Howard, Adjutant Howell, Spencer Brown, Clark and others whose names I failed to secure.

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Upon investigation after the last blast they found that the foot wall receded and they were directly into a solid bed of ore, which indicated a rapid widening of the vein. The sample brought in by Eide and Fielder shows a marked improvement in value, so that Mr. Gollin is more eager than ever to get down into the body of the ore and prove its real value.

More development work will be done as soon as the snow leaves, and it is confidently expected that these claims will make a paying mine.

Mr. C. G. Hazelett arrived in town on Monday evening from Tonsina. He reports the government trail as being in excellent condition. In fact it is in better condition than ever before. The Hazelett & Menes party are now beyond the Tonsina and are in the lead of the push. The government outfit broke trail as far as Tonsina, but have such a large outfit that they cannot go as fast as some of the other mushers. Everyone is further ahead than ever before at this season of the

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Chas. Johnson, who has been working for this concern since fall reports that there was a strike made on Clark river, which empties into Lake Clark, during the winter. A man who was prospecting in that section came into Iliamna recently and showed some coarse gold, which he had panned out on the river. This stream has been all staked, but Johnson has found another stream, across a divide from Clark, which was staked several years ago, and for some reason has not been developed. He found prospects encouraging enough to induce him to go back again this summer.

He reports that little has been done in the oil fields near Iliamna although considerable work is planned for this coming season.

Chamber of Commerce.

The regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held tomorrow (Friday) evening at the

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Among the largest investors and most enthusiastic miners in this place is S. W. Wiebel, the well known banker of Bakersfield Cal., who has valuable claims on Six mile and Canyon creeks. He has two hydraulic outfits at work and has expended over \$50,000 in improvements on his property. The output of his claims has been quite large.

The Polly Mine is one of the oldest as well as the largest producers in this district. The output has been from \$15,000 to \$30,000 a season.

Fred Smith has rich property on Lynx creek and has spent about \$10,000 in development work and improvements. G. D. Hitchcock leased this claim last year and worked it to a good profit. He has the claim again this year and expects to take out about \$20,000. During the winter two men have been running a drift on this property and obtained more than \$35

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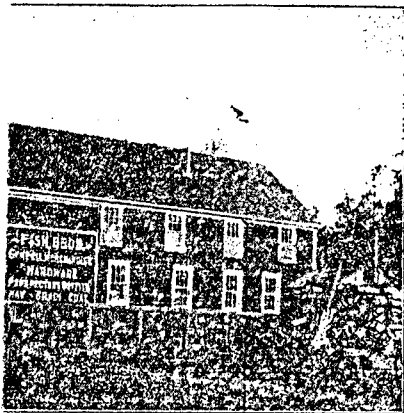
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WILL GRADE STREETS.

The Council Have Ordered Some of the Streets Filled In General Clean-up.

The city council held a meeting last Monday night at the school house and in the absence of the mayor, councilman McHie occupied the chair.

Mr. Chas. Crawford having qualified as a councilman, took his seat.

The city health officer was instructed to notify the owner of diseased dogs to keep them off the streets, or such animals would be killed and the owners proceeded against as provided by law. He was also instructed to notify the

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PINK DENNISON RETURNS FROM

Another Bum Mail Route

Bad Weather, Poor Trail, Dogs Played Out. Man Frozen to Death.

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WILL GRADE STREETS.

The Council Have Ordered Some of the Streets Filled In General Clean-up.

The city council held a meeting last Monday night at the school house and in the absence of the mayor, councilman McHie occupied the chair.

Mr. Chas. Crawford having qualified as a councilman, took his seat.

The city health officer was instructed to notify the owner of diseased dogs to keep them off the streets, or such animals would be killed and the owners proceeded against as provided by law. He was also instructed to notify the property owners to put their lots in a sanitary condition immediately.

The street committee was instructed to proceed at once to fill in and grade the depression at the corner of McKinley street and Broadway and also grade and put in shape Alaska avenue from McKinley street to the approach of the wharf. They were also authorized to do any needed work on other streets at their discretion.

The council will hereafter meet at the city hall and will probably have the building completed in the near future.

New Steamship Line.

A new steamship company has been organized in Seattle with E. J. Linden formerly of the Bertha as general manager. They will run the steamer Chico, a 540-ton vessel to Valdez and Cook Inlet points once a month. The steamer leaves Seattle on the 5th of each month. It is not yet known who the local agent will be.

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Major W. R. Abercrombie has at last got his wits together and recommended to the War Department that they expend \$50,000 in addition to the \$20,000 left over from the former appropriation for this work.

Major Abercrombie made this request personally to the heads of the department, showing them that this mail route was the most successful in Alaska, and that the work that had already been done had proved of much assistance to miners and prospectors as well as to mail carriers and should be kept in repair and good order. It is to be hoped that his recommendation will be complied with and that this important piece of work will be kept in repair.

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Mr. Dennison reports that a number of persons have been frozen badly this winter in the Kuskokwim country. Dr. Romig, the physician at the Bethel mission has been kept busy taking off fingers and toes.

One man by the name of Edgar Walters was frozen so badly that he died. He was found in a deserted Indian hut by Mr. Carter, one of the mail carriers, badly frozen and nearly starved. Carter divided his grub with him but the poor fellow died later on. Another man, name unknown, who was with a party of prospectors who called themselves the "Tailor Party" as they were all trilogers, left his friends to look for their cabin.

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There are ten people on the Chittyna side of the divide, they nearly all have claims staked, on either Banta creek or Monahan. Not enough prospecting has been done on either of the last named creeks to say how they will turn out.

