

Juneau Gold Belt

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Following elaborate sampling, extensive development and initial experimental milling. As an illustration of this it should be pointed out that those properties now being operated in this district have for many years past been operated and developed on a considerable scale so that an immense amount of data and material from such operations, followed by further and more elaborate study, was available.

It may be taken as an axiom that any new ventures of this sort undertaken will necessarily have to go through the same development period followed by the same elaborate investigation and study of all of the elements making up such a proposition, viz. values, mining methods, economical geology, tonnage, transportation, power and subsequent equipment and operation.

Contemporaneously with the development of the Alaska Gastineau Mining Company's property the adjoining properties of the Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Company have likewise been organized, financed and a program contemplating the immediate construction of an eight thousand ton milling plant has been decided upon and is in course of construction. Development work in the mine leading up to such program has been carried out for the past three and one-half years.

Adjacent properties on both ends of the holdings of the two companies just mentioned are under consideration and receiving attention from outside capital.

North of Juneau at the Kensington mine development work has been carried out for the past two years and sufficient tonnage developed to warrant the initial installation of a five hundred ton milling plant, and arrangements are being made for such construction during the year 1916.

Adjacent to the Kensington properties at Berners Bay, the Juallin mines are receiving the attention of capital and considerable development work has been and is being carried out.

In the Eagle River district persistent development work has been in progress for the past three years attacking this district in depth and milling operations on a limited scale with plans for further improvements are in progress.

When consideration is given to the character, value and size of the operations now being carried out and

under contemplation, and in view of the fact that approximately sixty per cent. of the gross output of these low grade mines is paid direct to labor and to the merchant and that the tonnage already developed indicates a great length of life, the future of the town of Juneau and adjacent country for all concerned, laboring man, mine operator, merchant and citizen, is pleasing and satisfactory to contemplate.

B. L. THANE.
Juneau, Alaska, August 15th, 1915.

Bartlett L. Thane:

An Appreciation.

It was a fortunate day for Juneau when Bartlett L. Thane came to Alaska, after graduating as a mining engineer from the University of California, an institution that has furnished this section with a great deal of the engineering ability that is fast transforming it into America's great gold producing center.

About four years ago Mr. Thane, after gaining practical experience and first-hand knowledge of local mining conditions through employment in his profession, undertook to



BARTLETT L. THANE

consolidate, finance and develop the properties which now constitute the great Alaska-Gastineau holdings. After the completion of the great tunnel under the mountain from Gastineau channel at Thane, where the mills of the Alaska-Gastineau mine are located, the Perseverance, the central ore

body of the mine, two miles distant. The Empire said in its editorial columns:

"While he has modestly given all the credit to others, the marked man whose engineering ability, imaginative genius and practical skill will come within the mental vision of those who consider it is Bart L. Thane. In conceiving, financing and developing the Alaska-Gastineau, Mr. Thane has been the soul and backbone of the undertaking from the beginning. Although yet a young man, he has accomplished work that should carry any engineer to the close of a long career with ambitions fully satisfied. It is an inspiration, however, to know that he is still here and better qualified than ever to do big things for Juneau and Alaska."

Mr. Thane has already been accorded a high place among the big mining men of the Pacific coast, which means that he looms large among those of the world. Possessing an intelligent imagination, an educated and trained mind, and practical skill gained from experience, he was among the first to vision the great potentialities of the low-grade gold deposits of the Juneau district and to translate his vision into realization.

It takes a many sided man to succeed at mining under conditions as they exist in the Juneau district. It requires not only engineering ability and foresight, but, on account of the necessity for large capital to produce the tonnage required to make a profit from low-grade ores, it requires financing, business and organizing abilities as well. Mr. Thane possesses them all.

In the mining world, Mr. Thane is what President Wilson once described himself to be in the political world—he is a "conservative radical." He is conservative in proving the practicability of radical conceptions. "Davy" Crockett put it another way—"be sure you're right, and go ahead." Mr. Thane makes sure that he is right before he proceeds.

Mr. Thane is a big man who is doing a great work in a large way. No man can serve his fellows better than by developing a new country and adding to the gold supply of the Nation. Mr. Thane is doing both.

William E. Britt

Druggist, Legislator, City Councilman and Norwegian Consul



WILLIAM E. BRITT

Member of the Alaska Legislature, and a booster of the A class. Before he came to Juneau Mr. Britt lived at Skagway, where he still owns a drug

store. Britt's Pharmacy is a spick and span drug shop, and its share of the prescription trade has been unusually large. The store carries a complete line of toilet necessities, stationery and candies, in addition to drugs.

Mr. Britt is Norwegian counsel for Southeastern Alaska and has spent seventeen years in the Territory, fifteen of which he passed in Skagway. His former residence in Skagway has the reputation of being the finest private houses in Alaska. Mr. Britt is prominent in fraternal circles and is a member of the Elks, Moose, Masonic and Arctic Brotherhood lodges. He is a wide-awake citizen, who is not only devoted to his business, but who is striving to make Alaska a better habitation for men and women because he cast his lot with it.

During his residence at Skagway Mr. Britt served that city as a city councilman, school director and as municipal magistrate and treasurer. The



INTERIOR VIEW OF BRITT'S PHARMACY, JUNEAU

store. He learned pharmacy in Norway, where he was born, and holds a diploma from the University of Christiania pharmaceutical college. He is president of the Alaska Board of Pharmacy, having been appointed in 1913 by Gov. J. F. A. Strong.

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people of Juneau were quick to recognize his aptitude for public service, and twice have elected him to their city council, and those of the First Division made him a member of the second Legislature at the election of 1914.

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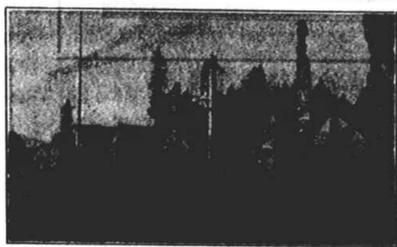


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