

# VALDEZ NEWS.

VALDEZ, ALASKA, SATURDAY, JULY 2, 1904.

No. 17

## DISTRICT NEWS

Items Gathered from Various Sources.

The Arctic Brotherhood at Haines will build a hall.

Skagway celebrates July 2, instead of Monday, July 4.

W. S. Langtry, telegraph operator at Yukon Crossing, was drowned in the Yukon a few days ago.

James M. Shieff claims to have discovered gold at Great Slave lake, N. W. T. and thus far no one has disputed the statement.

Mrs. Morrison, wife of the pilot of the lost steamer Discovery is to receive \$18,000 as soon as the death of her husband is confirmed.

A body, supposed to be Mark Alcock's, who was drowned in the Klondike a year ago, has been found at Fortymile.

Frank and John Clancy, saloon men and gamblers, have given Seattle up as a bad job and will return to Alaska. They will probably locate at Fairbanks.

Edward Vachon, a miner 52 years old, was drowned June 4 in the Klondike river. A small boat capsized. John Whelan escaped after a hard swim.

Late Nome advices state that pay dirt has been found on the Pink creek which will rival any claim in the Klondike. It is over five feet wide and will average at least two feet through. The claim is owned by Stanley Kuzek.

Prince Luigi, of Savory, is said to be sliding around on the Muir Glacier. It is to be hoped that the frigid atmosphere in that neighborhood will enable him to retain his princely dignity without spoiling.

A nugget weighing 126 ounces was found on the hillside of No. 9 below upper discovery, on Dominion Creek. The nugget is about six inches long, four inches wide and two inches thick. It is the largest ever found in the Klondike.

Fifteen thousand dollars worth of general produce and other merchandise was lost June 4 in Thirtymile river, wrecking two scows belonging to Chas. Suter, Thomas Shaw and Thomas Morgan, Dawson merchants. There was no insurance. The scows hit rocks.

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## COWARDLY ASSAULT

Chas. Johnson is Again in the Toils of the Law.

The people of Valdez were worked up to a fever heat last Thursday evening when the news became circulated around town that Mrs. Blumer, an old lady about 60 years of age, had been the victim of an attempted criminal assault committed by Chas. Johnson, a notorious character, better known as "Eat 'em Up."

The facts in the case are about as follows: Mrs. Blumer, who is a widow lady and makes a living by washing and doing menial work around in private families, was fixing up a clothes line in the rear of her residence when Johnson came along and volunteered to do the work for her. She consented and Johnson began the work while she returned into the house. A few moments later Johnson entered her house and presently the neighbors were startled by hearing unearthly screams from the old lady and they rushed over to her house. Mrs. Cameron was the first to arrive and she met Johnson almost face to face as he came out of the back door and ran around the house to the street. Chas. Rudolph, who was also attracted by the screams and who resides directly back of Mrs. Blumer's place, hurried out and saw Johnson running across the street and out toward the timber on the reservation.

When Rudolph and Mrs. Cameron entered the house they found the old lady in a pitiable condition. Her face was scratched and bruised and blood on the floor and on her clothes, told of the hard fight she had made. Her hair was down over her face and her clothes were all but torn from her.

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## ROAD BILLS

"The News" Has Been Right from the First.

Conclusive facts concerning the desposition by congress of the bills pertaining to road construction in Alaska have at last been received. Six weeks ago THE NEWS announced that an error had been made when the Washington correspondent of the P.-I. gave the information that the bill setting aside all license moneys collected outside incorporated towns for road building, etc. in Alaska had become a law. THE NEWS then stated that this bill commonly known as the "license bill" had failed to pass but that instead a bill providing for an \$8.00 poll tax was adopted. This information was denied by the Prospector and by many of those who had just returned from the states.

However the facts are now at hand which prove beyond all question that THE NEWS has been correct from the first. From the Congressional Records which have been received up to the last day of congress it is learned that the Poll Tax bill passed both houses of Congress and has been approved by the president. From the same source it is learned that the license bill passed the Senate, and was referred back by the House committee on territories to the committee of the whole house and right there it died for it was never called up and the House adjourned without acting upon it.

On today's mail THE NEWS received a letter from Walter E. Clark, the Washington correspondent of the Seattle P.-I. in which he acknowledged his error in reporting that the bill had passed. Mr. Clark states that he discovered his mistake almost immediately and attempted to recall his telegram to the P.-I. but the paper had gone to press.

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## THAT POLL TAX

Provisions of New Bill Passed by Congress.

The following is the principal features of the bill which passed congress providing for the creating of road districts and an \$8.00 poll tax:

BE IT ENACTED, ETC., That it shall be the duty of the commissioner in each precinct in the district of Alaska, on the first Monday in the month of April in each year, to appoint a road overseer for the precinct in which he resides, and create a road district in the inhabited part of said precinct, which said district shall not include incorporated cities and towns. To fill all vacancies in the office of Road overseer in his precinct. To cause a record to be made defining the boundaries of said road district.

All road overseers shall hold office for one year and until their successors are appointed and qualified.

Every person appointed to the office of road overseer of any road district shall reside in the road district to which he has been appointed, and shall, within thirty days after he shall have been notified of his appointment, take and subscribe to an oath of office obligating himself to the faithful performance of the duties of his office. \* \* \*

Each road overseer shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, execute a bond. \* \* \*

Each road overseer shall keep an accurate account of all money received by virtue of his office and the manner in which the same has been disbursed, and to whom, and shall, on the last Saturday of March in each year, exhibit such account, together with his vouchers, to the commissioner for adjustment and settlement. Such account shall be in writing, verified by affidavit of the overseer that the same is in all respects a full and true account of all money received by him during the full term for which he should make settlement and the amount expended and the manner in which they were expended.

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Word, formerly a well known agent of Skagway and a pioneer miner on the coast, was elected Chief of Multnomah county, Ore., coming a natural republican majority of 5000 and landing the plum over 3000 votes to spare.

Andrew Jackson Stone, the well known New York explorer who has probably a more exhaustive knowledge of zoological matters in Alaska than any other man in the country, plans spending the winter on the Yukon.

