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Larger Than Treadwell

The fame of the Treadwell mines on Douglas Island is known wherever men delve into the hard rock in search of gold or other treasure. The Treadwell is known as the largest low grade quartz mine. Year after year we hear of new discoveries, and many of them, especially here in the North, are first announced as "larger than Treadwell." As a measure of size, the great Treadwell has stood first for many years.

But at last the greatness of Treadwell is to be eclipsed, and its mills are to be second to another plant, almost within a stone's throw—the Alaska Juneau.

The development of the Alaska Juneau mine has been going ahead for years, but it is only within recent years that its greatness has been generally known. For a long time it was called the "Little Treadwell." Now the plans are completed and work has begun on a milling plant that will handle 4,000,000 tons of rock per year, or about two and one half times as much as Treadwell. This sounds pretty big, but we have as our authority the word of F. W. Bradley, president of the Alaska Juneau company and also president of the Treadwell company. Mr. Bradley is the man who looks for all the world like President Wilson, and, like him, he has a faculty for doing things. He has been in Alaska all summer and has perfected the plans for the new undertaking in every detail. When we say every detail we believe we are stating the exact truth, that nothing has been omitted.

When Mr. Bradley stated that the capacity of the four new mills to be built at Juneau would reach such an enormous figure, he was asked, "What will you do with the tailings?" Mr. Bradley was ready to answer at once and pointed out on the plat of workings a large tailing pond on the beach below the mills, and another at Sheep creek, to which tailings may be carried through a flume. As for waste rock, plans are already made to pile it on barges and haul it out and dump it in the deep, blue sea. We don't speak of this as a vitally important feature, but as an example of the care with which every detail has been worked out.

When this great mine and milling plant is working, employing thousands of men, Juneau with its contracted little townsite, will be crowded to overflowing. Then we expect that large numbers of workmen will make their homes in Douglas, crossing the channel to their work in the morning and back at night to their pleasant homes on Douglas Island. So we are convinced that the prosperity that comes to one part of Gastineau channel will be felt by all.

As the season of the howling Taku approaches, business men and property owners are beginning to talk about fire department matters. Hose Companies No. 1 and 3 are pretty well organized, but No. 2, the Front street company, is a little slack. While we are on the subject, it would be a pretty wise thing if the council would appoint some hardware man to the position of inspector of flues and stove pipes, with authority to condemn all that are not sound. Also with the increase of population and the consequent crowding, the ordinance providing for the 18 inch space between stoves, pipes and stacks, and nearby ceilings and partitions, should be enforced without fear or favor.

Report has it that John Rustgard, United States district attorney, has gone down to Washington, D. C., to try to hold on to his job, which he feels slipping. Republican office holders can expect that their official heads may fall at any time. Why not? There are an awful lot of good democrats waiting for the jobs.

The laws passed by the Alaska legislature are supposed to be obeyed, and will as soon as the people learn of them. But should each citizen dig up sixteen dollars and empty cents for a beautiful bound copy and thus post himself, or do the powers that be depend on the indifferent publicity given the acts by Juneau papers when the legislature was in session? How about it?

There is some complaint about the street lights in Douglas, but, have patience, my friends. A member of the town council declares that the light contract has been made and the new system of lights will make a wonderful change in the appearance of Douglas. The lights will be so bright that on the darkest night you will be able to tell the color of a girl's eyes a block away.

Mayor O'Connor, who is very enthusiastic in regard to the bridge across Gastineau channel to connect Douglas and Juneau, received a letter last week from the Alaska board of road commissioners, acknowledging the receipt of the big petition of Douglas, Treadwell and Juneau citizens, and stating that the engineer of the board will arrive some time during the fall to estimate the cost of the bridge. Good news for Gastineau.

Last Saturday witnessed one of the worst storms ever on Gastineau channel and gas boats were almost swamped by the seas that broke over them, and the Taku was a howling deluge. If all this was caused by the sun crossing the line it must have had a hard time of it.

United States District Judge Cornelius D. Murane and United States District Attorney B. S. Rodney, of Nome, have been asked to resign "for the good of the service."

A small sized hat has come into the hands of the United States marshal at Juneau. Keep it. It will probably fit most any of the republican deputies before very long.

Notice to Taxpayers

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll of the town of Douglas for the year 1913 is now open for the inspection of those interested at the office of the City Clerk; and that the Common Council will sit as a board of equalization at the council chambers at the City Hall, on Monday evening, Sept. 29th.

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Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Frans Sundell, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against, said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice, to the administrator of said estate at his place of business situate on Front street, in the town of Douglas, Alaska.

Dated at Douglas, Alaska, August 28, 1913.
 WM. STUBBINS,
 Administrator, Estate of Frans Sundell, deceased.
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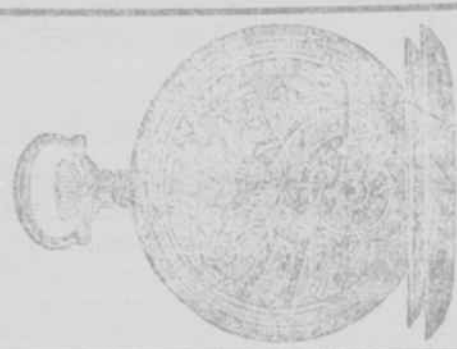


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