

LOCAL NEWS

EAGLE MEMORIAL NOTICE. All members of E. O. E. requested to meet at the Eagle Hall, 7:30 p. m. Sunday, to attend services at the Federated Church, 8 p. m. N. W. LEWIS, President

TOUGH MAN ON THE TRAIL RETURNS TO NOME

Herbert Spencer, old time resident of Nome has returned from his winter trip to Old Woman Mountain. It will be remembered by our readers that Spencer is the one of the grueling trip from Nome to Unalakleet during the storm period that caught Geo. Cahill. At this time he was felled by the storm and without any fire except a candle and a thin blanket thrown over his shoulders, he spent a night in a cabin along the trail.

Spencer left Nome early in the winter on foot pulling a sled containing his personal effects and hunched the entire distance to Old Woman Mountain. At this place he hunted and trapped but finding returns too meagre started on his return trip to Nome, arriving May 5th. From Nome to Old Woman Mountain the trip took 2 weeks but the return was made in ten days. Few men would care to undertake a similar trip and but few would be able to accomplish it alive.

ESKIMO ARRESTED FOR UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF DUCKS

Mr. Shovry, an Eskimo of the Sand Spit, was arrested by Game Warden John Hancock last Wednesday morning for possessing and attempting to sell Elder ducks. The native appeared on the streets of Nome with a sled load of the contraband birds, which he proceeded to dispose of.

Pursuant to the duties devolving upon him Mr. Hancock entered a complaint with the result that the native was taken in charge by the U. S. Marshal and brought before U. S. Commissioner Chas. Thornton. District Attorney Harrison appeared for the government and Hugh O'Neill, who volunteered his services, defended the prisoner.

As both the Commissioner and the other representatives of the law

looked upon the offense thru libers allows the prisoner was given a reprimand and told to go and sin no more.

It is fully realized by all Alaskans that the present prohibition against killing water fowls is unjust and should be remedied, however, the law exists and it is the duty of the officers to discourage any and all violations. The open season is Sept. 1st to Dec. 15th.

PASSES AWAY WITHOUT REGAINING CONSCIOUSNESS

D. Kleinstrink (Steam Shovel Dick) the well known old time miner of the Nome District passed into the great beyond last Tuesday night without having once regained consciousness. Dick was found in an unconscious paralyzed condition in his cabin May 1st, after having been missed from his usual haunts.

At the time of his discovery in this condition the Chairman of the Nome Health and Relief committee, R. B. Julian and Dr. Welch were notified and immediately made an investigation of the unconscious body and residence. Dick was taken to the Columbus Maynard Hospital and lingered until May 9th. The only sign that the man could make was a faint flickering of one eyelid.

The personal effects of Dick were taken in charge by Mr. Julian and sufficient money was found to pay the hospital fees and provide a decent funeral.

Having been a member of the Pioneers of Alaska that organization will take charge of the funeral which will be held Sunday May 14th at the Federated Church, Rev. Rich and Decker officiating.

All friends of the deceased are requested to be present and accompany the body to its final resting place on Belmont Point. D. Kleinstrink was born in Utrecht, Holland, April 13th, 1860, and was a boatman by profession. He first came to Rampart, Alaska July 1st, 1888 and from there to Nome in 1900. By occupation he was a miner and followed that line of endeavor until his death.

SNAKE RIVER HARBOR TO BE DREDGED WITH SECTION DREDGE, SAYS KEENAN

After all the bids were submitted and opened it was found that J. J. Keenan was the lowest bidder for the dredging of the Snake River Harbor. Mr. Keenan and W. J. Rowe made the only bids received, that of Keenan being \$2.14 per cubic yard while that of Rowe was one cent higher, namely, \$2.15. According to the method of procedure the contract was accordingly awarded to Mr. Keenan.

Upon being interviewed Mr. Keenan stated that he in conjunction with W. M. Wyther and L. Smeder have formed a partnership and will be equipped, ready for operation, by July 15th. This partnership will install a suction dredge, which is now being rigged for that purpose.

Wyther and Smeder are now on the outside and have purchased the necessary machinery to complete the dredge. The boat part will consist of a large barge which has been purchased from the Nome Lighterage Company and is now on the company ways on the Spit. Electric power will be employed, using the Alaska Power current for that purpose. Mr. Kohanek of the power company is now installing the necessary line and transformers at the harbor mouth.

