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SKAGWAY IS IGNORED

Company A, Alaska National Guard of Skagway, the Only Perfected Military Company in the District Ready to Answer the Governor's Call.

The following item relative to the Alaska National Guard, taken from the Sitka Alaskan of April 22, gives the first public information had here of the officers appointed by Governor Brady to serve on his staff. If this account is correct Skagway, as usual, has been given the go-by, which, to say the least, is ungenerous, considering that the only thoroughly organized, well-equipped and drilled body of soldiers in Alaska is Skagway's Company A. The item in full is as follows:

"There has been times during the past few years, in different parts of the territory, that a company of militia has been needed, and would have saved much trouble and anxiety, and probably saved life and property. On several occasions the regulars have had to be sent out to preserve order, but to do this caused much trouble and occupies much time, and a great deal of mischief can be done before their presence can be secured. When there are militia companies they can be called out on short notice to protect life and property."

"Governor Brady has realized the need of a National Guard for Alaska for some time past, and has only been awaiting the

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time when he could secure capable and competent men to take the matter in hand. He has now succeeded and the Alaska National Guard has been organized and several staff and line officers commissioned.

"According to the law the governor is commander-in-chief of the militia, and those appointed to serve as his staff officers are: F. D. Kelsey, of Juneau, as adjutant-general, with the rank of colonel, and W. H. McNair, of Sitka, as assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of major.

"Company A has been organized at Skagway, with the following officers commissioned: Francis N. Sieber, captain, and Frank N. Sessions, second lieutenant.

"Another company is also being organized at Skagway and an armory has been erected. Juneau and several other places are organizing companies, and in a few months time there will probably be enough companies organized to form a regiment.

"Colonel Kelsey has already made requisition on the government for outfits for 250 men, and they will shortly arrive from Washington."

CLUB HOUSE OF THE ARCTIC BROTHERHOOD.

Plans To Be Acted on at Next Meeting.



TRAIL NOW IMPASSABLE.

For Double Teams From Summit to Bennett.

There was a rumor circulated on the streets yesterday that the railroad company had refused to bill goods through to the summit on account of the many snow and landslides which were supposed to have taken place on the road. A reporter of the DAILY ALASKAN called on General Agent Brown, of the White Pass & Yukon Railroad, to ascertain the true facts, and found out that it was not between the summit and Skagway that the railroad had refused to bill goods, but between the summit and Bennett. As everyone knows, the trail from the summit to Bennett is now practically impassable for loaded sleds or wagons, and the only trail to Bennett is over the grade of the White Pass & Yukon railroad, on which a wagon road has been built. Wagons heavily loaded cannot now be taken over this on account of the lack of bridges at two or three points, but Mr. Brown yesterday received a telegram from Contractor Heney saying that by the end of the week the bridges would be completed and four-horse teams heavily loaded could be taken over the road.

There has been a great amount of freight taken over the road recently, which has accumulated at the Summit because the packers could only handle thirty to fifty tons per day and the road could handle all they could get.

There has been much difficulty experienced at the summit the last few days on account of the soft, wet condition of the ground, which interfered with the unloading of the cars. The goods could not be unloaded from the cars into the deep mud, and until a platform to receive them could be built they had to be left in the cars. In this way most all the freight cars on the line got stuck at the summit. There were 300 tons of goods waiting at the railroad depot yesterday and about as much more on the wharf, and only one freight car at the depot.

Mr. Brown received word yesterday that the platform at the Summit would be completed today, and by the end of the week the road will be again billing goods from Skagway to Bennett.

UNCLE SAM AS A BUTCHER.

Seventy-four quarters of beef and four sacks of offal, shipped by M. P. Shaw, of Victoria, and consigned to the Pacific Contracting Company, came up from Victoria last Sunday on the British ship Alpha, and put in the bonded warehouse. For some reason the Pacific Contract Company refused to enter the meat for duty, and as Mr. Steer, M. P. Shaw's Skagway agent it was not here to attend to the duty Deputy Collector Andrews, according to his instructions said he would have to sell the goods at public auction at the custom house today, if the money was not paid before to a. m. today.

The law in regard to perishable goods held for duty, is that they shall be sold three days after their arrival at the port of destination, and accordingly Mr. Andrews posted notices of sale.

Mr. Andrews said yesterday that he did not think the meat would be sold, but that Mr. Steer would come in from Log Cabin and pay the duty. This course would be much more agreeable to the United States government. If the meat is sold after the duty, wharfage and all other expenses shall have been paid, the proceeds will be turned over to the owners.

Small Fire Quickly Put Out.

