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### SAMARITAN SPIRIT OF THE PIONEERS

RECENTLY in an interior district and old miner was found in his cabin, sick, helpless and destitute. A neighbor went to town and reported the case at the marshal's office. Of course that official could do nothing, unless the man was charged with vagrancy, tried and sentenced. Then he could be cared for in jail, or hospital. The Government recognizes destitution only when a formal complaint of this kind is made. Then the machinery of the law is set in motion, and the unfortunate victim who has committed no crime—save that he is poor and helpless—may be relieved of physical distress. But in this case the friend revolted at the thought of having the sufferer declared a vagrant. He knew that the classification would be undeserved, and so he reported the situation to the Order of Pioneers. And therein he made no mistake. Willing hands were thrust into pockets and an ample sum was soon raised to make the sick man comfortable and to keep him until he recovered.

A year or two ago, in an interior town also, another old man was found on a remote creek in a dingy cabin, suffering from scurvy. On the lapel of his coat he wore a Grand Army button. Woodchoppers found him. They left their work and traveled many miles to reach the nearest town, only to betold, of course, that the Government officials could do nothing—unless the old soldier were "vagged." But he was not. Kind-hearted pioneers—men and women—saved the veteran that disgrace. He was cared for until he recovered, cheerfully, gladly, for such is the Samaritan spirit of the Alaska pioneers.

These incidents are true. And they are here told for a purpose. Congress has refused to listen, in a practical way, to the appeals that have been made time and again for an appropriation to meet such exigencies as these. And no immediate relief may be expected from that quarter.

The Territorial Legislature, composed of pioneers, will soon meet and it is to these that we must look for action. But everyone must help.

### A DISCLOSURE OF HIDDEN RICHES.

TO THE stockholders in the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, now goes a cash distribution of \$40 a share, or \$39,322,000, collected on debts owed by the subsidiary companies. They have received additionally the shares of the subsidiary companies, which in their turn disclosed vast amounts of hidden wealth. They still have the stock of the New Jersey company, which proves a market value of nearly \$448,000,000 after dividing up its holding-company assets.

It is a record of concealed riches unexampled in all time. It causes no wonder at the secrecy governing all the affairs of the trust.

What the effect of the decision dissolving the trust may be in reducing the sources of such enormous richness through competition remains to be seen. What has been its effect in disclosing what had been concealed is obvious.

A statement printed in a Westward paper is to the effect that the proprietor of The Daily Empire has endorsed a certain man for United States marshal for the Third Division. He has endorsed no one for that or any other position in the division, believing that this is a matter for the Democrats of the division to settle for themselves.

### A PROTEST FROM KOYUKUK

THE idea need not be entertained that the good people of the Koyukuk expected to have the election for the territorial legislature declared null and void, when they prepared their petition and forwarded it to the Election Board. But they showed method. They seized the opportunity which the failure to hold an election in their precinct presented, and thus made an excellent expose of the circumstances which hedge them about in their isolated locality. The claim that they were disfranchised through the "wilful negligence of the government by its failure to provide mail and telegraphic service," is eloquent and ingenious. It is literally the voice of the pioneer crying in the Alaska wilderness for a few of the many privileges vouchsafed to the dweller in less sequestered places. It is a protest against the neglect that these people feel that has been meted out to them. They took their patriotism with them into the trackless wilds of a remote country, and they thought, and rightfully, that at least a few of the privileges that they had known elsewhere would still be theirs. And they wished, like good and patriotic citizens, to avail themselves of the right to vote—a right so many men in more favored regions esteem but lightly.

The cry from the Koyukuk should be answered. The pioneers of that section are surely entitled to more consideration than they get. At least they should have a mail service that will keep them in closer touch with the outside world. This, we are told, they have not now, nor have they ever had it. And there is a population of several hundred men and women who have lived there for years.

The protest from Koyukuk is just. And the appeal should bear some tangible fruit.

### PLENTY OF FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

THE plans of the Alaska-Juneau Mining Company, as outlined in an article published in The Daily Empire yesterday should furnish plenty of food for thought to Juneau people and, in fact of this entire region. These plans are not merely tentative. They have been fully matured and are now being developed. The work outlined is comprehensive in all its details, and its importance to this district is so apparent that it should not be necessary to point it out.