Pumps, motors and pipe lines that will be used on the boat have already been hauled into town and by the time the first boat arrives, with the remaining equipment, the dredge will be launched and ready for the final installations.

The amount of ground to be removed will aggregate 7000 cubic yards with the possibility of further varying.

Mr. Keenan stated that after the completion of the present contract the entire dredge and equipment will be for sale to the city of Nome or the government. As it may be necessary to frequently dredge the channel, thru obstructions built up by storms, it will be advisable to have a dredge available to accomplish the work.

A contract has been let to the Lighterage Company for hauling the boat from the river to the Spit and three place her in winter quarters. The contract also provided for spring launching. Mr. Keenan states that in one day's time the ladder and other parts can be removed and the boat placed in her land or winter quarters.

THE TRUE SITUATION RELATING TO PURCHASE OF SEWARD PENINSULA R. R.

Thru the courtesy of A. G. Blake we are able to give the Nome public a statement of conditions relative to the proposed purchase of the Seward Peninsula Railroad.

Various surmises have been rife in the community why the authorized purchase was not accomplished by our Territorial officials. Some who knew better even went so far as to condemn officials for malfeasance in office. The defective title, while it exists, is not the crux that prevents present acquisition. At the time the road was sold to Lindenberg, Nome was given to understand that the purchase was made thru purely altruistic spirit and that as soon as the Territory was able to acquire the road it would be sold at the original purchase price which was about \$10,000.00.

The Territory however, appraised the road at a higher price and signified its willingness to pay a bonus of 100 per cent on the original purchase price. It is the opinion of Nomelites who were in Juneau during the negotiations and later in the States, while further negotiations were in progress, that if the Pioneer Mining Company, or its representatives, do not act soon the road will not be purchased this year and perhaps not at all.

Following are excerpts from the letter signed by Territorial Attorney General John Rustgard:

It is evident that considerable misinformation has been assiduously circulated concerning the purchase of the Seward Peninsula Railroad by the Alaska Road Commission pursuant to Chapter 29 of the Laws of 1921. The facts are these: The road may be purchased by "The Federal Board of Road Commissioners of Alaska" meaning evidently the Alaska Road Commission, with the consent and approval of the Territorial Board of Road Commissioners.

Col. Steese as chairman of the Alaska Road Commission reported that the road in question was worth \$15,000 and no more, and recommended that no more be paid. Major Gotwals, one of the officers of the Alaska Road Commission, subsequently and after Mr. Frawley arrived in Juneau, addressed a letter to the Territorial Board of Road Commissioners stating that he estimated the road worth \$20,000, but no more.

The Territorial Board of Road Commissioners held a meeting. One of the members voted to pay \$15,000 for the road provided the funds could be raised. In other words, a majority of the Territorial Board pay \$20,000, or rather to furnish to the Alaska Road Commission the sum of \$20,000 for the purchase of the road.

Subsequently a meeting was held by the directors of the Pioneer Company in San Francisco at which meeting a resolution was passed to sell the road for \$20,000, but for nothing less.

It is obvious that the question of title has had nothing to do with the failure of the Alaska Road Commission to purchase the railroad. My connection with the transaction has been as follows, not otherwise: When I was in Washington I received a wire to look up the records of the railroad in the Department of the Interior, which I did. I afterwards received a telegram to stop in San Francisco, and investigate the title documents in the possession of the Pioneer Company and Mr. Frawley at that place, which I did. Neither in Washington nor in San Francisco could I get any satisfactory evidence of ownership of the railroad, but was informed by Mr. Frawley that all details in regard to title would be furnished me by Mr. W. H. Gorham of Seattle who was attorney for a Boston company in foreclosing a mortgage on the road and in taking judgment against the road in Nome.

At the time I passed through Seattle I called on Mr. Gorham who made an oral statement as to the title, but he had no records by which I could check the correctness of his or anybody else's statements. Nevertheless, after my return to Juneau and after the deal had fallen through I made a report as to what I had found in regard to the title and stated in substance and effect that I could not pass on the title until I had been given an opportunity to examine either original records in Nome or certified copies of those records. This I did for two reasons: first for the purpose of making a permanent memorandum of the facts which I had found, and second, for the purpose of showing what was necessary in order to pass upon the title in event the negotia-

tions for the purchase of the road should again be taken up in the future.