A question as to whether the city councilmen and school directors, elected before the passage of the new municipal incorporation act, will hold an election held under its terms is being tested at Juneau. The old city councilors there will refuse to vacate and the famous proceedings will begun by the city recently elected.

According to all indications Fairbanks and Chena will not want for opportunities to scatter the gold dust the wheels of chance. Several mining outfits are among the freight loads on the first steamers, says the local news. It is known that a number of old-time Dawson gamblers and a number from Seattle and other points have been assembling preparatory to descending on the banks.

According to a telegraphic report received from the American authorities in Seattle, the mutilated body of a man, supposed to be that of W. S. Evans, was found three miles below Kokrine, large near Fort Gibbon, a few days ago. The find was made by a party of men, who reported the fact to the authorities at Fort Gibbon. Near the body was found a sack or bag with the name W. S. Evans on it. The Indians reported this about the body and showed the remains before telling the authorities. When the authorities started to look into the case they exhumed the body and found it as reported by the natives.

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It was not generally known what Johnson was charged with until after he had been placed in jail else there might have been a controversy between the officials and the citizens as to who should have possession of the prisoner. Johnson is a well-known character in this part of Alaska. He has caused the authorities much trouble and has frequently been in jail. He was released but a few weeks ago after serving a 30 day sentence. He has a wife and several children here.

At the preliminary hearing this afternoon before United States Commissioner Lyons Johnson was bound over to the grand jury, the bond being fixed at \$5,000. It is not believed that he can secure bonds in this amount and will probably remain in jail until the district court session next fall.

RAILROAD TALK.

Considerable interest has been stirred up the past week over the rumors that the Valdez & Yukon railroad people were preparing to get in the field for active operations.

This is the company which was organized a few weeks ago in Virginia and is the offspring of the Helm project. It is known that a number of prominent eastern men are interested with this company and they have made the statement that they propose to begin construction this summer. The local representatives, however, while admitting that they received advice concerning the matter this week have nothing to give out to the public.

Valdez Market Gardens, phone 8. Vegetables and greens for sale. W. F. Allender, owner.

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Wages in the district for some kinds of work are high. Carpenters at Fairbanks receive \$1.50 per hour. The wages paid on the creek, however, are but \$5.00 per day and board. In the three sawmills which are running \$7.50 per day is paid. Lumber is \$75.00 per thousand rough and \$100 dressed. A big cut in the price of provisions was made as soon as the first boats arrived and the camp is well supplied in everything by this time.

The Valdez people there are very well satisfied and are all busy. Raymond and Ruthford are said to have more work than they can do in the building line.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Hosford arrived safely and have bought a lot in Fairbanks. Mr. H. is working at the carpenter trade.

Selchik, Alaska, June 29.—While the steamer Cudahy was enroute from Chena to Nenana this morning two firemen named Boyd and Foley were engaged in a fight, it is said Foley struck Boyd with a chunk of iron and Boyd in turn drew a large knife cutting Foley's throat, he is said to be in a critical condition and not expected to live many hours. Boyd is under arrest at Nenana and will be taken to Fairbanks at once by Deputy Marshal Dreibelbis and placed in jail.

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The overseer of roads and trails in each precinct shall give notice to persons residing in his precinct liable to or charged with a road or trail tax of the time and place and the kind of work expected to be performed on the road or trail, and may direct what implements such persons shall bring with which to perform such work.

Whenever it shall happen, in consequence of sickness or absence from home, or any other cause, that the two days' work aforesaid shall not be performed within the time specified in this act, the overseer shall be authorized to require the performance of such work at any time prior to the 1st day of October then next ensuing, and in case any person shall neglect or refuse to do the two days' work, or furnish a substitute, or pay in money the price of two days' labor, as provided in this act, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined in the sum of \$10 for each day refusing so to work upon conviction before any justice of the peace of the precinct.

If any person shall appear at the proper time and place as directed by the overseer and neglect or refuse to do a reasonable day's work according to his ability, he shall be liable the same as if he had neglected or refused to appear, or furnish a substitute, or pay the sum of money as provided herein.

Under the direction of the overseer, and at his discretion, the above road tax may be performed by one day's work with an able-bodied man, and a two-horse team and wagon, or a dog (Continued on fourth page.)

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bobbed up to the surface. But he had  
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went again. He says it seemed like he  
was under an hour this time. He held  
his breath as long as possible but was  
twice compelled to take water into his  
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once when he struck bottom he grasped  
a root and held on. But he realized  
that he must let go before he lost con-  
sciousness or he would stay there with  
a grip on the root until he was drowned.  
He preferred to take chances on strik-  
ing the wheel and made another effort  
to get out from under the boat. Pres-  
ently he saw daylight through the  
water and lost no time in coming to  
the surface.

In the meantime Harry's companion  
on the mail run had jumped ashore in  
order to render assistance as soon as  
Harry showed up. Luckily Harry  
came up on the shore side of the  
steamer and his companion grasped  
him and pulled him out on the bank.  
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board the captain stopped the wheel  
and the boat came to a stop. This ac-  
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boat and scow to get over him or rather  
for the current to wash him under  
them. He was all but drowned when  
he got ashore and for three days was in  
a serious condition with hemorrhage of  
the lungs. However, after receiving  
medical attendance, he hit the trail  
from Fairbanks with the mail and ar-  
rived here in as good health as ever.

**THE INVESTIGATION.**

A dispatch from Washington speak-  
ing of the investigation of Alaskan  
federal officers says:

Few men have been attacked as  
Judge Brown and Judge Wickersham  
have been attacked. Lies out of the  
whole cloth have been told about both  
of them, and the net result is that the  
presumption at this time is against  
Judge Brown and in favor of Judge  
Wickersham. Both have had their  
friends here—not by their own ar-  
rangement, but through the loyalty of per-  
sons who believed the judges were be-  
ing unjustly attacked, and who spoke  
accordingly to the president and the  
attorney general. Still, the president  
is as far as ever from having a correct  
knowledge of the situation.

