

VALDEZ NEWS.

VALDEZ, ALASKA, SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1901

FROM SEATTLE TO VALDEZ

Department Establishes a Mail Route

FOUR ROUND TRIPS

Valdez May Now Boast of a Direct Mail Route Between The Sound And This Port. More May Be Expedited

Washington, March 15.—The post-office department announced today the establishment of a mail route to be known as 7604, from Seattle to Valdez. The contract has been let to the White Star Steamship Company to make four round trips carrying such quantities of mail as the department may require. The sailings from Seattle, required under the contract are expected to be about March 25th, March 31st, April 10th and May 17th by the steamship Oregon.

Census Of Alaska

Washington, D. C., May 1.—The total population of Alaska in 1900 as shown by the census of the Territory is 22,272, an increase of 2,112 over 1899. This is an increase in ten years of 11,240 or 100 per cent. There are two cities in the Territory with populations of 2,000 or more, namely, Sitka and Skagway City.

EAST MAIL FROM CIRCLE

Record Broken Over All American Route

16 DAYS AND 16 HOURS

Story Of the Long Journey From Circle City to Port Valdez and How It Was Made—The Aloha Will Carry Mail

The fastest time ever made by the United States Mail Service from Circle City to Port Valdez over the "All American" Route, has just recently been made and that too in the dead of winter during the months of February and March. The distance from the tide water at Valdez over the summer trail to Circle City is 600 miles, but the winter trail is situated the traveling of nearly a hundred miles farther, making between 650 and 700 miles which must be covered before reaching sea level. The carriers on their last trip made this immense distance in just sixteen days and sixteen hours.

It is those who have charge of this route, however, who credit for the successful operation of the route as well as their carriers who have made such good time in the face of blinding snow storms and severe weather.

Mr. J. A. Hahn of Valdez gives his personal opinion of the route from Valdez to the Tanana and his brother Oscar from the trading post of Circle City. He considers the fact that the Chitina River is so near the trail as a great advantage. It is the only trail that can be made in the winter. The mail is carried from Circle City to Valdez every morning at February 20th.

MANY MEN ON TRAIL

About Fifty Men are at the Saw Mill

Fast Time Made Over the Glacier

by Parties Returning to the City Trail Beyond Summit in Good Condition

Parties who returned Wednesday night from over the glacier trail brought news that about fifty men and their outfits had arrived at the saw mill, seven miles beyond the summit, and that about 200 more were scattered along the trail between here and there. No one is reported to be having serious trouble in getting their outfits over, although the drifting snow on the glacier makes travel difficult for the first day who start after the wind has been blowing. The trail beyond the glacier is said to be in fine condition so far as broken and sled loaded with a thousand pounds are being pushed along with ease. Those in the lead expect to make Copper Center within a few days and the time will now be short until the objective point is reached.

Messrs. Will Cray, Sam Means and Bobe Heron the parties in question made a record trip of forty-five miles during the day they traveled. This is very good time over the trail after having to travel over thirty miles on the glacier. They are topped today leaving a four a.m. and expect to get into camp some time tonight.

RESOURCES COPPER

Official Census

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Mr. W. W. Beck, ex for the Copper River furnished the News with report as submitted to of the Interior. It is for all information of ing agricultural and climatic conditions e the report in part.

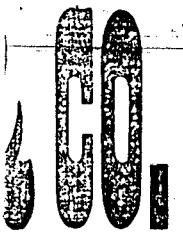
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NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST

Items Gathered From Various Sources.

DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

Condensed News of The District of Alaska, The Canadian Yukon And The Northwest in General.

The rainfall at Sitka last month was 12 inches, and the Alaskan refers to it as a drought.

United States Consul McCook of Dawson, died at his home in Philadelphia on the 20th inst., of pneumonia.

Gov. Brady will ask congress to appropriate \$100,000 that Alaska may be properly represented at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis.

The winter trail from Dawson to the Koyukuk digging is 625 miles long with comparatively easy grades most of the distance.

Juneau's city council is considering the question of prohibiting the use of gasoline and other explosive oils within the city limits.

It was ascertained during the Noyes trial at San Francisco that Receiver McKenzie has secured title to 500 placer claims in the Nome district, mostly by the jumping process.

Judge Schibrede of Skagway, upon his return from his trip down the Yukon, resumed his duties as U. S. commissioner. But, upon his vindication by the grand jury, resigned in favor of J. J. Rogers.

A stay of execution in the case of Hardy, sentenced to be hung at Nome on Dec. 6th, for the murder of the Sullivan brothers and John Rooney, on Unimak Island, has been secured and the case will now be reviewed by the U. S. Court of appeals.

OVERLAND MAIL

C. D. Shaw Will Carry the Katmai-St. Michael Route.

Mr. C. D. Shaw arrived on the Thompson from Juneau on his way to Katmai from which place he will carry the mail to St. Michael. The contract for carrying the mails over the Katmai-St. Michael route was let some time ago to Messrs. Hills, Doushoo & Lyons of Juneau, and Mr. Shaw has been employed by them to take the mail through. The contract calls for three round trips during the winter, but Mr. Shaw will only make a round trip and a half, and another carrier will start with the mail from St. Michael about the time he leaves Katmai. The trip, of course, will be made with dog teams and the schedule time is 40 days, but Mr. Shaw expects to make it in 30 days. He will employ an Indian to accompany him on the trip. He will leave on the Discovery for Katmai.

A DECISION

Of Great Importance Handed Down by Judge Brown.

Judge Brown of the United States district court of Alaska, handed down a decision Nov. 15, in the case of Skagway vs. John Riley, which practically abolishes the municipal court of the Lynn canal metropolis. The decision in substance, is that the city council of Skagway had no authority to establish a police court; also that the city had no power to levy on property, and sell it for taxes or for refusal to pay poll tax or license; that the judge saw no authority in the incorporation act authorizing the city to sue or be sued; that possibly the general act gave the power, and in this matter he expressed no opinion; and that the only way the city could enforce payment of taxes, license or poll tax after they had become delinquent, or when parties refused to pay poll tax or license provided by ordinance, would be by a suit before the commissioner or in the district court as an individual for any other claim.

The matter was taken before the court in an appeal from the municipal court, where John Riley was convicted of peddling without a license.

A Rumor.

GOVERNMENT TRAIL

Seattle Chamber of Commerce Will Pledge Its Support.

The following item appears in the Seattle Times of Nov. 25, and is self explanatory:

Mayor J. L. Steele of Valdez and E. B. Chandler, city clerk, were before a committee of the Chamber of Commerce Saturday afternoon to interest that body in the future of the army trail to the interior from Valdez. Mayor Steele presented an elaborate showing of the work done and the good that it has been to that part of Alaska. The benefit to the future of Alaska, that would follow a completion of the road through to the Yukon could scarcely be calculated. This cannot be done in one year and is not expected. What Valdez wants is that the government shall not abandon the work so far accomplished, but shall keep in repair and work to the gradual completion of the through trail.

There has so far been constructed a good trail for about 200 miles, and the total length of country to be traversed is about 300 miles. So far about \$100,000 has been appropriated and expended on the work. The country is developing so rapidly that it will soon be necessary to widen the trail into a wagon road and what work has been done was accomplished with this end in view.

The Valdez people want congress to make another appropriation at once and not allow the trail work to lag. The Chamber of Commerce committee listened attentively to Mayor Steele's portrayal of the situation and indorsed heartily the plans for continuation of the work. Upon the committee's order a report indorsing the move will be made and a resolution presented at Wednesday's meeting of the chamber pledging the Seattle Chamber of Commerce to work for a new appropriation.

FORTY MILE MURDER

Charles Christenson is Killed by Harry Owen.

Dawson, Nov. 22—This afternoon information reached here from Forty Mile of a murder which has just occurred at that mining camp.

Charles Christenson was murdered by Harry Owen. The trouble originated over a dispute as to the division

THE MOOSE FORMALL

Was Dedicated day E

EXCELLENT

From a Small Beginning Now Have They 100 Members—the Order.

The Order of Moose has opened their meeting evening by invitation and friends to live if not the best, given in Valdez, entertainment only in the number of members. The circumstances surrounding the affair and that the affair success is very laudable efforts. Bourke and Fred tentions read:

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NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST

Miners Gathered From Various Sources.

Nearly all of the creeks in the newly discovered placer district of the Koyukuk are very shallow, narrow and swift. On Emma creek, which, however, is one of the oldest and best known streams of the district, there are countless boulders. One can travel the full length of the stream by stepping from boulder to boulder. The rock is as green as emerald and as hard as flint. The handling of these boulders is what makes it very expensive to work even the rich ground.

The wage question is again cropping up in the Klondike with all its trials and troubles; and despite the fact that prices for every article of food and clothing are considerably higher than outside, the scale of wages is rapidly falling. On Gold run we are told that the going rate of wages is to be \$80 a month and board and the reason given is not that the ground won't pay more, but that there are so many men idle in the country that they will be pleased to work at any price.

DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

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Three stores were destroyed by fire in Rampart Nov. 1st.

A Washington Alaska Miners' Association has been organized at Seattle.

Deacon Bipl at his trial in Juneau last month was found guilty of murder in the first degree.

Koyukuk miners have petitioned the government to build a trail from the Yukon to the main diggings.

A number of American mining experts have gone to Siberia to report on the placer fields of that region.

A north bound Royal Mail train went through the ice between White Horse and LaBarge on the 17th day of December.

Certain Nome merchants have secured a corner on most of the staple articles in that market and are advancing prices to suit their pleasure.

The Juneau Journal says that Wm. J. Harris has discovered a ledge of free gold on Cannon creek, in the Peavine district, that is from 75 to 100 feet wide on the surface and can be traced for 400 feet.

Monte H. Craig, a well known Dawson business man, says that the Koyukuk is the coming country, and that several large Dawson firms will put in branch houses there next season, in anticipation of a boom.

The revenue cutter Rush brought...

CITY COUNCIL

Passes Ordinances and Pays Deputy Marshal at Iliamna Bills.

The council met in regular session at the city hall Monday evening, but very little business was transacted. Several bills which had been previously presented and referred were approved and ordered paid.

Ordinance No. 9, to provide for the general municipal elections was read the second time. On motion was passed as amended and read.

Ordinance No. 10, to provide for the protection of the property of the fire department was read for the second time and on motion was passed.

The communication of A. Von Gantner for a telephone franchise, presented at the last meeting and laid on the table for one week, was again read and on motion was laid on the table until the next meeting.

The bond of J. G. Snyder as city treasurer with Melvin Dempsey, D. S. Cogood, Wm. Gennema and J. E. Gellman, in the sum of \$10,000, was read and on motion approved.

The clerk was instructed to publish notices of the election in The Valdez News for two issues preceding the election, to wit: That the election be held in the city hall on the second Tuesday in February, and the names of the judges and clerks who would conduct the same.

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ged. The granite contains quartz veins carrying considerable copper, which appears to be the predominant mineral there.

The Pacific Packing and Navigation Company has begun the construction of a marine ways and machine shop plant at Petersburg, Southeastern Alaska. Probably not less than \$10,000 will be expended on the enterprise, all the materials and machinery for which are being purchased in Seattle. The ways are approaching completion and some work has been done on the machine shops. The Petersburg plant will be the only complete marine ways and machine shop under one management in Alaska. It is being constructed for the small vessels of the company, such as steam fish tenders, tugs, scows and barges. Of this character of crafts the company operates probably seventy five, besides nearly as many more deep draft steamers and steamships which can be repaired only in large dry docks.

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But the story, as The News gets it, third hand, is that a crowd of the boys at Iliamna got on a spree one evening and one of them was arrested by Deputy Marshal Bruce of Sunrise City. The prisoner was tried before U.S. Commissioner Brooks, who happened to be at Iliamna, and was fined \$10. He refused to pay his fine and was accordingly taken to jail. After the prisoner had been taken to jail, the marshal, for some cause, hit him over the head with a pair of handcuffs. His friends, who were on hand, attempted to interfere, when the marshal pulled a gun on them and then suddenly wheeled around and shot the prisoner. The bullet entering the right side. According to our informant there came near being a lynching, but the better element prevented it and Marshal Bruce was arrested and taken to Sitka on the Bertha under guard. The man who was shot will recover.

While it is true that Marshal Bruce was taken to Sitka for shooting a man at Iliamna, the circumstances are re-

THE ST. MICHAEL-ILLIAMNA TRAIL

First Party Arrives Over Trail Jan. 10th.

DESCRIPTION OF TRIP

Total Length is About 500 Miles
Road Houses Every 30 Miles
An Examiner Special Furnishes The News with a Few Notes.

Among the passengers on the Bertha from Iliamna was Mr. J. M. Shawling, a San Francisco Examiner special correspondent, who came over the trail from St. Michael to Iliamna for the purpose of writing up the conditions as he found them for his paper. Although Mr. Shawling was only in Valdez only a short time he made a few notes for The News concerning the trail, the weather, etc., which in substance are as follows:

The new road-house horse trail from St. Michael to Iliamna has been opened and is now in operation. Mr. Norman R. Smith, the engineer in charge, arrived at Iliamna bay with his party of 12 people, on the 10th, and the U.S. mail from the Bertha arriving at Iliamna the 18th, had quick dispatch. Road houses with supplies were established every 30 miles between St. Michael and Iliamna with competent managers and help in charge and also a full supply of horse feed.

The trail is almost ideal as a winter proposition. Beginning at Iliamna, it leads through Iliamna pass to the village on the other side of the range, thence down Iliamna River to the lake, which it crosses to the mouth of Chalk Lake. From there it cut across in a northwesterly direction, 10 miles, to the mouth of Malchutna at its junction with the Tiekchik river. Thence it follows the Tiekchik river to its source in the mountains, crossing a pass there 1,750 feet above the sea level to the headwaters of the Anukuk river down which it follows to the Kusko-kwim which it strikes six miles below

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city of Skagway has brought
in the commissioners court against
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as many, if not all of them have refused
to serve it will be necessary to make
new appointments at the next meeting.

ENFORCE THE LAW

Judge Brown Talks to the Grand Jury.

