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"ALASKA DAYS WITH JOHN MUIR."

The Daily Times is in receipt of a very interesting and attractively printed book on "Alaska Days With John Muir." The author is our former townsman, Rev. S. Hall Young, an Alaska pioneer and for many years superintendent of Presbyterian missions in this Territory. As the title of the book would indicate, it is an account of Dr. Young's associations with the great naturalist. The book should have a place in all Alaska libraries. The descriptions are by one whose knowledge of Alaska is thorough and whose graphic pen is directed by a scholarly mind. But, above all, is the intimate view the reader gets of one of the greatest, if, indeed, not the greatest of the Pacific Coast's naturalists.

Dr. Young came to Alaska in 1878, and the "Days" of which he writes are those of the following two years when he and John Muir explored the mountains and inlets of Alaska's Southeastern coast. Muir Glacier got its name from what John Muir wrote about it following their visit to it.

"Alaska Days With John Muir" is from the publishing house of Fleming H. Revell, of New York and Chicago. It is neatly printed and bound. It contains 226 pages and is sold for one dollar.

UPBUILDING OUR MERCHANT MARINE.

The editor of the Marine News of New York city proposes for the advancement of the American merchant marine:

1. Graduated pay for ships of two classes for carrying the mails under government contract according to a modification of a law enacted 24 years ago. This would take care of ships on regular lines.

2. Return to the early preferential policy of import duties and tonnage dues favorable to American shipping. The re-application of that old preferential policy in the manner of the ante-bellum days would meet the requirements of American tramp steamers.

He believes in privately owned American steamers rather than government owned lines.

This is one of several suggestions made to hoist the U. S. merchant marine into international respectability. But there is doubt if there is medicine strong enough to do this as long as the LaFollette law is in force. That law, it now appears certain, must be modified, though it was enacted with the good intention of benefiting American seamen. It will not benefit them if it removes them from employment.

The middle west has formed a league to promote the building of a merchant marine and perhaps its first act will be to scuttle Senator LaFollette.

Barbers are coming back into their own. They are serving as surgeons in Russia. Probably after amputating a leg the barber says unctuously, as is the habit of the craft, "have it shinged?"

Photographs of the lynched Leo M. Frank are in tremendous demand for Georgia parlor albums. Perfectly natural that the citizens who have lived through an achievement of such moment should desire to leave to posterity visual evidence of it.

According to an interview published on the Pacific coast Isaac Guggenheim, head of the family that is so largely interested in Alaska the Copper River & Northwestern railway will be extended to the Bering river coal fields just as soon as the government allows that fuel to be mined.

The trouble that the freighters are experiencing in taking a cargo of copper concentrates from Prince William Sound to Tacoma emphasizes the necessity of establishing a smelter at Cordova, where these concentrates can be brought on scows at little cost and also avoid the danger of damage or loss to the big boats, on account of this cargo shifting while in transit.

Cordovans learned with regret of the accident which yesterday befell the steamer Admiral Watson in the Seattle harbor. While the vessel was run into and sunk by another boat it is gratifying to know that the Watson has been raised and as soon as repaired will again be on this run. The Pacific-Alaska Company has also decided to add the Admiral Farragut to its line of steamers to Southwestern Alaska.

The Georgia vernacular is receiving wide dissemination. Ex-Governor Slaton talks on the enforcement of law; the mayor of Atlanta apologizes for the mob. The mayor warns the ex-governor to stay away from home; the ex-governor says he expects to return on the date provided for in his tourist ticket, namely September 15, and again excoriates Georgia for violation of law. The mayor of Atlanta, even if he were correct in assuming that Frank was guilty, is altogether wrong in condoning his lynching. He is pandering to the mob spirit and inviting trouble when he warns Slaton to stay away. But the public is enjoying the controversy, as it is throwing additional light on the Georgia state of mind, which it may be said without offense, because it is true, is vacuous in a few places.

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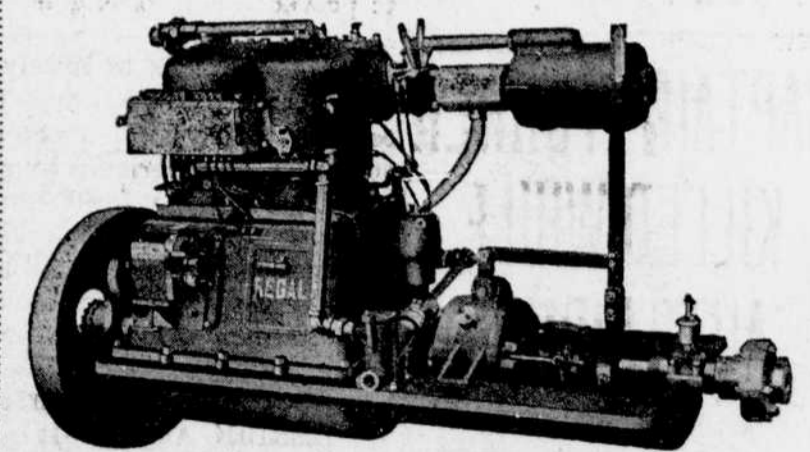
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