

Tanana Leader

DOLLAR PER MONTH.

TANANA, ALASKA, THURSDAY, JULY 1, 1909.

Two

GRAND AND TRIAL JURORS

banks, June 30.—Last Saturday at the the clerk of the district court, N. A. the jury commissioner, and E. H. Mack, he court, drew the names of the citizens act in the capacity of grand and trial the first term of court to convene in the th judicial division on Monday, July 12, tomas R. Lyons presiding. Following d Jurors—Charles Laughlin, H. A. Weir,

Grant Murdock, W. T. Whitely, E. A. Clark, J. Harmon Caskey, Fairbanks: A. B. Culp, Gibbon: F. O. Barker, Chena: A. J. Griffin, Goldstream: M. H. Nevis, Creeks: Thomas Antonson, Rampart: Martin Nash, Big Eldorado: J. W. Ralston, Graehl: Sam Hogan, Engineer: Al. Ouelett, Hot Springs: E. W. Gilbraith, Eldorado: Charles Strandberg, George Wilkinson, Ester: Lewis A. Lee, Deadwood: Louis C. Hansen, Mastodon: C. P. Chesley, Fox: L. B. Rhoades, Cleary.

Trial Jurors—Otto Gall, Hepfinger, John Ronan, W. Jackson, H. Merritt, G. F. Pro worth, A. E. Maltby, W. H. Brooks, Kari Thiele, Fairban Graehl: H. Chadwick, A. Peter Clark, Hot Springs: W. E. Carty, Chena: Samuel J. Callabert S. Boyd, Vault creek: Frank creek.

REFUSED WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

banks, June 30.—Judge Lyons, sitting er. The writ of habeas corpus for of Mr. Kearney, now serving a six ences in the federal jail in this city sonating an officer on Ester creek some

weeks ago. The court ruled that Commissioner Arthur Frame erred in refusing Kearney a jury trial; and explained that the proper way to correct such error would be by appeal or by petition for review—neither of which had been exercised

by the prisoner's attorney with limitations for such actions—co Kearney will, in all probable sentence. He is said to be a Kearney, the "sand lot orator"

PLAYING GOOD BALL AT FAIRBANKS

banks, June 30.—Before one of the larg- ever gathered in this city to witness a game in this city the California team de- News-Miner club in a splendidly played

game last Sunday afternoon at Marathan park. The score stood 5 to 4, and few errors were made by either nine. The excellent showing of the teams has greatly revived interest in the favorite

sport, and the N. C. team, af boned the Fairbanks city leagu is now being reorganized, and bility, play out the season's sch-

CROWE WINS WRESTLING CONTEST

banks, June 30.—Frank Crowe, the Fair- cksmith, defeated Harry Parker, of Mis- t Friday night at Marathan park in a atch-can wrestling match. Crowe won

by using Champion Frank Gotch's famous to- hold on his adversary. He won the first fall in 35 minutes and 22 seconds, the second in 11 min- utes and 27 seconds. Russell, the, cheechaco

wrestler who recently won an big Ed Jern, of Chatanika, ha- by Crowe for a tussle, and they a wrestling contest next Saturd-

SPECTOR-GENERAL VISITS GIBSON

McGlacklin, an inspector general of drills, the quarters are inspected and the

TANANA-FAIRBANKS ROAD IS A WINTER BOULEVARD

Fred Date, foreman of construction for the Alaska road commission, spent a couple of days in town last week. He now has a crew of nine men at work on the highway between Long lake and Sullivan City. The road between between this city and Hot Springs will be considerably shortened by making a new route part of the distance, thus eliminating that portion which gave more or less trouble during the winter months. All the niggerheads along the road are being cut away, and after a good fall of snow has been packed thereon an automobile could be driven over it at a fair rate of speed without hindrance or discomfort. It is estimated that the traveling time between Hot Springs and Tanana will be lessened by three hours.

Mr. Date's work during the major portion of the summer was on the trail between Hot Springs and Fairbanks. This road is now considered a winter boulevard; the miles of niggerheads which were last winter the dread of stage drivers, passengers and freighters have been entirely removed, and the distance has also been shortened by making several advantageous cutoffs.

On or about October 20 Mr. Date will return to this city and begin work on the Tanana-Koyukuk trail to Arctic City. This trail will be systematically staked and flagged, making the heretofore dangerous route for a stranger one of comparative safety. The stakes and flags will be placed at short distances apart, and a musher will always be in sight of a landmark and can easily calculate his whereabouts. A short-cut trail is now used from Bettles to Arctic City, the distance being about half that of the old river route. Bob Buchan, the mail carrier, is responsible for the blazing of this trail, and he also put considerable good work on it.

