

ALASKA SHIPPING

Must be Cleared from all Ports Hereafter. Statistics on Volume of Trade.

The officers of the Alaska and Puget Sound customs districts have received orders which will require them to keep a record of all goods shipped from and to Alaska, as to amounts, classification and value.

Collector Jarvis, who is in Skagway, says the orders were issued in accordance with the act of Congress passed April 29, providing for the procurement of shipping statistics concerning the non-contiguous territories of the United States. The regulations apply to Hawaii, Porto Rico and Guam, as well as Alaska, and when the Philippines shall cease to be governed by the military, it will be extended to them.

There is no other purpose for the orders than the desire for the statistical information.

Under the order, Alaska people shipping to Seattle or other American ports south of Alaska, or those shipping to Alaska ports from other American ports will be required to furnish the custom house with a manifest, just as if it were going foreign. There will be no charges collected by the customs people.

For instance, if a merchant, or for that matter, any other person desires to send goods of any description to Seattle, he must get a shipper's manifest of the custom officer, by stating what the shipment consists of and its value.

The customs officers are required to make monthly reports of the statistics, which it is said will be furnished for publication. In other words, for statistical purposes the non-contiguous territory of the United States will hereafter, according to the act, be treated the same as if they were foreign countries. Record of all trade between the countries, stating the amount and value, will be made at the customs offices at the ports from which this class of traffic enters or clears.

Deputy Collector of Customs Goodell of this place has received orders from headquarters in regard to this matter, and hereafter manifests will have to be made out and accompany the shipping receipt given to the purser of the vessel.

THE COLUMBIA GLACIER.

One of the Grandest Glaciers in Alaska. Discovered by the Harriman Party in 1899.

The beautiful glacier situated in Glacier bay just outside the Valdez Narrows, to which excursions will be run this summer from this place, is one of the grandest and most beautiful glaciers in Alaska, rivaling in grandeur the famous Muir glacier of Southeastern Alaska. It was discovered by the Harriman party in June 1899 and named the Columbia glacier in honor of Columbia College of New York city. Columbia glacier is four and a half miles wide and over 500 feet high. The roar from the hundreds of water falls and the constant breaking off of immense bodies of ice makes a noise that can be heard for ten miles distant.

A few miles beyond the Columbia glacier is another beautiful glacier also discovered by the Harriman party and named by them the Harriman glacier in honor of Mr. Harriman. This latter glacier is located on an arm of the sea that was also discovered by the Harriman party. This body of water extends forty miles inland but does not appear on any of the maps or charts of the country.

Information Wanted.

The minister of the Netherlands at Washington wishes to know the whereabouts of one Martinus Bol. Anyone knowing his whereabouts is requested to communicate with Governor Brady at Sitka.

If you have anything for sale or trade list it with the Copper River Mining, Trading & Development Co.

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It is a perfectly safe proposition to observe the exact letter of the law in making a mining location. Certain special contingencies may make it proper to deviate from the letter of the law while observing the spirit of it. That is your view of it. It is ours, also. But we have always observed that it is never the view the third man's lawyer takes of it. He does not know your view or our view. He knows the letter of the statute though; so you had better conform to it and let the other man's lawyer do the wrestling with the spirit.

One certificate of annual assessment work will answer for the recording of the work done on a group of claims. The certificate should mention specifically the claims by name, the amount of work done, where it was done, the nature of it and its relation to the development of claims for which it was done. The last is not a requirement of law, but properly done it will tend to prevent jumping disputes.

The revised statutes do not in express terms require discovery as a prerequisite to location, and it has been held in California and by courts in other States in effect that none is necessary, but under the provisions of Sec. 2319 it does not appear how the character of mineral ground can be determined in any other way than by discovery.

A river bed alongside of a bar rich in placer gold is not likely to be equally productive. The bar was the situs of the original channel of the stream, through a many times longer period than the existing channel represents. The latter, relatively, represents only a temporary diversion from the old channel situs. Conversely, the existing bed of a stream, if rich in gold, is evidence that the bars lying closely alongside are comparatively or even absolutely barren. High bars may be equally as rich as the present stream channel under such conditions. These statements are broad generalizations, but observation will confirm them, and they are safe to use in estimating the commercial value of untried placer ground along side of rich worked ground.

Horse Trading.

In the rush on Monday there was a great demand for horses and every one available was purchased till only one remained. That one still remains.

One man hired it for the season at a given price; later on another man offered four times the price and he was told he could have it. A little later the last man decided that he could travel faster without a horse so he did not close the bargain. The offer then reverted to the first man. He, by this time, had decided to go light and without a horse, so that left the horse on the hands of the owner. Soon a speculator appeared and took an option on the animal, which he holds at \$200. The horse is still in town and no one left to take it.

Moral. If you have not got the price of a trotter dont buy him.

The Main Guy is Gone.

In the rush to the new discoveries on Monday night Mr. William Henry Cray, one of the main guys of this office disappeared. We have always treated him with kind consideration and have given unto him that which was coming to him. We can assign no reason for his quitting other than that he was taken with the gold fever and there is no disease that will carry a man off as quickly. In this case he was not carried off but went off and oh how quickly, poor fellow. In an hour after the fever struck him he was gone. He had when he started to much in, a light blanket, four bits and a pair of overalls. We could put up with his departure only that he took with him Mayor Steele and Vic Marion, two of our cash subscribers.

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