

NEWS NUGGETS FROM ALASKA

News of Alaska, Taken From the Exchanges, to Show What's Going on in the Great Northland

Chicken thieves are operating at Skagway.

An infant of Plover of Alaska has been orphaned at Wrangell.

The July Bills of Cordova staged a musical show on March 15.

A stranger in Cordova recently attempted to break into the morgue.

Much activity is shown in Anchorage real estate at the present time.

A. L. Hogue underwent an operation for cancer at Seattle a short time ago.

An eagle weighing 18 pounds was captured a short time ago by a Cordova man.

Dr. Van Dusen is cleaning the teeth of all Cordova school children free of charge.

Dog taxes are now due at Anchorage. The rate is \$3 for males and \$4 for females.

C. W. Henshaw, an evangelist in the Diocese of Ketchikan.

A half dozen alarms in two days recently kept the Wrangell fire department on the jump.

Parvathy Dugan left Dawson recently with a dog team for a trip of 140 miles alone to Mayo.

Work has been started on the method of a passage for the Lutheran church at Petersburg.

Edna Hiding at Wrangell staged their first party there a short time ago. It was a great success.

George H. Neil is a candidate for the office of postmaster at Ketchikan. He is an ex-serviceman.

"Charles's Aunt," a well known town comedy, was given by amateur talent at Dawson on March 17.

The Yukon Union, the law-making body of Yukon Territory, will convene at Dawson April 15.

Mr. H. Geddis was elected chairman of the Petersburg Echo of Moose society time ago. He formerly lived in Douglas.

Arthur Lane, since 1912 clerk of the court in the Third division, died at Valdez a short time ago. He came north in 1898.

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

Meets every Wednesday evening in Odd Fellows Hall.

Visiting brothers always welcome. OLAF SWANSON, N. G. L. W. KILBURN, Sec. 96c.

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TRIP TO BE MADE FOR EDUCATION

Moving Picture Operator Will Try to Dispel Illusions of the Northland

In an effort to remove the misapprehensions that many Americans have regarding conditions in Alaska, W. G. Stoesser is planning a nine-month tour of the northern territory, on which he will take motion pictures for a traveling show to be entitled, "Alaska as It Is, and Not as Represented."

Stoesser, who will be accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Laura Stoesser, who will act as his assistant, will make the trip under the auspices of the Post-Intelligencer, and his pictures will be in the nature of a Post-Intelligencer travelingogue. From time to time he will send back articles, illustrated with photographs, on the same general subject as his travelingogue. These articles will be published in the Post-Intelligencer.

Both Stoesser and Mrs. Stoesser have spent years in Alaska, and are thoroughly familiar with northern conditions. It is, in fact, this familiarity which led them to plan the trip.

"The average person who has never been in Alaska, especially the one living east of the Rockies," Stoesser explained, "believes—and, under the circumstances, has a right to believe—that Alaska is a land of eternal ice and snow, with dangers and hardships untold. This is due to the fact that they have been misinformed by writers who, naturally enough, dwell on the more picturesque features of Alaska in which the dunes, half dog teams and fights play the most prominent part and which usually carry some such title as 'The Frozen North.'"

"To correct this impression, I plan to make a picture which will show what Alaska really is—what the territory has, how its inhabitants live, its industries and its possibilities. I would include scenic pictures of the glaciers and similar subjects, and also hunting scenes and pictures of wild animals."

"The pictures will be divided into chapters, each chapter to cover one particular section of the territory and everything that pertains to that section. The Cordova section, for instance, will cover the fishing industry, the oil fields, the timber industry, the Copper River railroad, and such scenic beauties as the section contains."

"The benefits which will be derived from these pictures are manifold. They will, of course, be of direct advertising value to all of the communities affected, but the general effect will be even more beneficial. Not only Alaska and every industry in it will profit as a result—but also countless other industries and communities. The steamship lines, commercial houses dealing with Alaska, practically all of Seattle—everything in fact, that has any connection with Alaska will benefit."

KNOWN IN NORTH IS THE "SHADOW"

Man Who Created Furore in Portland Is Said to Be Former Resident of Ketchikan

Herbert L. Johnson, who was arrested at Los Angeles a few days ago, suspected of being the Mackinac man who attempted to obtain \$20,000 from former Mayor Motman of Olympia, is said by Portland police to be a Ketchikan man, former proprietor of the Pacific Repair shop here.

They also suspect that he is the same man who caused such excitement in Portland for a time under the alias of "Shadow." They are now checking up on that but it has not definitely been ascertained whether he is "Shadow" or not.

Johnson is accused of having written to the former mayor of Olympia, telling him to walk along a railroad track until he saw a light flash and then drop a package containing \$20,000, otherwise he was to have been killed. The mayor, under the directions of the police, did walk along the track and seeing the signal dropped the package, but instead of containing the money it only contained some old papers. Police on watch closed in on the suspect, but he made his escape.

Johnson resided in Ketchikan for several years, his wife, Mrs. Rae Johnson, residing in the Rex hotel and later the Northern until the place was raided by city officials. She is now running a hotel in Seattle, having separated from her husband. It is stated.

According to Portland officials Johnson left Portland last fall with a woman of questionable character. For a time they are said to have remained in Seattle and then to have gone to Portland.—Ketchikan Chronicle.

SKATING PARTY

The last skating party to be held for some time was given at theatorium hall Wednesday evening. The hall is now in the hands of workmen who are preparing it for the indoor meet that is to be held on Friday evening, April 1.

COAL MINING IS PROGRESSING

Description of the Naval Commission Work Being Done in the Western Field

All that is needed to complete the first cycle of successful coal mining in the erection of the washing plant at Button, where the dirt may be removed from the coal. Both Eka and Chikhaloon have the coal and by the time the washing plant is ready there will be another promising unit well on the way to development that will, judging by samples taken by the author on March 2, be producing coal superior even to the famous Chikhaloon and Eka product. This is at Coal creek, where to excellent beds have been discovered and are now in the process of exploration.

And when the casual visitor reached Chikhaloon and Eka this summer he will see what is rapidly becoming one of the most up-to-date and perfect coal mining camps in America.

From change room to modern hotel accommodations, hospital, office headquarters and mine rescue building, Chikhaloon is rapidly becoming the last word in modern surface equipment. What was a crude forbidding, temporary camp a few months ago has, during the winter, been transformed into an institution that will set an example for private operators, while at the same time not transgressing the abilities of the latter to meet modern requirements in so far as housing is concerned. It is all a matter of perfection in detail at a cost not exceeding \$5 per month for room and \$45 per month for board.—Anchorage Times.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES (Fifth Street, between Main and Seward Streets, Juneau)

Services are held every Sunday at 11 a. m. in the church of the Christian Science Society of Juneau, on Fifth Street between Main and Seward streets. The subject for next Sunday will be "Reality."

Sunday school at 12:15 p. m. Wednesday—Testimonial meeting at 8:15 p. m.

Christian Science Reading Room at Room 8, Malony Block. Open daily, except Sundays and holidays, from 2 to 4:30 p. m. and from 7 to 9 p. m. Wednesday evenings, 7 to 9 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend these services and visit the Reading Room.

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