The special assistant attorney general  
will go to Alaska positively without  
any preconceived notions as to the cul-  
pability of the persons who are to be  
investigated. He has avoided talking  
with persons who wish to "knock" this  
or that office holder. He wishes to  
learn for himself after he reaches  
Alaska. He will take with him a sten-  
ographer to report hearings, and these  
hearings will be given in all the prin-  
cipal towns of the territory. The inves-  
tigation will probably occupy about  
three months.

The investigating officer intends to  
leave Seattle about July 6, and he will

have come.  
A visit will also be made to Valdez  
but whether that will be after the trip  
to the Yukon river and to Nome has  
not yet been determined.

**That Poll Tax.**

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team consisting of not less than five  
dogs and a sleigh, or a reindeer team  
of not less than two reindeer and sleigh  
or cart.

Each road overseer shall, on or be-  
fore the 1st day of April in each year,  
report to the commissioner of the pre-  
dict the names of all persons subjects  
to the two days' road-tax for the pre-  
ceding year, the names of those who  
have worked out said tax, the names of  
those who have paid the said tax in  
money, and the names of those delin-  
quent, and also all moneys received by  
him from all sources, and how expended  
and the account of said road overseer  
of the work performed by himself,  
which report shall be approved by said  
commissioner before any final settle-  
ment shall be made with such road  
overseer.

Road overseers shall be allowed \$4  
per day for all services required by  
this act and actually performed in their  
respective precincts, to be retained out  
of money paid said road overseers from  
persons paying money or fines in lieu  
of two days' labor, upon the certified  
statement of the overseers, approved  
by the commissioner of the precinct.  
Provided, That no overseer shall re-  
ceive pay for more than ten days in  
any one year. \* \* \*

Any oath required to be taken by  
said overseer, acknowledgment of bond,  
or the filing or recording of any paper  
or plat authorized by this act shall be  
free of cost to said overseer.

Upon application of road overseers it  
shall be the duty of the clerk of the  
district court to furnish copies of this  
act and blank forms of notices warning  
persons to perform road work, receipts  
for road work, bonds, and oath, and for  
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penses of the court.

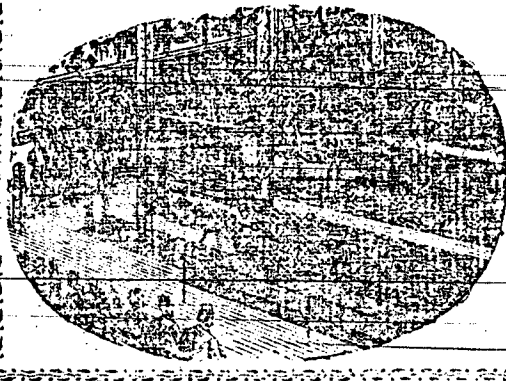
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Ana for Fairbanks via the upper river  
route.

Advices received by mail from Fair-  
banks state that "shorty" Codiga is  
running a roadhouse a few miles out  
from Fairbanks. He is said to have a  
long pole and making money hand  
over fist. Mrs. Codiga, who left here  
several weeks ago has probably joined  
her husband by this time.

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Items Gathered from Various Sources.

Two men in one day and a half shoveled twenty thousand dollars on No. 10 on Eldorado. The cleanup was a surprise as the men did not know that such ground was left in the claim, which has been worked since 1897.

About to be committed to the charge of Rev. Hudson Stuck, who is now in the city preparing to go north, is a territory stretching from the Tanana river as far into the North as human endurance and zeal can penetrate says the P.-I. Archdeacon of the Yukon is the title which has been conferred upon him.

President Roosevelt now has a totem pole eight feet high, surmounted by a bald headed American eagle to remind him of Alaska. It was presented to him by the Alaska delegates to the National Republican convention. It is to be hoped that the bald headed eagle will so impress the president that he will not forget the needs of Alaska.

As a result of the misfortunes which befall the steamship Oregon in her voyage from Nome to Seattle in September of 1901, with her steering apparatus caused her to wander around over the waters of the Pacific ocean in a somewhat circuitous route, her owners are now asked to pay the sum of \$25,000 to the thirty two passengers who libeled her in Seattle for that sum in the federal court.

A Dawson dispatch says: Passengers aboard the steamer Oil City, which is here from St. Michael, tell of a plot on the part of Midas creek stampedees to seize the British steamer Research at Nulato. The scheme was for the stampedees to board the steamer as ordinary passengers, then to seize it, throw the captain in chains and run it up the Koyukuk to the new gold fields. It is intimated that the officers of the vessel are in on the play, which is in reality a ruse to evade the American coastwise shipping laws. The outcome of the plan is not known.

Reports from Tin City are of the most encouraging character. With the development of the tin properties the full richness of the claims is being unfolded. On the Hutchinson properties the vein has been opened for a hundred feet disclosing rich ore on both walls, roof and floor, some of which will easily run 50 per cent in tin. With the close of the season sufficient development work will have been done to

## SURVEY FINISHED

Engineer Clapp Returns With His Party.

J. M. Clapp, the engineer in charge of the work of surveying the route of the Valdez-Eagle wagon road for the government returned to town this week with his party. The survey has been completed from Valdez to Eagle city and Mr. Clapp personally travelled over the entire route both ways.

The work was done by four parties of about 12 men each. One party under A. B. Lewis began at this end and worked to the Tazlina, another under W. L. Goodwin began at Tazlina and worked to Mentasta. The other two parties went in by the Yukon and began at the other end, one at Eagle and one at Ketchumstock and worked this way.

It was about the middle of June before the survey was commenced and that it has been completed over this stretch of country in so short a time speaks well for the management of Mr. Clapp and his assistants. The route followed by the survey to Eagle city is about 430 miles though the definite location of the road may lengthen or shorten this distance a few miles. Mr. Clapp has not as yet made any attempt to get his data together and is therefore not in position to give definite information on any point connected with the survey. Besides he does not feel at liberty to make public the result of his investigations other than in a general way at least. His report will be made through the quartermasters department to the secretary of war who will submit it to congress in a special report. It will not be made public until after it is in the hands of congress. Mr. Clapp is enthusiastic about the country in general and is especially impressed with the agricultural and stock raising possibilities. He says there are thousands of acres of the finest grazing lands and that in his opinion the time is not far distant when great herds of cattle will be seen at various points between Valdez and Eagle. Already ranching in a small way is being carried on on the Yukon side and with the best success.