Considerable excitement has been
stirred up in Juneau over Judge
Brown's recent talk to the grand jury
in regard to gambling, Sunday closing,
etc. When the grand jury made its
report the court inquired as to the
disposition of the question of gam-
bling, bawdy houses and Sunday clos-
ing. The foreman answered that
these matters had been investigated
but no indictments were returned.

The judge expressed it as the court's
opinion that he regretted the fact that
the grand jurors had not fulfilled their
oaths in this matter.

The judge's remarks were kind but
firm, and he expressed the deepest
sorrow. He spoke of the morals of
the community, and the general failure
to enforce the law.

The judge informed the jury that
saloon men and gamblers had boasted

the company, and as the
tenders, tugs, scows and barges. Of
this character of crafts the city
operates probably seventy five, and
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The Genuine Article.

The Ketchikan Mining Journal in
comparing the copper deposits of the
Copper river with those of the Chitina
says: "The history of copper mining on
Lake Superior seems likely to be re-
peated, to some extent at least, by de-
velopments promised in the Copper
river country. Mr. Alfred B. Hes, a
New York mining expert, who returned
recently from an inspection of some of
the newly discovered copper deposits,
reports having seen great boulders of
native copper, some of them several
tons in weight, and says that thousands
of tons of ore which will average 77 per
cent. copper is found lying immediately
on the surface. It is not often, if ever,
that the native metal and ores of cop-
per are found in close conjunction, and
it is more than probable that the so-
called rich ore spoken of by Mr. Hes is
a rock which forms the matrix of cop-
per in its native state. The red metal
all occurs as native copper in the Lake
Superior region, and the rock in which
it is carried yields not more than 5 or
6 per cent. "mineral," which last av-
erages about 85 per cent. pure copper. In
the beginning there was no thought of
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St. Sergius and just opposite the mouth
of Otter river, flowing into the Kusko-
kwim from the north. The Otter river
is then followed to its source, a divide
1,100 feet is crossed and a gradual de-
scent leads into the Yukon valley.
From the summit of this divide it is
23 miles to the Koeserefsky, over river
bottom sloughs and the surface of the
Little Shaguel river. From Koeserefs-
sky up the Yukon river to Anvik river
and to Unalaklik and St. Michael over
the old trail, concludes the route.

Outside of the passes the trail tra-
verses no country where the grade will
exceed 10 feet to the mile. The total
length of the trail from Iliamna to St.
Michael is something less than 500
miles and 30 miles is a fair estimate of
every days travel.

The country traversed is most mag-
nificent in scenery. The climate is
moderate and very little snow falls.
The mean temperature for the month
of October was 22 degrees above zero,
for the month of November, 6 degrees
below zero and for the month of De-
cember, 23 degrees above zero. Sooner
or later this section is destined to be-
come a famous stock and grain country.

Our Wealth.

A. P. Rose, in a letter to the P. I.,
comments on the formation of the
Washington & Alaska Miners' Associ-
ation, and among other things says:

KOYUKUK TRAIL

Items Taken From The Rampart Miner.

Copies of the Rampart Miner just received contain the following news in regard to that camp and vicinity:

Clint DuMire, of the famous 22 Big Minook, is up from Tanana where he spent the summer on the Chief. He said: "The river froze in such shape that the trail for forty miles out is very bad. We cut a trail for 25 miles through the ice. There is no snow down there and the sand blows until it cuts the face. The permanent telegraph line is now six miles above the mission, to which the land cable will be attached as soon as the snow comes and makes a trail. The line to St. Michael is completed.

"The N. A. T. & T., the N. C. Standard, Risdon, George Love and one or two others have subscribed \$2,000 to cut a trail through to Beetles, on the Koyukuk, 108 miles. Sergeant Minard broke trail through there last summer in eight days. . . . The government has a dynamo in the sawmill and is preparing to furnish electric light to all who are short of oil."

A band of Tanana Indians arrived in Rampart Nov. 20, with the first good supply of moose and caribou in the camp has had this season. The meat retailed at 40 to 50 cents a pound. Manager Godly estimates that the N. C. store at Rampart is 3000 pounds short of flour, but will be able to get some at Fort Hamlin early in the spring.

Activity at Forty-Mile.

"Faith in the old Forty-Mile diggings is reviving," says A. Oberlander, a resident of that place, and the old-time miners who left there years ago are drifting back, and beginning to work in the district again. On some of the streams there are twice as many men as there were a year ago.

"The hillsides and benches and such high parts along the Forty-Mile creek have not been touched. The miners there have been satisfied to work on the bars and to do what easy shallow work they could. They never dreamed of doing deep digging or drifting or tunneling after the style now followed in the Klondike until the Klondike was discovered and some of the men from there drifted down among them.

"Now the work of tunneling and drifting and sinking shafts is being followed and results will be gratifying.

"There is nothing in the district over which to become frantic, but there is much good pay. The district is getting down to a solid basis it has not known heretofore. The surface scratching days of the gold seeker who would rather hang about the camp and talk than work are passing. The pencil and hatchet miners also have had their inning, and the hard working fellows are getting their turns.

Complimentary Resolutions.

NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST

Continued from First page.

Traffic manager Lee of the W. P. & Y. R. R., speaking in defense of the high traffic rates maintained by that road, makes the statement that it costs \$225,000 to construct one mile of track of a certain point, and that a snow slide the first of the month did damage there that would cost \$100,000 to repair.

The Skagway city council is up against it again. By the resignation of several members and the absence from the city of one or two more, they are unable to get a quorum and cannot provide for the municipal election which should now be held. They are considering the proposition of petitioning Judge Brown to straighten them out.

The new discovery on Hammon creek, which is near Coldfoot, the United States marshal and commissioner's headquarters in the Koyukuk region, has caused an active interest to be awakened in the gold fields of that portion of Alaska. The gold on the new creek is all on bedrock and at the exceedingly shallow depth of two to four feet. The gold lies in crevasses and in some places the surface of the rock in which it is deposited protrudes above the surface. The gold on Hammon is worth \$19.00 an ounce. The creek has high, rugged, rocky mountains on either side, almost salmon thick, and because of these strange barricades on either side the old-timers thought little of the stream.

Solicitous Advice.

A popular young accountant of Skagway recently received a letter from his fond mother, says the Alaskan. It was replete with solicitous advice, and from it, with the young man's permission, the following gems are quoted: "My dear boy do take care of yourself. If anything should happen to you it would break my heart. I know you are venturesome and may think that I am over anxious about you though I know I can realize the dangers with which you are surrounded better than you can yourself. Don't go sleighing on the Yukon this winter as it is very dangerous. If you go over to Dawson on Sundays be careful to walk around the dangerous places." "But you had better keep away from these altogether as I am so afraid of your being bit by a mad dog. Don't go far out of the sphere of the electric lights after dark. So many people lose their way and freeze to death in that awful country. Whenever you can be sure and go over to Nome and call on Miss Bush, she is a nice, good girl and a great favorite of your aunt Jane. Don't carry any money about you in Skagway, but if you are obliged to, try and keep as near the mounted police as you can. Do keep wrap up warm and do all you can to avoid that awful meningitis. Don't drink that

Do you know that Schilling's best teas, coffees and flavoring extracts are found at Snyder's?

Double and single sweaters, wool fur and cloth caps, duck lined coats and pants at A. L. Levy's.

APPLICATION.

Land Office, Sitka, Alaska, Nov. 5, 1901, No. 41.

I, Philip Blumauer of Valdez, Alaska, assignee of Wm. W. Jenkins, being entitled to the benefits of Section 2604 of the Register's Rules of the United States, regarding the disposal of lands to soldiers and their heirs, hereby apply to the Register, for the following lands and more particularly described as follows to-wit:

Beginning at a point on Left Bank of Lower river at its confluence with Valdez Bay from which Witness Corner stone marked S. No. 1, E. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

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Pete Cashman has been improving his property on Keystone ave. now occupied as a residence by Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins and Mrs. Strouse. The building has been shiplapped and other improvements made.

Holly flour is no experiment and you will run no risk in trying a sack. Your money back if you don't want it at Fish Bros.

The steamer L. J. Perry left Valdez for Orca on Wednesday last to go on the ways for a thorough overhauling. She is expected back about the 22nd and will commence her regular trips to points on the sound Monday the 26th. This steamer, under command of Capt. E. B. Wheat, enjoys the distinction of being the first boat to land and discharge cargo at the new wharf.

Everybody knows that Fish Bros. are agents for the celebrated Holly flour.

W. B. Heidorn, the saloon man of Virgin Bay, for whom Marshal Hasey has been looking for the past week has evidently left the country. A warrant was sworn out for his arrest on the charge of selling property he did not own. Marshal Hasey went down the sound after him but he could not be found. He disposed of his real estate at Virgin Bay and went in a row boat to Orca where it is thought he caught the steamer Newport.

Major E. F. Glenn, who was in command of an expedition which explored the Cook Inlet country in 1899, was ordered courtmartialed April 15th on account of alleged cruelty to the natives in the Phillipinos. Major Glenn also made a trip to the Tanana region in 1898 and in these two expeditions covered nearly all of Alaska west of the Copper river watershed. He has many friends in Alaska who hope that he will be able to disprove these charges.

Captain Harville, of Iliamna Bay was a passenger on the Bertha bound for Juneau where he has been subpoenaed to testify in the case of Charles W. Bruce, who while deputy marshal at Iliamna shot a man whom he had arrested. Captain Harville states that the shooting was totally unwarranted and that Bruce ought to be sent to the penitentiary for the act. It has developed since his arrest that he is wanted in California for embezzlement. The man who was shot by Bruce is now in Juneau waiting to testify in the case. Captain Harville will return to Iliamna as soon as possible.

Mrs. Charles Sheldon and daughter were passengers bound for Seattle on the Bertha which passed through here a few days ago. Mr. Sheldon has been employed at a roadhouse on the Iliamna-Nome stage route during the past winter. She states that the route will never be a success as long as horses are used as the motive power but that the dog-teams used during the latter part of the season made good time with the mail. The company did not carry a single passenger during the season.

NOME MUSHERS

Came Out Over the Iliamna Trail.

The Excelsior which arrived here Tuesday morning had on board as passengers two Nome mushers who arrived at Iliamna from Nome over the much advertised Trans-Alaska stage route. They started from Nome in February, in company with Dr. R. B. Miller, of Washington. They state that the representatives of this "stage route" claimed that roadhouses had been established on this trail every thirty miles and that the roadhouses were well supplied with provisions. Consequently the men started from Nome with very light outfits expecting to stop at roadhouses.

The first part of the journey was accomplished without mishap, but about the middle of March the severe weather prevented their travelling and they remained in one place until they ran out of provisions. They searched for a roadhouse in vain and were compelled to kill and eat their dogs. For nearly a month they had nothing but dog meat. Dr. Miller finally gave out and died from hunger and exposure. The two survivors, Messrs. Chas. Lowe and J. Griswold buried their companion and started on. Several days later they froze their feet and could travel no further. Finally an employe of the Trans-Alaskan company came along and left them provisions while he went for help. They were taken to Iliamna in an exhausted condition. It is said that they weighed less than half their usual weight when they reached Iliamna.

They lay all their troubles to the representatives of the Trans-Alaska company, as they state they would not have attempted the trip at all had the true conditions been represented to them. The company even had the nerve to charge them \$150 for bringing them into Iliamna.

Mr. Griswold's feet are badly frozen and he thinks it doubtful if he can save them. Mr. Lowe also froze his feet but he does not anticipate serious results.

The Iliamna route has proved a complete failure as a winter trail. The promoters of the scheme should be prosecuted for advertising the trail to be in a passable condition when in fact it is a menace to the safety of the traveling public. It is only a wonder that more lives have not been lost as a result of this misrepresentation.

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The finishing touches are now being put on the wharf and when the next boat arrives everything will be in readiness to receive the cargo. The hand-railing has been up the full length of the approach and the main dock has been decked over. Work will commence on the warehouse as soon as the

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Purser Stiles Injured.

H. L. Stiles, purser of the Alaska steamer Ellhu Thomson, lies dangerously injured in a Juneau hospital, the result of an unusual accident. A great grindstone being discharged from the vessel tore a hole in the sling net and

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NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST

WORK PROGRESSING

OPEN A BANK

MORE NEWS FROM BREMNER

Wagon Road to Solomon Gulch Property.

Another New Business for Valdez.

Items Gathered From Various Sources.

Preliminary work is progressing on the Solomon Gulch hydraulic property and within a few days it is expected that about 25 men will be put to work and more put on as they can be worked to advantage. The survey for the wagon road is now almost completed and work will be pushed as rapidly as possible so that as soon as the machinery arrives it can be taken to the ground. The first thing that will be done after the machinery is on the ground will be to sink a shaft to ascertain the depth to bedrock. When the depth to bedrock is known accurate surveys of the tunnel can be made. The tunnel will start from the beach and run back to bedrock in the basin. The tunnel will have a fall of about 5 inches to every 12 feet. The length of the tunnel cannot be determined until bedrock is reached but it is estimated if bedrock is 80 feet deep the tunnel will be 1200 feet long. An immense flume will be run through to the tunnel and with the great fall it will have and big head of water, rocks and boulders of all sizes will be carried down to the beach and out of the way. It is the intention to start work on the tunnel before cold weather sets in and work will be continued all winter, with a view to being able to open up the property as soon as the thaw comes.

Mr. Hemple, the well-known merchant of Valdez, will open up a bank here about Sept. 15th. The bank will be located in the building now occupied by Hemple & Dougherty which firm will remove to the new building which will be erected adjoining the store.

Jos. McKnight Returned T Week.

DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

The sawmill plant which was formerly owned and operated by J. P. Roberts has been purchased by the railroad company. The launch Mary has also been purchased and thoroughly overhauled and fitted for service.

Mr. Hemple left on the Excelsior to purchase the furniture and fixtures for the bank and also a large safety vault. If possible he will secure a time lock vault. The bank furnishings will be complete and up to date in every particular. Mr. Hemple will also make arrangements with one of the leading Seattle banks for exchange.

GENERAL ACTIVITY

Condensed News of The District of Alaska, The Canadian Yukon And The Northwest in General.