The banner creek so far on the Chittyna side of the range, is American creek. Twenty cents to the pan is the best taken out yet that I know of. Out of sixty pans taken out by myself, I did not draw a single blank.

Your other correspondent sent out some quotations last time, so I will send a few now, to show the sentiment of the crowd.

Dr. King: "How will I ever get all my gold to Valdez?"

Dunton: "Do you think it will be safe for me to shoot all my gold through the rapids at one time?"

John Vaalderstein: "I will pack every ounce of mine out if it takes ten years to do it."

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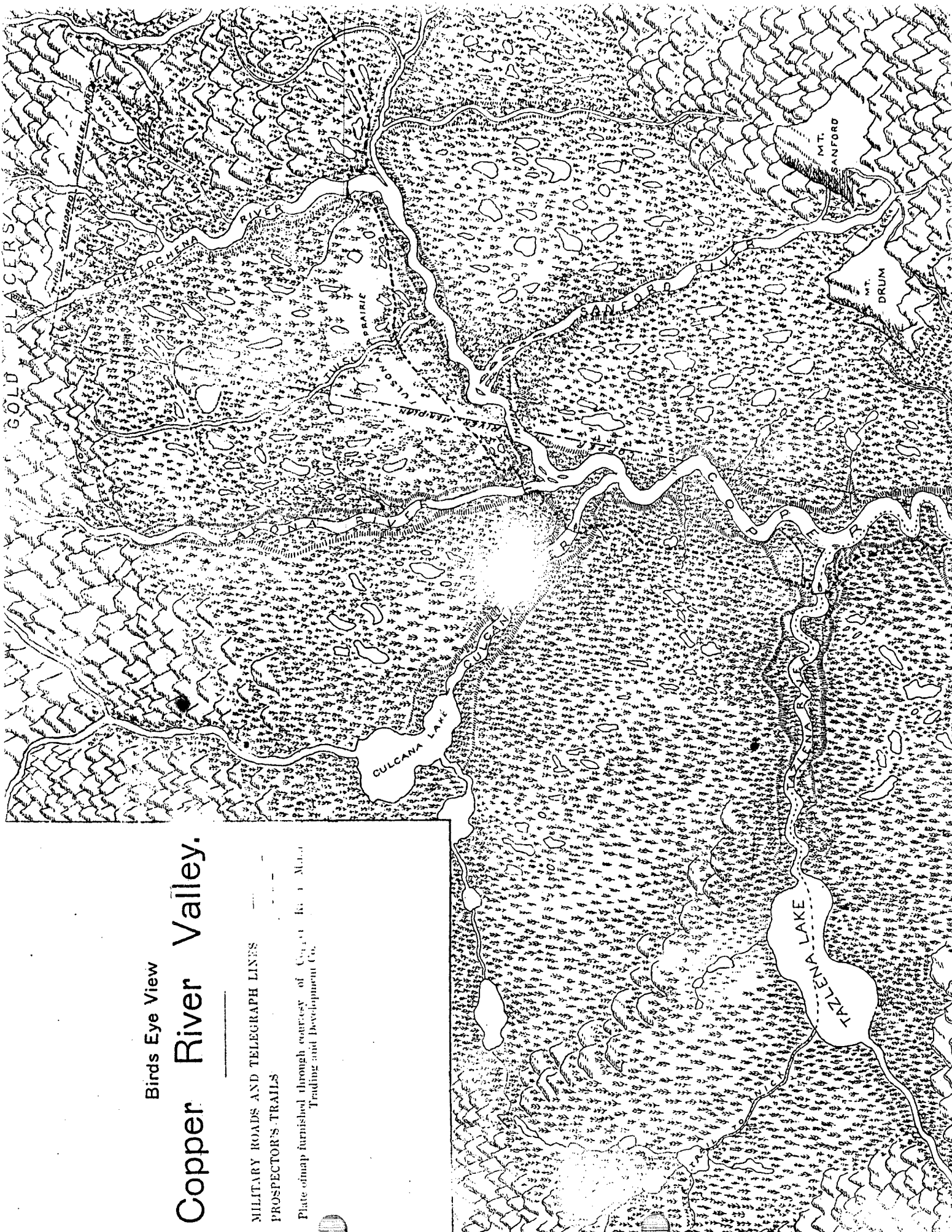
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Going via Tasnuna.

Bob Fulkerson, in the employ of Stephen Birch, of the Chittyna Mining and Exploration company, made a hurried trip, over Marshall Pass and down the Tasnuna to the Copper river. The object being to ascertain the condition of the country and the advisability of using that route for sledding into the Chittyna country. Bob left here on Feb. 2 and returned on the 15th, taking five days to return. He reports the conditions very favorable and the weather on the interior quite cold. The rivers are frozen over—there being an occasional opening, which is no detriment to the trail. The snow is not more than eighteen inches deep at any point and the drop below the canyon is quite gradual, so everything being favorable the large outfit of the above mentioned company will be taken over that trail.

Absent Minded.

The "Orderly," a paper published at the Hill Military academy, Portland, where Dick Brown is attending school, publishes the following jokes on Richard:

B—s (to the street car conductor): "Let me off when you get to the reservation—I mean the reservoir."

Gmt. (at central office): "Nickel, please." "What are you doing at that 'phone?"

B—s. "I'm from Alaska, and I'm dropping in gold dust."

Overland Cable.

