

## The Alaska Prospector.

Published at Valdez, Alaska, every Thursday morning by the PROSPECTOR PUBLISHING CO.

H. H. HILDRETH, QUILL PUSHER.  
W. H. CRARY, INK SLINGER.  
JOS. A. BOURKE, WALKING DELICATE.

**SUBSCRIPTION RATES.**  
One Year.....\$3.00  
Six Months.....2.00  
Three Months.....1.00  
Single Copy......10

**ADVERTISING RATES.**  
Single column, \$1.00 per inch per month.  
Larger ads in proportion.  
Professional cards \$2.00 per month.  
Local ads 10c per line for first insertion and 5c per line for each subsequent insertion.

Entered at the Valdez postoffice as second class matter.

**CITY GOVERNMENT.**  
MAYOR, J. L. STEELE  
COUNCILMEN,  
JAMES McHIE, D. S. OSGOOD,  
A. P. OLSON, ED. WOOD,  
C. N. CRARY,  
H. H. HILDRETH, CLERK,  
J. G. SNYDER, TREASURER,  
HON. J. W. LEEDY, CITY ATTORNEY,  
DR. A. VONGUTHER, HEALTH OFFICER.

ADAM SWAN, PRES. SCHOOL BOARD.  
GOVERNMENT OFFICERS,  
JOHN LYONS, U. S. COMMISSIONER,  
E. C. HASEY, DEPUTY U. S. MARSHAL,  
JOHN GODDELL,  
DEPUTY COLLECTOR CUSTOMS,  
C. N. CRARY, POSTMASTER.

VALDEZ, JUNE 12, 1902.

We believe that the Pacific Packing & Navigation Co., is making a serious mistake in not patronizing the Valdez Dock & Warehouse Co., by having its steamers land at their wharf. It does not seem right or proper that passengers should be landed from the steamers in a small boat onto a muddy beach, when there is a wharf at which they could be landed.

The people of Valdez endeavored for three years to induce the steamship companies to build a wharf here, but were unable to do so. A few months ago a few of our private citizens interested themselves in this matter, organized a company and finally completed a wharf that any ocean going vessel can land at. It is with great gratification that our merchants and citizens saw this wharf completed, and every steamship line running here, should patronize it. It is an enterprise owned and controlled by private parties, and in patronizing it, they really patronize the town of Valdez, by encouraging and helping one of its private enterprises.

The time has arrived when the steamship companies should do something for our town. It is true they have run lines of steamers here, but they have charged high freight and passenger rates, and have made vast sums of money. Not satisfied with this, one line, the Alaska Commercial Co., endeavored for many months to injure the town by starting an opposition town at Swanport, building a wharf there and urging their passengers to land at that place instead of here.

Now if these companies want to show their good will to the town, and their appreciation of past business, let them come to the front and help encourage our merchants and people by patronizing our industries and assisting us in establishing Valdez on a firm basis. Patronize our wharf; give our saw mill such rates that they can ship their lumber to the westward and compete with Seattle prices; give the merchants their goods as soon as possible after arriving in port, and help us in every possible way to induce the railroad to start from the town of Valdez. Give us good boats, good treatment and liberal rates.

THE people of Valdez should not defer the improvement of their property on the supposition that a railroad may not be built from this place. That is not the way to induce a railroad to start from

Valdez This is the only feasible place on the bay for a railroad to start from. It would be much more of an inducement for a railroad to build from this place if, when they come here they see well built houses, clean graded streets, painted buildings, telephone and telegraph lines, wharves, electric lights, and a general air of activity and prosperity, rather than a retrograde movement and a deferring of improvements and the settling down into a state of lethargy. It is a mistaken idea to wait and see what the railroad will do. Get in spend some money in improvements and that will help to make Valdez the starting point for the road.

THAT Senator A. G. Foster of Washington, is interested in Alaska legislation is shown by the following extract from a letter to the editor of the PROSPECTOR.

"The various Alaskan bills before Congress have received my attention from time to time. I feel that we have so many people in Alaska who are interested also directly or indirectly in Washington that it is right and proper to give attention to all the legislation that interests you. Therefore it has been a source of pleasure to me to endeavor to advance meritorious Alaskan legislation during this and previous sessions of Congress, and I assure you that I shall continue to do so in the future."

