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VALDEZ, APRIL 24, 1902.

A stranger coming into Valdez at the present time would think that it was certainly a

dead town, as they would see but few people and a comparatively small amount of business being done. But this is no criterion for an Alaska town, especially one that is located a long distance from the mines, as Valdez is.

The facts are that the merchants of town have done a larger business this spring than ever before. They have sold more goods, outfitted more prospectors, employed more help, received more money, and having more confidence in the country, have grubstaked more men than in any previous season.

Those who have gone to the interior have purchased from a three to a six months outfit, and instead of the merchants doing a daily or weekly business, they have in reality done a six months business in as many weeks. There are more people prospecting and mining in the interior, there are larger outfits, more mining machinery, and more work is being done than ever before.

In 1898 there were probably more people in this town, but they did not go as far into the country as has been done since, and those who did go in were inexperienced in mining and prospecting. In fact very few knew anything at all about hard work, or how to go at prospecting and developing a new country. Now this is all changed, there are hundreds of prospectors and miners here who thoroughly understand their business and know the country. Many of them have valuable properties that they are working, and we believe a million dollars will be brought to town this fall. Many are prospecting recently discovered property, and there is no doubt that this summer many new and valuable mines will be discovered.

If these men were all in Valdez now, spending their money, this would have more the appearance of a thriving town, but it would not last. As it is they are opening up a great rich storehouse of minerals, upon which we can draw for many years to come.

A practical argument for the establishment of a railroad is now being made by the opening up of great ledges of copper and gold quartz that must be brought to tide water to be of real value. This is what moneyed men want to see. The ore itself. They have heard

enough about it. We must show them now, and by showing that the facts are as have been represented, will cause the railroad to be built.

We certainly have every cause to believe that we will have a bright and prosperous future. No place in Alaska has a more promising outlook than Valdez at the present time.

THE bill of Congressman Sulzer to encourage the salmon industry in Alaska is one that affects not only the cannerman but the entire world, and had this industry received one quarter the attention that the seal industry has, it would have benefitted humanity the world over.

There is a wide difference between these two industries. The seal fisheries have been protected for years by our government so that the foreign sealers could take the seals, ship them by Canadian railroads and English steamers to London, where, by English workmen they could receive the stamp of English trademark to be returned for the benefit of the classes. But with the salmon it is different, for this is the product for the masses, the pauper's brain food and the working man's dish.

Unless Congress takes heed of Oregon's and Washington's efforts to save their salmon fisheries, then Alaska too will cease to send to the world her pauper food and they must seek elsewhere for their food fish.

We have every reason to believe that our cannerymen favor the Sulzer bill and we hope that Congress will remember the salmon industry and take active steps, not by experiment and fish commissions, but by good legislation, honestly carried out, and save the salmon industry.—Daily Alaska Dispatch.

THE Indians of southeastern Alaska should be thankful if the delegate bill is passed, for it gives them the right, as citizens, to walk up to a bar, and get their "hooh" in style instead of bribing some white man to buy it for them, as they do at present.

THE principle governing the rights of conflicting mining claims on the public domain, is, that other things being equal, he who is first in time is first in right.

Why this sudden cessation of territorial government talk? Some one must have got a "hunch."

Prospectors in the interior should watch for molybdenum. It is not generally known among those who spend their time in the search for precious metals, that molybdenum stands well up in that class. But it does. At the present time it is quoted at \$113.60 per pound. Molybdenum occurs in ledges, most commonly in the form of a sulphide which resembles graphite very closely. They are of the same degree of hardness, but the specific gravity of graphite is lower than that of molybdenum, and it is not affected by heat, while molybdenum sulphide when heated before a blowpipe gives a greenish-blue flame, and leaves a yellowish-white sublimate on the charcoal. Float containing the mineral has been found in several places in the Copper river country, but has never been traced to its source.

If a locator when posting his notice, in addition to giving the general course of his vein, places monuments at the center of each end line, this giving definite notice to subsequent locators as to the meaning of his notice, he is bound by the same, and can not afterward, during the time prescribed by law for perfecting location, change its course to the prejudice of intervening rights.

