

The Douglas Island News.

VOL. 13.

DOUGLAS CITY AND TREADWELL, ALASKA, WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18, 1911

NO 47

ARE YOU A STRANGER IN TOWN?

If so, come in and get acquainted. We will be pleased to show goods and quote prices whether you buy or not. Our stock of Dry Goods, Mens' Furnishings, Shoes, Groceries, etc., is the largest, our goods reliable and prices right. Any article proving unsatisfactory we will replace, or adjust to your satisfaction.

ALFRED BENJAMIN CLOTHING

Our new Fall line of Suits and Overcoats is now ready for your inspection and selection. These clothes are the highest grade custom made clothes in America and retail at from \$25 TO \$50. If you are tall and slim, short and stout or of regular build we have a suit to **SUIT YOU**

B. M. Behrends Co., Inc.
Phone 5 JUNEAU, ALASKA

WE ARE DOUGLAS AGENTS FOR

P.-I., Examiner, Chronicle, Star, Times and Oregonian

We also carry the Leading Periodicals & Magazines

For NICE TABLETS and FINE WRITING PAPER WE ARE IT!

Our line of Cigars and Tobaccos is the most complete in Alaska

Our Candies are Always Fresh!

We carry a full line of Fruit! (During the fruit season)

All the LATEST \$1.50 BOOKS! Crepe, Tissue and Shelf Paper

DOUGLAS NEWS DEPOT

M. J. O'Connor

Wholesale and Retail

Dealer in

General Merchandise

LODGE DIRECTORY.



K. of P.
The North Star Lodge, No. 2, K. of P., meets every THURSDAY EVENING at 8 o'clock in Odd Fellows Hall. CHAS. A. HOPP, K. of R. & S. Visiting Knights invited.

Douglas Aerie, No. 117, F. O. E.



Meets second & fourth Wednesday Evenings of each month. All visiting Brothers invited to attend. M. S. HUDSON, W. P. JOHN STOFF, Secretary.

Gastineaux Lodge No. 124 F. & A. M.



Lodge meets second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. JAMES CHRISTOE, W. M. J. N. STODDY, Secy.

Alaska Lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F.



Meets every Wednesday evening in Odd Fellows Hall. Visiting brothers always welcome. JOHN LIVIE, N. G. MONTE BENSON, Rec. Sec'y.

Aurora Encampment No. 1

meets at Odd Fellows' hall first and third Saturdays, at 8 p. m. Brothers of the Royal Purple are cordially invited.

L. W. KILBURN, C. P. J. H. McDONALD, Scribe.

Northern Light Rebekah Lodge No. 1

meets at Odd Fellows' hall second and fourth Saturdays. Visitors are cordially invited.

ANNA ZIMMERMAN, N. G. IRENE GILLAM, Rec. Sec'y.



Auk Tribe No. 7, Imp. O. R. M.

MEETS EVERY MONDAY EVENING at 8 o'clock at Odd Fellows' Hall. Visiting Brothers Invited. SAM KRIST, Sachem. FRANCIS CORNWELL, C. of R.

Treadwell Camp No. 14, A. B.

ARCTIC BROTHERS MEET SECOND and FOURTH TUESDAYS at 8 p. m. at A. B. hall. C. E. BENNETT, Arctic Chief. R. McCORMICK, Arctic Recorder

PROFESSIONAL

R. G. CLAY, D. D. S.

DENTIST

GOLD INLAYS A SPECIALTY

OPEN EVENINGS

Phone 3-8 DOUGLAS

Albert R. Sargeant, M. D.

GENERAL PRACTICE

Office—Third St., Opposite O'Connor's Store. Office Hours—9 a. m. to 12 m.; 1 p. m. to 5 p. m.; 7 p. m. to 9 p. m. Telephones—Office 5-2; Residence 5-2-2. Eyes Tested and Glasses Fitted

Robert W. Jennings

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

LEWIS BUILDING

Juneau, Alaska

The Northland

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

Information for Everybody.

Orchard was short in his accounts to the extent of \$12,508.

Alaska Indians are reviving the totem as a mark for graves.

A steamboat war exists on the Upper Yukon, but the season is over.

Wm. Powell, a resident of Atlin since 1898, died on the 9th inst. of heart trouble. His wife lives at Edgemont, S. D.

At a "measuring social," given for the benefit of a Nome church, Federal Judge Murane was the tallest man present.