I was informed by letter from the Road Commission that it would be unnecessary for me to investigate the title any further.

NEW RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR NOME STATION

At the regular meeting of the Nome Common Council, held last Monday May 8th, all members were present, enabling a complete organization to be effected. At the previous meeting two members were absent delaying the new organization incident to a change in the personnel of the body.

The annual report of the City Clerk showed that on April 20th the balance in the city treasury amounted to \$6,375.62.

A resolution was presented fixing the compensation of the City Clerk City Treasurer, Attorney and other city officials.

Another resolution was presented appointing all members of the council and fire department ex-officio policemen.

James Haughey was appointed chief of the Fire department, with power to employ and discharge employees of the department. Bonds were fixed for city clerk and city treasurer. Clerk Grinnam being under bond of \$5,000 while C. C. Crooks, city treasurer, functions under a bond of \$10,000.

John Hancock had been appointed School Tax Collector for the unincorporated districts of the Second Division by Governor Scott C. Bond and appeared before the Council asking that he be appointed the School Tax Collector for the City of Nome. The body favorably considered his petition and placed his bond at \$2,500.

Under the head of new business telegrams were read from Captain Persons of Seattle, of the United States Signal Corps in which it was shown that the government contemplates the installation of a high power station at Nome. The present station will be overhauled and modern equipment will replace the present equipment. As the government realizes the necessity of more high power stations in Alaska, more particularly in Nome due to our proximity to Siberia and Japan. The Nome station will be so rehabilitated that the sending radius will be increased many fold, enabling this point to communicate with far distant stations.

Following the proper procedure, Captain Persons sent his wires of inquiry to Mayor Geo. S. Maynard, and immediate action was taken and results obtained without delay.

Captain Persons states in his first wire: "Washington is sending a specially qualified Signal Corps Officer to Alaska this summer to install modern equipment at radio station, Nome being one of most important. Rehabilitation of Nome station may be prevented or delayed if the government is required to furnish the meter and construct line for current. The Signal Corps has agreed to furnish and install transformers and other necessary apparatus in the station, but it seems unfair to require it to stand cost of meter and line in view of the large increased consumption of power which probably will amount to one hundred and fifty or two hundred dollars per month. As station is for the benefit of the public it is believed that an exception to the general rule should be made, please advise."

Mayor Maynard immediately interviewed O. S. Weaver, manager of the Alaska Industrial Mining & Power Co. and sent the following reply to Capt. Persons: "After interview with officials of power company they will agree to install power line and meter. If the power company can be assured of at least one hundred fifty per cent."

In answer to the above telegram Captain Persons replied: "Find it impracticable to guarantee one hundred fifty per cent but if company will run line and install meter and it develops after a few months use, does not average one hundred fifty Signal Corps will pay for construction of line and meter. Please take up with company and wire results. Eject officer and equipment on first violation."

Mayor Maynard presented the telegram to Mr. Weaver, who accepted the conditions therein stated, therefore the Mayor sent the following wire: "Your wire May first regarding guarantee meets with approval power company. Your proposition has been accepted."

Since the last reply was sent to Captain Persons the power company has been advised that their acceptance has been received and that the

government plans will be carried out.

Carrying out the Territorial school law, W. A. Baldwin, Secretary of the Nome School Board, submitted a report of his board. This report covered a period of three months, and due to misinformation given the secretary should have been one covering one month only, in detail.

As the present statement was faulty in the matter of signature the City Clerk was instructed to inform the Secretary of the School Board to sign in the required manner.

R. B. Julian, chairman of the Health and Relief Committee made a report covering his activities relative to the finding of the body of D. Kleinstrink. Mr. Julian was complimented by the mayor for the manner in which he had acted.

Relief was also given an indigent woman who had applied for assistance.

J. Chas. Carey, chairman of the streets and light committee, reported that numerous persons had come to him with complaints regarding overflow conditions. Mr. Carey made a personal investigation of all complaints registered and where possible saw that conditions were

relieved. - Due to the unfavorable weather, freezing temperature each night, little can be accomplished with the various drains and until warmer weather arrives considerable inconvenience may be experienced by property owners. Mr. Carey has shown his alertness by being on the job continually.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the people of Seward Peninsula for the endorsement given me at the Primary Election. My endeavor has been at all times to represent the best interests of the Territory, and with your support will continue to do my duty.

