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CLAIMS WHISKEY BRIBED SENATORS

Ketchikan Chronicle Says Mining
Company Lobbyist Used Liquor
to Good Advantage

The Ketchikan Chronicle under date of May 12, printed an editorial under the head of "How Six Bottles of Whiskey Changed the Tax Law of Alaska," that made many sensational charges against three of the Territorial senators. The article is as follows:

"Six bottles of whiskey inhibited at the last legislature played an important part in the history of Alaska legislation and the effect of them will be not only the headache endured the following morning, but they have started an agitation that is going to cost the larger mining companies thousands of dollars. Those six bottles of whiskey have started such an agitation that the next legislature cannot help but know the true situation, as will their constituents, so that they will be forced to make a more proper and fair distribution of the taxation on the industry."

"Lobbyists for the big mining companies of Alaska went to Juneau to attend the session, prepared to entertain freely in order to prevent a higher tax being placed on mining. And after the revenue bill had been disposed of, they openly boasted that they had saved their corporations tens of thousands of dollars for the next two years. And they did, but it will be only for two years, and the reaction is going to be so great that it is going to cost them hundreds of thousands of dollars in the end."

"While working notoriously for these corporate interests, they did in fact overplay their hand so badly that their six bottles of whiskey will unite them with a rate of compound interest that would gladden the heart of any Shylock. It is the old story of the mighty corporation grinding down and ever downward until there is a big explosion that blows them down upon its head."

"In 1920 the Senators of Alaska lost to the operators approximately six millions of dollars. During the same time the Kennecott corporation and the Chitchee mine showed a net profit of \$7,138,138. In taxes, the Senators, although living such a tremendous fortune, paid about three times as much taxes. The exact figures are not all available in that all the taxes had not been collected when the territorial treasurer's report was prepared."

"The legislature in estimating its revenues for the years 1921 and 1922 despite the figures set forth above, assessed taxes on the fisheries which will net the Territory \$137,898, the war and means committee estimated, leaving virtually \$299,000 to be collected from all other sources."

"During the past five years, two mining companies alone have shown a net profit, according to their own statements, of \$63,873,184, which is over and above \$50,000 which was exempt, on which they have paid 1 per cent, or \$500,000. And for the next two years they will be asked to pay at the same rate of 1 per cent while the fisheries, although running at a loss will pay upwards of three times as much."

"This situation was brought to the attention of the legislature after the revenue bill had passed the house, so that the only place that it could be corrected would be in the senate or in conference."

"All of the senators were advised as to the facts and some of them promised to remedy the condition by raising the tax on mines to 1 1/2 per cent on the profits in excess of \$5,000 of any person or corporation. Several senators were openly in favor of the raise and did not hesitate at all to say so."

"Then up jumps the six bottles of whiskey. A lobbyist invites three of the senators to his room the following night and the quartet that night spent the hours until the early morning in revelry. The next day they remembered their kind host, changed their minds on the increased taxes on the wealthy corporate owners and voted against the proposed amendment."

"Thus, was the measure killed. Thus did those upright souls sell their souls for a few drinks of whiskey, or possibly for some other good and valuable consideration. Who can say? Thus, did they permit two enormously wealthy corporations to gut the Territory without paying a just or proportionate share of the expenses of maintaining the government, the while burdening the poor

devil of a little business man with more and more taxes and licenses. Thus, did those senators, without realizing it, or without their whiskey-furnishing lobbyist realizing it, start a movement in Alaska that will end two years hence in forcing the legislature to make a more even distribution of the taxes."

"It is true that the legislature ought to have been thinking, not of raising taxes, but of decreasing them generally, of cutting expenses, but when they were bent on riotous expenditures, they should at least have made a more even distribution of the burden."

"But to get back to the whiskey, the six bottles. It was not enough to satisfy their alcoholic appetites, so they went back the night after killing the amendment to the tax bill and lipped up a few more bottles."

"And thus are the people of Alaska represented in their territorial legislature."

MEMORIAL DAY TO BE COMMEMORATED

Presidential Proclamation Sets Aside
Monday, May 30, as the Day
for Honoring Dead

As is the annual custom of the chief executive of the nation, President Harding has issued a proclamation setting aside Monday, May 30, as Memorial Day, and making it a National holiday.

