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WATCH SEWARD GROW

Believers in the future of Seward have steadily predicted great progress in its growth next year when the railroad line will be reaching into the interior, making the resources of that region so accessible that development will expand on a vast scale, and bringing travel to and from the Tanana through this port, but the most sanguine had expected that the town would do little more than hold its own during the winter. Instead its growth is continuously more rapid. The town is increasing in population and business in geometrical ratio.

More buildings have been erected in the last ninety days than in any six previous months of Seward's existence. The long continuance of mild weather has made this possible, but even now, with the possibility of the advent of deep snow and freezing weather at any day, new buildings are started every week. Since the first of the present month work has begun upon three large business blocks, while the new houses are too numerous to mention.

Anybody who dreams that there is nothing doing in Seward except the handling of railroad material by longshoremen is invited to investigate.

It is kind in the ear to grant an eight hour day to the starving peasants of Southern Russia. He doesn't offer them food but gives them less exercise in order to curb their appetites.

The Seward Cablegram boasts that several steamers take water in that port. "They don't need to go so far. It has been raining in Seward for two weeks."

The fellows who advertised a big slaughter of Jews in St. Petersburg last Sunday failed to come through with the show.

The St. Petersburg Jew-baiters sniffed trouble when they heard that the Hebrew brethren were going to use ammonia bottles as squirt guns.

If a few more railroads build to Seward there will soon be no land left for farming purposes in that region.

The Russian revolutionists still have the ear looking at his hole card.

WICKERSHAM TO HOLD HIS PLACE

By Cable to the Daily Gateway

Washington, D. C., Nov. 11—Judge Wickersham will be reappointed, and his name will be sent to the Senate again by President Roosevelt as soon as Congress meets in December. The President is reported to be determined to stand by the judge, and his confirmation is expected. A majority of the judiciary committee of the senate is for him.

Judge Wickersham may be asked to go to Washington to answer questions to be propounded by Senator Nelson of Minnesota, who is his chief opponent. Senator Nelson claims that when the senatorial party was in Alaska in 1903 Judge Wickersham induced them to frame a bill and introduce it into the Senate providing for division of the Third judicial district, and then afterward went before the House judiciary committee and told the members that division was unnecessary.

This is denied by Judge Wickersham, who says that what he told the House committee was that he could easily try all the cases in the district, but that he went on and explained that because of the unwieldy size of the district and the difficulty of intercommunication between its portions it was highly important that another judge should be appointed and the district divided.

The Alaska Packers Association has paid 141 consecutive dividends, aggregating \$5,469,281.75, since its organization in 1897.

ALASKA OFFERS MANY CHANCES

The industrial bureau of the Alaska Central Railway Company is now actively at work getting out descriptive matter for general circulation in order to attract immigration. A great deal of press matter is also going into the big newspapers of the country and is attracting much attention. Seward and the country to be traversed by the Alaska Central railroad are constantly becoming better known. Among the points which the bureau is impressing upon the public are the following:

Seward and Central Alaska offer opportunities equal to any which may be found in any part of North America.

The Alaska Central Railway is opening a virgin country as large as all of New England, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky and Tennessee combined.

This vast new territory carries deposits of gold, copper, coal and other minerals on both sides of the Alaska Central route, and in close proximity to it, which soon will be giving employment to thousands of miners, and make Seward one of the most active centers of distribution on the Pacific coast.

The climate is just as favorable to habitation, to vigorous, robust manhood, as the climate of Southern Norway or of Scotland.

The soil produces nearly every kind of hardy vegetation that can be grown in Wisconsin or Minnesota, as experiment has shown.

Some of the specific opportunities are:

Gardens and stock farms along the line of the Alaska Central Railway to supply the miners and railroad laborers who are coming and will continue to come in increasing numbers.

Prospectors and miners of every kind in any number to work the vast mineral deposits unclaimed, in the area tributary to the railway.

Stockgrowers to make use of the great stretches of blue stem and red top grasses that yield in Central Alaska several tons per acre.

Sawmills will find a rapidly increasing demand for native lumber. Extensive forests of spruce and other valuable woods lie along the railroad route, and with the extension of the line towns will spring up which will require great quantities of lumber for building, while the similar needs of farmers and miners will constantly expand.

Factories could be established in Seward the coming spring and find a rapidly widening market for their output. The product of a furniture manufactory and an iron foundry would be in steady demand. The latter especially, would secure a growing market in supplying pipe and fixtures for the hydraulic mines, already numerous and increasing in numbers in the region which the railroad will traverse, and which now are compelled to send to Puget Sound for all but the most ordinary repairs.

Seward is growing so rapidly that its hotel capacity is constantly overtaxed. One hotel is building an addition and the other will build in the spring. At both houses and in all rooming houses nearly every room is taken by a regular lodger, and whenever a boat comes in from Seattle applicants for rooms are turned away by both hotels and are compelled to hunt about town for a place to stay in some lodginghouse, often visiting several before finding a vacant room.