"I shall always be glad to hear from you with reference to the various matters in which your people are interested. Mr. Oscar Fish has been here for some time and has interested himself actively in all Alaskan matters and all Alaskan legislation."

THE people of Valdez will be glad to welcome Judge Wickersham and the other court officials to this place. This is the proper location for the seat of government for this division of the district and this fact will be realized when these officials arrive here if they do not already realize it. Judge Wickersham has made many friends in Alaska, and especially in Nome where he has occupied the bench for several months past, by his honesty, integrity and fidelity to his high office, as well as by his private life, and it will be with regret that the people of Nome part with him.

CONGRESSMAN Cushman has introduced a bill in congress to give the United States Commissioners at least \$2,000 a year, whether the fees of the office amount to that sum or not, but allowing them \$4,000 a year if the fees of the office amount to that sum. This insures every commissioner at least \$2,000 a year. Now some provision should be made to allow the deputy United States Marshals a regular salary. It is almost impossible for these officers in many places to make a living on the fees of their office without doing some grafting.

If it should prove that Alaska has paying oil deposits in addition to her other sources of wealth, this would round out the list of her attractions. There is no reason to discredit the reports of discoverers of mineral oil. With that, her splendid development will go forward at a still more rapid pace.

SENATOR Beveridge of Indiana has proven himself friendly toward Alaska by introducing a bill in the senate giving this district a delegate in congress. He will prove himself a real friend of Alaska if he will only follow up the bill and see to it that it becomes a law.

The United States revenue cutter Bear, Capt. Francis Tuttle, is again on her way to Alaska for the season's cruise of Bering Sea and the Arctic. Her repairs, occasioned by reason of injuries sustained in the vessel's grounding in Wrangel Narrows, completed, she left Morans' shipyard recently and put to sea.

On this voyage the Bear goes direct to Dutch Harbor, having abandoned the original plan for an inside passage.

## Production of Copper Increasing.

Production of copper in the United States shows a decided gain, the output for march being 24,045 long tons, which is greater than February's output by 3,704 tons, and 651 tons more than in March, 1901. For the quarter ending March 31, the total output—63,321 long tons—was less than that of last year by 3,432 tons, owing to the large decreases shown in January and February. The foreign reporting mines, on the other hand, showed an increase for the quarter of 3,762 tons, showing that the principal European mines, are forcing rather than curtailing their output.

The exports from the United States were 20,097 tons in March and for the quarter 51,232 tons, or considerably more than twice those of the first quarter of 1901, when the total was only 23,274 tons. Last year the copper exports were only 33.7 per cent. of the production, while this year they were 80.9 per cent.

## New Process for Smelting Copper.

News comes from Butte of a new process of smelting that is expected to enable even one per cent. ore to be mined at a profit. The inventor of the new process is a South Carolina man whose identity is not disclosed, but Herman C. Bellinger a well known metallurgist and smelter man, who made an examination and test of the invention, declares that by it ores that contain one per cent. copper can be smelted at a profit. The cost of smelting is about eight cents per pound of copper. By the new system the ore will be smelted with the heat contained within itself, and a little or no fuel and very little water will be necessary. Mr. Bellinger, who was formerly chief metallurgist for F. Augustus Heinze, is now engaged in building a smelting plant of his own near Victoria on Vancouver Island, and will install the new process there.—American Mining News.

## Advertised Letters.

The following is a list of uncalled-for letters remaining in the post-office at this place. If not called for in 30 days they will be sent to the dead letter office.

E G Mullen	Paul Nather
R White	Kittie Beattie
J Bird	Mrs E Cune
J Latham	E Holdrige
G Grant	H Hawkins
Cap F Marlatt	J Matumota

## Fox Island For Sale.

The well established fox ranch on Goose Island, Prince William sound, containing 880 acres, well timbered and good grazing ground for stock at all seasons. It is 3 miles from the mainland, is stocked with over 200 blue fox, has ten good buildings thereon and a good garden. Fish in abundance for fox feed. Terms low. Address M. L. Torstensen, or G. W. Donaldson, Ellamar, Alaska.