Mr. Clapp and party will leave on the Santa Clara for Seattle. It has not been determined what disposition will be made of the 50 or more horses which were used by the party but they will either be condemned and sold or turned over to the army post here to winter.

DIG SHOWING.

## THE INVESTIGATION

Judge Day Visits Valdez on Rush.

The United States revenue cutter Rush arrived in port early Wednesday afternoon with Judge William A. Day, the special officer sent to Alaska to investigate the federal officials in the district.

Judge Day is an assistant of the attorney general and was appointed by the president to visit Alaska and ascertain whether or not the many charges which have been filed against federal officers were true. The president was determined to learn the facts before he made the appointments to positions in Alaska as the present incumbents are all candidates for reappointment. Mr. H. B. McDonald, who holds the position of parliamentarian in the senate, was selected to accompany Judge Day and act as his assistant. G. C. Todd is the stenographer and secretary to the judge.

The party came to Alaska early in July and began the investigation in Southeastern Alaska. They stopped at all the principal towns in that section and then proceeded down the river to Eagle City. They visited Fairbanks and other Yukon points and then went to Nome, where they were met by the Rush and brought on down to Valdez.

Rooms in the new court house were fitted up for the use of the investigating officers and they began their work within a few hours after their arrival. They sent word out to the public that they were ready and willing to listen to any and all remarks concerning federal officials in the district and invited everyone to come up and be heard. A large number of people accepted the invitation and appeared before the gentlemen. Interest was centered mostly on the case of Judge Wickersham and it is probable very little was said either for or against any other official. Each individual was examined behind closed doors. He was asked to make a statement of the facts as he saw them and Judge Day would ask questions bearing on the points covered by the witness. The investigation continued all day Thursday and until after 12 o'clock Thursday night, but even then there were others who would have appeared had there been time. Some of the witnesses occupied more than an hour in saying what they had to say while others took less than five minutes. There was much favorable comment on the thorough manner in which Judge Day conducted the investigation and on his courteous treatment of all who

## THE KEY CITY

Nice Things That Have Said About Valdez.

A railway from Valdez to the Yukon rivers will be a certain profitable enterprise.—Gov. Bra

A road from Valdez to the interior bisecting the American territory would be a work wondrous.—Senator Patters

Valdez is bound to become an important town. It lies at the head of a bay which is open the year around naturally must become the port for the traffic going in and out of the interior.—Prof. C. C. Georgeson.

Valdez has a landlocked harbor anchorage sufficient to accommodate navies of the world. The temperature and depth of its waters are such to render it available as a harbor for ocean steamers during every day of the year.—Gen. Greeley.

The Copper River Country will be a day-be-a-rich and flourishing as perhaps the most populous region in the future state of Alaska. Here are opportunities for thousands of people to make homes for themselves and gain independence.—Prof. C. C. Georgeson.

A great obligation rests on the Government of the United States to adopt a system of wagon roads for the relief of miners in the American territory and that as a basis for such a system a well constructed wagon road should connect the waters of the Yukon at Valdez with those of the Tanana at Eagle.—Report of Senate Committee.

Valdez harbor and the route through the stone canyon to the divide to the north is the most practical and economical route for the development of Alaska and bids fair to more than pay its own cost for the freight business on and vicinity. With a fine open the year around and a route comparatively free from built on lighter grades and cuts than the other route, Valdez may lay claim to being the main port for Alaska commerce.—Report of Senate Committee.

During my four years' residence in Seattle and Washington as agent of the Erie railway I investigated the possibilities of a railway from Valdez to Eagle and was satisfied that the only practical route for the interior of Alaska and from that standpoint may be considered to Alaska. A railroad over the route will be the means of developing ready large and important trade

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# THE VALDEZ NEWS

VALDEZ, ALASKA, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1904.

## WINTER APPAREL

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## STAGE LINE

### Project on Foot to Establish One to Fairbanks.

The matter of establishing a stage line between Valdez and Fairbanks this winter is being very seriously considered by Messrs. Foote and Grant, the Valdez-Tanana mail contractors. The gentlemen are now carefully going over every detail of the plan, and unless some unforeseen obstacle crops up it is altogether likely that the work of establishing the line will be commenced at once.

It is the plan to operate the stage line in connection with the mail route, and stages will be run semi-monthly at least, and probably weekly. Horses will be used over the entire route, but it may be necessary during this winter to use only single sleds. In order to use double teams considerable work would have to be done on parts of the trail, but it has not yet been determined whether this work can be done at this late season or not. If it is found impracticable to use double teams, sleds manufactured specially for the purpose will be used, and the horses will be driven tandem. Mail, passengers and express will be carried both ways, and roadhouses and stopping places will be established at necessary intervals.

### TOPEKA SINKS.

A Seattle dispatch dated the 12th inst. says that the Pacific Coast Steamship Co.'s steamer City of Topeka, sank at Pier A, in 33 feet of water, on the night of the 11th, when she was about to sail on her run to Southeastern Alaska. The boat suddenly listed to one side and sank without any apparent cause, but an investigation made by divers revealed the fact that one of the dead lights below the water line had been opened, it is thought by some malicious or revengeful person. The boat had only shortly before returned from an excursion given by the chamber of commerce. She now lies in 33 feet of water with her smoke-stack just visible above the surface. No lives were lost, as all on board had ample time to escape. Five hundred tons of freight consigned to Southeastern Alaska merchants were in the hold when the vessel sank.

### FROM SHUSHITNA.

A telegram received by THE NEWS this morning from Arthur Olsen, states that the boys from the Shushitna district have all arrived at Copper Center and will be here about the first of the month.