A few days since The Empire printed an excerpt from a letter received from a Salt Lake City mining man, relative to the mining developments here. Today is printed an interview given

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out by a mining man in New York, who has recently visited this section. He says, insubstance, that here will soon arise one of the world's greatest gold quartz mining camps. And this seems to be the consensus of opinion of mining men now here and all those who have investigated this district.

The development now under way, and those which are contemplated, are so vast that, perhaps, it is small wonder that those who are in the midst of them, and have waited with what patience they could muster for their coming, do not as yet fully realize their significance. However, this town must keep abreast of the progress that is under way in order to reap the full benefit which these extensive developments will assuredly bring.

### The Alaska Press

Col. Millard has discovered that there are knockers in Seattle. He had no need to go that far to make the discovery. It is a by-product in Alaska—Valdez Prospector.

Confidence in the Iditarod as the next great placer district of Alaska has been expressed so frequently in the Iditarod Pioneer that we hesitate to restate our faith at this time. But during the past two weeks communications from other sections of Alaska have been arriving which indicate a renewed interest in the camp. After the excitement of the big stampede of 1910 a reaction was to be expected—as has been the case with every camp of note; and the misgivings which prevail for a time was natural.—Iditarod Pioneer.

Consumers are somewhat curious to know why it is that Seward pays \$17 the ton for coal, while in Valdez but \$12 the ton is charged.—Seward Gateway.

### NUTS TO CRACK

Lots of men have been spotted by success, but we have yet to hear of a weather forecaster in that class.

There wouldn't be much excitement in the world if men were as perfect as their wives expected them to be.

It is often difficult to swallow a hard-luck story without coughing up.

The woman investor is always ready to buy stocks cheap that have been damaged by water.

With the people who can't forget, the past is always present.

Love is a canibal that feeds on its own kind.

### Northern News Notes

Fire broke out in the basement of the Nome court house, threatening the whole town, as a strong wind was blowing. It was got under control, however.

Senator Conrad Feeding, of Nome, is interested in a promising quartz mine in Snow Gulch, in that district. Assays as high as \$1500 have been got from the ore.

Miss Lizie Woods and Frank C. White, missionaries, were married recently at Fort Yukon.

Anton Strycker, a miner at the Newsboy mine, Fairbanks, was seriously injured recently by the explosion of a box of caps.

Miners of Seward peninsula are giving increased attention to quartz prospecting and some good finds are reported.

The Fairbanks Igloo of the Alaska Pioneers, according to the Times, proposed and indigent farm for the broken down members of the order! Sounds like a poor farm in dead earnest. And will they make the old men work when they have reached the span when rest is due?

A story comes from Hammond river in the Koyukuk. While drilling with a steam drill, the drill cut clean through a big nugget, and the gold was brought to the surface showing where it had been cut sharp across. Some story that to make a man take up his bed and get on board for the Koyukuk.

Valdez will have a unique exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco, according to the plans prepared by the townspeople. A subscription has been taken up with which Sidney Lawrence, the famous English landscape artist, will be commissioned to come to Alaska to paint

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8:00 a. m.	8:25 a. m.	8:30 a. m.	11:00 a. m.	11:00 p. m.
9:00 a. m.	9:25 a. m.	9:30 a. m.	4:30 p. m.	for Juneau
11:00 a. m.	12:00 noon	12:05 p. m.		Returning Leaves Sheep Creek
1:00 p. m.	1:40 p. m.	1:45 p. m.		11:40 p. m.
3:00 p. m.	3:25 p. m.	3:30 p. m.	Leaves Sheep Creek for Juneau	Leaves Treadwell
4:30 p. m.	4:55 p. m.	5:30 p. m.		11:45 p. m.
6:30 p. m.	6:55 p. m.	7:05 p. m.		Leaves Douglas
8:00 p. m.	8:25 p. m.	8:30 p. m.	11:40 a. m.	11:50 p. m.
9:00 p. m.	9:25 p. m.	9:30 p. m.	5:10 p. m.	
11:00 p. m.	11:25 p. m.	11:30 p. m.		

Sunday Schedule same as above, except trip leaving Juneau at 8 a. m. is omitted

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Leaves Juneau for Funder and Chatham, 8:00 a. m.—Nov. 17, Dec. 11, Jan. 4, 28, Feb. 21, March 17.  
Leaves Juneau for Tyee, 8:00 a. m.—Nov. 23, Dec. 23, Jan. 22, Feb. 21, March 23.  
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