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The latest News, from Reliable Sources, Concerning the Great North. Condensed.

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Old fashioned strawberry "festivals" are held at Whitehorse.

The Ketchikan Miner advocates the whipping post for whiskey peddlers.

Eighteen longshoremen employed at Whitehorse struck for higher pay on June 28th.

Wrangell is to have water works. The supply will come from Graveyard creek.

Twelve saloons will minister to the "spiritual" wants of Ketchikan for the coming year.

Hoggatt says the Alaska Fair means millions, but he doesn't say who will get them.—Nome Nugget.

A Spruce creek, Atlin, miner, looking for kiudling, picked up a gold nugget weighing fifty-seven ounces.

At a place near Rampart called Hot Springs, forty men were engaged this spring in clearing, plowing, planting and other purely agricultural pursuits.

The steamer Koyukuk ascended the Chandlar to a point fifteen miles below Caro. There, on the left limit of the river, the Northern Commercial trading post is being established.

Dr. G. Madore, the aged physician and surgeon of the Royal N. W. M. P., who was stationed at Selkirk for several years previous to last fall, died about three weeks ago at Prince Albert.

The people of Discovery, B. C., celebrated the Fourth of July, and the Atlin Claim winds up an announcement of the event by saying: "God Save The King," and don't make any other dates."

A heavy rain fell Sunday night, the first for eight months, since which time the weather has been intermittently juicy. But the work of hauling ore continues in mud the same as in dust.—Whitehorse Star.

Charles L. Erickson, chemist for the Alaska Smelting & Refining Co., at Hadley, fell from a coke chute on an elevated train into the coke bins, a distance of 100 feet, and was taken out a mass of cuts and bruises, but alive.

The Fairbanks News says: It's hard to say which is the greatest scourge of the camp just now, the mosquito pest, the Innoka fever or the deadly strike germ. Between the three, the creeks look like a camp which has seen its best days.

It must have been another than the editor in chief who wrote the following item in the Ketchikan Miner: "All the same, there are not enough flowers blooming in all the gardens of southeastern Alaska to impart a bloom of youth or beauty to the average female tourist who affects the special tourist ships that touch these shores."

John H. Bruck, of the signal service, has been transferred from Valdez to Juneau.

The body of Engineer Teller, who was drowned last fall in Bering lake, has been recovered.

Alfred Doring was injured by a premature blast at Knight island and died at the Valdez hospital.

All indictments against Editor Henry have been dismissed. This is the man who was "chained to the deck."

Lee Van Slyke, of Vaughn, Wash., has been appointed U. S. Commissioner at Cordova, vice John Burton, resigned.

It is probable that the road to Bear river from Seward will be constructed this summer by the Alaska road commission.

The Arctic Brotherhood, an order composed of men who have been in Alaska and the Yukon, will erect a handsome building at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition and install an interesting exhibit.

The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad will be running trains into Seattle by the time the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition opens, June 1, 1909. With the other transcontinental and local roads, facilities for handling the crowds will be excellent.

The reported sale of the Ellamar mine to H. C. Elliott is said to be only an advertising scheme. Elliott has an option on the mine for \$1,000,000 and \$200,000 in stock of a company he proposes to organize. He is now in New York trying to finance a company to buy the Ellamar and other properties.

A plan is on foot by Easterners to construct a fleet of houseboats on Lake Washington, upon the shores of which the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition is situated, for the use of visitors in 1909. Eastern and Middle Western people are expected to take kindly to the innovation. They may spend the entire summer in the open at little expense.

The deal for the sale of the Beatson mine on Latouche island fell through because the proposed purchasers wanted to pay only 10 per cent down and the remainder on easy installments, practically making it a long time option which would have enabled the new owners to take all but the first payment out of the mine and to drop the property at any time they might be so disposed. The price agreed upon was \$7,500,000 instead of \$5,000,000 as it was formerly reported.

There are some misguided people who have had the temerity and the audacity to poke fun at the city of Victoria, B. C., saying that the place was slow and the people half asleep. Just read the following and be persuaded otherwise: "Victoria, B. C., has a peculiar municipal franchise. Each person paying a two dollar dog tax is entitled to vote. Six enterprising ladies voted on the strength of a single dog. One ingenious lady, unable to get a real dog in time to qualify, took out a license for a china dog on her mantel piece."—Glasgow Herald and Weekly Dispatch.

Ground breaking ceremonies for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition were held June 1, just two years before the fair will open.

The prize of \$500, offered for the official design for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition was awarded to Miss Adelaide Hanscom, a Seattle artist.