LAYING PIPE RAPIDLY

Butler & Company have 1600 feet of pipe laid on their line up Lowell creek to generate electrical power for their new plant at the foot of Jefferson street. The men are working steadily and as the most difficult part is done the entire line should be completed in ten days, barring accidents.

The pipe line is to be 7190 feet long, from the powerhouse. Above the pipe line a few hundred feet of flume will be laid to the point where the water is to be diverted from Lowell creek. At the lower end the pipe is 11 inches in diameter. The next section is 12 inches and the tubing is graduated, 13, 14, 15 and 16 inches. Each section above the 11-inch link is 1250 feet long. By the gradual reduction in diameter of the pipe increased pressure is obtained.

Steamship Oregon is due this morning from Seattle with 119 men for the railroad and a general cargo, including steel.

CHANGE PLANS FOR EXPOSITION

By Cable to the Daily Gateway

Seattle, Nov. 11—The directors of the Alaska-Yukon exposition decided yesterday to make the fair a general northwestern event, to include not only Alaska and British Yukon, but the Pacific states, all the Northwest territory and British Columbia, and that part of Asia adjacent to Alaska. The original purely Alaska idea was dropped.

This change of program was adopted in order to enlarge the scope of the exposition and to avoid jealousies which might arise from holding the fair in Seattle, and the inclusion of only the Klondike out of the whole British Northwest.

A telegram was received from the American consular agent at Dawson, conveying greetings from the Yukon commissioners and expressing regret at their inability to arrive in time to participate in the organization.

Godfrey Chealander stated that all the regions of Alaska which he visited in the interest of the exposition in his recent trip to the territory were enthusiastic over the project. John H. Hughes of Fairbanks assured the directors that the Tanana would give active support to the exposition. Col. W. T. Perkins vouched for the backing of Nome and Seward peninsula.

J. E. Chilberg is being considered for president of the exposition.

NOME MEN TURN EYES TO SEWARD

"Quite a number of Nome prospectors will come to Seward this winter to exploit the mineral resources contiguous to this town," said L. F. Shaw, a recent Nome arrival, soon after he came.

"The Nome country," continued Mr. Shaw, "is undoubtedly a wonderful placer field, but the individual miner is fast giving way to the large corporate operators, and the rocker and hand sluicing method is yielding to the hydraulic mode of mining."

"The hardy prospector, with no resource other than a beaver, determined spirit, must seek pastures new, and his attention is naturally drawn to this section by reason of the Alaska Central railroad, which will open up to him an inviting field, known to contain valuable mineral deposits, which have hitherto lain dormant for lack of transportation facilities."

"Another thing that has a tendency to disgust the legitimate miner with the Nome district, is the uncertainty of titles to the claims, due primarily to our absurd mining laws. No sooner does a miner make a rich strike than his troubles begin. He meets almost endless expensive litigation, which results in leaving him broke, both in money and spirit."

"The natural resources of this country,—timber and game,—are such as to greatly assist the prospector. It requires very little money for a 'grubstake' here. Nature has been bounteous in this regard. Another advantageous thing is all winter communication with the outside and better mail facilities."

"From the knowledge that I have gained from many inquiries regarding southwestern Alaska, I am frank to say that I believe the prospector will make no mistake in casting his fortunes in this section of Alaska."

OPPOSE GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF RATES

By Cable to the Daily Gateway

Washington, D. C., Nov. 15—Representatives of all the union orders of railroad employes met here today. It is expected that they will take a stand against the Esch-Townsend railroad rate bill which was passed by the last House and will be introduced into the present Congress, and which has the support of President Roosevelt.

The bill proposes to give to the interstate commerce commission power to regulate railroad freight rates. The railroad men at the convention say that this is antagonistic to their interests as it would probably have the result of reducing the wages of railroad employes.

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BUILD CHURCH IN PLACE OF TENT

Before Sunday the Methodist tent will be the Methodist church. All the men who can work upon it are engaged in making a comfortable frame structure over the flooring of the tent, and they expect to finish the job by tomorrow evening.

Early in the week it was decided that the tent must be made warmer and given a roof which could bear a heavy weight of snow. While plans for the improvements were being formulated Dr. Sleem suggested that the society ought to have a complete frame structure, and took upon himself the task of raising the funds. Several carpenters volunteered to do the work without compensation and for two days they have been busy.

PETROLEUM IN ALASKA

By Cable to the Daily Gateway

Washington, D. C., Nov. 15—The annual geological survey report states that the past year's investigations have shown that valuable petroleum fields undoubtedly exist at Coal bay, Copper river, Cape Yakataga and Controller bay in Alaska.

The report describes the seepage of oil in all those regions to be strong, indicating the existence of petroleum in large quantities. Wherever the oil veins have been tapped a big flow has been secured, and gas bubbles show strong indications of both oil and gas.

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