## IS FOR KIM

### "The Stroller" Will Assist the Governor.

E. J. White, one of the best-known newspaper men in the northwest, whose writings under the head of "The Stroller," in the newspapers of Dawson and other towns has made him famous, is now going after Gov. John G. Brady. White is an American, and was for a long time editor of one of Skagway's papers, and is familiar with Alaskan conditions. In the "Stroller" column of the Whitehorse Star, with which paper he is now connected, the following recently appeared:

To Hon. John G. Brady, Governor of Alaska:

The Stroller very much regrets that you appealed to him for assistance in your efforts to get another four years cinch on your job. He had hoped to be permitted to keep out of the contest in Alaska, but now that you have forced him out into the open he will declare himself. He is for you for governor and against those who entertain the deluded belief that Alaska should be advanced on has even yet become a fit habitation for other than scrofulous, fish scented natives and a few frozen sect missionaries like yourself.

The many white people who have come to Alaska within the past ten or fifteen years had no business to come and if you had been next you would have had your Indians barbecue them as fast as they landed. But you very foolishly permitted them to come, and now they want to introduce modern ideas, live as white people do elsewhere, eat canned goods instead of fish grease until their systems are full of pewter, and in many ways crowd to the wall men like you who have been there 25 or 30 years.

Worse than that, these newcomers have opened stores, and a missionary now has no chance to make money by selling the goods entrusted to him by the government for free distribution among the Indians.

The Stroller has looked into your history as a missionary for the past 27 years and finds it without spot or blemish. You have never been daunted by the odor of fish or roast dog, but have gone ahead in your great work of cultivating your farm and operating your sawmill through the week, and christening young bucks on Sunday.

The Stroller has always admired your style in selecting names for twins such as Eyether and Neyther, To and Fro, Pro and Con, Topsy and Turvy, Open and Aboveboard, Free and Easy, and so on. This shows that you are not only

## ADDITIONAL SERVICE

### Weekly Mail Between And Tanana

The indications now are that a daily mail service between Valdez and Fairbanks will be established instead of only the semi-monthly service to be performed under the contract awarded to Foote and Grant in the spring. A telegram was received last week from the P. O. department, Clerk Eames, requesting bids by wire for the cheapest figure to secure for an additional twice a month between Valdez and Fairbanks, carrying 400 pounds and making the trips midway between the time of those under the present contract. This additional service is to be for five months or ten months, beginning with December 1st and ending with April. Accordingly, the clerk asked for tenders of bids, to be filed in his office at 4 o'clock last afternoon. There were four tenders as follows:

W. S. Amy .....  
C. L. (Buck) Hoyt .....  
Arthur McNeer .....  
Foote & Grant .....

The result of this request was forwarded to Washington to this time no reply has been received. It is not known exactly what the intention of the department is in the matter or whether they prefer to accept one of the bids or to remain simply desirous of obtaining proposals with a view to advertising in the usual way for bids. Not known whether bids were received at other places.

But it is almost certain that the contract will be let for this winter. What it means for Valdez at this particular time can hardly be said. One round trip weekly with the mail will insure an outlet throughout the winter and will encourage travel by way of the Fairbanks district. The hundred pounds of mail per month on the route every month will keep it in excellent condition. Nothing of the individual trip

### NEWPORT BOAT

The Newport, which has been sold by the Alaska Pacific Company to W. S. Scammel of San Francisco. The old Alaskan boat will be operated on the California coast out of San Francisco.

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in coarse gold, carrying pieces weigh- ing as high as 25 cents, is the discovery claimed by Alex. McCumber who is well known in all parts of Alaska, having been in the country for the past eight years.

McCumber arrived in Fairbanks on his return from a prospecting trip over the whole district, accompanied by P. O'Reilly and John Drake, early this week. He left on account of the creeks freezing up, but intends to return in a few weeks.

"I do not wish to be responsible for any excitement, and I have no object in creating one," Mr. McCumber said, "but I will give you the facts about the country just as they are. The best find was on McCumber creek, the first find which I made in August. This stream is a tributary of Jarvis, which flows into the Big Delta. The location of the strike is approximately 35 miles from the mouth of the Big Delta. At every place I panned on the rim I got prospects, the best showing being found on discovery. I got an 80 cent pan two feet down in water, one piece weighing 25 cents.

"Other good prospects, but none better than the one secured on discovery, were obtained at various points along the creek, and the few of us that were in the country staked. Three claims up from the mouth of the creek, a part of Jarvis and all of McCumber, above a two mile canyon, are staked. McCumber is only about ten miles long.

"Several other finds were made on tributaries of McCumber. One was made on Ober creek, which comes into Jarvis on the left limit, about ten miles below the mouth of McCumber.

"Ten cent pans were taken on bare, O'Reilly, a tributary on the same limit, and coming into Jarvis above McCumber, gave an excellent showing, the indications being that the formation is much like McCumber.

"McCumber diggings are unusually shallow, bedrock lying, I should judge, not more than four or five feet. The formation is a solid mica schist, the finest I ever saw.

U. S. Deputy Marshal L. L. Bowers of Kodiak arrived on the Dora with a warrant for the arrest of one George Warner, charged with the murder of a man named Albert Secter on Red river near Karluk, Kodiak island, on Sept. 4. It is claimed there were witnesses to the murder and that the shooting was the result of a quarrel between the two men. Shortly after the affair took place, and before the authorities knew of it, Warner took the boat for Valdez where he consulted an attorney, and afterwards went to the federal officials and gave himself up. He claimed that the killing had been accidental. Acting on this theory, and with a promise that he would make no effort to leave the city until the matter was investigated he was permitted to have his liberty. He was immediately arrested by Marshal Bowers and was taken back to Kodiak on the Bertha for a preliminary examination before the commissioner.

ted between Valdez and Fairbanks, carrying 400 pounds of mail each week. In order that this service should accomplish the desired results it is necessary that the service between Seattle and Valdez should be increased. A contract awarded to a fast steamer making the trip direct, together with the three steamers now on the run would furnish a weekly service to Valdez to connect with the like service from Valdez to Tanana. The matter will be presented to the department at once and it is to be hoped the officials will see the wisdom of the move.

### BEAVER CREEK.

The new strike in the Beaver creek district, an account of which was given in THE NEWS several weeks ago, gives every promise of rivaling the Fairbanks section in both richness and extent. Beaver creek is a big stream nearly 300 miles in length, which flows into the Yukon about midway between Fort Yukon and Rampart. The strike is about 150 miles from the mouth of the stream and is described as being an equal distance from Fairbanks, Circle City and Rampart.