At 11 o'clock last night an alarm of fire in the fourth district was turned in for a small blaze in the shooting gallery on Holly street. Chief Flemming, as usual, was the first man up the ladder, and, with the assistance of a few buckets of water, promptly put out the blaze. The stove-pipe in the garret leaked about four feet of connecting with the roof, and the fire was started in the garret by sparks from the open chimney. The damage done was very slight.

Ivey Not Suspended.

Collector of Customs for Alaska W. J. Ivey has returned to the coast after an extended trip to Washington City, says the P.-I. of April 10. He was in Portland April 18 and is expected to arrive on the Sound very shortly. A report has been in circulation for several days that when in Washington City Collector Ivey was suspended by the treasury department pending an investigation of his official affairs in Alaska. The Post-Intelligencer last night received the following dispatch from its special correspondent in Washington City:

Washington, April 18.—"Rumors current on the Pacific coast that Collector Ivey, of Alaska, has been suspended by

the treasury department are absolutely without foundation," said Acting-Secretary Spaulding tonight. "Mr. Ivey has returned to Alaska, his administration is satisfactory to the department and there is no talk of removal, suspension or investigation."

District Court in Skagway.

Mr. Walter Church, who returned from Sitka and Juneau Wednesday evening, said that Judge Johnson had requested him to say to the DAILY ALASKAN that the United States district court would meet in Juneau May 23 and devote the first ten days of the session to civil cases, which is contrary to the usual custom, so as to allow those who have to go to the expense of taking witnesses down there for civil business to get through as quickly as possible and those having witnesses for criminal cases will understand that they will not be needed for the first ten days. When through in Juneau Judge Johnson will come to Skagway to hold a session of his court.

SOON HAVE WATER FOR FIRE PURPOSES

Main on Broadway Found to be Clear.

FROZEN ON MUD FLATS

Manager Eastman's Untiring Efforts to Give the Citizens Water Will Soon be Rewarded, at least Along Broadway for Fire Purposes.

There is now every probability that Manager Eastman's untiring efforts to give the citizens water by throwing out the water mains of the Skagway Water Company, will soon be crowned with success. As soon as it was warm enough to work he commenced thawing the main from the top of hill across the mud flats at the end of Third avenue, a distance of 300 yards. He has so far succeeded so well that less than a hundred feet of frozen pipe now keeps the water from the Broadway main. His method of ascertaining the condition of the pipes was unique. He uncovered the pipes and bored holes in them and in this way ascertained the exact condition of each main. Near Broadway he found only a few inches of water, but close to Broadway it was frozen solid. The iron pipe down the bluff from the reservoir is also clear and, with a pressure of seventy-five pounds to the square inch, is throwing up water like a geyser, which bubbles up through two and a half feet of sand and gravel.

Speaking of the mains in the street Mr. Eastman said that the one on Main street was the only one frozen. The mains in Broadway and State street had been looked into and found to be perfectly dry.

Mr. Eastman went around yesterday and uncovered all the fire plugs and opened them, but no water made its appearance. The remaining frozen water in the main leading up Third avenue will be thawed out soon and then the water will run in the Broadway and State street mains. But Mr. Eastman does not expect to have the water running in the mains in the cross streets until a later date, as some may have to be repaired.

Men will be put to work next month lowering the mains to a depth to insure against freezing and next year Skagway will have a continuous supply of pure and healthy water.

MAY POLE FESTIVAL.

Social Event of the Season next Monday Evening.

The May Day Festival now in course of preparation by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church, to be given next Monday evening in Presbyterian hall, promises to be the social event of the season. The ladies have entered heartily into the work and they are deserving of handsome returns for their labors.

Mrs. Redmond, Mrs. Pierce and Mrs. Church have charge of the children's May pole dance, and from the number of satisfactory rehearsals already had this will prove one of the most interesting features of the festival.

The attractions in the hall will be the five handsome booths devoted to the sale of articles, the proceeds of which will go toward furnishing the church. The booths will be as follows:

Flower booth—Mrs. Frank Burns.
Ice cream booth—Mrs. Wilson
Candy booth—Miss Laird.
Japanese garden—Miss Ford.

Alaskan souvenirs—Mrs. Walter Church, Miss Church and Miss Sengfelder. This booth had been placed in charge of Mrs. Snyder, but owing to the illness of Mrs. Snyder she transferred her charge as stated. Every lady in charge of a booth will be assisted by a number of Skagway's contingent of handsome young lads.

The festival will open at eight o'clock with a procession of the May Queen and her court. She will deliver greetings to her subjects and declare the festival open, after which the May pole dance by the children will take place.

Steamer Orizaba Next Sunday.

The steamship City of Topeka, which went on the rocks in Wrangel Narrows a short time ago, is to be thoroughly overhauled and put on the excursion run next summer. The Orizaba is to take her place and will reach Skagway next Sunday. The Cottage City is to be laid off for a few trips and be prepared for the excursion travel next summer.

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