

Alaska's Needs Are Set Forth in Transportation and Coal First Resident of the Golden North Gives Reason Why State Should Release Mineral Lands

By D. M. STEWART of Seward, Alaska. It is not often a real "Alaskan" has the privilege of expressing local sentiment through the medium of a great newspaper, and I appreciate accordingly the opportunity of doing so through the influential columns of The Call. If I may be permitted to address myself to the people of San Francisco...

ments of the abundant natural resources lying latent about them. Such facts are in reality very few; I mean such facts as are really vital, and I think they can be summed up under two heads. Here they are: 1. Alaska needs more railroads, wagon roads and trails.

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CAUSE OF STAGNATION Now, what are the things that impede such a development, and how can they be removed? The first question is to let a whole community, an average community, an Alaskan town and district of say a thousand people speak. The town of Resurrection, at the head of Resurrection bay, described by President Taft, the secretary of the interior and others entitled to speak with authority, as one of the finest harbors in the world; absolutely open and ice free the year round—Seward is the chief town of the Kenai peninsula, one of the richest, most beautiful and attractive communities in the world, and the people of this part of Alaska have suffered severely in a business way through the maladministration of the territory, and at a recent meeting that was held at Seward, Alaska, the people of this part of Alaska have suffered severely in a business way through the maladministration of the territory, and at a recent meeting that was held at Seward, Alaska...

ROADS AND TRAILS The primary need of Alaska, namely, the construction of a trunk line of railroad connecting the Pacific ocean with the great waterways of the interior, should include the building of wagon roads and trails which would act as feeders to such a line, encourage and facilitate agriculture and convert latent mineral wealth into live assets coursing through the channels of the world. The following official statement explains itself: All roads and trails constructed in Alaska to June 30, 1911.

We also want the government to look at this matter from the Alaskan consumers' point of view; we want it to give the existing coal claimants prompt relief, and if they will not redress; we want it to put an end to the vexatious delay that has held these coal claims unexploited; but pending a just settlement of these claims, we urge upon the government to open up the unlocated, unappropriated coal lands of Alaska; to let us mine some of the coal that is not involved in any controversy and to let us mine some of the coal that is not involved in any controversy...

Whereas, the people of the town of Seward and adjoining country continue to suffer from the lack of proper means of communication with the rest of the country behind us; and Whereas, there is absolutely no railroad transportation from Seward to the coast in any direction, and whereas, there is urgent need for the construction of a railroad from Seward to the coast, and whereas, the people of Seward and adjoining country are suffering from the lack of proper means of communication with the rest of the country behind us; and whereas, there is urgent need for the construction of a railroad from Seward to the coast...

Table with 4 columns: Kind, Miles, Estimated cost, Actual cost. Rows include Wagon roads, Sled roads, Trails, and Totals.

CAVALRY MAY BECOME INFANTRY ON HORSES Board of Officers Returning From Abroad Ready to Propose Reorganization Mounted Service (Special Dispatch to The Call) WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—There now is returning to the United States a board of cavalry officers of which the members are General E. J. McClernand, recently stationed in San Francisco, who, as experts in cavalry organization, administration and equipment, have studied the subject abroad. They will come to Washington and are expected to take part in the conference of army officers here on January 8.

OPINION IS GENERAL However, it is the general, rather than specific, features of the situation I wish to discuss here, and I venture to state that there is not a single town or village composed of white people throughout the Alaska, and breadth of Alaska that would not pass resolutions similar to those passed by the people of Seward, so far as the general principles therein expressed are concerned.

THE LEASING SYSTEM The transportation question and the coal question are so closely allied that one can not well discuss one and not the other. The government's proposal to lease a new and radical doctrine in America, and I believe it is largely due to misconceptions and false notions created originally in the minds of certain grasping, greedy "malefactors of great wealth" who, in the name of the government, have been able to get their hands on the coal lands in Alaska, and to sell this coal to market; smelters and mining operations on a large scale, giving employment to thousands, were contemplated, and a great part of the coal was already being transported to the coast of the United States and Canada sailing to the port.

