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CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—Rev. Loyal S. Wirt, pastor. Until the new church building is completed, evening services will be held every Sunday in Ohman's Hall at 7:45 p. m. Sunday School meets in Odd Fellow's Hall at 11 a. m. Society of Christian Endeavor in the same place, Thursday evenings at 7:30. Ladies League every alternate Thursday afternoon.

Juneau Ferry and Navigation Co.

TIME CARD.

Steamer, LONE FISHERMAN; TIBBETS, Captain.

LEAVES JUNEAU:	LEAVES TREADWELL:
9:00 a. m.	9:50 a. m.
11:00 a. m.	12:50 p. m.
2:00 p. m.	2:50 p. m.
4:30 p. m.	6:50 p. m.
9:00 p. m.	9:25 p. m.

SHEEP CREEK TRIPS.

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OVER THE TAKU ROUTE.

Mr. Wm. McDougal, Just Back From Atlin Lake, Interviewed By a News Reporter.

FROM ATLIN TO THE SEA.

Mr. William McDougal, formerly of Montreal, Canada, returned a few days ago from the Atlin Lake country, and, knowing that anything and everything connected with that country and the way in and out of it is of interest to the most of our readers, the News man sought an interview, with the following result:

"I understand," said the reporter, "that you have just come out from Atlin lake. What route did you come over?"

"By what is called the Taku trail," said Mr. McDougal.

"What was the actual time consumed in travel on your way out?"

"Well, we were four days coming from Atlin to the Coclohe river—the head of the Taku river—and twelve hours from there to the Taku inlet."

"Are there many claims being recorded in the Atlin district?"

"No, claims can only be recorded in the recording season, which extends from June 1st to September 15th, but applications for location can be filed at any time."

"What does a miner's license cost?"

"I got one at Pine Creek and it cost me five dollars."

"What about the water supply. Is it sufficient for all purposes?"

"Yes, I think there will always be plenty of water for sluicing, and what is called Pine Creek, is quite a river."

"What do you think of the claims; are they as rich as reported?"

"Well, no, that is not a Klondike and there are no million dollar claims, but still some of them are very rich. It is said that there are even better claims than the discovery, which are variously estimated at from \$10,000 to \$20,000 per 100 foot claim."

"How many people are there in Atlin?"

"I can't say exactly, there are a number coming out and going in continually. The population of the district is said to be about 1200, but there are probably not over two hundred there now."

"Where are Atlin City and Pine City located?"

"Atlin City is on Atlin lake and Pine City is on Pine creek, seven miles from the lake. Discovery is also on Pine creek."

"How large a place is Atlin City, how many stores, etc.?"

"There are three stores and one saloon. The saloon had, when I was in there, only two bottles of gin as stock in trade. A number of men have their wives and children with them there."

"What about the bench or hill claims?"

"Well, that is something that has surprised all old miners. Some tenderfeet or greenhorns, who had no experience in mining, and who failed to secure claims on the creek, went up above on the sidehills and located claims and went to digging, and to the surprise of everybody, some of them proved to be very rich. There is but little soil or gravel, but simply little hills full of nuggets."

"Are you going back again Mr. McDougal?"

"Oh yes, I shall return to Atlin sometime during the winter, on the snow."

RECEPTION OF THE NEWS.

What a News Man Saw and Heard at Juneau. The News a Dead Winner in Both Cities.

"Nothing succeeds like success," and our readers will pardon us for again calling attention to the most hearty reception the News is receiving at the hands of the reading public. In our last issue we gave a brief account of a few incidents that greatly pleased us because they indicated the beat of the public pulse as to the place this paper should occupy in Alaska journalism and which was certainly, as we viewed it, a deserving compliment. Last week a representative spent a day in Juneau attending court and visiting friends and business men and much to our surprise the Douglas City and Treadwell fame of the News had preceded us.

As we passed the Brownville Woolen Mills' store we stopped to say "how" to our friend L. Blumenthal. "Your paper is all right, bright and newsy," said the merchant. We could hardly say yes, and to say no would not have been the truth, so we just thanked him for the compliment and headed for the office of Mr. H. F. Robinson, the Alaska superintendent of the Pacific Coast Steamship Co. Business called us there, but not finding him in, we waited for him. The cashier was there, however, and as busy as ever. A nice young man with auburn hair and a goodnatured look on his face was sitting at his desk apparently in deep thought. As is our custom, we laid two copies of the paper on the desk and held down a chair until Mr. Robinson arrived.

"We are much interested in your paper and enjoy it very much at this office," said the cashier. Immediately the young man with the auburn hair picked up a copy of the News. He didn't even take time to return to his chair, but jumped onto the table from which he had taken the paper and commenced to read. He read all of the first page and turned on to the editorial. We think he must be religiously inclined for we observed him perusing our criticism on the Rev. Loyal L. Wirt's sermon. He finished that page and turned on to the local, stored all the good things there was in that and then read the article on Col. Lewis and when he commenced to read the advertisements, why, Mr. Robinson came in and we could observe him no longer. Mr. Robinson is a peculiarly made man. Somehow, the cares of active business don't seem to tell on him. He is always the same. Always busy, there must be much to worry him, but if he has any cares you never find it out. Good natured and full of humor, the nice and responsible position he holds has never enlarged his head. Just below the waist he measures up well, but that is not because he ever gets "swelled up" on account of a good job.