Many men are returning to Fairbanks from the new discovery, all with the most flattering reports. Of this new district the Fairbanks News says:

Walter Wright of Cleary, who has just returned from a month's prospecting in the Beaver country, corroborates the reported rich showings made in surface prospecting on Golden river. He says, however, that the real value of the new finds will not be known till winter when holes will be put down on a number of claims. He estimates the number of men that will winter there at 35.

"The prospects, taken on the rim in all cases," said Wright, "are the best I have ever seen in Alaska. I took a few pans on 37 below lower Golden, getting an average of 11 cents. In a pan I took on Hector, which comes into Golden on the line of 7 and 8 below lower on the right limit I got six cents. I found good prospects or colors on Squaw and Noble, also tributaries of Golden. I heard of pans as high as 22 cents being taken on lower discovery, Golden. Besides the pans there are other indications that the country is good. The formation, slate and granite cap, with lots of quartz, is very promising. The indications are, however, that the diggings are shallow—eight or nine feet deep. Water, wood and game are plentiful. The district is now staked fifty miles square. Golden has two discoveries. There are probably 80 claims between them. Prospectors are blanketing the country. One party of five were going through the country staking 160 acres at a crack."

Wright, with two partners, made the trip from the canyon on Golden, to the mouth of Cleary in just 44 hours' travel. They went from the head of the canyon across the mountains to Beaver, up the Willow for a few miles, cut over the

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representatives of that body before congress this winter. Although when the vote was taken the result was almost unanimous, a stiff fight was made on various questions relating to the election.

The meeting convened at 8:30 with President Blum in the chair and nearly 40 members present. The first business taken up was the report of the committee on the matter of regular meetings of the chamber. There was some question as to when the legal meetings of the body should be held, as the by-laws gave the first and third Monday nights of each month, though the chamber has long been meeting on alternate Friday nights. While the committee could find no record of the chamber having changed the meeting nights from the original time fixed, it recommended that all previous meetings be ratified and declared legal, but that hereafter the regular meetings be held at the time specified in the by-laws until they were amended fixing some other date. The report of the committee was accepted. T. J. Donohoe then gave notice that at the next regular meeting he would offer an amendment to the by-laws changing the meeting nights from the first and third Monday to the first and third Friday evening of each month.

The matter of the report of the committee appointed to outline the position of the chamber in regard to needed legislation, which report was adopted at the last meeting and was published in THE NEWS last week, was brought up under a motion to rescind the action then taken. It was stated that the object of this motion was to bring the report again before the house that it might be amended. Considerable discussion followed and it was explained that it was desired to change that portion of the report which referred to "transportation facilities" by inserting "wagon road," making it read that the "greatest need of this section of Alaska was a wagon road from Valdez to the Yukon." After an informal understanding that the essential features of the report should not be tampered with and that after the desired change was made the report should be again adopted, the motion was agreed to. When the report was again before the house, however, and the proposed change had been made, an additional amendment was offered by J. L. Steele concerning the insertion in the report of a paragraph setting forth the right of Alaska to a delegate in congress. The amendment after some discussion was passed and the report was then adopted.

Under the head of election of members J. M. Lathrop, whose name was proposed at the previous meeting, was elected unanimously.

Under the head of unfinished business, the motion which had been laid over from the previous meeting, that Stephen Birch be chosen the delegate of the Chamber to Washington this winter, was brought up. In connection therewith F. J. Kinghorn read and presented a petition signed by 36 members of the Chamber of Commerce, praying that Stephen Birch and George M. Esterly be elected as the delegates. An amendment to the original motion was then made that Mr. Esterly's name be inserted with that of Mr. Birch. The discussion which followed was regarding the attitude of the candidates on the questions deemed most important by the chamber. There were those who

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### Elect Delegates.

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point a committee to draw up the cred- entials and instructions for the dele- gates. This committee has not yet been named.

After some discussion on other mat- ters the chamber adjourned to meet the first Monday night of next month.

### PERSONAL.

If the nameless person who is so fond of writing unsigned letters of advice will apply to the court the judge will no doubt furnish the party with a name as he would any other Siwash. If it is a meal or a drink that is wanted, I will furnish it if asked to, though Uncle Sam is now potlatching to the Siwashes at Copper Center. JOHN MILLER.

### MANY SALES.

Many sales of mining property in the Fairbanks district have been made during the last few weeks, according to the Fairbanks News. Most of the purchasers of claims are Dawson men who have brought down machinery from their Klondike holdings and who are prepared to develop their property on a large scale. Among the sales which have recently been made on Cleary creek are the following:

C. M. Crawford and others from Cou- lombé brothers, the lower half of No. 5a, left limit, bench; price \$30,000.

Captain Barnett from F. J. Cleary, lower half of fractional claim adjoining No. 1 below, right limit, and the upper half of lower two thirds of creek claim No. 3b; price \$14,900.

Noyes and Underwood to F. T. John- son No. 14 creek and 14 bench below; price \$40,000.

J. P. Knox from Peter Kling, three- fourths interest in bench claim adjoining 8b, and one third interest in bench claims 8 and 9b, second tier, right limit; price \$25,000.

Ed Burke to August McDonald un- divided two thirds interest in bench claim No. 6a; price \$33,000.

Mrs. David McRay from John Arnell, half interest in No. 3a creek; one-fourth No. 3a bench; consideration \$15,000.

Lief T. Holt from Neil McLeod, un- divided one-half interest in creek claim and fraction; price \$19,200.

Jack Roex from John Bush, two- thirds interest in side claim 10b; price \$35,000.

Many other transfers have recently been made by trades, consolidating in- terests, etc., which mention no cash considerations but which represent large values.

This from an exchange, with a slight change of names to fit the locality, hits the nail squarely on the head: "Who sympathized with you when your little girl was sick? Was it your home merchant or was it Stone, Fisher & Lane? Who carried you last winter when you were out of a job and had no money? Was it Montgomery Ward & Co., or was it your home merchant? When you want to raise money for the church or some needy person in the town, do you write to the Five-Cent

### Beaver Creek.

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head of Willow, crossed the summit and Wa its Mountain creek, making a point within ten miles of the head of Trail creek, by way of O'Brien, the third night out. They got into Cleary next day.