INSURANCE ASSOCIATION URGES HEALTH REFORM Enactment of Laws for the Proper Registration of Vital Statistics is Recommended NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Following the recommendations of state and federal sanitary experts, made at a recent convention here of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents, the association today announced a decision to consider the health reform activities in a movement for the enactment of laws for the proper registration of vital statistics and for the enforcement of those laws. It will be in cooperation with the United States census bureau, which is advocating a standard form of registration, and with constituted authorities in those states where there is not at present adequate registration.

ALASKA'S REAL NEED What the people of Alaska really desire now is to have a congress and to the people of the United States certain broad, general facts, illustrative of their real needs, and if possible in such a way as to challenge attention and thereby prompt the enactment of such laws as will loose their fetters so as to allow and enable Alaskans to proceed with the develop-

FIRE CHIEF IS INJURED Chicago Blaze Destroys Old St. Andrew's Episcopal Church CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Fire Battalion Chief Thomas Hackett and his driver were seriously injured in the wreck of their vehicle today while speeding to a fire which destroyed St. Andrew's Episcopal church. An automobile driven at high speed crashed into the buggy and demolished it. Hackett and his driver were hurled 50 feet. Both were taken to a hospital.

WALTHY MINE OWNER A BRIDE (Special Dispatch to The Call) PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—Returning from Alaska, ostensibly to winter in milder climes, Miss Eleanor Beatrice Moore, a department secretary under former Mayor Simon, let it be known today that she left the bleak Alaskan coast to prepare for her marriage. Today she was married to Thomas M. Jordan, freight agent for the Chicago and Northwestern railroad in Portland. The bride is the daughter of Joseph Moore, who recently returned to the states after 20 years' absence, the greater part of the time being spent in the interior of Alaska. His family believed him lost. With Mrs. Moore he was in San Francisco. Mrs. Jordan received an interest, worth a million, in an Alaska mine, because she befriended a wealthy miner when he was ill.

MAY BRING HAWKINS HERE LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—Local police authorities considered today the removal of T. S. Hawkins to San Francisco from El Centro to this city, where warrants charging him with the issuance of worthless checks are held against him. Hawkins, it was reported, had been in the city for several months a score of detectives assigned by police heads of several cities, including San Francisco, Denver and Los Angeles, by the department of the interior, bureau of mines. He was arrested yesterday at Mexico. It is on behalf of the great multi-

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GLYBERG'S GUY I'M THE GUY IVE GOT TO HAND IT TO MYSELF-I GAVE \$4 TO THE CHRISTMAS FUND FOR HONEST CONVICTS I GAVE AWAY ENOUGH MONEY THIS YEAR TO BUY A COMPLETE SET OF TOOLS FOR A SAFE-CRACKER LITTLE NIGHT-WAD WHO ARE YOU? IM THE GUY THAT PUT THE DOUGH IN DONATION

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WESTERN PACIFIC RAILWAY TRAVEL VIA OAKLAND PIER (Foot of Market Street) Arrive Leave

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ance. The executive committee of the Fresno council, ruled that any member of the alliance who carries a paid up union card is entitled to work in a city, whether a resident thereof or an outsider, who is in the city temporarily. It is from this ruling that the appeal is taken. Branch 4 of the Beer Wagon Drivers' and Stabblers' union has elected the following as officers for the ensuing term: President, James Nichols, vice president, Charles Blackford, financial and E. W. Bates, recording secretary; J. Beck, George Hymes, C. Herman, H. Lee, W. E. Osborne, Frank Seay and L. T. Thomsen, executive board; Schonbasher, sergeant at arms.

ALASKA MINING CAMPS HAVE GOOD PROSPECTS Season's Gold Output of Great Iditarod District is Estimated at About \$3,500,000 (Special Correspondence of The Call) VALDEZ, Alaska, Dec. 15.—The Iditarod, being essentially a summer camp, rather quiet now, says Charles Taylor, who is in Valdez as a witness in

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