The bank will commence business with paid up capital of \$10,000 and will have a reserve fund and securities amounting to \$50,000. Mr. Hemple owns a half interest in the Kraemer claim in the Chisna district and also other mining property. Over \$25,000 was taken from the Kraemer claim last year and the cleanup this year will be close to \$100,000. Besides this Mr. Hemple owns many thousand dollars worth of real and personal property in Valdez including his interest in the firm of Hemple & Dougherty, and he also owns real estate in Seattle. Altogether Mr. Hemple is in a position to give his bank a sound financial backing, which, together with his well-known integrity and business ability, will inspire the confidence of the people in the Bank of Valdez.

A Number of Claims Are Working But Several of the Boys Have Stampeded to the Chisna Country.

The Dominton-telegraph line continues to cause vexatious delay by semi-occasional breaks.

Mr. Hemple is a pioneer of Valdez having come here in '98. He opened up a small mercantile store here which was added to year by year. In May, 1902, Mr. Hemple purchased a large lot of the business, which had been at a loss for some time. He is now the best one in Valdez. Mr. Hemple has some personal funds in this section of Alaska, and especially those regarding business interests, will be pleased to learn of his intention to open a bank and it is needless to say that he will receive all the patronage there is to give.

J. H. McKnight returned from Bremner county last Monday on the first one to come out since Wheaton arrived with the mail a month ago. Mr. McKnight left on the last of July, and reported considerable activity although most of the boys had left for various sections.

The Douglas News says that Alaska's new game law covers everything but black jack and stud poker.

COLLECTOR JARVIS

E. R. Peoples and F. M. Woodruff, two well known merchants of Skagway, have gone to Eagle City and opened up a store at that place.

No. 1 above on Summit owned by McClain is still proving the bad claim of the district. Work was got on this claim early in the season and has been continued ever since. Three men, McClain, Mueckler and Angus Gillis are working and taking out good pay though they are hampered by the lack of powder.

H. B. LaFevre has filed a petition in the superior court of King county, Wn., asking that a receiver be appointed for Skagway Electric Light & Power company.

Pays Valdez a Short Visit This Week.

The hotel business must be on the bum in Skagway. The Alaskan says that Geo. Dedman, proprietor of one of the leading hotels, The Golden North, is making a large chicken yard in the same building in which the hotel is situated and is going into the chicken business on an extensive scale.

Edward Magnason are working every on Golconda and are doing fairly well. No. 1 above was being worked by Max Rigler and Harry Hupple. No. 2 above, owned by Gillis, is being worked. King, Anderson, Gordon and Dun were working No. 3 above but are prospecting other claims with exception of Dr. King who, it is understood, is continuing and prospecting.

Harvey Morse a Little Minook operator, tells the Rampart Miner: We have out over 13,000 buckets on 7 Little Minook and only 3 of us working all winter on our lay. Some of the dirt is very rich: two weeks Sunday we took out near \$1,000 as three pans went \$22 and this regular wall of gold held out all day—I guess we kept working too.

SLATE CREEK

Late Arrivals From There Report Prosperity.

Chief Isaac of the Mooshide Indians, says the Skagway Alaskan, was a passenger on the Santa Ana for the inside. He has made the trip down to San Francisco as a guest of the "Big Companies," having been passed down

Late arrivals from Slate creek report most everyone at work and doing well, although they are still handicapped by a lack of water on Miller gulch. Miller, Kraemer, Bert Hurt and the Tacoma claim are the only ones working on Miller gulch. They are all taking out big money. They are on better ground than they have had before and are making some wonderful cleanups. All the snow has not yet left

NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST

Items Gathered from Various Sources

DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

Paragraphs of General Interest Culled From Exchanges—Condensed News of Alaska and the Northwest in General

The Mary Island light house will be ready for the installation of the light by April 1st.

Huge glaciers forming, have caused trouble to freighters on the White Horse-Dawson trail.

The Seattle recently carried to Skagway for Dawson one shipment of 1,000 cases of eggs and ten tons of butter.

J. P. Rogers' residence in Skagway was burned to the ground recently. The house was located on Second and Main, and was owned by the W. P. & Y. Co.

Andrew Carnegie offered Dawson a \$25,000 library on condition that the city would expend \$2,500 each year to perpetuate the monument to his long headed generosity. This so tickled the city fathers that they agreed to make it \$5,000 annually.

The ore carrying hulk, Richard III, with concentrates from the Treadwell mines, Alaska, for Tacoma, is ashore off the mouth of the Fraser river. She cannot be floated with her present cargo, and that is so valuable that it will have to be lightered.

Mr. A. P. Ames, of Dawson, is busily engaged in organizing a company to be formed of Dawson merchants for the purpose of purchasing and operating a diamond core drill which will be used in prospecting quartz properties. They intend assisting the prospecting of the quartz deposits which are to be found around Dawson.

News of the sufferings of two Koyukuk miners was brought to the city by

In the commissioner's court the first of the week, Sam Jenson was tried for trespass, but the jury after being out about two hours, could not agree and so reported to the court. Jenson undertook to locate a lot on ground claimed by J. C. Martin, on Broadway, near the waterfront, and Mr. Martin had him arrested for trespass. Jenson claimed he did not know the ground was claimed, and agreed to keep off, and the case was not protracted further.

COMMISSIONERS

Appointed for the Nizina and Cook Inlet Districts.

In response to the general request, Judge Wickersham has established a recording district in the Cook Inlet country, and has appointed H. H. Hildreth United States Commissioner and probate judge and recorder. The precinct embraces all of Kenai Peninsula, as well as the Cook Inlet watershed. The headquarters of the district will be at Sunrise.

A commissioner was appointed for the Nizina district, J. J. Godfrey being the appointee. This is not made a recording district. This district embraces all the watershed of the Chitityna and Brenner rivers, and the country between the two streams. The commissioner was appointed at the request of many of those who will operate there this season, and the following is a list of those who have subscribed to pay the commissioner's salary, and these amounts they agree to pay monthly:

E. C. Van Brundt	\$ 5 00
A. H. McNeer	5 00
Chas. Koppus	5 00
Frank Kieruan	5 00
J. E. MacAlpine	15 00
Alaska Copper Co.	25 00
G. A. Brown	5 00
M. T. Rowland	10 00
G. W. P. Johnson	5 00
Copper River Mining Co.	10 00
Chititna Development Co.	50 00
Nizina Trading Co.	10 00

Mr. Godfrey, who has been appointed commissioner, is a young attorney formerly from Seattle. He studied law in the office of Bauman, Killeher & Emory, and is a member of the Washington State Bar.

The big event in the shape of the athletic combat between "Eat-em-Up" Charlie Johnson and Denver Ed. Smith, will come off tonight. Smith expects to carry off the purse and gate receipts by stopping Johnson in six rounds. The bout promises to be a lively one as both men are fighters, and probably

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Government Trail is Lined with Musers.

SEVERAL BIG OUTFITS

Nizina and Chitityna Crowd Will all go by the Tanana Route—Few People Will go Over the Glacier.

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As usual there are those who predict an early breakup, and the consequent stranding of many of the outfits before they reach their destination. Such a catastrophe is possible, but not at all probable, yet it behoves those who are taking in much of an outfit, to be getting away in the near future.

CITY WATER

Application for Franchise Presented to Council.

If the ordinance now before the city council is passed by that body, Valdez will be equipped with a public water system by the middle of the summer at least. Application for a franchise for a water system has been made by J. E. Hilscher & Co., proprietors of the Valdez Market. The franchise provides that the city have a right and must lay water mains throughout the city, but where such mains are laid the city must put in a hydrant every 50 feet and pay \$35 a year for each hydrant. At the end of ten years the city has the right to purchase the system, but in case they fail to do so the franchise must continue ten years more. If this franchise is granted by the council it is the intention of the company to begin the installing of their plant as soon as the snow leaves the ground. They will construct a large tank in the upper end of town, and this tank will be elevated to a sufficient height to furnish water by gravitation for all domestic purposes. The water will be pumped into the tank by a large force pump which will be procured for the purpose. But for fire purposes the plant will be so arranged that the force pump can be connected direct with the water main on which the hydrant to be used is situated, and a great pressure can thus be secured. Valdez is greatly in need of a proper water system, to say nothing of solving the question of fire protection, and it is to be hoped that the council will see fit to pass the ordinance granting the franchise.

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dreth United States Commissioner and probate judge recorder. The pre- cinct embraces of Kenai Peninsula, as well as the Cook Inlet watershed. The headquarters of the district will be at Sunrise.

A commissioner was appointed for the Nizina district, J. J. Godfrey being the appointee. This is not made a re- cording district. This district em- braces all the watershed of the Chit- tyna and Bremner rivers, and the coun- try between the two streams. The commissioner was appointed at the request of many of those who will operate there this season, and the fol- lowing is a list of those who have sub- scribed to pay the commissioner's sal- ary, and these amounts they agree to pay monthly:

- E. C. Van Brundt..... \$ 5 00
- A. H. McNeer..... 5 00
- Chas. Koppus..... 5 00
- Frank Kieruan..... 5 00
- J. E. MacAlpine..... 15 00
- Alaska Copper Co..... 25 00
- G. A. Brown..... 5 00
- M. T. Rowland..... 10 00
- G. W. F. Johnson..... 5 00
- Copper River Mining Co..... 10 00
- Chititua Development Co..... 50 00
- Nizina Trading Co..... 10 00

Mr. Godfrey, who has been appointed commissioner, is a young attorney formerly from Seattle. He studied law in the office of Bausman, Kelleher & Emory, and is a member of the Washing- ton State Bar.

The big event in the shape of the stic combat between "Eat-em-Up" Charlie Johnson and Denver Ed. Smith, will come off tonight. Smith expects to carry off the purse and gate receipts by stopping Johnson in six rounds. The bout promises to be a lively one as both men are fighters, and probably little time will be lost in sparring. Johnson will go in the ring weighing 175 pounds, and Smith will be about fifteen pounds heavier. Both men have been training incessantly for the past two weeks, and are now in the pink of condition. Johnson is well known to the people in Valdez. Denver Ed. Smith is well known all over the sporting world, he having fought world beaters of national reputation, and at one time aspired to the championship of the United States. A three-round preliminary bout will take place between W. H. Johnson of Valdez and an unknown from Seattle. Tickets for the fight may be secured at the Bohemian saloon.

A story now comes that the White Pass & Yukon Railroad has been granted a franchise to construct a railroad from Dawson to the American bound- ary on the Yukon. According to this story the company will soon begin the construction of a railroad from Dawson down the river to the boundary. The object of this road is to shut out the possibility of the American road from Valdez coming into Dawson from Engle City, and thus interfering with the White Pass peoples' business.

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The old and original route over the glacier seems to have been forsaken by most all those bound for the interior, although some of those who will depend entirely upon dog teams as a mode of transportation will again cross this

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The reported new strike in the Tan- ana country is causing considerable comment, if not excitement, in Valdez. One party started to the new Mecca on Tuesday. W. H. Hawes and J. R. Hun- tington will endeavor to get in on the ground floor. They had four dogs and just enough provisions to see them through. Little or no authentic news has been received from the new strike, but distance lends enchantment to the view and many people will be sure that it is the richest thing in Alaska until otherwise proven.

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ur Selection of Rings
Make it "Easy Picking" for February Brides

B. Iles====Construction by July 1.

the interior copper property of Robt. Blei, including a 4. Bell property on the deal was made through of Mr. Blei and has been several months. Mr. W. S. is here representing the Copper Company is the other deal. Mr. Gage came here the situation for Mr. Gage he will himself come in summer and take a trip. There will also be in the party John Hays Ham famous South African mine and 15 or 20 other capitalists.

A company secured a boat on the island copper property last winter and preparing made to do extensive work. Mr. Gage has for a number of diamonds they will be sent up on the boats and put to work on the properties with a view of getting them in a systematic and Mr. Blei will leave on at for New York City where meet Mr. Mitchell. They return here in June according to Mr. Mitchell and the other the party.

THE PUBLIC.

the gentlemen who have made aid to the railroad made the request that the steamer Excelsior, be honor of bringing the first dez, so an order for one ton as sent to Seattle, to be on the Excelsior's next explanation is given in no misunderstanding will be item in the Prospector. For the railroad will be enough, and when it comes to no quibbling about the

ALFRED B. ILES.

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Unless some unforeseen event occurs to spoil the plans now formed the people of Valdez will hear the toot of the locomotive within 60 days from date.

As mentioned in a previous issue of THE NEWS Mr. Alfred B. Iles had offered to make a proposition to the people of Valdez to construct a railroad from this place to the interior, provided the citizens here would render assistance. Last Tuesday evening a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held, to which all business men, property owners and others were invited, and it was stated that at this meeting Mr. Iles would place his proposition before the public. As a consequence the court room was crowded when the meeting was called to order. The meeting proceeded to business immediately and Mr. Iles was requested to make a statement of what he had to offer. In a short and concise address he stated he would enter into an agreement to construct a railroad from Valdez to the summit, a distance of 20 miles, if the people of Valdez would subscribe for 100,000 shares of the stock of the company to be formed, paying 50 cents per share, in quarterly payments or one-fourth of the amount for each five miles of the road was completed and in running order. The following contract, which Mr. Iles asked the people to sign, was read. It is self-explanatory:

VALDEZ, ALASKA, Apr. 7, 1903.

This agreement, entered into between the undersigned citizens of Valdez, Alaska, the parties of the first part, and Alfred B. Iles, the party of the second part, witnesseth:

That if the party of the second part shall cause a railroad corporation to be organized under the laws of congress applicable to Alaska, approved March 2, A. D. 1903, with a capital stock of twenty-five million dollars, divided into five million shares of the par value of five dollars each, and shall cause to be constructed a 36-inch gauge steam railroad having its initial point at the present town of Valdez, Alaska, and running thence in an easterly and northerly direction through Keystone canyon, and for a distance of at least twenty miles from Valdez, and commence actual construction on or before July 1, A. D. 1903, and prosecute the work on said railroad with all reasonable diligence;

Then and in consideration of the foregoing acts being done and performed by said party of the second part or his assigns, the said parties of the first part hereby agree in consideration of the benefits derived by them from the construction of said railroad, and the increased value of the real estate and property in Valdez owned by them, to take the number of shares of the capital stock of the said railroad corporation, non-assessable, hereinafter set opposite their names, and to pay for the same at the rate of fifty cents per share, to-wit: one-fourth of said subscription to be paid upon the actual completion of each five miles of said railroad up to twenty miles; that is to say, one-fourth on the completion of the first five miles, another fourth on the completion of ten miles, the third on the completion of fifteen miles of said road, and the remainder on the completion of said twenty miles of said railroad; for the purpose of this agreement, the passage of a construction train over any five mile portion shall constitute the completion of that portion.

