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### Sheldon Jackson Museum

The Society of Natural History and Ethnology was organized in 1887, and was incorporated under the laws of Oregon. As stated in its constitution and by-laws, "its purpose is to collect and preserve, in connection with the training school, specimens illustrative of the natural history and ethnology of Alaska and publications relating thereto."

In 1888 a frame building in which to preserve the growing and interesting collection was erected, but soon the collection became too large for the building and in 1895 Dr. Jackson, at his own expense, erected the present Museum building, and the society named it after the generous donor. It is a large octagonal shaped grout or cement structure, dome covered and fireproof. It contains the largest collection of Alaskan curiosities in existence. There are totem poles, carvings in wood, stone, ivory, silver, a great variety of grotesque figures and emblems, old relics, birch bark canoes, reindeer sledge, whalebone and whale bone fishing nets seines of sinew, bird snares, fox traps, walrus tusks, snowshoes, native drums, native armor, head gear, dancing masks, jade, spears, bows and arrows, pumice stones, spoons, bracelets, suits of salmon skin, mats, basket, a Chilkat blanket and an endless variety of mythological curiosities of rare value. There is a fine set of the celebrated slate carvings of the Hyda race.

These totemic carvings are wrought out of black slate-stone and receive a high degree of polish. The life-like figures so deftly carved are representatives of native mythology and are rare works of art. The collection is to be catalogued and carefully preserved, for they will soon be numbered among the lost arts.—Sitka Thlinget.

### Indians and Fish Traps

The Indians of Alaska are gradually becoming aroused to the danger to the fishing industry found in the operation of the fish traps. At a mass meeting held at Sitka last month a number of speeches were made and the following petition was generously signed:

"To the Honorable Secretary of Commerce and Labor, Washington, D. C. "The native people of Alaska have always been self supporting people. Our greatest means of earning a living has been, and is, by fishing. The white man has been given our lands and our forests. We are not permitted to own land outside of our own crowded villages. Now the government has allowed fish traps to be used near the mouth of salmon streams to take our salmon. In doing this it is taking away our means of making our own living. Not only this, but in a few years the traps will destroy the fishing business entirely.

"We do not ask the government for money. We are not paupers. We are not afraid to work.

"We do ask most earnestly for the privilege to earn our own living by our natural means of livelihood.

"Knowing that the fish traps are to a very large extent taking away this privilege, we, the undersigned natives living in and about Sitka, Alaska, do most respectfully petition you to abolish the use of fish traps in Alaska waters."

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### Innoko Country Gets Boost

J. W. Felder, who arrived in Seward from the Innoko country Sunday evening, gives a conservative report of what he has seen and knows to be taking place in that mining region. Gains, Little and Ophir creeks are the streams where the most of the mining has been done so far in the Innoko country. Mr. Felder says that ground on Gains creek is rather wet, and has been worked for the past season on the benches. From the Discovery bench there has been taken out about \$10,000. On Pelky bench from \$25,000 to \$30,000 worth of gold has been extracted. Other claims are producing gold in smaller amounts running from \$1,000 up. Little creek is turning out to be very rich, better even than Gains creek, which is inclined to be spotted. Ophir creek, too, Mr. Felder says, is turning out much better than was reported six months ago.

Mr. Felder says the miners last year did not do thorough work, and, becoming discouraged, went out giving the camp a bad name. The result of this year's work has led some of the miners to predict that this fair will yet equal if not surpass the Fairbanks camp.

Next year's work, Mr. Felder says, will show much better results than the past year has shown, owing to the fact that the miners during the past summer have spent their time putting in bed-rock drains. One miner by the name of Hood has spent two years in trying to get down to bedrock. He is not yet down, but he is taking out rich pans of dirt. A man by the name of Hunter has ground which he can work only in winter. After putting in the second fire he took out \$40 in gold and a nugget that weighed twenty-nine ounces. The largest nugget found previous to that was the one taken out by Pelky which weighed seventeen ounces.

Mr. Felder represents a San Francisco firm composed of Joaquin, Fowler and Twichell. They are now forming a corporation and will send a boat with supplies in the spring up the Kuskokwim. Ocean steamers can ascend this river as far as Bethel, where this firm has a trading post.

Mr. Felder is now on his way to San Francisco, from which port he will return direct by boat to Bethel on the Kuskokwim when navigation opens up in the spring.—Seward Gateway.

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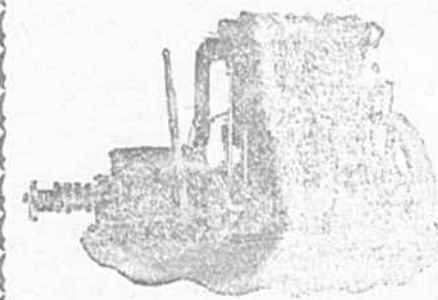
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