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## The Northland

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

### Information for Everybody.

Coal in Cordova costs \$24.50 per ton; in Valdez \$15.

The Alaska Prospector, a paper published at Valdez, calls it the Seattle Pee Eye.

The water in the Yukon is getting up near the floating point and the steamboats are busy.

An exchange says that Swiftwater Bill neglects his children. He is probably too busy attending to his wives.

Major Wilds P. Richardson has started for the wilds of Alaska. He will first visit Nome and St. Michael.

F. T. Hamshaw, a prominent mining man of Atlin, fell from the rear platform of a White Pass train, breaking his collar bone.

Not satisfied with any of the candidates for Congress now in the field, the people of Valdez talk of nominating another one.

The Miner notes the presence of a forest fire of considerable proportions on Gravina Island, across the channel from Ketchikan.

The war that was waged between Ballaine and Frost, of the Alaska Central railroad, at Chicago, has been transferred to Seattle.

The Pacific Coast Advertising Men's Association will meet at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition sometime the latter part of June, 1909.

The steamer Victoria arrived at Nome on the morning of June 16th. She was the first of the big fleet to reach the Northern city.

According to the Skagway Alaskan and Mayor Shea the clerk of the district court has just discovered that the windy city is incorporated.

An exchange says that Valdez citizens have adopted resolutions asking for the removal of Hoggatt from office. What for, he ain't done nuthin'?

Airship races will be one of the many attractions at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition. The New York Aero club is taking great interest in the matter.

Sixteen suits were filed against Simpson Bros., a well known dry goods firm of Nome. The claims which amount to \$10,000 are all by outside wholesalers.

Many national associations are planning to hold their 1909 meeting at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition. The handsome buildings and interesting exhibits of the \$10,000,000 world's fair, combined with the unsurpassed scenery and climate of Seattle makes the metropolis of the Pacific Northwest an ideal convention city.

The Skagway Interloper interpolates the following: "\$100,000,000 in gold was brought over on Tuesday's train and shipped to Seattle." That's going some.

Prof. J. W. Garvin, formerly vice-principal of the Hill Military academy at Portland, Ore., has arrived to take the principalship of the Skagway schools.

The arrival of the City of Seattle from Skagway with a shipment of \$2,000,000 of Northern gold created little or no excitement in the city on Puget Sound.

The Salvation Army is exhibiting a four-year-old drummer at Skagway. Not a commercial traveler, but a drum beater, and they claim that he beats the world.

The permanent fence enclosing the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition is nearing completion and in a short time a small admission fee will be charged to visitors.

The landscaping of the grounds of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition has been begun and the site is beginning to take on the appearance it will have in 1909.

Judge Reid is quoted by a Sound paper as having said that those saloons which obey the laws will have his support—and we thought all the time he was temperance.

Harry Loper pleaded guilty at Nome to the charge of having shot Pilcher at Andreafsky last January, and was sentenced by Judge Moore to three years imprisonment.

The official flower of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition has been definitely selected. It is the Cactus Dahlia, a flower which grows profusely around Puget Sound.

It is announced that Matthews, the long-haired preacher from Seattle, will hold forth at Skagway in the near future. And we always thought Skagway was such a nice town.

Joe Cannon is said to be bitterly opposed to two things, home rule for Alaska and the postal savings bank. He probably thinks that it is better to play poker with the money.

The Ketchikan Miner has no fears for the outcome of the delegate election, because, whatever may be the outcome, all of the candidates are pledged in favor of territorial government.

The first mate of the Str. Seward has been arrested at Cordova on suspicion that he has murdered the purser of the same boat. The body of the purser was found on the railroad track where the train ran over it.

John Clare, an old timer of Juneau, and who has been around the sound for a year or so, committed suicide at Latouche Saturday night. It is believed that Clare was insane. He told his friends that he was going out to kill a bird, and, after leaving his cabin, he placed the muzzle of a shot gun under his chin and pulled the trigger with a stick.—Prospector.

The government report just issued, having to do with the geology and mineralogy of the west coast of Alaska tells of fabulous deposits of coal in the vicinity of Comptroller bay and in the Bering lake district back of Katalla.

In addition to the prizes offered by the management of the Alaska-Yukon-exposition for the poultry show which will be held during the latter part of the fair, many valuable cups have been donated by persons throughout the country.

