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Wall Paper

Spring House Cleaning is almost here, and such a lot of trouble it brings with it. The house has to be papered from top to bottom, the floor Carpeted, Lace Curtains put up, Linoleum on kitchen floor, and various other things, when carried out are the making of our Alaska homes.

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The water in the Yukon is falling.

Atlin lays claim to being a quartz camp.

There is great rejoicing at Haines; drinks are two for a quarter.

175 men will winter in the Koyukuk district, mostly at Cold Foot.

A case of cerebral meningitis has made its appearance at Fairbanks.

Antone Floyd, a deckhand on the Yukon steamer Casca, fell overboard and was drowned.

It is rumored that Judge Humes will succeed Wickersham as judge of the Third District of Alaska.

The report comes from Atlin of the finding of a \$350 nugget on 86 below Discovery on Spruce Creek.

Rev. Bloor will have charge of the Episcopal Missionary work at Nome. He went north on the S. S. Tacoma.

The Koyukuk district will contribute \$250,000 or \$300,000 of gold this season towards Alaska's total treasure yield of 1904.

The Sitka Alaskan still contends that Sitka is proud to be called the "Silent City." We have heard of the "Silent City of the dead."

The first American Mergenthal linotype to be taken into Dawson has been sent into the Tanana for use in the office of the Fairbanks News.

Arrangements are on foot for holding in Seattle, beginning November 3rd, the annual grand encampment of the Arctic Brotherhood says the P.-I.

The city council recently elected at Ketchikan has chosen the following officers: M. E. Martin, mayor; George E. Rodman, town clerk, and Willis A. Bryant, treasurer.

Fishing is said to be one of the great prospective industries of the Tanana district. It is estimated that the catch of salmon that is now stored at Chena for sale to the trade at Fairbanks and on the creeks is valued at \$40,000.

W. J. Idleman, formerly deputy collector of customs at Eagle, under indictment for embezzlement alleged to have been committed at Eagle, will stand trial at Juneau next December. The case comes to this division on a change of venue.

The service between Caribou and Atlin has been reduced again from tri-weekly to semi-weekly trips. About a month ago the Atlin traffic became so great that the Gleaner was placed on a tri-weekly schedule to meet the demand. The congestion is now over, and a change has been made back to the old schedule.

Camp Skagway which has been occupied by United States troops for five years will soon be a thing of the past as a military camp. Col. Woodbury and the officers and men of the Third infantry will move to Fort William H. Seward, at Haines.

Some time ago a Canadian mounted policeman arrived in Skagway with three crazy men in charge. While in the windy city, one of the "bugs" escaped, and now the policeman is up against it. He can't pick out his patient from the rest of them.

The Copper Mountain Smelter is now so far completed that the crusher is kept running on ore from the mine, with the view of having the huge bins filled by the time the furnace is ready to be blown in, which will be in the course of two or three weeks.

The total pack of salmon by the various Behring sea canneries during the season just closed is 50 per cent less than that of 1903 according to the estimate of A. F. Brunbrook, superintendent of the Pacific Packing & Navigation Company's Nushagak canneries.

Once again shall the mining world be paralyzed by a discovery on the headwaters of Boulder creek of a ledge of "sulphurated quartz," seventy feet wide, running in values from \$2 to \$75 to the ton. This is another case where the Treadwell is completely left in the shade.

Judge W. A. Day, of Washington, D. C., assistant attorney general, who was recently sent to Alaska by the government to investigate certain charges made against the territorial judiciary, has returned to Washington and still perseveres in keeping his mouth closed as to his findings.

Because he had no more cans and other material, R. O. Leonard, superintendent of the Columbia cannery at Chilkoot, has closed shop for the season. His cannery has put up 24,000 cases and could pack more had he anything to put them in, but he has filled every can in the cannery and used up all his material for cases.

An exchange has the early to bed proverb sized up as follows: "Early to bed and early to rise, does very well for sick folks and guys, but it makes a man miss all the fun till he dies, and joins the stiff that are gone to the skies. Go to bed when you please and lie at your ease, you'll die just the same of a Latin disease."

The name of the postoffice at Caribou Crossing has been changed to Carcross. This was done to avoid confusion, there being another Caribou in the district. The latter is a small town on Dominion creek. The change in the name is said to have been made at the suggestion of Bishop Bompas, whose home is in the town affected.—Whitehorse Star.

An ad of the "Douglas Island Gold Mining Company, appears in a Seattle mining journal. It states that: This Company has 12 full claims, on Douglas Island. At the present price of stock investors will double their money in 12 months time. Drop into the office of the Company and look at the ore and hear about a mining proposition that is gilt-edge." The names of the officers of the Company are not given.

