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## The Northland

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

### Information for Everybody.

Allen Grant will start a newspaper at Ruby City, to be called the Ruby Record.

Game hogs are not welcome on Kenai peninsula, says the Seward Gateway.

It costs \$3.50 to ship a sack of rutabagas from Seattle to Whitehorse, that's all.

President Taft has given Philip J. Hickey, Jr., recess appointment as postmaster, at Seward, Alaska.

In an article nearly a column long, the Valdez Prospector explains that it is not owned by the Guggies.

S. W. Wible, a pioneer of Kenai peninsula, died at Bakersfield, Calif., Sept. 13th at the age of 82 years.

John Frame, of newspaper fame, is in charge of a crew of men who are developing a mining property near Valdez.

The Iditarod Nugget has suspended publication, and its editor, Major Strong, will spend the winter on the outside.

The report of the killing of Duke E. Stubbs by "Bismarck Joe," at George town, was started by a practical joker with queer ideas.

The town of Iditarod is a mecca for preachers. They are paid for their services by cards of thanks published in the local papers.

Judge N. V. Harlan, former United States district attorney for the Third division of Alaska, died recently at his home in York, Nebraska.

U. S. District Attorney Crossley threatens the Iditarod that unless gambling is stopped in that city he will do what he will do.

There must be something wrong at Skagway, as more than a week has elapsed since the discovery of a "mother lode" has been reported.—Ex.

John Cooper, colored, is held in the federal jail, Fairbanks, charged with the murder of his partner, William Wimbush, a colored man, on Pedro creek last fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McLellan were killed in a snowslide at Partridge's mine on the west arm of Lake Atlin last week. Vic Carlson escaped with several broken ribs.

The Skagway Alaskan pictures the "Bull Dog" automobile, which recently reached that city, surrounded by a forest of palms. Oh, Skag is the summer resort, all right.

Owing to the rapid fall of the water in the Tanana several steamers stalled on a bar about two miles below Fairbanks with more than 1,500 tons of merchandise consigned to merchants there.

Prospectors who were in the Wells bay country, which forms the north-east portion of Kenai peninsula, report that the recent earthquake killed fish and submarine life in great quantities.

The floating cannery, Glory of the Seas, left for the south Tuesday of this week. She had on board over 20,000 cases of salmon of the Ketchikan cannery pack, and 10,000 cases of her own product.—Ketchikan Miner.

Word comes from the westward that the forest service launch Reckless has been wrecked and that Supervisor Weigle and the boat's crew had to do some lively hustling to reach shore safely.—Ketchikan Miner.

The steamer Edith, of the Alaska Steamship Co., that went ashore on Level Island last week, was pulled off by the cable steamer Burnside, and went south under her own steam, apparently very little damaged.

Fourteen men who were buried by a cave in, in the Shakespeare mine, on Dome creek, in the Fairbanks district, were taken out through a hole bored by a Keystone drill. The hole was made larger than the original 6 inch diameter by thawing.

The little gasoline boat Outdoor Life, owned by representatives of the magazine of the same name, in an attempt to navigate the treacherous Yukon from Whitehorse to Bering sea, stuck on a bar within the Arctic circle and refused to go farther.

From three fair-sized potatoes, of the Early Rose variety, W. H. Dohrman raised fifty pounds of tubers. Dohrman resides at Sinitua, and this extraordinary demonstration in the vegetable-raising possibilities of Alaska was made in his garden this season.

September 7th and we have still to report the most beautiful weather. Spring was late in coming but we have had a wonderful summer since. We are beginning to think the weather is becoming civilized along with the rest us. Now if the government would only fall in line, we'd all be happy.—Sitka Thlinget.

The grand total of taxable property of the town of Valdez is assessed at \$458,000, of which the real estate values are placed at \$200,000, improvements \$146,000 and personal property \$112,000. This is an increase over the list of last year of about \$23,000, and if the usual tax of two per cent is levied will yield the city \$9,160.

Breaking all previous long-distance wireless records for vessels of her fleet, the steamship Victoria, of the Alaska Steamship Company, bound for Nome, at 4 o'clock yesterday morning was in communication with the United wireless station at Astoria, Or., while entering Unamak pass, 1,500 miles away, says the P. I. of the 3rd inst.

Fairbanks friends of Bob Dunn are making an effort to secure a pardon for him. Two years ago, at Fairbanks, Dunn was convicted of the murder of Carl Ebling and sentenced to twelve years in the McNeill's Island penitentiary. The appeal for clemency has already been signed by eleven of the jurors and a large number of friends of the prisoner. An effort is now being made to secure the co-operation of Judge Thomas R. Lyons, who presided at the trial.

"More Aids to Navigation Demanded for Alaska Waters" is the subject of an interesting article appearing in the current issue of the Railway and Marine News. The publication gives a list of seventy-nine vessels lost on the Alaska coast from 1878 to 1911 and asserts that \$6,710,000 has been paid out by underwriters for total losses and that a sum nearly as great has been paid out for vessels that have met with disaster and subsequently salvaged and restored to their owners.