A Seattle paper says that among the passengers arriving there on a steamship from Alaska, was a live moose, which is on its way to Madison Square Garden, New York City.

The Nome Nugget—republican—complains bitterly that "here in the North, the political fence is built so close to the plum tree, that the fruit falls on the other side."

The administrator of the estate of Gustave Carson, who was electrocuted in the signal house of the J. J. Senon Co., at Nome, has entered suit against the company for \$10,000.

Carrie Sing Sang, an Eskimo woman found guilty at Nome of an assault with a deadly weapon, was sentenced to two years at McNeils Island. Carrie should have been landed in Sing Sing.

Marysville, is the name by which a portion of the townsite at Rainy Hollow is known. In honor of the young woman who is spending the winter at the mines with her husband, Charles A. Fagan.

Effective October 22nd, the White Pass and Yukon Route will inaugurate a winter service, not to exceed three days per week, which will contemplate making connection with the stage and boat lines.

The military court in the Orchard case brought in its finding on Friday, October 6, and Lieut. Orchard was ordered by telegraph to report to Fort Lawton, and Lieut. Ralph Drury was detailed to accompany him there.

Bob Adams, one of the unknown variety of fruit grafted upon the republican local tree during the last campaign in the Nome District, is out after the Alaska Commission for the Panama Exposition, which is good for \$15 per.—Nugget.

A deckhand from one of the river boats was given a few hours shore leave at Whitehorse. He accumulated two bottles of champagne, one of whiskey, a clock and a jag. He was allowed to pay for the goods stolen, but they charged him a ten spot for the jag.

A scare was created in Nome upon the arrival of the steamship Senator with the yellow flag of the quarantine flying aloft. The excitement was allayed when it was learned that the disease was nothing more than measles. Two soldiers, who were among those en route to Fort Gibbon, were affected by the malady.

President Taft, when in Seattle, said that he was still in favor of a government for Alaska by a commission, partially appointive and the balance elective. He also favored the leasing of the Alaska coal lands, claiming that such a system would attract capital and bring about the rapid development of the Territory.

The most artistic piece of native carving ever turned out by the Eskimos belongs to Robert R. Zahner, the jeweler, says the Nome Nugget. It is the well known piece of art depicting the great Japanese motto, "Hear no Evil, Speak no Evil, See no Evil." The workmanship of this particular carving is so perfect many are inclined to doubt it is the work of an Eskimo.

On the morning of September 23rd, the tram car en route from Flat City to Iditarod City was held up by ten masked men who ordered all on board to hold up their hands. The bandits took possession of a strong box containing \$35,000 in treasure and ordered the car to proceed. A hundred men from Flat City turned out to scour the hills for the bandits. All the gold excepting \$182, belonging to the tram company, was picked up near the scene of the robbery. None of the robbers was captured.

Nome.—United States Marshal Powell and his deputies raided the private resort of Frank Hall, the noted gambler, during the week, and in addition to Hall and the four men who were caught playing pangingi, ten lookers-on were arrested and taken to the lock up, together with chips, cards and other evidence. In the trial which followed, the defense held that the place in which the men were arrested is the warm storage warehouse of Eall, and not a gambling resort, and the jury apparently viewed the matter in the same light. All the men were found not guilty.

Bringing a tale of new islands off the Alaskan coast, islands newly forged in nature's workshop and thrust up from the sea under the eyes of the ship's company, Fred Schroeder, captain of the schooner Elviera, steered his vessel into San Francisco on Oct. 5, fresh from a sea otter hunting cruise in the Arctic. Schroeder said that as his vessel neared Bogoslav, an island peak in Northern waters, a burst of vapor rose above the island, splashing the sky with bright colors. From the ascending cloud dust rained down upon the sea, stirring it to a boiling mass, and as the vapor cleared, new land was in sight. "When it cooled off," said Schroeder, "there were four new islands. We could see them distinctly, but they quivered in such a strange way that we did not attempt to approach them."

The Whitehorse Star says that Falcon Joslin is a "really live one."

Superintendent Ross Kinney, of the Alaska road commission, who has been engaged in building the Seward Iditarod trail, has returned to Seward, bringing the report that the trail is all ready for the snow, and that the trip from Seward to the Iditarod may be made in much better time than ever before. There are roadhouses all the way in now, and travelers will not be obliged to camp out at any point.