Upon the first one-fourth of said subscription being paid by any one of the parties of the first part, the said

formally. The proposition seemed to meet with the utmost favor, and during the five minutes' recess 41,000 shares were signed for. The meeting adjourned to Friday night in order to give the committee time to work. The following day the committee started out and met with the greatest success. However, later in the day the question was raised as to the liability of stockholders. It was claimed by some that the creditors of the company could come back on the stockholders and collect from them the difference between the amount they paid for the stock and its face value, or \$4.50 per share. At Mr. Iles' request another meeting was called Thursday evening for the purpose of giving all those who desired an opportunity to either cancel their stock entirely, or pay for their shares at par value and thus eliminate the liability feature. A new list was prepared for this purpose. Mr. Iles stated that it was not his desire to have anyone subscribe for stock who did not fully understand the matter, and any one was permitted to withdraw their names. But instead of doing this a number of those who had already subscribed raised their subscriptions 500 to 1000 shares, and at least 25,000 more shares were subscribed for under the original agreement within a few minutes. The meeting convened again Friday evening, and the committee reported that 125,000 shares had been subscribed for, with a number of interested people yet to hear from. This announcement was met with cheers, and the committee was given a hearty vote of thanks for their labors.

So if actual construction work has not begun on the railroad within the next few weeks, it is not the fault of the people of Valdez, nor will it be through any lack of public spirit, enterprise and generosity.

Mr. Iles will leave on the next steamer for the states. To a News representative he gave an outline of his plans, stating that it would not be necessary for him to visit the East before construction of the first five miles of the road was commenced. He already has contracted for a quantity of railroad material including rails and rolling stock, and this material is now in Tacoma and can be put on the ground here on very short notice. Contracts have already been let for ties, which will be made and on the ground by the time the other material can be secured. Therefore construction on the first five miles of the road will begin as soon as possible and while this is under way Mr. Iles will visit New York and is confident that his associates will take the matter up and push the road right (Continued on Sixth Page.)

Mr. Cockrell assures THE NEWS that the telegram is authentic it having been sent by a friend who has been on the ground for some time. Sgt. Sullivan, the telegraph operator, states that the telegram came from Summit, a station on the Tanana line, but he does not know just how far down the river from the Eagle line. He received word two weeks ago that the gap in the Tanana line would be connected in 15 days, and says it must be nearly finished by this time.

NIZINA TRAIL.

Geo. Esterly, Robt Blei and J. L. Steele returned Wednesday evening from a trip up Copper river as far as Taral. They report everyone making good progress on the trail, and the head push with horses are now camped at Taral. All the larger outfits are now on the Copper, and are working up the river: The main cache of the Blei outfit is just above the mouth of the Tanana. They have established camps every twelve miles. The Birch party is at the foot of Wood's canyon. Griffith, Warner, Fitch, Smith and a number of others, are six miles below the canyon, and Roland is twelve miles below. Wheat, McConnell, Davis, Greunig and others are about six miles above Tanana.

The trail up the Copper river is reported as being good, except in a few places, though there is from three to five feet of snow. Copper river is open from bank to bank at the mouth of the Chittyna, and the latter stream is also open about two miles from the mouth. It has consequently become necessary to cut an overland trail from Taral across to the Chittyna, above where that stream is open. Men have been put to work breaking this trail, and it is expected that a number of the outfits will be on Chittyna in a few days. Wood's canyon shows no signs of breaking, and it is thought everyone will get through without difficulty.

Tanana mushers are making good progress according to telegraphic advices received from them. Rochford left Copper Center yesterday, Votaire and Davis are at Tonsina, Kendricks and Moore are at the Center and it is stated that about 20 outfits passed that place yesterday bound for Tanana. Probably a number of them having come up the river from the Nizina trail. The weather has been good along the government trail and the trail is in excellent condition. The horse trail is broken as far as Tonsina and Lieut. Wheeler, who is in charge of the government outfit, expects to get to Copper Center about the 20th.

The Northern Commercial Company's agent at Circle writes that many staples are already exhausted. He says no one should go to the diggings without enough to last until summer.

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ANOTHER KLONDIKE

So Say Reports From New Alask District.

Bullion creek, the scene of the new placer strike at the head of the Alsek river, is now thought to be very rich. Many prominent Skagway and Whitehorse people have returned from the stampede to the new district and their reports are all to the effect that gold in paying quantities has been found though scarcely no development work has been done. The Alaskan says:

Recent arrivals from Dawson say the latest strike is a most important one. It is Bullion creek and is yielding better prospects than Bonanza did when discovered by Carmack. Two men, absent from Whitehorse about three weeks, with no tools except pick, shovel and ax hewed out two boxes eight feet long, thawed the ground and shoveled in from the top forty ounces of gold. Another man panned out two pans on a claim near Discovery on Bullion, with the mercury at zero or below, and got \$7. Taking it all in all, Lake Klubane camps bids fair, and in fact is almost certain to equal, if not excel, the Klondike.

A correspondent writing from Whitehorse, under date of November 15th, says: "About three weeks ago a party of stampedeers left Whitehorse to explore the scene of the latest discovery of placer gold fields in this district. The return trip took about sixteen days including two days spent on the creeks. Cold weather and deep snow were encountered on the uplands, which made the journey on foot one of great hardship and difficulty. In spite of this the party, which was composed of Bruce, Wiesdepp, Smith, Sugden, Rothaur, Brown, Dumontier, Darte and Markie pressed on to the finish and succeeded in staking out some valuable claims. These men were closely followed by a band of Indians, headed by Jim Rosa. Bullion Creek is considered to be the Eldorado of the new diggings, and eighty applications have already been made for claims upon it. One pan taken out three feet above the rock rim contained two dollars in gold, three silver nuggets, two pieces of platinum and a copper slug. The forty ounces of gold, which Smith, the discoverer, had brought out, was found on the high rim two or three feet above the creek bed. The geological formation of Bullion creek is most remarkable; all varieties of strata being seen from granite to marble. "Several creeks in all have been

WILL BE MUCH TRAVEL

Over The Valdez Route to The Interior

THIS WAY TO TANANA

The Fact is Becoming Known that the Valdez Trail is the Only Practicable Winter Route to the Tanana and Other Interior Districts.

Without a doubt next month will see the beginning of a steady stream of travel between Valdez and points of the interior, including Slate creek, Nizina, the new Sushitna districts and the Tanana. Everything points to a heavy travel this year and consequently the winter trail will be in far better condition than it has ever been in previous years. Of course all those bound for the Nizina, Slate creek and Sushitna districts must of necessity go through over the Valdez trail, which fact gives assurance that it will be open during the entire winter and early spring.

The greater part of the winter rush to the Tanana will also go over this trail, it being by far the shortest and the most practicable for winter travel. In the selection of a route of travel during the winter, to interior points the musher's first consideration is by which one he can get there quickest with the outfit he desires to take. He does not desire to be on the trail longer than possible, and consequently seeks the shortest route to the place he expects to operate, and if it is practicable he may be depended upon to go that route. This is why winter travel from the coast to the Tanana and other interior points will be mostly by way of Valdez. It is the shortest and the easiest. After crossing the coast range the country is practically level, and is an ideal one for winter travel. A good trail will be kept broken through to the Yukon and to Fairbanks on the Tanana. The United States mails are going over these routes, making round trips monthly, and an open trail is assured

TANANA GOOD

Rocking Out \$100 a Day on Some Streams.

A dispatch in the Dawson Sun from Chena, on the Tanana, dated November 3, signed by Fred Hadley, a prominent Dawsonite, says:

"This camp is celebrating the completion of the best trail in Alaska to the richest creeks in Alaska, Cleary, Fairbanks and Chatham, which are considered by many as being the equal of any three creeks in the Dawson district.

"On Chatham creek a number of men are rocking in the holes with results averaging \$100 a day. These creeks are not spotted, but the pay has been located continuously. Wood and water are plentiful, but provisions are a serious drawback to the country.

"In an interview the N. C. Co. stated that the camp here is short on flour, bacon, lard and sugar. The warehouses were examined by Deputy Marshal Wickersham and the correctness of the statement was verified.

"A new country has been discovered to the southeast of the Tanana known as Strong mountain district. It is known to contain large deposits of copper and gold quartz. Low rolling wash gravel hills are cut by numerous creeks in which colors can be found

A report of good prospects having been found has been fully verified, but the finding of pay has not been as yet. Sixty stampedeers have gone to the new district. It is reported that game is plentiful, but the ammunition of the stampedeers is known to be short.

"The Tanana river presents a scene of activity, the trail being black with mushers, some going, some coming to Chena. Fully one hundred have arrived to date. Many dog and horse teams are on the way to Wear for provisions. Others are engaged in hauling from Baker. From the latter place freighting is 25 cents a pound while from Wear it is 50 cents. At Baker there are 100 tons and at Wear there is much more.

"Any man with an outfit for the winter can find employment.

"Chena will incorporate some time in December."

TO NORTH POLE.

Andrew J. Stone, the well-known naturalist who has spent nine summers in Alaska and Northern British Columbia in the interests of the American Museum and the New York Zoologica Society, and who is quite well known

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Allan Pinkerton of Chicago, superintendent of the great Pinkerton Detective Bureau, and the greatest criminalatcher in the world, arrived in Seattle one morning recently, rubbed up against the "Seattle spirit," and then discovered that he had been robbed just as easy as an Alaska sourdough.

The Kobuck, Innachuck and Colville are three rivers in Northwestern Alaska, and all emptying into the Arctic, which will, with their almost innumerable tributaries, produce as much gold as either Nome or the Klondike, according to Peter Weil, a miner who has spent three years in that section of the Northland.

Suit for \$1,000,000 was begun in the superior court by W. Fox against the Alaska Petroleum & Oil Company and J. A. Sauter and H. R. Harriman, attorneys for the company, and R. J. Mahoney, T. S. Lippy and Clark Davis. The complaint alleges that the lands owned by the company were obtained through fraud.

John Howie, a well-known Dawson assayer, saved the lives of nine men.

has been done. The Alaskan says: Recent reports from Dawson say the latest strike is a most important one. It is Bullion creek and is yielding better prospects than Bonanza did when discovered by Carmack. Two men, absent from Whitehorse about three weeks, with no tools except pick, shovel and ax hewed out two boxes eight feet long, thawed the ground and shoveled in from the top forty ounces of gold.

Another man panned out two pans on a claim near Discovery on Bullion, with the mercury at zero or below, and got \$7. Taking it all in all, Lake Kluhane camps bids fair, and in fact is almost certain to equal, if not excel, the Klondike.

A correspondent writing from Whitehorse, under date of November 15th, says: "About three weeks ago a party of stampedees left Whitehorse to explore the scene of the latest discovery of placer gold fields in this district. The return trip took about sixteen days including two days spent on the creeks. Cold weather and deep snow were encountered on the uplands, which made the journey on foot one of great hardship and difficulty. In spite of this the party, which was composed of Bruce, Wiesdepp, Smith, Sugden, Rothaur, Brown, Dumontier, Darte and Markie pressed on to the finish and succeeded in staking out some valuable claims. These men were closely followed by a band of Indians, headed by Jim Ross.

"Bullion Creek is considered to be the Eldorado of the new diggings, and eighty applications have already been made for claims upon it. One pan taken out three feet above the rock rim contained two dollars in gold, three silver nuggets, two pieces of platinum and a copper slug. The forty ounces of gold, which Smith, the discoverer, had brought out, was found on the high rim two or three feet above the creek bed. The geological formation of Bullion creek is most remarkable; all varieties of strata being seen from granite to marble.

"Several creeks in all have been staked out, and one hundred and seventy-five applications have already been made. The prospects for summer work are good. Winter work may also be done, but with more difficulty.

"Recine, of the Windsor, has rented his hotel for five years at \$5,000 a year, and intends taking out machinery this winter to develop his claims in the Alsek district.

THAT ALL-AMERICAN ROAD.

A dispatch from Vancouver B. C. says:

The dominion government has definitely decided to build an all-Canadian railway to the Klondike. The plan for the building will be decided at the coming session of parliament. It is likely that the government will either guarantee the interest on the bonds for the construction, or that it will pay the builders a certain fixed sum per mile as a bonus. Another plan, however, that meets with not a little favor, is for the government to build the road and operate it itself.

The road will start from Klittmatt inlet, about 500 miles north of Vancouver, and run through the northern portion of the province, thence down the Yukon river to Dawson.

Some of Governor Brady's pet Si-

The Fact is Becoming Known that the Valdez Trail is the Only Practicable Winter Route to the Tanana and Other Interior Districts.

Without a doubt next month will see the beginning of a steady stream of travel between Valdez and points of the interior, including Slate creek, Nizina, the new Sushitna districts and the Tanana. Everything points to a heavy travel this year and consequently the winter trail will be in far better condition than it has ever been in previous years. Of course all those bound for the Nizina, Slate creek and Sushitna districts must of necessity go through over the Valdez trail, which fact gives assurance that it will be open during the entire winter and early spring.

The greater part of the winter rush to the Tanana will also go over this trail; it being by far the shortest and the most practicable for winter travel. In the selection of a route of travel during the winter, to interior points the musher's first consideration is by which one he can get there quickest with the outfit he desires to take. He does not desire to be on the trail longer than possible, and consequently seeks the shortest route to the place he expects to operate, and if it is practicable he may be depended upon to go that route. This is why winter travel from the coast to the Tanana and other interior points will be mostly by way of Valdez. It is the shortest and the easiest. After crossing the coast range the country is practically level, and is an ideal one for winter travel. A good trail will be kept broken through to the Yukon and to Fairbanks on the Tanana. The United States mails are going over these routes, making round trips monthly, and an open trail is assured even before the heavy travel of the mushers begins. Already a number of parties have started for the Tanana with a winter's outfit, and some of them are nearly there by this time. Others will be leaving from time to time and the result will be that there will be a well-beaten trail by the time the early spring rush begins.