A petition presented to the city council at Ketchikan prays for an ordinance compelling owners of chickens to keep them in their own back yards, instead of allowing them to range furiously around in other people's preserves.

The United States government will spend \$600,000 for its building and exhibits at the Alaska Yukon-Pacific exposition. A main government building and structures for Alaska, Hawaii, the Philippines and the fisheries industry will be erected.

The Whitehorse Star says that a ball player by the name of Coffee who recently arrived in that town has a clear and settled appearance, and that unless he strains himself he will no doubt add strength to the team which will give no grounds for complaint.

Very few Alaskans know that mineral water is among one of the products of this country. Water taken from the Zarembo Mineral Springs, which bubble up about 100 miles from Ketchikan, is rapidly taking first place in the market and the sales are about five times greater than a year ago.

While in that city, Judge Reid is quoted by a Seattle paper as having said: "While there are many things about the life of an Alaskan that are attractive, I do not believe I would care to live in that country for any great length of time continuously."

The management of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition is already taking steps to provide against extortion of visitors while in Seattle to see the big fair during the summer of 1909. Seattle easily took care of about 200,000 during the stay of the Atlantic fleet and at no time during the exposition period will there be as many visitors in the city at once.

Mrs. Mary E. Hart, who was appointed by the department of the interior to collect and install the Alaska exhibit for the St. Louis exposition, and act as hostess for the Alaska building, has been engaged by the passenger department of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company as lecturer and guide aboard the Alaska excursion steamship Spokane during the season of 1908. Mrs. Hart has spent years in different sections of Alaska, where she has been engaged in literary and newspaper work. She has "mashed" all over Alaska, and has gathered a mass of material, which she has weaved into interesting stories of the Northland. Mrs. Hart will give a lecture each evening during the trip, and will guide parties at the different ports of call.

The fertile imagination of the people of the Glacier city has evolved the Valdez Glacier Placier Mining Co., which expects to wrest a fortune from the glacier stream which has hitherto been such a menace to the town.

Muehlers who arrived at Nome report that a great mountain peak, which is located towards the head of Nome river, has turned suddenly black and stands out for that reason in bold relief amongst the white peaks that surround it. The idea seems to be amongst those who saw it that some volcanic eruption must have taken place.

Carl Zook, teacher of the government school at Nome, has received word from W. T. Lopp, superintendent of that division, to the effect that the authorities have now under consideration the question of removing the Eskimos from the neighborhood of Nome in order to "save them from the contamination which almost invariably results from mingling with the lower class of whites." Not only will the natives who are now at Nome be sent away, but all natives who live away from the city will be prevented from approaching. If the plans fructify the same method will be adopted for the natives all over Alaska, who will probably be barred completely from the cities.

Dawson.—The Acklen hydraulic plant owned by the Yukon Gold Company is working full blast. The ditch, which feeds the reservoir, is running almost bank full, and is pouring murky stream over a little delta into the impounding area. The floodgate is raised sufficiently to admit simply the water needed to put the full force on the pipe line, and to let no water play any unnecessary mischief or run to waste. Tearing down the hill a quarter of a mile or so at an angle approximating 45 degrees, the water, confined in the eighteen-inch pipe exerts a tremendous force. At several points are seen the air valves, so adjusted as to admit air to replace the escaping water, and prevent collapse of pipes from atmosphere pressure, with here and there some new precaution against weak joints by strapping with bands of steel, and while at others the pipe is restrained from bucking or buckling by weights of rock. With such tremendous speed does the water move that it carries in a solid stream from the nozzle many feet before breaking into the slightest spray, and a heavy rock thrown into the stream those first few feet meets such a solid column of compressed water that it bounces off as though thrown against a rod of adamant. The water carries in a curving course fully 200 feet or more, and coming down with such impact as to rip out the gravel, deposits in yards of area every second, and start the accumulated deposits of the works of ages so suddenly that now and then there is a crash, and the big rocks fly like parts of a bursting bomb as some edge of the bank is struck. The stream is watched constantly, to see that it does not carry too much muck or material into the sluices and overload or clog. The riffles, in which the gold is caught are liberally supplied with quicksilver, and only one clean up a year is deemed necessary.

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