The Administration building for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition will be finished August 15. The executive offices of the fair will probably be moved to the grounds about September 1.

An emergency hospital will be one of the first buildings erected at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition. While the construction work is going on workmen who are injured or taken sick will be cared for, and during the Exposition it will be used to take care of visitors who become ill or are hurt.

The official flag of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition has been selected. The color scheme is red, white and blue. Five stars on a blue field stand for the United States, Russia, France, England and Spain, the five countries which first explored the territory included in the scope of the Exposition. Mrs. Henry E. Reed, wife of Director of Exploitation Reed, designed the flag. Mrs. Reed also arranged the official flag for the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

According to the reports of some of the Kooiwuk natives, says the Point Hope correspondent of the Nome Nugget, lynx are very fond of hawks, and have their own methods of capturing those birds. They dig a hole in the snow and then crouch down in it, leaving only a small portion of their tail exposed. The small stump of a tail is then vigorously shaken. The hawk's attention is attracted, and, thinking it has discovered a ptarmigan, it swoops down and captures the tail. The lynx then springs up and captures the hawk before it has time to escape.

The report that all work had stopped on the Alaska Central R. R., seems to be disputed by the following from a recent issue of the Seward Gateway: Watson & Snow will soon complete the 120-foot truss across Placer river on the railroad loop. This will be the second Howe truss to be completed this spring though it is the third on the line, being on the backward turn of the loop. The second on the line lies farther down the river. It will be a 90-foot span. Tracklaying has been delayed a few days by a gravel slide in the deep cut on mile 50, but will begin about next Monday.

Late reports from the Innoka are that nothing has been found so far other than bar diggings. Some good pans have been taken out, and the general appearance of the country is good from a prospector's standpoint. The actual diggings are well into the mountains where rimrock shows and where it is from 7 to 12 feet to bedrock. Nuggets have been taken out weighing as high as \$160, but the average panning does not show anything better than a little better than wages. The whole country is staked. Crowds of people have rushed there from surrounding camps and from Nome.

Extensive coal mines will be operated on Kachemak bay next year if present developments are continued and the plans for handling a heavy output are carried out. An output of 3,000 to 4,000 tons a day next year is promised by George W. Ross, head of the syndicate which has acquired a large area of coal lands along the bay. Bunkers will be erected at Homer sufficient to load a daily output of several thousand tons besides storing enormous stocks. Mr. Ross expects to find his chief market in San Francisco. He says coal can be hauled on barges to San Francisco for \$1.50 a ton. The syndicate which is working at Homer is composed of Michigan coal men. This syndicate has purchased all the property of the old Cook Inlet Coal Company, which opened mines in 1899 and built a narrow guage railroad about eight miles long from Homer up the sandspit. The company went into bankruptcy and its property was sold under an order of the United States district court of West Virginia, in which state the company was incorporated. From the purchaser at the bankrupt sale the property passed to James H. Caldwell, of Pennsylvania, and from him to the Ross syndicate. The property owned by the old company included coal lands, the railroad, rolling stock, machinery and the townsite of Homer. The coal at Homer is of a good quality. It is said to be of better grade than the average coal mined in the state of Washington. It is first-class heating coal and in burning leaves few clinkers.

Jack Hines, a former member of the Nome Nugget's staff, has written that paper some letters from New York about people and events in the eastern metropolis interesting to far northerners on account of their relation to matters in Alaska. Here is an incident related in one of the letters that will make good with any hard-luck story of the year:

"A few days ago Denny Blakely, Harry Walters, George Borchsenius and myself were summoned to appear before the stockholders of the old Alaska Gold Mining Company. You remember it—Ed Waggaman's proposition. We sat on one side and the capitalists on the other—the old colonel in the middle. He started off this way:

"Gentlemen, I've asked you to come here and speak before these gentlemen the men who put up the money for my exploiting in Alaska, and who say I robbed them and did not at any time act in good faith. Now, I've not very many years to live, and I want this one thing squared up before I die."

"They had an attorney who quizzed us each, separately, anent our knowledge of the old Alaska Gold Mining Company's ground, which comprised all of the beach lines back of Nome. We all told conservatively of the value of that property, and when asked to ballot an estimate of the possible cash value the average of four guesses was seventy-three million dollars. Well, sir, the old sports just wept to think that a few thousands more would have given them the bulk of this fortune. "The capitalists showed in many ways their humiliation and only wanted some things to prove to the colonel that they were ready to make good and back him for any amount."