If you want to buy an outfit in the interior, or have goods delivered to any part of the district, or wish yourself taken to any part of the interior with guides, call on A. Holman.

**PATENTS PROMPTLY PROCURED** through my office, sold on commission basis. SEND FOR SUCCESSION LIST. Inventors, Manufacturers, Sellers and Users of patented articles deflected against infringers. Policy issued by one of the largest Trust Co's. Secure Further Particulars. OSCAR A. MICHEL, REGISTERED ATTORNEY, 229 BROADWAY, NEW YORK. MENTION THIS PAPER TO SECURE THE ABOVE PROMPTLY.

The time to advertise is all the time.

## Miners Hotel.

Furnished Rooms with Board if Desired. Comfortable Quarters, Light Airy Rooms.

MRS. JOHNSON,

## Professional Card.

L. K. RILEY, M. D.  
Physician and Surgeon  
VALDEZ,  
Office and Residence ALASKA  
215 Keystone Avenue.

GOO E L & EDWARDS  
Lawyers.

VALDEZ, ALASKA

FRED M. BROWN,  
Lawyer.

Mining and Land Laws,  
Specialties. 12 Years Experience in Mining and Land Laws.

VALDEZ, ALASKA

LEE & KELSEY,

Attorneys and Counselors.

KEYSTONE AVE. VALDEZ.

A. JUDSON ADAMS,

Civil Engineer and Surveyor.  
U. S. DEPUTY MINERAL AND LAND SURVEYOR.

Next door to Merchants Cafe.

H. H. Hildreth,

Notary Public and Conveyancer.

PROSPECTOR Office.

DR. ALEXANDER,

DENTIST.

at St. Elias Hotel.

B. F. MILLARD

Is Prepared to Examine, Take Options on and Purchase Mining Properties.

VALDES ABSTRACT & TITLE CO.

Complete abstracts of title to all mineral and other claims in the Valdez Mining district, including the Prince William Sound, Copper River, Chistuchina and the Chisna districts.

Abstracts Furnished to Valdez Town Lots.

Valdez, Alaska

Thos J. Coles

Carriage Making,  
Blacksmithing,  
General Jobbing

GLACIER ST. AND MCKINLEY AV.

## The Keystone

WINES, LIQUOR AND CIGARS. BEST QUALITY.

Hall Adjoining. Music.  
Cor. McKinley St. and Keystone Ave.

## The Steamship Santa Ana

New Modern Wooden Steam Ship, Electric Lighted and Steam Heated. Sails from ARLINGTON STREET DOCK, SEATTLE, on the 15th of each month, for

Sitka, Yakutat, Ellamar, Valdez

AND Iliamna.

The Santa Ana is under Contract with the government to make regular monthly trips by a schedule not exceeding Seven Days between Seattle and Valdez, thus affording Quick, Safe and Comfortable service.

SAILING DATES:  
Leave Seattle on the 15th of each month northbound.  
Leave Valdez on the 2nd of each month southbound.

FOR FREIGHT AND PASSENGER RATES APPLY TO

FISH BROS, Agents.



## A VALUABLE ALASKA NUGGET

Is the PROSPECTOR. Sample copies will be sent to any address

## FREE UPON APPLICATION.

The ALASKA PROSPECTOR gives all the news of this rich district from Unalaska to the Yukon. Subscription, \$3.00 per year.

THE PROSPECTOR VALDEZ, ALASKA.



## DGARF & MACKINTOSH.

## Blacksmith Shop.

All Kinds of Iron or Steel Work Done in the Best Manner.  
HORSESHOEING SLEDS

RAW FURS AND DEER SKINS  
SHIP TO  
McMILLAN FUR & WOOL CO.  
EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS.  
200-212 First Ave. North, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Write for Our Circular and See the Prices We Pay.

J. J. YAKSHAW,  
Valdez Sheet Metal and Plumbing Shop.

Metal Work of all Kinds. Camp Stoves and Air Tight Heaters.  
CORNER GLACIER ST. AND MCKINLEY AVE.