For a stretch of 400 miles the Yukon telegraph line between Telegraph creek and Tagish runs through a wild, mountainous country, difficult of access, and liable to snowslides, which render the maintenance of the line almost impossible. Frequently poles and wires are buried under twenty feet of snow. At other times gales of wind sweep over the track, uprooting trees, which fall across the wires and disrupt the line.

Owing to such causes, telegraphic

communication with the Yukon has been interrupted twice, for considerable periods, during the present winter. The department of public works has decided to overcome the difficulty of the situation by substituting for poles and wires an insulated cable. The cable will be laid on the surface of the ground, and, it is thought, will remain intact under the most exacting conditions, without any special protection. Surface cables of this sort have been tried in Central Africa with satisfactory results.

The work of laying the cable section of the Yukon telegraph line will be commenced probably as soon as the ground is clear of snow in the spring.

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Now is the time
Go to Brown's for Crescent baking powder,
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Time is life.
Buy a can of Crescent baking powder,
for your wife.

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Buy a can of Crescent baking powder,
And see her smile.

For smiles are worth money.
Avoid the frowns.
Take her a can of crescent baking powder,
Purchased at Brown's

Did you see those fellows outfitting down there at Brownell's buying sleds, Washoe picks, Silver Dollar shovels? He keeps harness and sole leather, too

Market Price List.

Flour	\$2.80	per 100
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Eggs	30c	" doz
Sugar	\$7.00	" 100
Rice	\$1.00 to \$7.10	" 100
Potatoes	3c	" lb
Bacon and Ham	\$15.00 to \$17.00	" 100
Coffee	.....	20 to 30c	" lb
Milk	.....	12c to 20c	" can
Granulated Potatoes	.....	20 to 25c	" lb
Dried Fruit	.....	8 to 15c	" lb
Syrup	.....	\$1 to \$1.50	" 100
Beans, small white	.....	\$6.00	" 100
Beans, Lima	.....	\$12.50	" 100
Roll'd Oats	.....	5c to 7c	" lb
Wheat	.....	50 to 75c	" lb
Tobacco, smoking	.....	50 to 70c	" lb
Tobacco, chewing	.....	50 to 75c	" lb
E. Wash, double cond, timothy hay	\$42.50	ton
Best Whitman Oats	\$15.00	ton
Coal	\$15.00	ton
Wood	\$8.00	cord

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SILK UNDERWEAR.**

On the Glacier.

There are now about 25 people on their way across the glacier. Only one party has passed the summit so far. That is the outfit sent by Al. White into the Matanuska country.

Sam Taylor and Alee Ohlhausen are camped at the foot of the summit.

Louis Rosenthal, James Baker, John Greenwald, Hans Christensen, Carl Swanson and John Burr are at the fifth bench.

At the fourth bench there are three tents occupied by E. W. Merrill, James Simpson, Jack Stewart and Hans Hanson.

There are several tents at the relief station. Niel Robeson and party, Ben Howell and several others are camped there.

Some of the outfit have their caches on the summit, and with three or four clear days most of the mushers will be over the big ice.

The trail this year runs toward the center of the glacier at the third bench and does away with the bad grade at the top. The only steep pull by the new trail is just after leaving the flat, where there are two or three short pitches.

THE ONLY WAY

THE ROUTE FROM VALDEZ IS THE BEST

To The Tanana Strike

Several Hundred Miles Shorter, and Open All the Year.

To any one who has investigated the different routes from the outside to the new strike on the Tanana, it is evident that the Valdez route is the shortest quickest and cheapest.

Last month Hawes and Huntington left here for the strike. They were eight days and a half making the mouth of the Chistuchina a distance of 160 miles, each taking a load of 350 pounds. Since then several other parties have left over the same trail, which is as follows:

From Valdez over the government trail to Copper river 140 miles; From the Center up the Copper to the Chistuchina 60 miles; up the Chistuchina 45 miles; thence across the country to the head of the Delta 45 miles; down the Delta to the Tanana 85 miles; thence to the diggings 71 miles making the whole trip about 401 miles.

To a party going late this route could be varied by continuing on past the Chistuchina to the Slana; then up the Slana to Mentasta pass and down to the Tokio. If by that time the snow was disappearing, boats could be built and then it would be plain sailing down the Tokio to the Tanana; thence down the Tanana to the diggings.

Any route taken other than via Valdez involves extra traveling of hundreds of miles.

If one goes in by way of Skagway, the usual expense and worry is encountered attending a trip to Dawson, and from Dawson to the diggings, by the very shortest possible route, (which according to the Dawson Sun is impracticable for sledging), is 330 miles of mushing.

To go by way of the Yukon means getting there in midsummer, too late for any practical purpose.

So taking all points into consideration, the traveler will do well to take the Valdez route, which can be used at any season of the year, with a saving of time, labor and expense, and almost half the route is covered by good, comfortable roadhouses.

Solomon Gulch.

Work will soon be renewed with extra vigor on the Solomon gulch property. The heavy snow of this season put a stop to the surface

Moike Takes a Trip.

WORTMAN'S, Sat. Mar. 21.

Left Valdez on the morning of March 20, light, with the intention of making No. 3 next day. The weather commenced to get bad shortly after leaving Valdez. By the time we arrived at Camp Comfort the trail was completely filled with light snow that stuck to the sleds and nearly pulled the life out of the horses.