We took one more look at the young man who was still reading the News and headed for the corner of Seward street and that big mountain.

"My wife has heard of your paper and wants to see it," said a stranger to us as we were turning into Seward street. "You will find the great religious weekly at the postoffice," was our reply and away we went. We received a number of compliments on the way up the street for the great Alaska paper and as we were forgetting some we stopped to take notes. Presently we saw coming up the walk our friend Rev. Loyal L. Wirt. As he walked along he was reading the first page of the News, and he seemed very much interested. We greeted him when close by, but he seemingly did not hear us. Then we yelled and began waving our hands and "shooing," and attracted his attention from the paper to us. The usual salutations occurred, and as our criticism of his sermon was on the fourth page we thought he had not yet seen it so we made for other parts of town.

We dropped into Young's and there too we heard kind words for the News. One of the Kaufman Bros. expressed admiration for the paper. Somehow we were more than pleased to hear his complimentary reference to the News for he must be a good judge of a good neat paper, for he has one of the hand-somest stores we ever saw. The goods and arrangement of his rooms would be a credit to any city on earth.

But we must follow this subject no further and yet the sixteenth part has not been told. We hurried to the ferry boat and for the first time saw Captain Tibbets look pale, weary and distressed. We hardly knew him. We edged around to his side for the purpose of consoling him. Surely we thought he was in trouble. In low and subdued tones he told us that it was now Friday and he had not yet seen a copy of the this week's News. Our time card told us he would return at 7 o'clock, and believe me, at that time we were there with a copy of the paper for the Captain.

That women and children cry for it, the men must have it and the church people need it, there can be no doubt. Watch it grow.

The bark Richard III, now being used as a coal barge, was towed into this port last week, and unloaded about 150 tons of coal upon the dock. The coal is from Nanaimo, B. C., and a number of our citizens are laying in their winter's supply.

When we remember that the above does not include the very extensive improvements at Treadwell, of which we will speak later, we have reason to congratulate the citizens of Douglas.

Another Citizen.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. Ainsworth, last Friday morning, a ten pound boy.

BEST TOWN IN ALASKA.

What Douglas City is Doing in the Building Line. Not a Boom Town.

ALL SUBSTANTIAL BUILDINGS

The history of most of the cities and towns in Alaska, as in every new and undeveloped country, has been one of continued uncertainty as to the ultimate outcome. We find a very apt illustration of this in the see-saw of the relative positions of Skaguay and Dyea. First one is up and the other is down, or vice versa. There are many reasons for this, but perhaps the most potent is that a city to stand and grow and thrive must have a foundation of resources that is permanent and lasting. The fact that these conditions prevail in so few young cities is a prime reason for a lack of confidence in the stability of them.

Douglas City stands as a notable exception to the rule applied, having for its financial support an enterprise that is no longer an experiment or a venture, but a paying gold mine, the annual output of which is only limited by the number of men and stamps employed.

It is not the purpose of this article to enlarge on the greatness or grandeur or magnitude of the Treadwell or other mines, located on Douglas Island, but we simply wish to call the attention of our readers to the certainty of the fact that Douglas city in not destined to meet, in its career, any of the reverses or backsets that have been and are being so fatal to the average Alaskan town. Douglas City has never had a boom, in fact it has never yet quite come up to its opportunities and even now a scarcity of dwelling houses keeps away many would-be residents. And this brings us to the subject in hand.

A reporter for the News started out the other afternoon to look up the new buildings in the city that had just been completed or were in course of construction and in a very few minutes returned with the following very remarkable list, which, we are told is very far from a complete one yet is still a grand index of the spirit of thrifty growth that pervades our city:

- Congregational church building, nearing completion. J. A. Boynton, contractor. Cost..... 3,500
- A. Hunter, buildings between Front and Second streets occupied by D. McKay's meat market. Dr. Harrison's dental parlors and the News office. Just completed Cost..... 2,500
- Boehl & Shaker, New Brewery on 3rd street, just begun. Murray & Hoyt, contractors. To cost..... 2,000
- Mrs. Chas. Martin, a four room cottage on Second street, nearing completion. Cost..... 1,000
- Pat Malin, a dwelling on Second street. Murray & Hoyt contractors. Cost..... 900
- Chas. Hooper, three fine cottages on 4th & F streets. C. N. Boyes, contractor. To cost..... 2,000
- F. M. James, cottage on Third street, just begun. Cost..... 250
- Frank Back, just completed a fine large residence, corner 4th & E streets. Cost..... 2,000
- Frank Back, two cottages on E street. Murray & Hoyt contractors. Cost..... 1,500
- Also a dwelling on Third street. 850
- J. H. Raymond, five room cottage on E street. Cost..... 750
- P. H. Fox, addition to cottage on Third street. Cost..... 150
- F. M. James, addition to cottage on Third street. Cost..... 150
- Chas. Bevans, cottage on Front street. Chas. Fenster, builder.. 500
- Martin Oleson, three cabins on Front street. Cost..... 300
- Frank Kane, business house on Front street. Steve Falkner, builder. Cost..... 800
- John Egan, brewery building on Front street, just completed Cost..... 2,000

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