Wright says he will return in about two months and prospect several pieces of ground he secured. Pete J. Tierney of Tierney & Reed, 1 below Cleary, also returned from Beaver this week. He is well impressed with the country and thinks big pay will be found on Golden. Another recent arrival from Beaver is Jesse Noble. He says:

"Two discoveries were staked on Golden. The lower one is about six miles from the mouth, and the upper discovery about ten miles further up the creek.

"Golden prospects run high. Fifteen cents to half dollar pans are being taken out. In the region of discovery I saw 20, 21 and 22 cent pans taken. On upper discovery I got 15 cents in one pan. Sheep creek is not so rich, though surface and bar prospecting gives two, three and five cent pans. M. O. creek goes about the same.

"Speaking generally I can say for the country that its indications are just as good as were found in this district eight months after its discovery. That means Beaver is three quarters of a year ahead of Fairbanks."

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### Notice.

United States of America, }  
District of Alaska, }  
Third Division. }  
Notice is hereby given that a special term of the above named court has been ordered by the Hon. James Wickersham, Judge of said court, to be held in the town of Valdez, Alaska on the 14th day of November, 1904, commencing at 11 o'clock a. m. and continuing until all such business as may properly come before the court has been disposed of.  
It has been ordered that all persons bound by summons, recognizance, notice, order or other undertaking or requirement to be and appear or answer at the next term of this Court, be and answer at said Court at Valdez, at the time herein set forth.  
Dated Valdez, Alaska, October 4, 1904  
A. R. HEILIG,  
Clerk of U. S. District Court of the district of Alaska, Third Division.  
By E. A. HENDERSON,  
Deputy.

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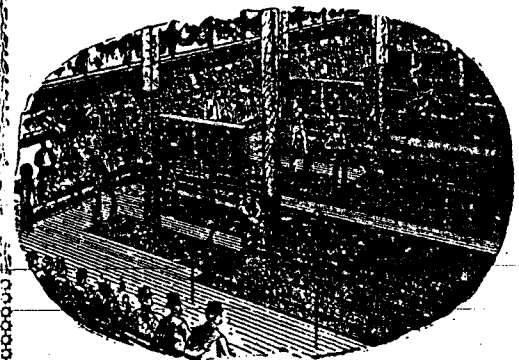
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# VALDEZ NEWS.

VALDEZ, ALASKA, SATURDAY DECEMBER 3, 1904.

## JOHNSON CONVICTED

News of the Week in District Court.

After two lengthy trials Chas. Johnson, accused with assault with attempt to commit rape was this week found guilty as charged by a jury of his peers.

The first trial took place last week the case going to the jury late Saturday afternoon. The jury remained out all night and until noon Sunday when word was sent to the court that there was a hopeless division and that in the opinion of the jury further consideration of the matter would be useless. Accordingly the attorneys were sent for and the jury was dismissed.

Efforts to secure another jury were commenced the first thing Monday morning and it took all day and well into the next before 12 men could be found who believed they could fairly and impartially hear the evidence and render a verdict in accordance therewith. Those finally selected were: Wm. Coles, P. S. Peterson, Grant Chase, N. Broome, N. Macklin, G. Lee, G. Saunders, T. Smith, O. Fish, G. Buzzard, F. Perry and O. Helm.

The evidence for the prosecution in the second trial was considerably stronger than in the first there being a number more witnesses examined and several important points brought out. The taking of evidence was continued Monday and Wednesday and Wednesday evening a night session was held, the case going to the jury about 11 o'clock. After being out about two hours the jury announced that they had reached a verdict and a few minutes later court was in session and the jury brought in. The verdict was "guilty as charged." Johnson has not yet been sentenced nor is it likely that he will be before near the end of the term.

Another important criminal case tried this week was that of Fred Peterson, charged with the killing of Peter Peterson at Uyak Bay. The details of the tragedy were practically a given in The News last week. The four men in the cabin were all drinking heavily and a dispute between the two Petersons arose over a twenty dollar gold piece. There was no denial that the defendant did the killing but he claimed it was accidental. In order to intimidate the men and scare them into producing the gold piece Peterson took his Winchester and stepped outside the door. He claims that he was attempting to extract the shells from the gun when it went off the bullet striking Peter

## STAGE LINE TO FAIRBANKS

### Valdez Transportation Company Rushing in Supplies and Equipment.

That there will be a stage line between Valdez and Fairbanks this winter is now assured. James Fish, while in Seattle, organized a company to be known as the Valdez Transportation Co. for the express purpose of operating a passenger business from the key city to the interior metropolis.

Before leaving Valdez Mr. Fish made considerable preparation with the stage line in view and purchased about 30 head of horses, and began to distribute hay and grain along the route. At this writing there are over 30 tons of horse feed at different relay stations on the line. Surveyors and road builders were also sent into the interior to straighten, shorten and better the trail, and a large amount of work has been done under the able direction of Jack Meals.

The Portland brought the first load of hay and grain for the company, followed by a shipment on the Santa Clara aggregating over one hundred tons and consisting of everything necessary to equip the line.

The matter of transporting the supplies will be under the able management of Ed. Youngs, and he is now in Keystone canyon with a large force of men working in conjunction with the government freighters, building bridges over this part of Lowe river.

On Monday next the outfit will leave Valdez with about two tons of the horse, and the supplies will be distributed at intervals of 20 miles. As far as practical the roadhouses now established will be used by the company, but after leaving Gakona roadhouses will be put in exactly 20 miles apart irrespective of geographical points.

It will be impossible to properly equip the route before the first of February, as the company desires to give a comfortable and satisfactory service from the start.

Stages will leave Valdez every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at noon, and the passengers will stop over night at Wortman's. The stage will then leave Wortman's at 6 a. m. the following morning, and is due at Beaver Dam at noon. Here horses will be changed, and after one hour for lunch the passengers will be carried to Earnestine

and there stop over night. Leaving Earnestine the stop for lunch will be at Tonsina, and after changing horses the run will be made to Copper Center. A roadhouse will be put up half way to Gakona, where relay and lunch will be taken, and the fourth night will be spent at the comfortable station of the company at Gakona.