The fact that this is not only the shortest, quickest and most practicable way to the Tanana is becoming known to the outside world, and most of the stampedees will take this route. The government has already begun freighting supplies to the many telegraph stations along the route, and its teams will be on the trail continuously until spring. With the beginning of travel to the Nizina, Slate creek, Sushitna and Tanana districts the trail will be lined with men, horses and dogs, and there will be a snow boulevard from Valdez to the various important mining camps.

The bout between Eat-em-up Johnson and a soldier from Ft. Liscom which was pulled off at the Montana Thursday night resulted in Johnson getting the decision. The soldier was to stop Johnson in four rounds or forfeit \$25. He failed to perform his part of the contract and Johnson took the money.

equal of any three creeks in the Dawson district.

"On Chatham creek a number of men are rocking in the holes with results averaging \$100 a day. These creeks are not spotted, but the pay has been located continuously. Wood and water are plentiful, but provisions are a serious drawback to the country.

"In an interview the N. C. Co. stated that the camp here is short on flour, bacon, lard and sugar. The warehouses were examined by Deputy Marshal Wickersham and the correctness of the statement was verified.

"A new country has been discovered to the southeast of the Tanana known as Strong mountain district. It is known to contain large deposits of copper and gold quartz. Low rolling wash gravel hills are cut by numerous creeks in which colors can be found.

A report of good prospects having been found has been fully verified, but the finding of pay has not been as yet. Sixty stampedees have gone to the new district. It is reported that game is plentiful, but the ammunition of the stampedees is known to be short.

"The Tanana river presents a scene of activity, the trail being black with mushers, some going, some coming to Chena. Fully one hundred have arrived to date. Many dog and horse teams are on the way to Weare for provisions. Others are engaged in hauling from Baker. From the latter place freighting is 25 cents a pound while from Weare it is 50 cents. At Baker there are 100 tons and at Weare there is much more.

"Any man with an outfit for the winter can find employment. "Chena will incorporate some time in December."

TO NORTH POLE.

Andrew J. Stone, the well-known naturalist who has spent nine summers in Alaska and Northern British Columbia in the interests of the American Museum and the New York Zoological Society, and who is quite well known to many Valdez people, may lead an expedition from the Pacific coast in search of the north pole. He is confident the pole may be reached by way of the northwest passage, which the ill-fated Franklin party attempted for the last time fifty years ago. Prior to the Franklin effort other explorers had endeavored to reach the pole by this route but had failed.

The project of heading a polar expedition was suggested to Mr. Stone before he came north last spring. He was favorably inclined to the plan, but his absence from New York made it impossible for him to participate in any arrangements that were then contemplated. Under the circumstances, practically nothing was done to further the proposition.

Mr. Stone has gone east, and it is believed the matter will be taken up again, and arrangements will be made as soon as possible to fit out an expedition. While Mr. Stone is not certain of his ground, he is inclined to believe that the movement may meet with success.

About 300 people took advantage of the generosity of Al White and partook of Christmas dinner at the Merchants Cafe at his expense. They were served with the best the market afforded, and enjoyed the feast immensely.

BUILT BRIDGE.

EDITOR NEWS:

The people living in the Reservation Addition of Valdez along Third street, desire to call the attention of the public, and especially those engaged in delivering freight and merchandise in different parts of the town, that we have constructed a first-class bridge across the stream on Third street west of brewery.

We have also broken trail from west end of Third street across to McKinley street and request all parties having business in that part of town with teams to make this circuit and thus keep the trail open. A little time spent in driving around may save much time in the delivery of freight and merchandise.

We desire also to express our thanks to the parties who assisted us in time and money in the construction of the bridge and opening the cross street.

The following are the names of the contributors with amounts contributed:

Names.	Am't.
Valdez Dook & W. Co., lumber	\$10
Copper River Dray Co., teaming	20
Gus Djarr, iron and blacksmithing	5
Stewart, labor, 7 days	
Weaver, labor, 15 days	
Fogg, labor, 4 days	
Gavigan, labor, 4 days	
Al White, cash	2
S. A. Hemple, cash	2
T. Dougherty, cash	2
C. H. Kraemer, cash	2
W. J. Shephard by Fish sr.	2
C. J. Bartlett by Fish sr.	2
Jas. Fish sr.	2
Edmund Smith	4
W. C. Stull	1
J. G. Snyder	1
W. E. Root	1
H. Leavelle, iron	2
T. F. Winters	1
C. W. Crary	1
G. A. Brown	1
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Brown & Hawkins	1
Charles Adler	1
Oscar Fish	1
A. von Gunther	1
Felix Blei	1
Chas. E. Bunnell	1

Capt. E. C. Weaver has statement of moneys received and how disbursed and would be pleased to explain the same to any party in interest, and if any mistake or omission is made in above, same will be cheerfully corrected.

Celery, Cranberries and Sweet Potatoes at the City Market.

Toys and Christmas tree decorations of all kinds at the Candy Kitchen.

In selecting your Christmas confectionaries remember that the finest line in town is kept at the Candy Kitchen.

Can you think of a present more appropriate than a Columbia Graphophone. Dispels gloom from any home. Its splendid entertainer for the family and guests. On sale at Stulls.

A fine assortment of Ladies' Silk and wool and Muslin underwear at The Golden Rule.

Games, drums, guns and all sorts of presents for children at the Candy

Broke His Circuit.

The shades of the goose and the turkey were discussing the circumstances which had attended their respective takings off.

"Did you offer any objection when first the cruel farmer laid hands on you?" sympathetically inquired the gobbler.

"Yes," replied his gooseship; "I cried out: 'Hello, what's this?'"

"What did you say next?" inquired the now thoroughly interested fowl.

"Oh," the goose replied; "I did not say anything more; just then I was wrung off."—Michigan Lyre.

Approval.
"It seems to me that there is a great literary awakening in this country."

"Yes," answered the matter-of-fact citizen.

"I observe it with great approval."

"Then you are fond of books."

"No. I am in the stationery business. I sell pens, ink and paper."—Washington Star.

Turned Down.

"Of course," said Miss Goldrox's lover, "I realize that your daughter is an heiress, but I assure you that I would be just as anxious to marry her if she were a pauper."

"That settles you," replied her father, "we don't want any such fool as that in the family."—Philadelphia Press.

Only One Theory.

"Now, look here," said the lawyer, shaking his fist at the witness, "I want you to understand that you can't bamboozle me in this court simply because you're a woman!"

"Why?" she asked in her sweetest tones; "is your wife present?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

A Sorrow's Crown of Sorrow.

She—Mr. McCroesus was very rich, wasn't he?

He—Yes; were you at his funeral?

She—Yes. It seemed a great effort for his nephew to control himself.

He—Yes. It must have been very hard trying not to look cheerful.—Harlem Life.

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THOUGHT IT WAS GRANT.

An Interesting Incident of the Charlestown Celebration of June 17, 1869. Not on the Bills.

There is no child in Charlestown who cannot tell you that the battle which has popularized the name of "Bunker Hill district" was fought on June 17, 1775.

It was 11 years before any celebration took place, and even then the event was most conspicuous in relation to the opening of the Charles river bridge, just now torn down.

The first monument was erected by King Solomon Lodge F. and A. M. in honor of Gen. Warren. This was a Tuscan pillar 15 feet high, standing on a pedestal eight feet in height.

The first formal movement for an association to erect a monument was on May 10, 1823, in response to a call signed by Daniel Webster, W. Tudor and Theodore Lyman, Jr. The membership fee was five dollars, but this nucleus was slowly augmented. Subscriptions were slow and bequests few, says the Boston Globe.

A lottery was proposed, but Massachusetts sentiment forbade it. Patriotic women took hold of the matter, and to them is due a large amount of credit for success.

Still, after various struggles, and the danger of stopping construction before the shaft had reached the designated height, the capstone was placed in position on the morning of June 17, 1843, and the celebration of completion took place with cannon's roar, trumpet blare and clanging of bells, and the oration of Daniel Webster, who had performed similar duties at the laying of the corner stone by Lafayette in 1825.

The regular celebrations of the battle's anniversary have never lost their interest. Parades, decorations, salutes, music, bell ringing, banquets, speeches and other features crowd the moments for more than 24 hours.

A chief feature in many years has been the grotesque parade, in early morning, of the antiques and horrors, the local hits vying with caricatures of prominent events of a general character, and taxing for weeks the genius and acumen of the committee of arrangements.

A unique incident in the celebration of 1869 was entirely without previous suggestion. The night before the 17th two of the committee happened into a hotel in Boston and ran across a business man from New York, who bore a striking resemblance to Gen. U. S. Grant. They told him of the celebration, craved his assistance and he accepted.

Next morning he was taken in the most elegant barouche to be procured in Boston, and with dignitaries of the Bunker Hill city in the same carriage, he was driven over. A proper military personal escort accompanied him, and he was dressed in full military uniform, and constantly smoked a cigar, which was at least nine inches long.

As he was escorted into the line of motley antiques there was no need of introduction. Seven-eighths of the people were completely deceived, and as he rode along plaudits burst the atmosphere, while he, complacent as the hero of Appomattox, quietly bowed his acknowledgments, with doffed chapeau and untruffed countenance.

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STOCK RAISING

Aleutian Islands to be scene of That Industry.

The Aleutian islands are about to be opened up for settlement, says the P. I. A company has been formed in Seattle for the exploration of the islands, and at an early date those interested will build wharves, store-houses and a trading station, and enter actively in the business of stock raising and financing various other enterprises on Akun island, one of the most desirable in the group.

They estimate that on Akun island alone, with an area of only about 100 square miles, 50,000 head of cattle can be fed the year round, to say nothing of the diversity of other interests that will undoubtedly center around the island.

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SUB-COMMITTEE'S REPORT

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The senatorial sub committee which visited Alaska last summer made its report to congress on the 12th inst. The report covers many points and occupies more than 2½ pages in the Seattle P. I. It is of course, impossible for THE NEWS to reproduce the report in full, but that part which is especially interesting to Valdez people will be found below.

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BY TELEGRAPH

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Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 27—The damage to the city, and the damage to the city, were known to have been reached more than two million as the result of floods.

London, Jan. 25—Colonel Balfour was commanded the Irish by the Boer war, and who was a life for treason, has been license.

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London, Jan. 25—The trucker Wright ended in a trial an hour of being found guilty sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary. The financial dealings has created a both sides of the Atlantic anteroom of the court, and the jailors who were waiting to take him to prison.

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JAMES DOLLAR.

The steamer James Dollar will be placed on the Seattle-Valdez run by the Alaska Pacific Navigation Co. sailing from Seattle on her first trip on Feb. 5th. The James Dollar was formerly the John S. Kimball and is well known in northern waters she having been on the Seattle-Nome run for the past several years. She has recently been purchased by the A. P. N. Co. and rechristened. The James Dollar is one of the best-appointed steamers in the northern waters. She is a 12 knot boat and will make the round trip between Seattle and Valdez every 15 days taking the outside passage. She is expected to arrive here on her first trip on the 10th, or 11th. She is a larger steamer than the Nome City.

Three men, Messrs. Madden, Bridges and Whitney, who have been wintering in the Nizina country, returned to town early this week. They report considerable activity on the part of the few men who are in the district this winter. Rocking on the benches is the principal activity, and some surprising re-

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As a basis for a system a well constructed wagon road should connect the waters of the Pacific at Valdez with those of the Yukon river at Eagle, the length of which to be about 400 miles. This would follow the general lines of the military trail constructed under direction of the war department by Capt. Abercrombie in 1899 and 1900, along which trail there has since been constructed and put into operation a military telegraph line. Valdez is the most northerly harbor in the Pacific ocean. It is, in all essential particulars, the finest harbor on the coast, be-

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Delay and confusion have also been caused by the absence of legislation requiring assessment work either to be proved or recorded. There are many cases where the surface indications are that the work has been done, but there is no record or other evidence to show when it was done. It may have been two or three years before and subsequently abandoned, and others desiring to take up the property, but having no definite knowledge of such abandonment, have failed to do so from fear of subsequent litigation regarding the title; litigation being so enormously expensive as in most cases to be prohibitive.

The committee are of the opinion that remedies should be devised for the evils indicated. After conference with prospectors, miners, lawyers and officials, and after mature consideration of (Continued on fourth page.)

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Washington, D. C., Jan. 25—

Hearst boom continues to grow to the dismay of the eastern wing of the Democratic party. He is the famous choice of the party in Kansas and is showing unexpected strength in Nebraska and Minnesota.

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 25—Fire were known to have been lost in the city, and the damage to property reach more than two millions of dollars as the result of floods.

London, Jan. 25—Colonel Lyne commanded the Irish brigade in the Boer war, and who was sentenced to life for treason, has been liberal license.

Manila, P. I., Jan. 25—A report from Mindanao says that Lieut. Campbell White was killed, and Lieut. W. E. Roberts and Private Brady were on a scouting expedition against the Moros. All belonged to the 25th Infantry.

London, Jan. 25—The trial of Walter Wright ended in a tragedy of an hour of being found guilty, and sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary. The financier whose speculative dealings has created a sensation on both sides of the Atlantic, died in a waterroom of the court, thus ending the jailors who were waiting outside to take him to prison.

Chicago, Jan. 25—As a result of an inquest on victims of the Broadway theater fire, Mayor Harrison, Mrs. Davis and six city officials were arrested today, and will be held to await the action of the grand jury. The Mayor was admitted to bail for \$5,000.

Victory, Col., Jan. 25—Fourteen men were buried to death by the fall of a cage in a mining shaft. The engineer was unable to stop the machine when the hoist reached the surface.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 26—In a rare collision three passengers were killed and many injured on the Burlington & Quincy railway. Heavy snow at the time.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 26—In the claim investigation today, the engineer made some sensational statements. He says the headlight was out of order for months and the engine was rotten. In his opinion, if the engine had not been insured for a hundred thousand dollars she would not have been lost.