The Skagway Alaskan says: With the real estate taxes being paid into the town treasury in good sized sums, and Skagway's portion of the Federal tax having arrived, Treasurer Britt reports the town poked a very fat one at present. Taxes from all sources, amounting to \$717.20, were received during the month of September, and the blow back from the Federal mercantile and saloon licenses being \$6,701.24. The treasury at the beginning of the present month contained \$7,153.98.

The supplies which were placed in the Red Dragon consisting of dishes, cooking utensils and three valuable lamps have recently disappeared and whoever took them left no word as to why or where they were removed to without consent. We must therefore assume that the goods have been stolen though we are loth to believe that there is a man in all Alaska mean enough to steal from the Red Dragon. The building and its contents was a donation to Chitina citizens by Bishop Rowe and the Rev. Zeigler, of Cordova, and its door is never locked.—Chitina Leader.

Messrs. C. C. Allen, H. H. Hildreth and W. H. Whittlesey are taking the initiative in an industry which, if established, and all indications point to the fact that it will be of inestimable benefit to Seward, says the Gateway. They propose to install, at convenient points on the shore of Resurrection bay, a saltain cannery and a fish saltery, and possibly a milder-curing plant. The sites for these proposed concerns have been located for each is ideal, presenting all of the advantages of harborage, nearness to fishing grounds, proximity to telegraphic communication, etc.

A Circle City dispatch says: For the first time since its early days—1894 5-6-7—Circle is beginning to feel the effects of modernism. A stranger coming to town now would think this precinct the dearest hole in creation. He would, however, soon become convinced of his huge mistake were he to go to the diggings. True, in town not a man is to be seen on the streets, even the natives are now all away fishing; but on the creek all is activity for the first time in ten years the gold output will increase from the usual average of between \$260,000 and \$300,000 to from \$350,000 to \$600,000. Clarence Berry, on Eagle creek, Jensen and Herrinton, on Mastodon creek; the Mastodon Hydraulic company and P. J. Anderson on the same creek, and Berry and Lamb on Mammoth, are all working full blast and getting cleanups away above all sanguine expectations.

Exceedingly rich in ore value is the placer or stream tin that has been found in the Hot Springs district. The ore is a tin oxide and is known as cassiterite, and contains a small percentage of tungsten. Owing to the peculiar affinity of tin and tungsten, the combination is very hard to separate; hence the tungsten is a detriment to instead of enhancing the value of the ore, says an exchange. L. M. Drury, Fairbanks assayer, recently made two separate analyses of the mineral, and both showed a value of 61 per cent. With the present market value of tin 47 cents a pound, the ore would average well over \$400 a ton in metal. From this, of course, would be subtracted the cost of freight and smelting, which would leave a handsome revenue when mined in quantities.

Ruby City is on the south bank of the Yukon, about 35 miles below Fort Gibbon, where Ruby creek enters the river. Gold was found there some years ago, but no great amount was taken out. Ruby creek is short and heads in a low range of slate hills. Recently gold has been found along the creeks on the slopes opposite Ruby. These creeks flow into the Solatna river, which swings northeast and joins the Yukon 30 miles or thereabout above Ruby creek. Good pay has been opened on Long creek, Big Dome and on Fox gulch. During the first week in July gold bearing quartz was found on Ruby creek itself, one mile south of the town. The vein was located by Henry Matson, M. B. Peterson and Henry Weir. It is large and decomposed on the surface, but yields gold in the pan. As there has been no thought of quartz, there is no powder and drill steel in Ruby. The vein has only been opened with picks and shovels when sufficiently weathered.—Mining Science.

That Fairbanks, Alaska, is just entering what will prove to be the richest gold producing period in its history is the expressed opinion of Joseph R. Mathews, chief engineer of the Northern Commercial Company. To assist in testing the quartz around Fairbanks, Mr. Mathews said the citizens bore the cost of constructing a small stamp mill, in which miners could have their ore crushed and tested. "Out of 158 tons secured from ledges, which were milled when I was in charge of the stamp," said Mr. Mathews, "there was produced \$15,004 worth of gold ore. That averages almost \$100 to the ton, and it must be remembered that a considerable part of the ore probably ran no more than \$8 or \$9, so that much of it ran above \$200 a ton. The people in the interior of Alaska are sick and tired of the coal mines and carpet baggers in South-eastern Alaska. We would like to have some mining legislation that would prohibit locating claims by power of attorney and prevent these associations from getting all the ground." Mr. Mathews says he visited the new gold strike on Ruby and Long creeks, about 100 miles down the Yukon from Fort Gibbon, and that prospects were very bright. Anticipating a rush in there this winter, he says the company he represents has already established a trading post on Ruby creek.