From there on 40 miles will be made each day, stopping at noon for lunch and relaying horses, and the passengers will be landed in Fairbanks on the ninth day out from Valdez. Over such part of the trail as is practical, comfortable bob sleds will be fitted up and drawn by two horses. Over the summit, and wherever it is not practicable to run two horses abreast, the single double-ended sleds will be used and the horses driven tandem.

The service will be continued during February, March and as long in April as the trail will permit of travel. The passenger rate will be \$150 each, and this will include hand baggage not exceeding 25 pounds.

The steamship companies operating between Seattle and Valdez will act as agents for the company and sell tickets through to Fairbanks. The passenger fare does not include meals or beds at any of the roadhouses, but charges for the same are very reasonable and are as follows:

	BEDS	MEALS
Wortman	\$0.75	\$0.75
Beaver Dam	1.00	1.00
Ernestine	1.00	1.00
Tonsina	1.00	1.00
Copper Center	1.00	1.00
All roadhouses north of Copper Center	1.00	1.50

This service is probably the most beneficial enterprise that has yet come to Valdez. It means much for the town, and will settle once and for all that Valdez is unrivalled in her geographical position, and is the logical point of departure for all Alaska interior points. Every passenger arriving en route to and from Fairbanks will spend more or less money, and every dollar he spends while on the trail must eventually find its way into the coffers of the merchants of Valdez. Besides all this the company will have a pay-roll of about five thousand dollars a month.

## ANOTHER CONTRACT

Mail Service to Eagle Is Doubled.

Mail Contractor James Fish having received a telegram from the post office department at Washington requesting him to accept an additional contract for two round trips per week from Valdez to Eagle City, carrying 100 pounds of mail per trip, the time to be 11 days. This contract is simply a duplicate of the one in existence over this route, and provides a weekly mail service between Valdez and Eagle throughout the winter.

With the beginning of this season on the 15th this will give 14 arrivals and departures of mail from interior points each month, weekly service to Fairbanks, twice a week, and four arrivals and four departures of the weekly service to Eagle, providing an equal number.

The letting of this additional contract to Eagle City is the result of the efforts made by the people of Valdez to be put in closer connection with Dawson during the winter. Many of the Fairbanks people have business interests in Dawson and desire a mail service between the two points. The department took the matter up and determined that a feasible route for such a service would be over the Valdez-Fairbanks-Copper Center-Eagle trails, with the mail leaving Dawson mail will leave Fairbanks for the Valdez-Fairbanks trail, where it will connect with the Valdez-Eagle mail and be taken to Eagle and thence to Dawson. Under this plan of operation it was determined to increase the Valdez-Eagle to a weekly service in order to handle heavy mails between Fairbanks and Dawson could be handled.

### Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber of Commerce meeting last night in the room which has recently been fitted up for the purpose. The principal business transacted was in relation to the fitting of the Valdez-Fairbanks trail, and the committee which has been in charge made a report. The matter of sending a man down to represent the Chamber at the meeting in the interest of the Valdez route, was brought up, and the matter was referred to the Chamber of Commerce. The Valdez Transportation Company was represented by James Fish. Fish stated that if the Chamber could not be fitted up for the purpose of the meeting, the Chamber of Commerce should be fitted up for the purpose of the meeting.

### Another Strike.

The boiler was taken up on the first trip of the Koyukuk up the Tanana by the Koyukuk.



**Railroad Aid.**

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 In the first ten months of this year \$19,000,000, and between the states and the Philippines \$12,000,000, it is declared by the advocates of federal aid for railroads in Alaska that the attention to the territory is more devoted than the Philippine routes especially mentioned in the Upper River valley lying between the Yukon river near the Canadian border. It is full of minerals and opportunities of agriculture are not wanting. In the Philippines bill of 1904 the government simply sold the interest on the bonds for Alaska, the money, if it should, be paid out of the revenue of Alaska. Precisely this plan is being followed for Alaska. The senator which visited Alaska last year urged the construction of ways of communication, the cost to be defrayed in part from the territorial

**NOTICE**

IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned, who, at the request of Max B. Hand, owner of the merchandise herein described, carried, conveyed and transported merchandise from the city of Seattle, Washington, U. S. A., to Chitina, Alaska, at which place said merchandise was delivered on the 26th day of April, 1905, and thereafter safely kept and stored, has a lien upon said merchandise for carrying and storing the same as under the provisions of Sec. 277, Part 1 of the District of Alaska, to the extent of the sum of \$3,371.60, of which \$1,000.00 is for carrying and storing to September 30th, 1904; and all charges are just and reasonable, of which has been paid; and the undersigned, under the provisions of the aforesaid code, on the 20th day of April, A. D. 1905, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon of the Court House at Valdez, Alaska, at public auction sold the said merchandise, which is particularly described as follows: 41 kegs and barrels of liquors, and 44 cases of liquors, being a mixture of whiskeys, wines and liquors, or a part sufficient to pay the charges aforesaid apply the proceeds of said sale in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 278 of the code.  
 Valdez, Alaska, January 24, 1905.  
 SAZINA TRADING COMPANY,  
 MAX MEYER, Gen. Mgr.

**NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT**

MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.  
 IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at a meeting of stockholders, held Monday, November 14, 1904, an assessment of six cents per share was made on the subscribed capital stock of the company, payable January 15, 1905, to S. J. Kinley, at 759 Bush street, San Francisco. Any stock upon which this assess-

ment shall remain unpaid on January the 15th, 1905, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction; and, unless payment is made before, will be sold March 15, 1905, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs of advertising and expense of sale.  
 S. J. GREY, Secretary.

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JAMES FISH, President and General Manager

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VALDEZ, ALASKA, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1906 1905

## 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 drouth.

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 Ko,ukuk 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 Schibredo, 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.

## 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 Katmai-St. Michael route was let some time ago to Messrs. Hills, Donohoe & 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, as 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; 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.

## 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 F. 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 260 miles and the total length of country to be traversed is about 396 miles. So far about \$193,000 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.

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