London, Jan. 27—A dispatch from Cape Town says the Bushmen were rebelling in Moran Southwestern Africa, are committing terrible atrocities. Limbs of the dead are chopped off and persons are said to be burned alive.

Hot Springs, Ark., Jan. 27—Kidman of Chicago last night defeated Austin Rice of New London, Conn. in the sixteenth round of what was a 20-round fight before the White Park Athletic Club.

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 27—The stage has been passed and the city again within its banks and falling idly. There is, however, still muttering among the homeless on the streets.

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RAILROAD SUBSIDY

Interesting Bill Will be In
 troduced in Congress.

A bill providing a federal subsidy for the construction of railroads in Alaska has been prepared by J. T. Flynn, of Seattle, and will be introduced in the two houses of Congress this week by Senator Culberson, of Texas, and Representative Rhea, of Kentucky, says a dispatch to the P. I. of the 4th.

The author thinks the government might aid railway construction to much better advantage than highway building, for the territory would be developed more rapidly and economically.

The first section provides that in lieu of all other public aid, the sum of \$10,000 be appropriated out of the public revenues of Alaska and in the event of the insufficiency thereof out of the general funds of the United States, for each and every mile of standard gauge railroad hereafter constructed

In Alaska, provided that the total sum appropriated shall not exceed the total of \$10,000,000 during the life of the act. It is also provided that the money paid by the government shall form a first lien on the roads aided. No land grant is to be given and no railroad enjoying the subsidy is to possess any interest in mineral or other lands. The author says the bill is not drafted in the interest of any particular person or company.

Committee's Report.

(Continued from first page.)

Eagle and other American towns on the Yukon to the mining camps in American territory.

While in the opinion of the committee a railroad such as has been described is a manifest necessity to the proper development of Alaskan territory, they do not hesitate to say that the bright, earnest and aggressive business men of Valdez do not now demand at the hands of the government the construction of such a railroad, but will be satisfied if a well-constructed wagon road is built over this route. They believe that the establishment of this road will result in such a development of the wealth of the Copper River valley and of the gold fields of the Yukon that, in the not far distant future, private capital will find profitable investment in the construction of a steam railroad.

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CITY ELECTION

Three Tickets are now in the Field.

More interest than was at first thought, promises to be shown in the municipal election which is to be held next Tuesday. There are three tickets now in the field and it is rumored that there will be still another before election day.

The citizens' meeting held Saturday night for the purpose of making nominations was well attended and nine men were nominated for councilmen. It was decided that the seven receiving the highest number of votes should be declared the nominees. The vote stood as follows: S. Blum 91, H. W. Miller 91, T. J. Donohoe 90, W. A. Rystrom 85, A. M. Edwards 84, T. J. Quinn 80, Al. White 82, Otto Hanson 31, R. H. Parker 29. There were also a number of scattering votes. The present school board, consisting of Brown, Fish and Rochford, were nominated by acclamation. Judge Lyons was unanimously nominated as municipal magistrate. The ticket was named the Citizens Ticket and stands as follows:

COUNCILMEN.

S. Blum, A. M. Edwards, T. J. Donohoe, H. W. Miller, T. J. Quinn, Al. White, W. A. Rystrom.

SCHOOL BOARD.

F. M. Brown, James Fish, A. W. Rochford.

POLICE MAGISTRATE.

John Lyons.

The following day a number of citizens who were not entirely satisfied with the nominees at the citizens' meeting made up another ticket which they named the City Ticket and which is as follows:

COUNCILMEN.

S. Blum, Al. White, R. H. Parker, Simeon Poot, L. Archibald, T. J. Quinn, J. F. Hielscher.

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Still another ticket was placed in the field later, known as the People's Ticket. Its nominees are as follows:

COUNCILMEN.

J. F. Hielscher, John Nokes, C. A. Winans, W. C. Stall, Otto Kanitz, Otto Hanson, L. Archibald.

SCHOOL BOARD.

F. M. Brown, James Fish, A. W. Rochford.

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John Goodell.

THE NEWS has been requested by a number of business men to make it plain that the voter is not compelled to vote any one ticket straight. He is entitled to vote for seven councilmen, three school directors and one police judge. He may scratch any name or any number of names from any ticket, and write other names in their place and so long as his ticket contains only the number of names as there are of

TO TANANA

Valdez Furnishes Best Route To Fairbanks.

For the information and guidance of the many persons who will go to Fairbanks this spring THE NEWS has carefully compiled the following data which will be of great interest to those contemplating the trip:

The best route is undoubtedly via Valdez being several hundred miles shorter than via Dawson. Besides being shorter it is much easier as there is but one divide to cross, that of the coast range. The route is over the U. S. mail trail and follows the military road for 135 miles. Roadhouses are found about every 15 miles for this distance, and at Copper Center, a thriving settlement at the confluence of the Klutena and Copper rivers, the traveler may replenish his stores or buy a complete outfit.

After leaving Copper Center the route leads up the Copper river to the Gulkana, up that stream for 80 miles, thence down the headwaters of the Delta river which is a tributary of the Tanana.

The Gakona glacier is the source of three rivers, two of which, the Gulkana and Gakona flow south to the Copper while the third, the Delta, flows north and the waters eventually empty into Bering sea. It will thus be seen that there is but the one divide from Valdez to the Yukon basin as against three by the Dawson route. From the head of the Delta to its confluence with the Tanana is 100 miles and from that point to Fairbanks is 77 more, thus making a total distance of 386 miles, viz: Valdez to Copper Center 105
Copper Center to Gulkana 24
Gulkana to Head of Delta 80
Head of Delta to Mouth 100
Mouth of Delta to Fairbanks 77
Total 386

Owing to the fact that horse feed is scarce on the Tanana river it is not seemed advisable to use horses this spring, dogs being the best motive power, everything considered.

All persons are cautioned against going into the district without sufficient grub to last till the middle of June when navigation opens.

FOUND SKELETON.

The skeleton of a white man was found by the Indians on the upper Sushitna river this winter according to Messrs. Monroe, Bailey and Carlson who returned last night from that section. The skeleton was in a cabin on the West fork of the Sushitna.

Readers of THE NEWS will remember a story which was published in this paper over two years ago about the death of one man and the narrow escape of another on the Sushitna river, in the early spring of 1901. Two men, H. Pamo and Al. Campbell left Rampart for Valdez via the Tanana and across the divide to the government

FROM SUSHITNA

Richness of The District is Verified.

Arthur and George McNeer returned last night from the Sushitna strike having went in there early in the winter with dog team. They have a very flattering report to make of the district and verify the statements made by the discoverers, in all essential points.

The McNeer boys spent five weeks prospecting on the various creeks in the district. They prospected the ground where the discovery party worked last year and while they are not sure that it is quite as rich as reported, they are confident that it will produce \$50 a day to the man. They prospected on several other creeks which show up well also. On a creek running parallel with Valdez creek they did considerable work in an attempt to reach bedrock. However, the water drove them out when down about 8 feet.

They also did considerable prospecting on the benches and believe that they will prove to be rich. Speaking of the conditions in general last night Arthur McNeer stated that from his investigation he is led to believe the richest part of the district has not as yet been found. From the gravel wash, which he says is identical with that of the Slate creek, and the manner in which it is deposited, he judges that the richest of the diggings have not yet been found and believes that this will develop into one of the best placer camps in this section of Alaska. He believes that the results of the development work which will be done this summer by the outfits now being taken in will surprise everyone.

Speaking of the trail and the proposition of getting in there with the summer's outfit, Mr. McNeer says by far the safest way is to go with dogs. In fact, he does not believe that those depending entirely upon horses to transport their supplies will be able to reach the diggings. His reasons for this belief is that not less than 125 miles of trail will have to be broken and this over a practically unknown country. The Sushitna river, unlike the Copper, does not overflow and there will be from three and one half to four feet of snow on it by the time the horse outfits reach it, even if they succeed in getting that far. Next year, after a trail is cut through the timbered sections he believes horses can easily be used. The boys say that for several days the weather was the coldest they ever experienced in Alaska. George was quite severely frost bitten but got thawed out before serious damage was done.

NIZINA SALE.

Word was received Thursday by wire that the Carvey-McNeer group of Bench claims in the Nizina country

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DISTRICT NEWS

Items Gathered from Various Sources.

Dawson is to have an up-to-date brewery in operation by March 1.

Puget Sound exports to Alaska during 1903 reached in value \$6,411,377 and to the Hawaiian islands, \$756,491.

A census taken in Nome shows that more people are there than during any previous winter. The enumeration reached the 3,000 mark. There are more families and children in Nome than ever before.

Mrs. Mary E. Hart, secretary of the Alaska Academy of Sciences and newly appointed woman commissioner to represent Alaska at the St. Louis Exposition, has arrived here, says a San Francisco dispatch. Who appointed Mary?

H. E. Porter one of the pioneer prospectors of the Yukon country, reports having discovered a natural flowing petroleum well on the left limit of Bullion creek, about 1200 feet from the creek, opposite 40 below. The oil is in its crude state, but after being rendered out will burn with the same brilliancy as refined coal oil.

The mines of Nome yielded more than \$6,000,000 this season and through increased facilities they are expected to double this production the coming year. It is estimated that the cauals, flumes, dredges, etc., now under construction in this district will cost not less than \$2,000,000 and will be available for the next ten to twenty years.

Lays are now on Eldorado for second bedrock only, says a Dawson paper and good pay is found. It is generally believed that the second bedrock extends the full length of the creek and will produce as much gold as the first bedrock did. On No. 3 a second bedrock was located at a depth of 75 feet, and as high as \$25 a pan has been taken out.

The deputy collector at Kodiak has for ward a life preserver, found at Afognak December 6, on the Custom house. Both this and portions of a deck house had the name Discovery on them. The life preserver bore marks of having been gnawed apparently by some fish. Everything goes to indicate that it had been worn by some person.—Sitka Alaskan.

Andrew Anderson, a well known and respected citizen of Juneau was killed in a snow slide at Sheep creek near that place, last week. He was working

ROADS AND TRAILS

Plans For Their Construction In Alaska.

Senator Nelson has introduced in congress a lengthy bill "to provide for the construction and maintenance of schools and the care and support of insane and destitute persons in the district of Alaska, and for other purposes." That part of the bill which relates to roads and trails will be of special interest and is as follows:

Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, that all moneys derived from liquor, occupation or trade licenses outside of the incorporated towns in the district of Alaska, and all moneys derived from fines, fees, costs, penalties, or forfeitures outside of the incorporated towns, in said district, except in cases of violation of the customs laws, or from any other source, and all fees collected by the clerks of the district court, shall, except so much there-

of as may be required to pay the incidental expenses of the courts as now provided by law, be deposited in the Treasury Department of the United States, there to remain as a separate and distinct fund, to be known as the "Alaska fund," and to be wholly devoted to the purposes hereinafter stated in the district of Alaska. One fourth of said fund, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be devoted to the establishment and maintenance of public schools in said district. Ten per centum of said fund, or so much thereof as may be needed, shall be devoted to the care and maintenance of insane and destitute persons in said district. And all the residue of said fund shall be devoted to the construction and maintenance of wagon roads, bridges, and trails in said district.

SEC. 2. That there shall be a board of road commissioners in said district to be composed of an engineer officer of the United States Army, to be detailed and appointed by the secretary of war. The said engineer officer shall, during the term of said detail and appointment, reside in said district. The said board shall have the power, and it shall be their duty, upon their own motion or upon petition to locate, lay out, construct, and maintain wagon roads and pack trails from any point on the navigable waters of said district to any town, mining, or industrial camp or settlement, or between any such town, camps, or settlements therein, if in their judgement such roads or trails are needed and will be of permanent

CITY ELECTION

Regular Citizens Ticket is Victorious.

Notwithstanding the fact that the wind blew a gale all day, 264 voters made their way up to the city hall and cast their ballot in the municipal election last Tuesday. Four tickets were in the field and there were 16 candidates for councilmen.

The polls closed at 9 a. m. Most of the votes were cast during the late afternoon. There was little or no excitement during the day, though some of the candidates did some great hustling for voters. When the ballots were counted the votes stood as follows:

COUNCILMEN.			
Quinn	221	Parker	94
White	205	Poot	99
Blum	193	Hielscher	87
Miller	192	Archibald	76
Rystrom	156	Winans	29
Donohoe	143	Hanson	26
Edwards	133	Konitz	21
Noakes	103	Stull	11

SCHOOL BOARD	
F. M. Brown	261
A. W. Hochford	260

POLICE MAGISTRATE	
Jno Lyons	229
Jno Goodell	27

The same school board was on each ticket which accounts for the high vote polled for them. While the successful candidates have not yet held a caucus and decided upon which of their number shall be elected mayor, it is probable they will follow the usual course by selecting the one who received the highest number of votes in which case the honor will fall to Tom Quinn. It is certain a better selection could not be made.

The new council will not take office until the first of March.

IS POPULAR.

Citizens of Alaska recently arrived from Washington D. C. report that no Alaskan is more frequently consulted and the opinion of none is held in higher esteem in administrative circles than that of Hon. James Wickersham, the United States Judge of this judicial division. It is no secret in official circles that if the delegate bill is passed and it devolves upon the President to name the delegate for Alaska that he will select Judge Wickersham. He will do this not only because of the favorable opinion that he holds of Judge Wickersham's abilities but because the President is convinced that

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Andrew Anderson, a well known and respected citizen of Juneau was killed in a snow slide at Sheep creek near that place, last week. He was working in a shallow tunnel when the slide came and it was at first hoped that when the snow was cleared away he would be found alive. However, after a two days search the body was found with the neck broken.

Fred Myers, Manager of the Arctic Trading Company at Council City, loaded \$20,000 in gold dust on a cayuse recently and started for Nome, says a Rampart dispatch to the Dawson News Myers took the trail, thinking the cayuse was following him, but he was wrong. The animal ran away, resisting all attempts to catch him, and also dodged numerous bullets. He was finally caught after scattering considerable dust around the country.