Left comfort at 2:30 p. m. for Wortman's, with Sam Lynch and Jas. McCarty for company; Mr. Hollingsworth was with Lynch, also. The trail to No. 2 was very bad. Here we found about 15 trailers cached at the side of the trail. Scenting danger ahead we cut our loads in two, and lightened them in every way possible. The first half mile through the canyon was not bad—quite heavy, that was all. When we got to the snowslide section the fun commenced and did not cease until we were seated at the dinner table at Wortman's at 10 p. m. The first incident of any note was a snowslide. McCarty was quite a distance ahead; Sam being heavy loaded could not make such good time. Hollingsworth and I were walking behind Sam's sled. All of a sudden we heard a sort of hissing and sliding sound. I looked up in time to see Lynch lie down on his sled just as a slide of soft snow covered him completely. When it struck him, he gave a sort of a—well I can't quite describe the sound he did make—It was a sort of a cross between a Malamute howl and a half Nelson hitch. With just a dash of Basso Profundoski. If I live to be as old as Staghound Bill I will never forget that sound—or noise. After he was out and on the way again I asked him what he meant by making such a racket. He replied he was merely sounding the key-note to the situation. We had gone but a short distance when his horse was struck by another slide that carried him over a bluff into a deep hole. It took us about an hour to get him out and hitched up again. By this time the snowflakes had assumed the size of a winter's coal bill and were not as scarce as snowshoes in Valdez. It was getting dark and we were not half-way through the canyon, and by no means over the worst part of it.

There has been a very heavy fall of the beautiful (?) for the last week and the canyon is well-filled with snow, and judging from appearances is good for five weeks yet.

We arrived at this end in safety, though very tired and wet. No one, except the mail carrier, has come from the other side for a week.

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Another new industry has been added to our town, which will

FELL THROUGH ICE

WHILE TAKING A DRINK AT A WATER HOLE

Joe Berge Was Drowned

Ice Broke and The Swift Current Carried Him Under. Body Not Recovered.

D. G. McTavish arrived from the Nizina diggings, by way of Tasnuna Tuesday night, and reports the drowning of Mr. Joseph Berge, in Chittyna river, about five miles below the Nizina, on March 15. Mr. Berge and his partner, H. D. Patricks, were traveling along the river behind the rest of the outfit of seventeen men, when Berge stopped his team and went over to a water hole to get a drink. His partner saw him stamping on the ice to see if it was strong enough to hold his weight, and saw him get down on his knees and drink; when he looked again the ice had broken and he had disappeared and the swift water had carried him under. His body was not recovered. The Blei party of nineteen men reached the diggings on the 18th of the month and are now busy whipsawing lumber for cabins and getting the camp ready for the big outfit.

Appropriation for Alaska.

The sundry civil bill as agreed upon by both houses and sent to the president contains the following items: Lighthouse, Alaska, \$200,000; Alaskan exhibit at St. Louis, \$50,000; relief of natives of St. George and St. Paul island, Alaska, \$15,000; to pay expenses of Alaskan boundary commission, \$100,000; protection of salmon fisheries of Alaska, \$7,000; incidental and traveling expenses, Alaska department of justice, \$10,000.

A restraining order was issued last Friday from the Court of Lovers' Pleas, ordering all others to keep off and not trespass; plaintiff claiming the right to take to a dance the charming young lady in the suit (white). It appears that that Cupid drove an iron wedge into the heart of plaintiff; it left him courage enough to appear before the court but his courage oozed out through the bleedin' wound and he did not have grit enough left to invite the aforesaid lady, so the other fellow took her.

Mr. Herman Meyer, manager of the Nizina Trading Co., left here today in company with Dr. Woods, the company physician. They are bound for the Nizina, where Mr. Meyer will have a large stock of goods to sell. Anyone who is forced to get in light can secure a sufficient outfit for working or prospecting. Mr. Meyer has sent

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In from Slate.

On Sunday last there arrived in town from Slate creek J. R. Crittenden, J. L. Hannan, Ben Hannan and Burt McDowell. Crittenden went in as far as the Chesna postoffice not long ago to land supplies to his men stationed there, but the others were in on Slate creek all of the past summer, and remained until late in November sinking a shaft on the bench. They dug down about 90 feet, when they had to leave as supplies were getting scarce.

Coming down the Chestochina they found glare ice all the way to its mouth. The Copper was not yet sufficiently frozen to travel on, but the trail was in excellent condition and they made quick time.

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In the summer of 1899 Mr. A.

WAGON ROAD BILL

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Valdez Post Office Advanced To
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 For Sitka.

Wagon Road Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.--Congressman Cushman to-day introduced a bill providing for an appropriation for a wagon road from Valdez to Eagle. Hitchcock and Roosevelt both favor the bill.

Presidential Office.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.--The Valdez postoffice was to-day made a presidential office.

No Buildings for Sitka.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.--None of Gov. Brady's requests for government buildings at Sitka are endorsed by Secretary Hitchcock. It is well known that he favors moving the capital to Juneau as soon as suitable buildings can be secured at the latter place, hence it is deemed unnecessary to spend more money at Sitka.

Brady asked for \$15,000 for Sitka buildings, and \$15,000 for Kodiak, also \$100,000 for a steamer for the third judicial district and \$3,000,000 for roads. None of these estimates are endorsed by Hitchcock.

Kaiser Worse.

BERLIN, Dec. 14.--There is renewed uneasiness regarding the condition of the Kaiser. A second operation has been performed upon him for cancer of the throat, and a third one will be necessary.

Attack on Consul Verified.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.--Minister Leishman's investigation confirms the earlier reports regarding the attacks on consul Davis, at Alexanderetta by Turkish police. Leishman transmitted the report to Washington and is waiting further instructions.