Locally the Douglas Island Women's Club will have the arrangements for the day in charge and are now working on a program that will fittingly commemorate the day.

President Harding's proclamation follows:

"Whereas, this nation has been conceived in prayer and devotion by men and women who were moved under God to found a nation where principles of right should form the lasting cornerstone; and whereas, these principles, purchased at the price of great sacrifice, have been fostered by a worthy posterity; and whereas, the great war has laid its costly demands upon our land; now, therefore, I, Warren G. Harding, President of the United States, do hereby proclaim Monday, the 30th day of May, a day already freighted with sacred and stimulating memories a day of public memorial. I invite my fellow citizens faithfully to pay homage on this day to a noble dead who sleep in homeland, beneath the sea or in foreign fields so that we who survive might enjoy the blessings of peace and happiness and to the end that liberty and justice, without which no nation can exist, shall live forever."

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done in the District of Columbia this third day of May in the year of our Lord, 1921, and the Independence of the United States, the 145th.

WARREN G. HARDING.

DANCE A SUCCESS

The dance given by the Douglas Fire Department to raise money with which to buy baseball equipment was a financial and social success. About one hundred dollars was netted for the baseball fund.

"Katie's" hall was crowded Wednesday night with the crowd of dancers. The music was furnished by Miss Halm on the piano and Mr. Nichols on the violin.

ALEX STURROCK IS HEAD OF EAGLES

Chosen Worthy President at Annual
Election Held Last Friday
Evening

Alex Sturrock, for the past year worthy vice president, will guide the destinies of Douglas Aerie No. 117, Fraternal Order of Eagles, for the coming year, having been elected to the position at the annual election of officers of the lodge on last Friday evening. He succeeds Robert Fraser, who has presided during the past year and who will now take the position of past worthy president.

Other Officers elected were: Worthy Vice President, Otto Widmann.

Chaplain—Charles Rey.
Secretary—Carl H. Erickson.
Treasurer—R. A. Schmidt.
Inside Guard—Alex Rey.
Outer Guard—Arnie Shudshift.
Trustees—A. G. Johnson and Gustav Grander.

Jack Ray was appointed conductor. The installation ceremonies are to be held the first meeting night in June.

ISLANDER'S GOLD OBJECT OF SEARCH

Frank Walters, Deep Sea Diver, Will
Bring Expedition to Search for
Sunken Treasure

Frank Walters, the deep sea diver who recovered the safe of the Princess Sophia last summer, is to make an attempt to reach the wreck of the steamer Islander to get about \$200,000 worth of gold dust said to be on the sunken vessel. He has chartered the gas boat Suez and is reported to be leaving soon for the scene of the wreck to try out a newly patented diving suit with which he hopes to reach the sunken ship.

Laden with a full capacity of returning Klondike miners, many of them with large pockets of gold dust, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's liner Islander struck what is said to have been an iceberg at the south end of Douglas Island on the morning of August 15, 1901. The vessel was near the Douglas Island shore when the accident happened, but it is said it was backed into deep water, where it sank with 65 passengers and members of the crew.

The first news of the disaster came to Douglas and rescue parties went immediately to wreck to help those who were living and to pick up the bodies of the dead.

Many unsuccessful attempts have been made to locate the wreck and it has been claimed that it has been located, but in very deep water not more than a mile from shore off Douglas Island in Stephens passage.

Various estimates have placed the amount of gold dust on board the Islander when she was wrecked as high as a million dollars. It was known that there were many thousands in the purser's safe, and as the Klondike camp was in the heyday of its glory at that time and the miners were rushing to the South to spend their dust, it is thought there was considerable amount of dust and nuggets in their personal belongings.

Persons who know the waters where the Islander rests say that it would be an almost hopeless task to find the wreck at this time, as they claim that in the twenty years since she went down a deposit of mud and sand buried the wreck so that it would be a hopeless task to dig it out even if it was located.

MINER SUCCEUMS AFTER OPERATION

Matt Sajo Died Last Sunday Following
Amputation of Crushed
Finger by Doctors

Matt Sajo, 32 years of age, died at 3 o'clock last Sunday afternoon following the amputation of a finger that had been crushed at the Ready Bullion mine, where he was employed.

A coroner's jury, impaneled Monday evening by U. S. Commissioner and ex-officio Coroner John Henson, brought in a verdict late that evening of "death from unknown cause, probably shock."