Among the numerous Alaska bills which have been introduced in congress is one offered by Senator Dillingham to protect the fur seal industry. The bill provides that the killing of male fur seals on the Pribiloff islands by the lessees thereof, the Northern Commercial Co., be suspended at once and indefinitely. The secretary of commerce and labor is authorized to permit the killing of 5,000 seals annually to provide food for the natives of said islands, but the skins are to be sold by the government and the profit covered into the federal treasury. The bill also provides that the president shall endeavor to conclude negotiations with England, Russia and Japan with a view to the abatement of the killing of nursing mother seals on the high seas; that if such negotiations fail the secretary of Commerce and Labor shall kill off all but 10,000 male and all but 10,000 female seals. Under the present regulations the cost to the government of protecting fur seal from pelagic sealers would be greater than the revenues from the industry, and if the slaughter is permitted to continue the seal herd will soon be entirely destroyed. It is therefore thought best to reduce the number of seals so that pelagic sealing will be unprofitable, unless negotiations with the countries named, whose citizens are the depredators, can be satisfactorily made.

Fresh ranch eggs—guaranteed—40 cents per dozen. A. L. Levy & Co.

of public schools in said district. Ten per centum of said fund, so much thereof as may be needed, shall be devoted to the care and maintenance of insane and destitute persons in said district. And all the residue of said fund shall be devoted to the construction and maintenance of wagon roads, bridges, and trails in said district.

Sec. 2. That there shall be a board of road commissioners in said district to be composed of an engineer officer of the United States Army, to be detailed and appointed by the secretary of war. The said engineer officer shall, during the term of said detail and appointment, reside in said district. The said board shall have the power, and it shall be their duty, upon their own motion or upon petition to locate, lay out, construct, and maintain wagon roads and pack trails from any point on the navigable waters of said district to any town, mining, or industrial camp or settlement, or between any such town, camps, or settlements therein, if in their judgement such roads or trails are needed and will be of permanent value for the development of the district; but no such road or trail shall be constructed to any town, camp or settlement which is wholly transitory or of no substantial value or importance for mining, trade, agricultural or manufacturing purposes.

VALDEZ WAGON ROAD.

There are two bills now before congress providing for an appropriation for the Valdez Eagle wagon road. One bill was introduced in the house early in the session by Congressman Cushman which provided for an appropriation of \$400,000 for the purpose of constructing the road. However, Senator Nelson, fearing that Cushman's bill would fail to come up for consideration at this term, has prepared an amendment to the Sundry Civil Appropriations bill, providing an appropriation of \$250,000 to be expended on the construction of this road "by and under the direction of the secretary of war, through the board of road commissioners of the said district." So there is no doubt but what the matter will be brought to the attention of congress and if it fails of passage it will be because it is turned down—and not because it never came up for consideration. Having been so strongly recommended by the Senatorial committee which visited Alaska, and having so many other staunch supporters in both the house and the senate it is more than likely that it will go through. The amount of the appropriation does not make any material difference to the people here nor those interested in Washington. Once started there will be little difficulty in securing additional appropriations from year to year to complete the work. So it is the general opinion that never before were the prospects so bright for securing the much needed appropriation. If Senator Nelson's bill goes through it is presumed the road will be constructed by contract as the bill provides that the work shall be done through the road commissioners.

I'll be busy all next week. So pick out a good pair of snow shoes for \$5 now. W. Robt. Hildreth.

ber shall be elected mayor, it is probable they will follow the usual course by selecting the one who received the highest number of votes in which case the honor will fall to Tom Quinn. It is certain a better selection could not be made.

The new council will not take office until the first of March.

IS POPULAR.

Citizens of Alaska recently arrived from Washington D. C. report that no Alaskan is more frequently consulted and the opinion of none is held in higher esteem in administrative circles than that of Hon. James Wickersham, the United States Judge of this judicial division. It is no secret in official circles that if the delegate bill is passed and it devolves upon the President to name the delegate for Alaska he will select Judge Wickersham. He will do this not only because of the favorable opinion that he holds of Judge Wickersham's abilities but because the President is convinced that the Judge is the choice of the people of Alaska and would win in a contest at the polls.

Judge Wickersham's recent appointment by the President as a member of the Congress of Jurists to meet at the St Louis Exposition is one that met with instant approval throughout Alaska and in judicial and administrative circles. In this Congress he will be the conferee of such distinguished jurists as Governor Dole of Hawaii, former Secretary of War Root, Chief Justice Fuller of the Supreme Court and former Senator Turner of the State of Washington who recently served Alaska so well as a member of the International Commission on the Alaskan boundary case. In the department of Justice Judge Wickersham is looked upon as a future member of the Supreme Court of the United States and a not impossible member of the Cabinet.

Judge Wickersham's integrity and sterling character is known beyond the boundaries of Alaska. No more powerful advocate of any Alaskan cause could be selected. He is distinctly a man of the people, young, vigorous, high minded and energetic. He is as loyal to party and as true to the higher principles of government as Fairbanks; he has as effective a "pull" as Hanna and is witel as strenuous as Roosevelt. Alaska can ill afford to lose a man of his character from the federal bench, but wherever he is called or whatever burdens he may assume he will be found to be the tried and true friend of Alaska and a man possessed of the complete confidence of his fellow men.

Geo. Baldwin returned on the James Dollar with part of the outfit for the Alaska Copper Co. and has already begun the work of forwarding it to the interior. George will superintend the work of the company this year. Mr. Birch, the manager will not come up until sometime during the summer.

Just received on the Bertha a large assortment of all sizes of photograph albums, from 25 cents up, also a large shipment of all kinds of photographic supplies. Come and see them at Larson's Studio.

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WAGON ROAD

Encouraging News From Seat Of War.

A telegram was received from Wash- ington yesterday morning stating that the Valdez Eagle wagon road bill had been sent back for conference. This is most encouraging news and indicates that the senate is still standing firm and is determined that the house shall accept the bill. Further news is expected at any moment as it is not believed the passage of the appropriation bills will be delayed much longer.

FROM SEWARD

Special Correspondent Des- cribes Conditions There.

Seward, Resurrection Bay.
April 12th, 1904.
As predicted by you in a late issue of your paper, the town lot holders here, fell over each other in order to get in on the "ground floor" when the second installment on their options became due on April first. With a few exceptions all paid up their seventy five dollars like little men and took their medicine in the form of an iron clad contract regarding future pay ments, taxes, etc. on the town lots. This new contract is all in favor of the townsite promoters. The purchaser is

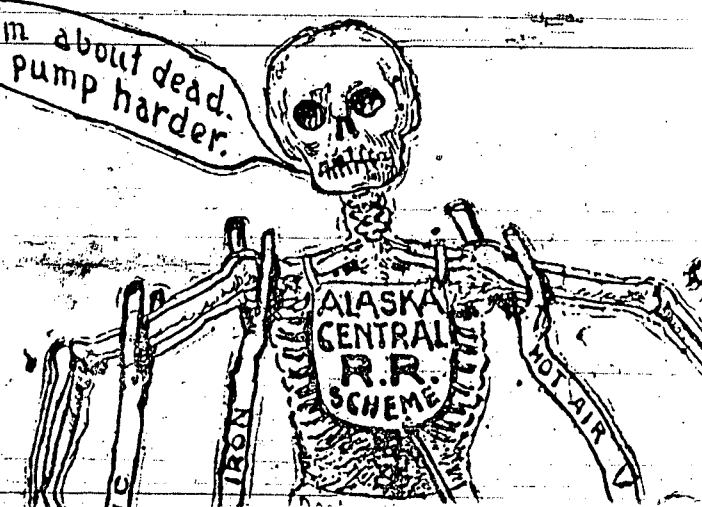
BOOM BUSTED

Seward People Disgusted With Alaska Central.

The Resurrection Bay bubble has all but bursted. The steamer Excelsior which returned yesterday from Seward, the "terminus" of the proposed Alaska Central railroad brought back a large number of the Valdez people who stamped on the strength of the prom- ises made by the promoters of this stock selling scheme. These people are unanimous in their condemnation of the Alaska Central project as a whole and say that everyone who can scrape up the price of their fare will get out on the next boats. The sporting element came back on the Excelsior and this is certainly an indication that there is "nothing doing."

The condition of the people who have went to Resurrection expecting good times there, with plenty of work on the railroad, is described as being al- most pitiful. Only a few men are be- ing given work at day's labor by the railroad schemers and the wages paid are ridiculously low. Only \$250 per day for ten hours work is being paid and of this amount one dollar per day is charged for board. The promoters are endeavoring to get men to work by contract but are unwilling to pay any- thing. They offer 16 cents per yard for clearing the right of way which in- cludes grubbing out stumps and filling in the holes. So far but five men have accepted the offer and are working on- ly long enough to secure money to get

I am about dead.
pump harder.



NEWS.

RICH GROUND

Ply Record on Sushitna Bench

Sushitna district, the excitement which has taken completely submerged the Sushitna lake another day. The result of a strike made by Mountain and Banner. In the case of this there was no rush to Sushitna district and a large number of claims were made and development done on some of them. But the exception of Discovery claim locality none of the others nothing could be made to pay was found all but a few. The latter was discovered and was struck within a year quite a number returned but of Discovery no one could find it.

It will be recalled that Jim Banner is the one who provided for the development of the benches during the winter and the success they had was the result of their expectations.

They began drifting on the benches on the right bank of No. 2 above Valdez creek. Within a short time they had reached the creek channel and they had reason to believe that they had struck bedrock.

When they struck bedrock in the old channel they rocked some of the gravel and the two men in five days cleaned up about \$2,000 which brought out other men.

They had some machinery with them but the whole lot had to be cleaned pretty thoroughly. It was found that the amount of rock was like all the rest and would not be worth anything.

It is believed to cover a considerable area and the results of the strike and the results of the strike are very interesting.

Monahan and Banner in the new claim. What is known at the Discovery locality is that Monahan, Smith and others were the first to strike the benches.

Tenderfoot Strike

A new strike has been made on Tenderfoot creek in the Delta district, according to recent address from the interior. Tenderfoot creek was discovered and located more than a year ago and while there was a stampede to the district some considerable work done nothing was found and most of the claims were abandoned. A few stayed with it however, and now it is said a very rich strike has been made on discovery claim. Dan McCarty is interested in the new strike. McCarty had sent out a large consignment of supplies to the trading post at McCarty's station, but he got word of the strike on Tenderfoot he overtook the outfit and stopped at Banner.

Banner is a few miles above Delta station on the same side of the river, and where outfits leave the Tanana to portage over to Discovery on Tenderfoot creek. It was located as a rival place to Delta City during the stampede last spring, but the excitement gradually died out and neither place amounted to anything.

The new strike on Tenderfoot will give added life and impetus to mining in the district. Should Tenderfoot prove a good producer, and mining men who have studied the conditions are confident that it will form the center of a rich camp in the Delta district and furnish the means with which to open up other ground in that vicinity. The same as Cleary and Fairbanks creeks helped to open the mines in that section.

Marshal Perry received word this week that during a jail break at Fairbanks two of his deputies were seriously injured as a result of an attack made upon them by the prisoners. Hendrickson, the famous "bull" parrot and a prisoner named Thornton were the men who caused the trouble. Peterson and Callahan, both formerly of Valdez were the deputies. The prisoners threw pepper in the eyes of the guards as they were unblocking the cell and then attacked them with knives. Peterson was seriously injured and it is feared he will die. The prisoners were recaptured after a short time.

ROAD COMMISSION

Material Arrives for Tazlina Bridge

Lieut. Sam. O. Orchard of the Alaska Road Commission, arrived on the Excelsior with pile driver machinery and the material for the construction of the bridge across the Tazlina river. The pile driver machinery consists of a boiler, a hammer, tools, of various kinds, etc. The bridge material consists of all the rods, bolts, plates and other iron necessary for use in the bridge.

This material will be sledged into the interior by the road commission. Horses for the work will arrive on the Oregon and the outfit will be in charge of Jack Ingraham, for several years chief packer for the government here. The supplies, feed, etc. for the commission has been contracted for from local merchants and Andrew Holman of Copper Center has the contract to deliver it to the points where it is needed in the interior. The bridge across the Tazlina will be about 300 feet long and it is estimated it will cost \$12,000. It will be both a pile and pier structure. In other words piles will be driven first and a crib built up around these and filled with stone. It is believed that with this method there will be little danger of its being carried out by the ice or high water. The road commission at first considered putting in a suspension bridge but found that it would be difficult to get the proper timber for the towers so abandoned that idea and decided on the pier bridge.

Lieut. Orchard says the commission intends to do a great amount of work on the road between Valdez and Fairbanks this summer. As outlined in a previous issue of THE NEWS, new trails will be cut in a number of places and repairs made to the old government trail between Valdez and the Gakona. If the commission could get the money, and it may yet, it would do a great deal of work on the flats between Fairbanks and the Delta. The Fairbanks and Delta trail is a very trail

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Saturday, December 1, 1906.

Christmas Fruit Cakes at the Valdez Bakery. c22

F. J. Templeton, representing the Seattle Hardware Co., is in town for a few days.

If you want a good place to eat go to the Alaska Kitchen.

The Pennsylvania has not yet put in an appearance though she is two days overdue. She is probably trying to make a landing at that wonderful harbor at Catella.

Beautiful decorated flower horns just received at the Bowling Alley. The finest Edison phonograph outfits ever offered for sale in Valdez.

J. F. Higley arrived from Fairbanks yesterday.

Among the passengers on the stage from Fairbanks yesterday were J. S. Sterling, E. E. Reynoldson, U. G. Hastings and H. W. Painter.

For good heavy Pacorus roofing go to C. C. Rudolph.

Thos. McMullen arrived from Fairbanks yesterday.

Wm. McKeown is among the late arrivals from Fairbanks.

F. E. Bishop is registered at the St. Elias from Fairbanks.

For Sale—A ten foot counter, also a coal oil stove. Apply to C. C. Rudolph

S. A. Hemple, president of the Valdez Bank & Mercantile Co. will leave on the Northwestern for a trip to the states. He will be accompanied by Mrs Hemple and they will visit Chicago, New York and probably Washington before they return. They expect to be gone about 60 days.