Flora Safely In.

VICTORIA, Dec. 15.--The cruiser Esquimault to-day towed the wrecked Flora into the drydock. Her hull is badly damaged but will be repaired.

Telegraphic Flashes.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8--Reports received state that Colombian steamers have landed 1100 men near the south end of Atrato river on the Gulf of Darien, to open a way through the mountains to Panama. Other troops from the state of Cauca are converging on the Panama boundary.

All necessary preparations are being made here to prevent the crossing of the border. The government is determined to defend Panama at any cost.

Gen. Reyes' reception by the president was not cordial. It is generally understood that the president became very angry during the interview, but details are not published.

The secretary of war sends to congress with his approval the project of engineers to improve Wrangell narrows at a cost of \$1,600,000. To deepen the channel ten to twenty feet for twenty-one miles.

The secretary of the treasury recommends an expenditure of \$320,000 for Alaska fish hatcheries, and the same amount for the extension of the cable from Sitka to Valdez. Also considerable increase in the allowances for the care of natives and the propagation of reindeer in Alaska.

Consul Davis hauls down the flag and abandons American consulate at Alexanderetta, Asiatic Turkey. He was attacked and beaten by Turkish police while assisting naturalized Americans to leave town. Minister Leishman, at Constantinople, has been ordered to make full investigation and demand full reparation.

That Turkey.

Who stole the turkey? is now the question.

On Wednesday evening, the 9th instant, a dressed--or rather undressed--turkey disappeared from the window of an esteemed neighbor, hanging at least 25 feet from the ground, that is, the turkey. It was not missed till the following day, when a search failed to reveal its whereabouts. But on that evening our city marshal, who, by the way, is a very just and clever sleuth, noticed a few questionable characters entering a house occupied by some of them. His suspicions were aroused, and he very cautiously entered the premises just as the last one of the party was about to sit down to an elaborate spread

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Good Goods.

Newport Beached.

The steamer Newport, with mail left here on Dec. 14, bound for Unalaska and all intermediate points, when off Coal bay she ran into a storm, against which no headway could be made, they could not even hold up against it. In order to keep off shore two anchors were thrown over, but without avail. The chains parted and both anchors were lost, and the boat was quickly blown ashore. She landed high up on the beach, and all attempts to get her off were fruitless. She ran on the beach Dec. 22, and laid there for sixteen days, when an extra high tide and a fierce off shore gale again put her afloat. The steamer was then headed for Valdez, which point she reached without further mishap on Saturday, the 16th instant. From Coal

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RESIDENTS OF FORTY MILE COUNTRY

Will Do Their Share

Toward A Road From Valdez To The Yukon. Chicken Items.

Chicken Creek, January 1, 1904. —A petition is being circulated throughout the Forty Mile basin by Mr. C. B. McDowell, asking the people of Valdez and the coast cities to build a good winter road, suitable for six horse teams from Valdez to the Taana crossing, and pledging ourselves to continue such a road from that point through the interior of this section to the boundary line on the Forty Mile river. The road to be completed and ready for traffic by Nov. 1st, 1904. We are determined to get the front door opened, and believe the only way to do so is to do it ourselves. Waiting for government aid is like Mr. Micawber, waiting for something that never turns up.

The Valdez chamber of commerce has been notified of our action in the matter and its co-operation requested.

The people of the interior of Alaska are only too willing to swing their trade from Dawson to Valdez, if they can get access to that town. And the opening of this winter road will not only afford that outlet but it will avoid duty; will give no competition here, will be the forerunner of a railway at no very distant date, and will also make it practical for the settlement of the country along the Copper river between here and Valdez. As it is now, that country, for the want of roads, might just as well be the heart of the Sahara desert so far as it is possible to settle its agricultural and open up its mineral lands.

This is the first time the people of this section have called on Valdez. What answer are we going to receive? Let's build the road, and build it in 1904.

More work is being done in the Forty Mile country as a whole this winter than ever before, but some of the best properties on Chicken—all the bench claims on Lost Chicken still are not being

there is an unnecessary delay sometimes in receiving our mail; for instance—the writer has a receipt for a registered package dated New York city, October 5th, and as yet the package has not arrived. If an outside friend desired to send a Christmas present to Alaska he'd have to purchase it one Xmas for delivery the next.

Mr. Robt. Matheson, an old time California miner and also an Alaska sourdough, has recently received a complete assaying plant, and will shortly have the same installed at his home on Stone House Fork of Chicken creek. Bob has seen nearly all the mining camps in America, and states that this section of Alaska outstrips anything he has seen yet in one respect—the amount of mineralized rock; and says that he can get a little gold in nearly all the rock found in this basin.

Mr. George Frank, an old time resident of the Forty Mile country, is a great admirer of President Roosevelt. He sympathizes so strongly with Roosevelt's plea against the extinction of our race that he went outside and married a sweet Missouri lady. He has just returned with his bride. W. B. A.

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Although 6 days time was lost by the storm it was sufficiently made up so that the mail arrived in time to catch the outgoing steamship Excelsior, which left here early on the morning of the 19th.

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FAIRBANKS, Jan. 17th.—Flour is
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bacon 78 cents per pound, butter
\$2.50 per can. Shirts, undercloth-
ing, socks, rubber shoes and hats
are very scarce. There will be
plenty of money this spring after
the dumps are washed.

R. N. FLEMING.

JAS. FISU, Sic. licensed real
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to Seattle, while a few were for this
place. The Seattle passengers
were fortunate in arriving here in
time to catch the Excelsior.