Sajo had crushed his finger at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon and shortly afterwards went to the Treadwell emergency hospital, where Drs. E.O. and Gladys Bowler, company physicians, amputated the crushed member after having administered an anesthetic. The injured man, it is said, came out from the influence of the anesthetic, but died ten minutes after regaining consciousness.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Catholic church, the Rev. Father P. H. Turner performing the services.

The deceased was very well known on the island, where he had lived for a number of years. He had been employed at the Ready Bullion mine for a long time. He is survived by a widow, who is a daughter of Anton Kneal, the tailor.

He was born in Austria, and countrymen in large numbers attended the funeral from all points on the Channel, and followed the remains to the Catholic cemetery.

VISITORS

Capt. Joe Manley will bring to Douglas with him tomorrow night on the Earl M. Miss Edith Murphy and Miss Alice Orava, two young Tenakee girls who will visit with Mrs. Manley until next Thursday, when they will return to their homes with her.

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GASTINEAU INCREASES

With the melting of the snow in the hills and an increase of water in the Salmon creek dam of the Alaska Gastineau Mining Company, that company now has considerably more hydro-electric power, and notwithstanding its closing order issued some time ago, has been putting a number of more men to work in the mill. The mill was only able to run part of the time on account of the shortage of power, but is now going three shifts.

Former employees that were laid off have been given the preference in being put back to work.

SCHOOLS CLOSE SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Parents Cooperating With Teachers
Have Helped Make Term a
Pleasant One

The school year just closed, for the Douglas Public School, has in every respect been a successful one. It is claimed, with an efficient corps of teachers and superintendent receiving the cooperation of the pupils and parents.

The whole seating capacity of the school building has been utilized, with the enrollment of 159, of which 170 finished the term, most of whom made passing grades. Seven teachers and superintendent were on the staff. The enrollment during the past term was 25 per cent greater than last, with the same number of instructors.

Besides the usual studies, instruction was given by the teachers in domestic science to the girls and manual training to the boys. Good results have been obtained along these lines, and many nice articles are on exhibit as the handiwork of the various scholars.

Today very little school work was done, most of the scholars only visiting the school to receive their report cards, while some few will be there until late this afternoon finishing up their school work.

Several of the teachers have taken reservations on the steamer Princess Mary for the south, where they will spend the summer either visiting with relatives or taking up summer work.

In summing up the results of the past term, Gordon C. Mitchell, superintendent of schools, said today:

"The results of the present year have been very satisfactory—most of the pupils have worked hard and have earned good grades. 'What success there has been in the general school work is due to the cooperation of the teachers and parents. We hope enough stress has been laid upon that greatest thing in life—the proper development of character, which will help the boys and girls of today to become the real men and women of tomorrow."

"If it is possible, we would like to see more competition along scholastic lines among the schools. There is no reason why competition for honors in debates, rapid calculation, oral, and written, English, etc., should not be just as keen as is the desire to excel along athletic lines."

ENTERTAINING

Mrs. H. W. Irvine is entertaining this afternoon at her home in honor of the birthday of Mrs. J. F. Henson.

Those present are Mrs. A. E. Christie, Mrs. Charles Rey, Mrs. J. R. Langseth, Mrs. Joseph Manley, Mrs. J. F. Henson and Mrs. W. H. Irvine.

Graduation Gifts

Suitable Gifts for the
Boy or Girl Who
Graduates

FOUNTAIN PEN
L. E. Waterman
Gold or Silver
AUTO-SHARP PENCILS
CHOICE BOOKS
Of Poems or Prose

A KODAK—EASTMAN
A BOX OF STATIONERY
Large and Small Boxes

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SITUATION CLEARS; BOATS FOR NORTH

Two American Vessels, Watson and
Northwestern, Now Enroute
to Alaskan Ports

The steamship situation, in regards to Alaska, is clearing up with the sailing of two vessels from Seattle for Northern points, the Shipping Board having taken over the steamer Northwestern, signed a crew that left with the vessel on the evening of May 17. The Northwestern is loaded with a capacity cargo of supplies for Alaskan points and has 200 passengers on board. Ten days' mail for Southeastern Alaska and more than twenty days' mail for Southwestern Alaska is also on the vessel, which is due in the Channel tomorrow.