The last Cottage City brought E. E. Harvey, manager, and G. A. Singer, Supt. of the Olympic mines. Mr. Harvey brought with him sufficient money to pay in part the claims against the Company, and in a few weeks the balance will be forthcoming, so that all who had any doubts regarding the solvency of the Company now breathe easier. Mr. Harvey says that a small force of men will be kept at work cross-cutting and doing necessary work, but that active operations will not be resumed until after the first of the year. —Wrangell Sentinel.

Frank J. Cleary, a pioneer of the Tanana, from whom Cleary creek, one of the richest streams of the new district, takes its name, has reached Seattle direct from Fairbanks, August 26. He sold No. 1 below discovery on Cleary for \$55,000 cash, after having taken out \$60,000 in gold from the placer this season. Howard Turner, Tanana manager of the Northern Commercial Company, purchased the property, presumably for other people. William C. Gates, otherwise "Swiftwater Bill," of Klondike fame, was put in as manager of the property.

It rained recently in St. Louis—it really does rain down there sometimes—and as a result one of the workers about the Alaskan building at the exposition was compelled to carry out several pails of water which had leaked in. He saw what he thought a good place to empty the first row of totem poles. A Missourian watched him closely, and when he had emptied the last pail innocently inquired of the man, who may or may not have been the so-called executive commissioner himself, "Do you have to water 'em every day?"—Ex.

The Juneau Dispatch reports a disastrous fire in Dawson on the night of September 23d. The fire originated in the Cecil hotel and swept clean the northern end of block between Second and Third avenues, and as far south as the McDonald Trading Co. on one street, and west to Minister and north from the L'Abbe hotel to the Donovan corner on Third avenue. The flames died out by consuming all the shacks adjoining Robertson's. The loss is estimated at \$200,000. The heavy losers are Mrs. Alex. McDonald, Mrs. Card, proprietors Cecil hotel, Harold Butler, the cash grocer, and the Pacific Cold Storage Co.

The Chicago Tribune publishes a front page cartoon denominated "Alaska at the St. Louis Democratic Convention." The cartoon is a very good one, albeit it was intended for the purpose of poking a little of what is called "good natured fun" at Alaska. The totem poles, the polar bear, the icebergs and the gold nuggets, were all faithfully portrayed, as well as the Eskimo and his igloo and the malamute dog. The "family" looked happy enough until the off corner of the cartoon was reached, where stood the picture of a miniature brewery, and the male and female figures in the cartoon are seen with one accord making a bee line for the brewery.

Dawson's ball players have joined the rush to the Tanana and a number of her crack players have gone on the last boats for the new camp where they will henceforth look for golden nuggets instead of water-soaked baseballs.

Trust to the excursionists to damn the country and circulate the most slanderous stories. A specimen of this species of humanity who was aboard the Roanoke gives the press the following: "Valdez has no excuse for existing. Still it is a compact, well built town, many of the buildings being two stories in height. It is built on a glacial deposit and some day it will be swept into the sea."—Valdez News.

All the property of the Pacific Packing & Navigation Company will be sold at public auction, the date to be set at a date to be determined upon in the near future. This property is now in the hands of receivers. It consists of many salmon canneries in Alaska and several vessels of different sizes and makes. The assets of the Pacific Packing & Navigation Company are estimated to be worth between \$4,000,000 and \$6,000,000.

In discharging Isaac Burpee, who was acquitted early this month at Dawson on the charge of embezzlement, Judge Macaulay said that since the government had brought him from St. Louis to Dawson, probably it would be incumbent on the government to return him there. The Judge was not clear as to the duty of the government in this matter, and said the question would be looked into and determined a little later.

According to the Dawson papers one of the features of the conditions that have developed this year at Dawson is the holding of American goods at that place in bond for the Alaskan Yukon trace. It is said the Dawson merchants have purchased American wares and products in great amounts to be held at Dawson in bond and to be sold at Fairbanks in the early spring. This is a privilege that is being exercised by the merchants of Dawson that the merchants of Skagway have attempted to secure from the Canadian government for themselves. They have thus far been unsuccessful.—Alaskan.

In those good old days that we hear so much about they didn't have horseless carriages, nor creamless milk; then butter was not made out of hog fat and cotton seed oil; the leaf lard was not rendered from old tallow and cotton seed; the coffee did not grow on oak trees, and calf-skin shoes were not made out of sheep hides; then maple syrup wasn't made out of hickory bark and corn cobs; then the thin sides of poor hogs weren't smoked and called breakfast bacon; then flour wasn't made from corn, and raspberry jelly did not come from slaughter houses. Then styles did not change quicker than the moon, and mothers were not ashamed to own five children; then penitentiaries were too large, now they are too small; then men prayed to God instead of the congregation; and if inventors and reformers keep up the present pace no man can tell a man from a woman across the street in a few years.