When he has finished the season's work on the Koyukuk trail, Mr. Date will begin work on a trail from the Yukon river into the Chandlar country.

LIEUTENANT SCHICK LEAVES FOR OUTSIDE

Lt. Jacob Schick, for the past three years quartermaster at Ft. Gibbon, has been relieved of his

man. After a visit to Washington, New York and other eastern cities he will join his regiment—the Tenth infantry—at Ft. Benj. Harrison, near Indianapolis, Ind.

JIM MURRAY DROWNS IN IRTARON RIVER

PARAGRAPHS

Halley's comet is to reappear in the heavens this winter. Astronomers say it will be visible to the naked eye in October about Midway between the Pleiades and Hyades on the west and Castor and Pollux in Gemini on the east, or about 7 degrees to the right, or west, of the bright star Athena in Gemini. The comet has been observed at intervals of about 75 years since the fifteenth century. Records show its probable return many centuries earlier. It last visited us in 1835, when its tail was about 20 degrees long and its nucleus like the red star Antares.

When the first American census was taken, in 1790, the work was done by 650 employes. To gather and put together the data of the census of 1910 will require the services of an army of nearly 70,000 men and women.

In considering the polar question it is just as well to remember that Walter Wellman also had ambitions.

The occasional tourist who journeys adown the Yukon is thrilled with the knowledge that he has been within the Arctic circle; yet it is pointed out by an exchange that at Hammerfest, Norway, he encounters electric lights in the huts of fishermen living more than 200 miles within the circle.

A curious source of wealth is reported by the French consul at Mongze, in Upper Tonkin. It lies in wood mines, where a pine forest has been swallowed by the earth in some cataclysm. Some of the trees are a yard in diameter. They lie in a slanting position in sandy soil, which covers them to a depth of about 24 feet. As the top branches are well preserved, it is thought the geological convulsion which buried them cannot be of very great antiquity.

There is record of wheat growing in China as far back as 3900 B. C.

The last trace of animal life observed by Dr. Cook on his trip to the pole was a bear track at the 83d parallel.

Played Tag on the Ice

Forgetting for the time that he was 30 years younger when he used to engage in such antics, Lynn Smith last Sunday joined in a game of tag on skates, on the lake east of town, and consequently was laid up with an injured knee. The ice appeared to be less flexible than when Lynn was a boy.

Farnam Returns

Frank Farnam, the Sullivan creek operator, who has been spending the summer on the Outside, returned to this city last Saturday, and reports having enjoyed a splendid vacation. Mr. Farnam has sold his interest in the Midnight Sun association on Sullivan creek, and is contemplating making a trip to the Iditarod shortly after the freezeup.

Uncle Andy Vachon Now

A. G. Vachon last Sunday evening received a telegraphic message announcing the birth of an eight-pound daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Vachon at Fairbanks. The little lady is her fortunate parents' firstborn.

A Pointed Question

The teacher was describing the dolphin and its habits. "And, children," she said impressively, "a single dolphin will have two thousand offspring." "Goodness," gasped the little girl in the back row. "And how about the married ones?"—Ex.

Special Sunday Dinner at the Kentucky restaurant from 6 to 8 p.m. Mrs. M. E. Cooper, proprietor.

FRENCHMAN WA WELL OF E

Camille Flammarion, the French scientist, wants all the governments to join in digging toward the center of the earth. He calls it a well of exploration, but expects it to transform civilization and make a glorious new world of gold and platinum.

Beneath our feet are secrets to make men like demigods, he suggests. We know nothing about the planet we inhabit. Geography deals with the surface; astronomers have determined its form and position, weighed and measured it; but what the earth is remains a mystery. Tunnels piercing mountains only cut through humps of the earth's crust. The deepest mine of the world, near Rybnik, in upper Silesia, is only a mile and a quarter deep.

Is the globe liquid or solid? No one knows. Until recently science supposed it a liquid, incandescent center covered by a thin crust. The rate of increasing heat observed in mines and the molten matter thrown out of volcanoes furnishes calculations that make the crust less than 70 miles thick.

Modern geology, however, refuses to admit that such a thin shell is protecting us from such a furnace. The enormous fluid mass of the interior, following the attraction of the moon, would smash against the crust twice daily in terrible interior tides.

We would live in perpetual earthquakes whose violence we cannot imagine. Vast crevasses would open under our feet and white-hot molten matter would pour out of them. The speed of earthquake waves and the feeble intensity of actual crust undulations, discovered and measured at Potsdam by Herr Hecker, prove that our

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