The Admiral Watson was able to secure a crew and left yesterday morning for Alaska, also loaded with a capacity passenger list and freight cargo.

The food situation locally has never been bad, although shortages of green stuff and fruit have begun to be noticed and butter and eggs were almost off the market.

Pacific Steamship Company officials are quite certain that a crew can be obtained for their vessel the City of Seattle, which they expect to send to Southeastern Alaska early next week.

Some inconvenience has been experienced by passengers who hoped to go north and west. Most of the southbound passengers will be taken out by the steamer Princess Mary that will leave Monday and it is thought there will be room for some west-bound on the two vessels now on route North.

It is said that the marine workers associations have virtually agreed to let Secretary of Labor James A. Davis arbitrate their differences and that they will perhaps agree to a small reduction in wages. It is thought that a settlement may be in sight.

SCHOOL PICNIC

The seventh and eighth grades of the public school had their school picnic on Wednesday. They went to the end of the government road with their teachers and spent the day there playing games and eating the fine lunch they had taken out with them.

PARTING WORDS OF CLASS OF '21

Successful Commencement Exercises
Held Friday Night at the Congregational Church

With the motto of the class, "The Door to Success is Labeled 'Push,'" occupying a place of honor on a bank of evergreens, the Class of 1921 of the Douglas High School held very successful commencement exercises before a crowded house at the Congregational church last Friday evening.

After the invocation by the Rev. R. Martin Galloway gave the salutatory oration, telling of the hopes and aims of the class. He was followed by Miss Stansfield, who sang the "Waltz Song" from Faust, with violin obligato by Mr. Nichols.

Miss Esther Cashon gave an oration on "Our Country," telling of the glories of the nation, and she was followed with a piano solo by Miss Rita Brown.

Sinclair Brown then gave an oration on "The Voice of the Flag," which was followed by the graduation song by Miss Myrna Bland. The valedictorian, Miss Elizabeth Fend, gave the parting words of the class to the parents and the faculty.

Commissioner of Education L. D. Henderson gave a very good talk on the subject of general educational matters. A selection by the school orchestra and the presentation of diplomas by Clerk of the School Board L. W. Kilburn concluded the program.

For the graduates the school year closed last Friday, but all this week the remainder of the school has been having final examinations, with the closing of the term today.

LAST MEETING

The Treadwell Parent-Teacher Association will have its final meeting of the year tonight at the Treadwell school house at 7:30 o'clock. Election of officers for the year will be held and it has been requested that all members be present.

AFTER OIL

R. J. Kane, formerly of this city, accompanied by Howard Bally, William H. Dodge and Dr. W. H. Borland, all of Hoonah, were in Juneau yesterday after oil prospecting permits for oil claims on Yakutatga beach. They are members of an association of ten men headed by Joe Bach, the icy Straits fox rancher, that is going to do considerable oil prospecting work at Yakutatga. Extensive oil seepages have been found at Yakutatga, it is claimed.

TO SNETTISHAM

Harry Jordan, for many years a resident of Douglas Island but more recently living at Juneau, left Sunday with Barney Helms for Snettisham, where he will spend the next couple of months.

EXCURSION TRIP BEEN ARRANGED

Alma Will Leave Channel Next Friday Morning, Taking Fifty
for Whitehorse

All arrangements have now been completed for the running of an excursion from Gastineau Channel points to the celebration that is to be held at Whitehorse on Saturday, May 28. The excursion will leave here on the fine boat Alma next Friday morning, after first having picked up people at Juneau. Stops will also be made at Treadwell and Thane. Tickets to be sold are limited to 50 by Glen C. Bartlett of the Gastineau hotel in Juneau, who is promoting the trip.

After arriving at Skagway some time Friday night the start will be made early the following morning on the White Pass Athletic Club special excursion train that will bring the crowd to Whitehorse about noon Saturday.

As usual, letters have been received inviting the people of Gastineau Channel to celebrate with Whitehorse citizens on May 28, and telling of the sports arranged for, among which is a baseball tournament for adults. It was also hoped that a baseball game can be arranged between junior teams of boys, and tennis matches among the girls. Football will also be played if there are any competing teams.

It is very probable that, as in years past, a baseball team will be organized on the Channel to go north to compete for the prize against teams from Fort Seward, Skagway and Whitehorse.