This being the eastern terminal
of the Newport, she will lay here
till the 26th when she will again
start for the west.

Rich Dirt.

Geo. Muehler, formerly of Daw-
son, but now of Fairbanks, in a let-
ter to a friend in Valdez, states
that he has several claims on Fair-
banks creek, one of which is Bench
claim No. 5 below discovery. On
this he has dug one hole to bedrock,
which is about 30 feet deep, and it
is turning out about \$19 to the
bucket. He believes that when
thoroughly prospected it will prove
a very rich camp.

He further states that provisions
are very scarce, and men are out
along the river buying up and
freighting into camp anything they
can get in the eating line.

Wellington coal \$15 per ton or
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This company intends to bring
water by gravity system a distance
of about 25 miles and to hydraulic
the entire hill. The preliminary
survey for the pipe line has already
been completed, and actual work
by the company will be commenced
in the early spring.

Quartz is beginning to forge to
the front in this section although
quartz development is naturally
much slower than placer. Mr. Abe
Tweedon has a quartz proposition
at the mouth of Gold creek about
25 miles above Chicken creek, upon
which he has been working for sev-
eral seasons. At present he has a
number of shafts down on the
properties, and the rock taken from
all of them averages about \$40, and
so far all the ore is free milling.
The properties are readily accessi-
ble, and plenty of water power
adjoins the claims.

The postal department has estab-
lished a post office at Chicken.
Mr. Leonard J. Radcliffe has been
appointed postmaster. This makes
three post offices in the Forty Mile
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been done in better time. These
are facts that should convince any
party, who anticipates a trip to
Fairbanks, that this is much the
shortest route, notwithstanding the
fact that Dawson and other inter-
ested points have sent paid agents
in the guise of newspaper men out
to the states to proclaim in their
favor, without any consideration
for the poor devil who has to pay
the cost and do the traveling.

For Sale.

The steamer Tonquin, 95 tons
gross or 51 tons net, length 64 feet,
beam 17 1/2 ft. and depth 7 ft. Built
in '87 and now stationed at Kayak.
Cost \$19,000, and will be sold for
\$3,500. All in first class order and
ready for action. Apply or address
this office.

Admiral Dead.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—Hon. Henry
Keppel, admiral of the British fleet
is dead.

Seven were killed and many in-
jured by an elevator rope breaking
in Brown's shoe factory, St. Louis,
on Jan. 19.

The Burbank and Worthen car-
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were destroyed by fire Tuesday.
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Diamond Lamps.

From White River.

Nick Meckem Returns After
Spending A Year On
White.

Nick Meckem returned town last
week from White river, where he
has spent about a year trapping and
prospecting.

He left here last spring and went
to White via Nizina. He claims to
have found fair surface prospects
and would return with an outfit if
it was not so late. Joe Lamb, of
Valdez and four men from Selkirk
are still on the ground, where they
will spend the season.

Mr. Meckem was on White river
during the rush from Dawson,
which was caused by a man named
Montgomery, who will be remem-
bered by some of our citizens as a
one time resident of Valdez, an-
nouncing that he had found \$20 to

THE WAGON ROAD

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
AGREES ON

\$25,000 For Survey

Money For Construction May Yet
Be Appropriated. Survey
This Summer.

The conference committee has
withdrawn the appropriation of
\$250,000 for Valdez wagon road,
and has agreed on \$25,000 for sur-
vey of the route. Nelson will try
to get appropriation for construction
through on general deficiency
bill.

The following telegrams to Al.
White explain the condition of af-
fairs regarding the road:

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Senate
conferees on army appropriation
bill, after holding out two weeks,
announced to the senate to-day
that they had receded from the
amendment appropriating \$250,000
for Valdez-Eagle wagon road. The
house and senate conferees agree to
insert provision granting \$25,000
for the survey of the Valdez-Eagle
route, and \$2,500 for the survey
of the proposed route from the Yu-
kon to Coldfoot. Surveys to be
made during the coming summer.

Senator Nelson got a further in-
formal agreement to have amend-
ment made to the general deficiency
bill appropriating a sum of money
not yet specified for beginning the
work of actual construction of Val-
dez-Eagle road.

The general deficiency bill passed
congress to-day. The senate will
undoubtedly pass Senator Nelson's
amendment. But whether the
house conferees will accept when
the bill goes to conference is uncer-
tain.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Senate
added the conference report to the
army appropriation bill this after-
noon, which passes. The measure
carries with it \$25,000 to survey
Valdez-Eagle wagon road and also
\$2,500 to survey Coldfoot trail.

The result is a great victory for
Alaska's friends. Had it not been
for presidential year the entire ap-
propriation would have been made.

Two Men Missing

Lost On Trail Between Fairbanks
and Valdez.

Bids for Valdez Cable.

Bids for about 600 miles of tele-
graphic cable have been called for
by Gen. Grooley, chief signal officer
of the army. This cable will be
used to supply the last link in the
Alaska military telegraph system
between Sitka and Valdez. The
bids were to be opened at the war
department on the 19th of this
month.

The advertisement was issued on
the assumption that the required
appropriation of \$321,580 will be
made in the pending army bill, and
as this item has been agreed to by
the conference committee of the two
houses there is no doubt that the
funds will become available at an
early date. The laying of the Sitka-
Seattle cable will be completed
in the coming summer, and Gen.
Greeley hopes that the stretch of
600 miles between Sitka and Val-
dez can be closed up before the
storms come next fall.