Nome.—There seems to be good foundation in fact for the report that a consolidation is pending which will affect the three principal mining concerns of the district—the Wild Goose company, the Pioneer Mining company and the Consolidated Dredging company. Officials of the companies refuse to make statements, but not any of them deny the rumors outright. Prior to the consolidation, the Pioneer Mining company will distribute in the neighborhood of \$250,000 in dividends. The greater part of the stock of this company is held by Alaskans and former Alaskans who are now in the States.

"In 1863, ninety per cent of the native population of the West coast of Vancouver island and Southeast Alaska, and as far west as Yakutat, were decimated by the ravages of small-pox," says Dr. S. Hall Young, the veteran Alaska missionary, in the Iditarod Pioneer. "Whole villages were wiped out of existence, only the decaying totem poles and crumbling buildings and huts were left to tell the tale of the awful scourge." In 1878, when Dr. Young came to the Southeastern Alaska coast, nearly all the native men were pock-marked. The few white men scattered along the coast, when the plague came, fled into the wilderness and sustained themselves by hunting, in order to escape the pestilence.

Gifford Pinchot, according to a statement received in Washington from his press agent, who accompanies him, believes Secretary of the Interior Fisher permitted himself to be misled by Alaska Syndicate agents during his recent trip to the North, and because of Mr. Fisher's recent expressions repudiating the Pinchot idea, a controversy more bitter even than the Ballinger-Pinchot conflict will take place at Washington this winter. The statement reads, in part, as follows: "It is now evident that word has been passed along the line to all representatives of the Alaska Syndicate and of the Federal administration to 'knock' Alaska generally, to bear the value of the coal, copper, timber, everything. Men who a few months ago were expiating eloquently on the riches and possibilities of Alaska, have suddenly begun to discover that there is nothing of value here. Ordinary facts of commonest knowledge to all Alaska are distorted with this purpose. The situation is well understood in Alaska, and it is so serious that it is realized the whole Alaska controversy is about to be precipitated in a form that may outrival the bitterness of the Ballinger-Pinchot fight."

We have heard of the man who robbed his right pocket with his left hand but Chitina has him beat a city block when it comes to a stingy man, says the Leader. This man is very fond of good whisky if someone else pays for it, but every Christmas he treats himself to a two gallon jug of the cheap article. Being also lonely he has acquired the habit of talking to himself. Every Sunday morning he bakes a batch of bread that must last him the rest of the week, and along about Sunday morning the bread gets pretty stale but he bribes himself to eat it. Some neighbors passing by his cabin recently, heard him mumbling to himself, and knowing his peculiarities watched him through the open door and vouch for the following: Sitting at the table with nothing but stale bread he drew forth the treasured jug which he bought last Christmas, and pouring a brimming cup said to himself: "Now old boy, if you will eat this bread you may then drink this whisky. All right partner, I'll do it." He then set to work and filled himself full of the dry bread; then carefully taking the cup, smelled of the beverage, but shaking his head addressed the drink, saying, "you are good all right but cost too much money." Thereupon he poured the whisky back into the jug, thus bribing himself and then beating himself out of the bribe.

"All aboard for the Flat City Special!" was the announcement made at Iditarod, the last frontier camp of Alaska, a few days ago. It marked the completion of construction of the Farthest North railroad in America, and the inauguration of passenger and freight service. The Flat City Special runs from Iditarod to Flat creek, a distance of seven miles. Located at a place so inaccessible that the owners have no fear of that bane of railroad magnates in the United States, the interstate commerce commission, a fare of \$3 one way and \$5 for a round trip is charged. The auriferous placer mines will be worked out and the railroad abandoned, it is believed, before the department officials will get the red tape unwound and make a visit to the place. The railroad is not an elaborate affair, nor are the cars furnished in the ornate manner that distinguishes the railroads operating between Seattle and points to the East and South. In fact, one might say, the Northern railroad is slightly primitive. It is constructed of wooden rails, laid on ties made of spruce logs, and the cars are open trucks made from the same kind of lumber with steel wheels, especially imported from a Seattle foundry. The locomotive is 17 mule power. Its inauguration followed the driving of a golden spike by Fred Wilson, one of the owners, and a jovial celebration on the part of the spectators. Meals are not served en route, except to the hardy animals which form the locomotive. The passengers content themselves with a lunch taken in their pockets. The train makes the trip in less than two hours. On one occasion it established a record by covering seven miles in an hour and three-quarters.