DAN SUTHERLAND, Delegate From Alaska, Dated Seattle, Wash., May 10, 1928.

SPECIAL - Chicken Dinner at Bahk's Restaurant, every Sunday.

HERRING FOR DOG FEED Sets per pound. See Wm. CAMERON

NOTICE We have just killed two pigs and will serve fresh killed pork Sunday. M I L O ' S C A F E

Late News Flashes

SENATOR BURSUM INTRODUCES SUBSTITUTE BONUS BILL

WASHINGTON May 13—Senator Bursum yesterday introduced a substitute for the pending Soldiers' Bonus Bill. Bursum's bill follows the general outlines of the McCumber Bill, but provides immediate payment of 50 per cent of the adjusted compensation. Certificates of indebtedness will also be issued and will bear 3 1/2 per cent interest, due September 30th, 1927. Unpaid balance of the remainder due the veterans will be covered by certificates of indebtedness payable Sept. 30th, 1927, drawing interest of 3 1/2 per cent from October 1st next.

BILL READJUSTING PAY OF SERVICE MEN PASSES HOUSE

WASHINGTON, May 12—The McKensie Bill, readjusting pay allowance of the commissioned and enlisted personnel of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Geodetic Survey and Public Health Service, was last night passed by the House.

BENEFIT FOR DISABLED SOLDIERS PRESENTS FEATURE NUMBERS

San Francisco, May 13—A novel feature benefit will be staged here May 18th, for the benefit of disabled veterans of the world war. A light show, sponsored by Mrs. Daniel C. Jackling, wife of the mining magnate, with pretty girls as ushers will be given in the Civic Auditorium here on the above date and will be for the benefit of the soldiers who at this time hold their annual convention of Disabled American Veterans of the World War.

HARRISON NARCOTIC ACT AMENDED TO PROHIBIT IMPORTATION

WASHINGTON May 13—The Harrison Act, regulating the use and purchase of drugs and narcotics, was amended in a measure prohibiting importation of drugs and narcotics into the United States or territories. This penal provision of the amendment provides a fine of \$5,000 or ten years imprisonment.

SON OF DECEASED FINANCIER LEFT MILLIONS

MINNEOLA, N. Y., May 13—Assemblyman T. Trubee Davison, of Nassau County, was left a fortune amounting to \$4,500,000, according to the terms of the will left by his father Henry Davison, former partner of Moran.

CONFESS THEFT OF \$600,000

SAYANNAH, Ga., May 13—John Vardeman and his wife Bertha were arrested and confessed that they had robbed the Chase National Bank of New York of Liberty Bonds valued at half a million dollars.

BAIN ENROUTE TO MATANUSKA COAL FIELDS.

SEATTLE, May 13—Bain, Director of the Bureau of Mines, arrived in Seattle Monday enroute to the Matanuska coal fields.

PORTUGUESE AIRMEN FALL INTO SEA TRANS-ATLANTIC FLIGHT

LISBON May 13—Portuguese airmen Counts Ibo and Sacadura, who attempted to complete their trans-atlantic flight yesterday, fell into the sea between St. Paul Rock and Fernando Noronha, about 500 miles N. E. of the Brazilian coast. Fortunately for the airmen they were rescued by the British steamer, City of Paris.

FRENCH PUG KNOCKS OUT BRITISH CHAMPION

LONDON May 13—George Carpenter knocked out Ted Lewis, British champion, in the first round last night. The round lasted two minutes and fifteen seconds and Lewis took the count. This fight was for the world's lightweight championship.

ATTORNEY GENERAL ADVISES GRAND JURY ACTION

WASHINGTON, May 13—In a statement concerning prosecution of war fraud cases, prepared at the request of President Harding and transmitted to the House, Attorney General Daugherty takes a decided stand. Daugherty declared that examinations disclosed in each instance "sufficient indication that crime had been committed to warrant submitting them to the grand jury."

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SEIDENBERG Where Quality Reigns HATS Spring Styles JOHN B. STETSON and Other Makes AT CHEAP JOHN STORE WHOLESALE & RETAIL MITCHELL WEBSTER, Mgr.