Good service, low prices and prompt delivery at the Owl Drug Store.

Fresh English Plum Pudding at the Valdez Bakery. c22

E. F. Gray returned a few days ago from a trip down the Sound.

Nick Yednak, the blacksmith, who returned a short time ago from Seward, has again purchased the shop which he owned last year and which is located at the rear of the Olympic Club. He is a first class workman and asks his old customers to remember him when they need anything done in his line of work. He will live over the shop and can be found there day or night.

Give the Alaska Kitchen a trial.

Complete line of household furniture for sale. Practically new. Valdez Real Estate Agency.

We have just received a quantity of the By-LoTalcum Powder which is having such a phenomenal sale in the eastern cities. Ask for a free sample at the Owl Drug Store.

Dr. Whiting, of Cordova, will be up to Valdez in a few days and will spend the winter here. He will have offices with Dr. F. M. Boyle.

Cameron's Suit and Shirt Parlor has

WIDE TRAIL

Big Outfit will go over Tasnuña Divide.

Within the next few days the Valdez Transportation Co will commence to move what is undoubtedly the largest outfit of freight that has ever left Valdez. It consists of a years supply for about 80 men who will, under the direction of E. F. Gray, general manager of the Northern Development Co., exploit the copper properties of that company on the Kotsina river.

As soon as it became definitely known that this development work would be done during the coming summer, the Alaska Road Commission was petitioned to grade a trail, sufficiently wide for double teams, over the Tasnuña divide, and, assisted by the Valdez Transportation Co., who furnished without cost to the commission transportation for the grading and cutting crew, the work was completed this fall and a fine trail with a maximum grade of 10 per cent has been constructed which crosses the coast divide nearly 1000 feet lower than the government trail over Thompson Pass.

This work will permit the use of heavy bob sleds and four horse teams will be used exclusively in handling the freight for the Northern Development Co. About 60 horses will be employed in the work and the freight rushed in as quickly as possible.

Jas. Fish, president of the V. T. Co. arrived on the Northwestern with a fine string of heavy draft horses. The shipment consisted of 20 animals, but on account of rough weather one horse died on the trip.

Just as soon as the sleds can be assembled and the new stock rested the work will commence.

An innovation will be the use of two large stable tents, size 28 x 60 feet and each tent will accommodate 30 horses. This will be the first attempt to stable a large freight outfit.

The Dora will not touch at Valdez on her way up this trip. She will stop at Yagataga and sail from there direct to Uyak where she will discharge cargo and then come back as far as Seward. From there she will take her regular mail run to the westward. Her coal and freight will be sent from here to Seward on the Pennsylvania.

The great Treadwell mines on Douglas Island are putting in bill burners and as soon as the change is made the plant will be run with oil for fuel. The company has made a contract for the delivery of 100,000 barrels of oil during the year 1907. Oil is without doubt the fuel of the future in Alaska, as a barrel of it, it has been claimed, will make as much steam as a ton of coal, and the cost delivered is not half the cost of coal. The Treadwell people evidently see a great saving in this fuel or they would not venture the change. They will build oil feeders out in the channel so that the oil can be pumped directly from the vessel into them and

Thanks

This great holiday practically is a national harvest of errors of states and ranks as a legal holiday.

Congress recommended days of Thanksgiving as did President Madison in 1815.

Washington appointed such a day in 1789 for the benefits and welfare of the nation. Since 1863 the day in November as Thanksgiving Day. For Territories as a day of thanksgiving.

We take this opportunity of offering our appreciation that the next Day of Thanksgiving will find all

Valdez Bank

UNIVERSITY

R. E. Leber, who arrived from Fairbanks a few days ago, was arrested immediately after he reached here on a bench warrant issued in Fairbanks and telegraphed to Deputy Marshal Lathrop for service here. The charge against Mr. Leber is contempt of court. He is a party to some important litigation in Fairbanks and a few days prior to his departure from there he was served with a subpoena to appear before a notary public for the purpose of permitting lawyers in the case to take his testimony by deposition. Mr. Leber consulted his attorney and was advised by the latter to ignore the subpoena. Not being familiar with the law himself and feeling that a notice to appear before a notary was an unimportant matter he took the advice of his attorney. He was all prepared to come outside and it was for this reason that he was subpoenaed as the case would come up before he returned and his testimony was important. But when he arrived here he found a warrant for his arrest. There is no way under the law that Mr. Leber can be released here and he will be taken back to Fairbanks as a prisoner unless the matter is adjusted in the court there. In the mean time he is confined in the federal baillies where he is preparing the notes on a book which he will issue on the wisdom of lawyers.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—The Canadian Government has ordered Frederick Fay an American who has been leading a street car strike at Hamilton, Ont. to leave the country without delay.

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DISTRICT NEWS

Items Gathered From Various Sources.

Ex Mayor Humes of Seattle, who wants a judgeship in Alaska, served seven years on the King county bench.

The post quartermaster at Fort. Gibson called for bids for 250,000 feet of saw logs recently, to be used in the construction of the new barracks at that place.

In the Nome District at a depth of 52 feet on Otter creek, J. Beaver recently found a number of well preserved oyster shells. Below the strata of gravel where the shells were lying pay dirt was found.

The big companies operating steamers on the lower Yukon have men cutting wood at many places along the stretch of 1,700 miles between Dawson and St. Michael and the hundreds of miles of Tanana and Koyukuk rivers.

Adolphus C. Fasel, formerly a wall paper and paint dealer and heavy property owner of Skagway, died at Fairbanks in the Tanana March 22, of hemorrhage of the stomach. He was buried there by the Arctic Brotherhood.

A dispatch from Nome says that the output of the Cape Nome district this season will be the greatest in the history of the country. Kougareok and Immachuck will increase their outputs, while the Council will not produce as much as last year.

The Americans are taking over the premises and the territory on the old Dalton trail as far out as pleasant Camp, formerly a Northwest mounted police station. The ground was awarded the United States in the recent Alaskan boundary decision.

Transportation companies doing business between Seattle and Nome, have carried their point with the postoffice department in their effort to prevent the shipping of gold bullion through the mails in packages weighing more than four pounds each.

A special edition of the Fairbanks News, devoted to the Tanana gold fields, is out and is now on sale in Alaskan News stores. The edition consists of 24 pages, in addition to the illustrated covers. It is neat topographically and is filled with interesting reading matter about the Tanana country.

MACHINERY HERE

Hydraulic Property Will be Developed.

The machinery for the Solomon Gulch hydraulic property arrived on the steamer Portland. The shipment consisted of about 100 pieces and measured 25 tons. It was unloaded from the steamer this morning on lighters near Fort Lisicum.

The Copper River Draying Co. has the contract to haul the machinery from the beach to the basin. A roadway was constructed along the side of the hill last summer and the work of getting the machinery to the ground will not be difficult. The machinery will be put in position just as soon as possible and the company will have quite a force of men employed in developing the property this summer. The ground will be thoroughly prospected to bedrock and if the gold is found to be distributed through the gravel as it is on the surface next year will see one of the greatest hydraulic propositions in the north in operation within gun shot of Valdez.

NEW STEAMSHIP LINE.

A special dispatch to the Seattle Times from its correspondent in Washington, D. C., dated April 2nd, states that a new line of fast steamships are to be put on the Seattle-Valdez run by English capitalists who will invest \$5,000,000 in the "development of Alaska near Valdez." The dispatch says that a party of gentlemen interested here have sailed from New York for London to close up the deal. Two large steamships which were but recently built for the West India fruit trade will be purchased, it is said, and will leave New York about April 15th and will sail for Valdez from Seattle June 15th. The Times' correspondent does not give any authority for his information but if by any chance it should be true it means railroad.

ELLAMAR SMELTER.

The P. I. of a recent date says: A \$50,000 smelter is to be established at Ellamar, Alaska, for the treatment of the ores of the Gladhough mine. The plant will probably be installed this summer. The mine is owned by J. D. Meenach of this city, and John Lowber Welsh, a Philadelphia banker.

FOR SURVEY

Twenty-five Thousand Dollars Appropriated by Congress.

Twenty-five thousand dollars for the survey of the Valdez Eagle wagon road has been appropriated by congress and there is still a good chance to get an appropriation for actual construction work this year.

After holding out for over two weeks Senator Nelson finally compromised with the House membership of the conference committee whereby the House was to agree to an appropriation of \$25,000 for the survey of the route this year.

Senator Nelson also secured an informal agreement with the conference committee which is to the effect that an amendment will be made to the general deficiency bill appropriating an amount not yet specified for the beginning of actual construction work on the wagon road this year. It is generally believed here that this latter appropriation will be made.

The survey of the route for the wagon road will be made this summer under the direction of the war department. It is probable that there will be 25 or 30 engineers in the field in charge of a army officer. It is altogether likely that Major Abercrombie will be the officer in charge. He is thoroughly familiar with the country and will most probably be selected by the secretary of war to do the work.

Further news concerning Alaska legislation is momentarily expected. Congress is almost ready to adjourn and must soon pass upon the other Alaska measures if they are to be considered this session. It is said all the Alaska bills will be bunched together and acted upon at once. The delegate bill, the redistricting bill, the municipal corporation bill and the bill for the protection of the fisheries are the principal measures which have not yet been acted upon.

NO FAITH IN IT.

The Cook Inlet people, who are returning on the Portland to the scene of their summer's operations all pronounce the Alaska Central railroad scheme a fake pure and simple. They are familiar with the country through which the proposed road would run and they pronounce it the height of folly to attempt to build and operate a

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BIG OUTFIT

Extensive Work to be Done in Nizina.

At least \$50,000 will be spent this year in the Nizina country in testing and opening up the ground bonded to eastern capitalists through G. C. Hazlett and H. V. Winchell. The steamer James Dollar brought up an outfit consisting of ten horses and sixty tons of freight which has already been started toward the interior. Mr. G. C. Hazlett has general superintendence of the company's operations and accompanied the outfit on the Dollar.

The people who bonded this property are among the most prominent mining men in the United States, and not the Amalgamated Copper Co. as reported. James W. Gerard of New York is the trustee for the interested parties, among whom are Bert Cochran, the Marchs Daly estate and others.

It is not the intention to attempt to take out any great amount of money from the company's properties this year, but simply to thoroughly test them and ascertain their value as near as possible. Upon the result of this work will depend whether or not the company will take up the bond. If the ground proves satisfactory preparations will be made to operate next year on a large scale with hydraulic machinery.

The company has 45 claims, all of which will be thoroughly tested. The mining operations will be under the direction of a competent placer mining engineer who will be sent up later in the spring. The company is taking in 15 men and from 15 to 25 more will be employed after the season opens up. Mr. Hazlett says work will be guaranteed to this number at \$5 per day and board.

Mr. Hazlett will probably remain in Valdez the greater part of the summer though he may take a trip in later in the season. His brother, J. A. Hazlett has charge of the trail work and has already left with the outfit.

WORKING HARD

Alaska Central People Trying to Make Good.

The promoters and stock jobbers known as the Alaska Central Railroad

JUDGE WICKERSHAM

Passes Judgment on Alaska Bills.

On February 8, Judge James Wickersham appeared before the House Committee on Territories at the request of Congressman Cushman, and gave his ideas regarding needed legislation for Alaska. He was before the committee the greater part of two days and the proceedings during this time were published and cover 40 printed pages. He was questioned at length on every point on which legislation is being considered for Alaska and some idea of the weight his statements carried may be gained by the remarks of the chairman (Mr. Hamilton) when the judge had concluded "Judge Wickersham I desire to express, on behalf of the committee, an assurance of the interest we have taken in the statements and remarks you have made, and we are very much obliged to you. You have illuminated these Alaskan questions for us in a way that no man has done before, and we are very much indebted to you."

After the judge had discussed and had been questioned on the various pending measures for Alaska he was requested by the committee to prepare in writing for their use a statement of his judgment on each bill relating to Alaska now pending before congress. This statement is too long for publication in full but the following will give an idea of what the judge thinks of the bills which are of the greatest interest to us:

Delegate in Congress.—Alaska ought to have a delegate, and one of these bills ought to pass with amendments so that voting precincts shall coincide with commissioners' precincts. Election of officers shall be appointed in each precinct by the commissioner, and by the voters in case the officers are not present at the hour. Returns shall be made—one copy to clerk of court and the other to the returning board, to consist of the governor, secretary of the territory, and customs collector. Election should be held on first Tuesday in September, and first delegate should hold office for balance of this and all of next congress. The judges of the district court should not have anything to do with elections. The delegate should be elected.

Roads, Schools, Insane, Paupers.—The first and principal objection to these bills is that there will not be money enough in the fund mentioned to carry out their provisions, as will be

WAGON ROAD

Bright Prospect for Securing Appropriation.

Washington, March 4. To Valdez Chamber of Commerce.

Wagon Road and other bills will pass senate next week. Even show in the house. B. F. MILLARD.

Notwithstanding the determined fight made by the Alaska Central railroad people against the Valdez-Eagle wagon road bill, never before have the prospects been so bright for the appropriation for this road.

The bill providing for the appropriation has received the indorsement of both the senate committees which pass upon it. It has been agreed upon and indorsed by the senate committee on territories and from there was referred to the committee on military affairs, and the bill will go in under the head of army appropriations. This committee also indorsed the bill and it is now ready to come before the senate.

The fact that the bill was indorsed by the committee on Military Affairs indicates that there is a strong desire in the senate to see it pass, for this committee is very loth to recommend large appropriations, to be charged up against the military, which are not directly for the benefit of the military.

Of course even if the bill passes the senate safely it has yet to go to the house and through the house committees, but unless the opposition forces are stronger than is now thought the chances are very good of its getting through all right. Judge Wickersham has done much toward getting the indorsement of the house committee on territories and Mr. Millard is doing everything in his power to impress upon the committees the urgent necessity for the appropriation. So the crisis is almost at hand and unless something unforeseen turns up the much desired appropriation will doubtless be made. It will be a joyful day for Valdez and the interior country and should be fittingly celebrated.

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Chamber of Commerce Holds a Busy Session.

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