English Capital for Valdez

New Steamship Line from Seattle,
And Generally Large
Investments.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—A new
line of fast steamships between Se-
attle and Valdez, and the exten-
sive development of the territory
in the vicinity of the last named
port is an immediate prospect. A
party of gentlemen interested in
various lines of business at and
near Valdez, sailed from New York
for London to-day to close up ne-
gotiations with English capitalists,
whereby the latter will invest fully
\$5,000,000 in development of Alas-
ka, near Valdez, and install a new
steamship line between the two
points.

It is the intention of the com-
pany to place at least two vessels
in commission the coming season
and with this end in view two large
steamships now lying at New York,
which were built within the past
two years for the West India fruit
trade, will be purchased and fitted
up immediately.

It is expected that they will be
ready to sail from New York about
April 15, leaving Seattle about
June 15.

From Fairbanks in Sixteen Days.

Stephen Card, of Fairbanks, was
another musher who, desiring to
reach the States at an early date,
came out over the trail to Valdez.
He made the journey in 16 days
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MORE ACTIVITY

PARTIES ARRIVING EVERY BOAT

For Interior and Sound

Birch and Party, Powell, McCarthy Gone In. Mitchell Party.

The Galena bay copper property belonging to George Mitchell, the Mexican copper king, will receive considerable attention this season. Bob Mitchell, his brother, arrived here on the Excelsior, bringing with them Geo. D. Case, former manager of the Anaconda mine. Mr. Case will be in charge at Galena bay, and will with a force of men start the mine in proper condition for future work. There has not been much work done up to the present time, so Mr. Case will thoroughly prospect the ledges, keep in actual operation all season and develop the mine.

Bob Mitchell, the head of the party, will probably depart on the next steamer as his presence is required in Mexico next month. Bob is the western manager for Geo. Mitchell, and is one of the best fellows that ever struck the town. He is a thorough mining man but his great forte is telling a good story. Chauncey Depew is good after dinner, but Bob is good at any old time, and we will be sorry to see him depart. C. Roy Buller is one of the party.

Stephen Birch, manager of the Alaska Copper Co., arrived on the Excelsior and left the first of the week for the Bonanza mine.

O. B. Hurd, whose property is on Miller gulch, arrived Monday and started for the interior yesterday. His outfit was taken in during the winter over the snow.

A. M. Powell, with a number of pack and saddle horses, arrived on the Santa Clara, and will leave in a day or two for the Shushitna, where he holds some good placer ground. Mr. Powell is an old timer in the Copper river valley, and has traveled through all sections of it. He was on the Shushitna in 1900, and at that time pronounced it good.

J. McCarthy, with a bunch of

Wagon Road Survey

Under Way. Twenty-five Men Start The Work At This End.

The party of surveyors who arrived on the Excelsior, immediately pitched camp and commenced work on the wagon road survey.

Twenty-five men comprise the party, a part of which will go directly to Copper Center and work from there on to connect with the party working this way from Ketchikanistock.

J. M. Clapp has charge of the entire survey, and will during the summer, make a round trip to Eagle and back. He expects to have the work completed within 90 days.

Married.

Wm. H. McCurdy and Miss Ella A. Darling, of Unalaska, were married at the congregational church, in Valdez, on June 14th by Rev. Barnett.

The couple arrived here on the Dora, and lost no time in having the ceremony performed. The bride was a missionary at Unalaska.

Drowned Near Unga.

C. Matison, a fisherman at Kelly Rock, Unga island, was drowned on June 6th.

Matison went on board the brig John D. Sprockles, with two others, in a dory, to assist in heaving up anchor. As they were leaving the vessel the dory was upset and the three men were thrown into the sea. Two of the men were rescued.

Reduction of the Glacier.

In order to accurately measure the breaking away or decrease in the size of the glacier northeast of town, a proper monument was built June 8, 1901, by Dr. Camiein. Measurements were made June 7, 1904, show that the glacier is 204 feet shorter on the side next to town, and that where the edge of ice now is, in 1901 it was from 20 to 30 feet deep.

Upholds Trade Licenses.

The United States supreme court, again upheld the Alaska trade license law by deciding for the government in the cases of C. E. Winn and Johnson vs. James M. Shoup.