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### Ore in Place is Real Estate.

An assayer in Colorado was arrested for buying ore stolen from a mine, and his trial has brought to the surface an old statute that may have some application in the mine taxing question. The statute makes ore real estate, and the defendant made the plea that larceny of real estate could not exist. The man was acquitted.

The law provided that ore in its natural place was real estate and when separated from place became personal property, provided only that a sensible interval of time elapsed between the act of breaking down the ore and carrying it off. If breaking it down and carrying it off were continuous, then the ore still remained real estate. Ore in place in patented land thus become taxable as real estate.

There is an old Russian at Tatitlek, who is over 100 years of age. He was born in Siberia and came to Fidalgo bay with a Russian expedition about 1825. He deserted his ship at that place and has lived with the natives ever since. He is unable to get out to fish and hunt, so is kept in clothing and provisions by the Indians. He says that the expedition with which he came to this coast was making a visit to a rich gold mine which was well known to the Russians of that period. Being badly used on the vessel, he made his escape before the mine was reached, so does not know its exact location although he thinks it is around the head of Fidalgo bay.

It is about time for the American people to awake to the fact that the greatest fortunes of the present and future will be made in mining enterprises. A great mining boom is slowly but surely getting under way in the West and Northwest. Improvements bordering on the wonderful have been made in the construction and operation of mining machinery. Mines that resulted in loss twenty years ago, are today worked at great profit, and properties that were practically in the heart of a wilderness five years ago, are now well within the boundaries of civilization.

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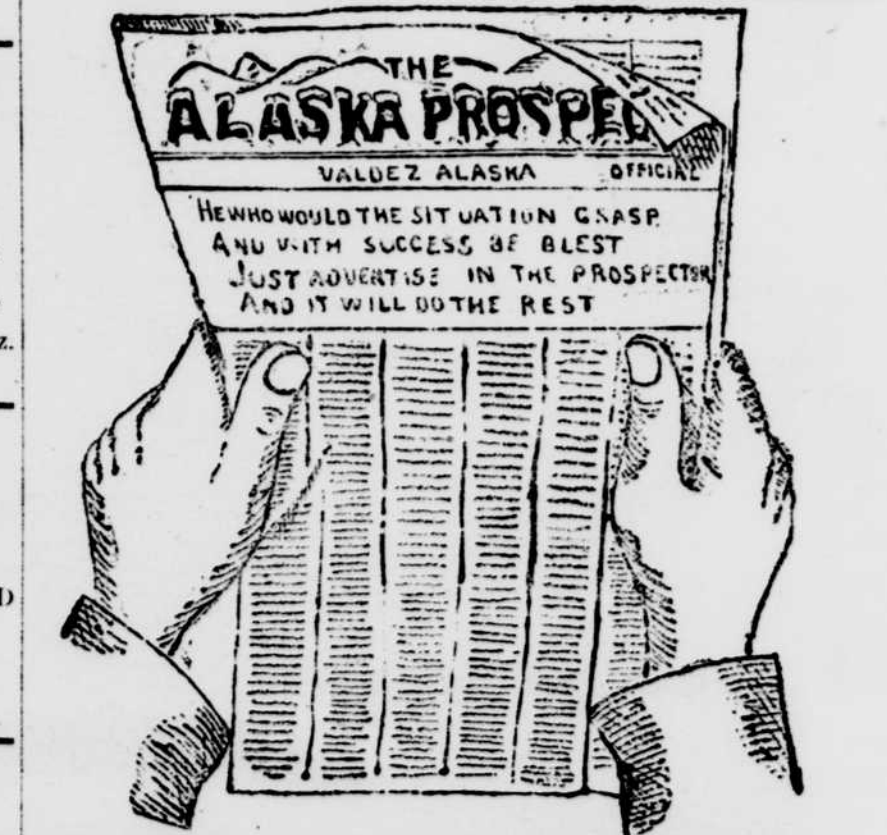
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