OUTINGS

With good weather next Sunday many parties from Douglas will go for outings at various nearby places to spend the day. It is said that cutthroat trout are being caught in quite large numbers at the outlet of Auk lake and that trolling for king salmon is good in Auk bay.

As for mountain trout fishing, it is as yet too early for it. The snow still lies in the hills and along the banks of the streams. The melting snow also has caused the mountain streams to become so swollen that fishing is impossible.

The grouse are hooting in the hills, but as it is the closed season hunting for them is one of the sports that can not be indulged in at the present time.

ALASKA JUNEAU USES MORE MEN

As Tonnage Is Being Increased More
Men Are Being Put to Work
by Mining Company

The Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Company this week put on a night shift in various departments of the mine and mill and hired something over thirty men.

It is the intention of the company to increase its tonnage and this increase makes necessary the employment of more men. With the success of the sorting system and the breaking in of new milling machinery, the big mine is becoming more of a success each day.

It has been intimated that more men will be added to the force from time to time as the work warrants until a very much larger crew has finally been put on.

Several local men have found positions since the force was increased.

SCHOOL CLOSURE

The Treadwell school, after having had a successful term, closed for the term today. Two teachers have been employed.

TREADWELL PEOPLE AT WHEATON RIVER

Tom MacDonald Is Now Looking
Over Properties in Country
Tributary to Whitehorse

Thomas MacDonald, scout for the Treadwell Company, is now in the Wheaton district examining some claims there for the company. He is accompanied by Mrs. MacDonald. The company has formerly paid some attention to prospects that were discovered there.

The following account of the Wheaton River district was contained in the last issue of the Whitehorse Star:

This promising district, situated about 30 miles from Whitehorse, is approximately 26 miles long and 15 miles wide. The first record of any prospecting here appears to have been the work of Frank Corwin and Thomas Hickman in 1893. These two men located a number of claims on Carbon Hill and Idaho Hill, and did considerable prospecting and development work there. They returned to Juneau with several samples of antimony and gold bearing ore and reported their find to the Treadwell people. The gold bearing samples assayed \$1,200 to the ton, but before these prospectors disclosed the exact location of their find in the Wheaton they both died suddenly.

In 1898 W. F. Schnabel discovered one of the workings of these men on Schnabel creek but was never able to find the rich ore.

In 1904 there was quite a little excitement in the district and about 500 claims were staked on the various likely places in the region. Many excellent prospects have been found and all that is lacking is capital in order to open up any one claim, when a general period of development will take place.

From the standpoint of economic geology, the Wheaton district is chiefly of interest for its ore deposits but in addition some seams of coal have been discovered.

The ore deposits may be considered as belonging to the four classes, viz:

- 1—Gold-silver quartz veins.
- 2—Antimony-silver quartz veins.
- 3—Silver-lead veins.
- 4—Contact metamorphic deposits.

The gold-silver veins are the most extensive and are of particular interest in that they contain not only native gold but various tellurides, which always means gold of higher assay value. The antimony-silver veins belong to a rare type of deposit in that they are antimony deposits the ore of which contain both antimony and silver in economically important amounts. The silver-lead veins contain silver and lead in important amounts.

Seams of a semi-anthracite coal, from a few inches to several feet in thickness, were discovered by Dr. D. D. Cairns on the east face of Mount Bush. These have not been at all developed so far but should prove of local value. When the claims in this district are worked in the near future, as they surely will be, this coal will be a great asset as it is of good quality and practically in the center of the mineral area.

Few of the mineral deposits have been at all thoroughly prospected, so that little is really known concerning the real extent of the mining properties of this district and the area, as a whole, has been only superficially looked over by a few men, so that it is improbable that the main deposits of ore have been discovered as yet.

This summer will most likely see quite a few prospectors in the district and it is almost certain that some important discoveries will be made. The late Dr. D. D. Cairns, Dominion of Canada geologist, made various trips into the district and was most favorably impressed with the region. It is so easily accessible, being but a short distance from the White Pass & Yukon railway and a government road taps all the leading mines. The Tally-Ho mine is being worked and when the development is well under way it will be but a matter of short time before other capital will be attracted to equally good claims there. Every encouragement should be given prospectors and all means used to interest capital in the region as the rich ore is there, and we can safely advise anyone that their time will be well spent if they make a trip in there and examine the various properties.

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