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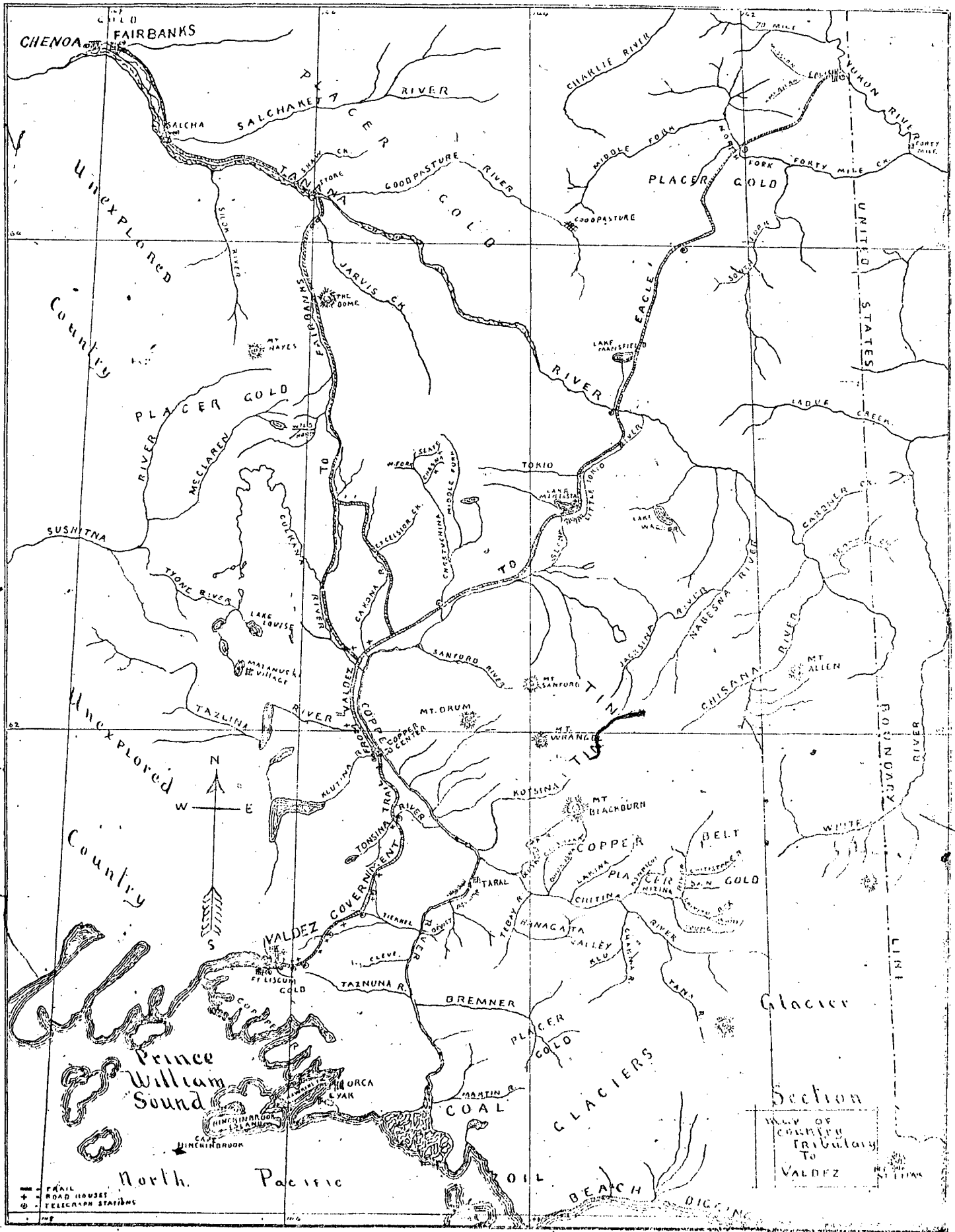
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THE SNOW

Long delayed is now here and sledding will soon commence in dead earnest

You Will Want An Outfit

Those of you who have bought your supplies from us before know where to get them. You will buy from us—
WHY?

Because You Were Always Satisfied

To those who are not our customers we wish to extend an invi-

Nelson Wagon Road Bill Passed

The house passed Nelson's wagon road bill Jan. 9th. This bill went through the senate last session, and was favorably reported by the house committee on territories, but did not come up until this session, when Cushman called it up and it was passed after the briefest discussion. The president approves of the bill and will undoubtedly sign it soon. The bill provides that 70 per

cent of license money received in the district shall be devoted to road building, under direction of a government road commission; 25 per cent, for maintenance of schools and 5 per cent, for care of insane. This will make about \$70,000 available for road work annually in Alaska. This is the bill referred to in dispatches published two weeks ago in these columns. Through an error of the correspondent it was re-

ferred to as the Cushman bill.
Powell Picks the Plam.
Washington, Jan. 10—The name of Thomas C. Powell, of Portland, Ore., was today sent to the senate by the president for the position of United States Marshal for the Nome division in place of Frank Richards, who was removed.
Hoyt Confirmed.
The appointment of Henry M. Hoyt, as district attorney at Nome, has been confirmed.

Twenty Day Service

Seattle to Valdez By The Outside Route. New Mail Contract.

A new mail contract has been awarded the Northwestern Commercial Co., from Seattle to Valdez via the outside route. The contract calls for a round trip every 20 days, and is for one year. The compensation is \$1,000 per trip.

Cable Repaired.

After many delays and accidents the cable has finally been repaired and we are again in direct communication with Seattle. The Burnside picked up the cable and made final splice at 4:30 Wednesday afternoon.

It developed that the break was

Breaking All Records.

Saina, Jan. 26, 1905.—Cow Miller and A. McNew will reach town to-night about 10 o'clock. We're delayed three hours on account of drifted trail.

Their time will be less than ten days from Fairbanks. This will be a great ad. for the trail and being made by Miller, who is a prominent man on the Yukon, will insure plenty of publicity in regard to the trip.

Additional Local.

Z. S. Moore is acting as pilot on the Burnside.

Capt. Johanson is now in command of the Dora.

J. D. Moenach, of Ellamar, returned Sunday from a trip east.

The Santa Clara left Seattle for here by the outside route Tuesday evening.

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A. P. N. Changes Hands

Northwestern Commercial Company Takes Copper River Fleet.

The Northwestern Commercial Co. has taken over the Copper river fleet of **TOBY** operated by the A. P. N. Co. The fleet consists of the Dora, Santa Ana, Excelsior, and Santa Clara.

The new company has several boats on the Siberia and Nome runs, and the recent addition to its holdings makes it one of the largest transportation concerns doing business in Alaska.

Japs Get Limit.

Saturday two of the Japs who were convicted in the recent trials received their sentences. K. Yo-