

The total value of the mineral production of Alaska for 1908 is estimated by A. H. Brooks, of the United States Geological Survey, at \$19,600,000, as compared with \$20,871,771 for 1907. The decrease is to be charged to the gold placers and copper mines, as most of the other mining industries of the Territory show an increase in value of output. The value of the total mineral production of Alaska from 1880, when mining first began, to the close of 1908, is, in round numbers, \$148,000,000.

Of this amount the gold mines have produced about \$142,000,000, the silver mines about \$1,150,000, and the copper \$4,100,000. The balance represents the value of the marble, gypsum, tin, and coal output. Mileage of Alaska railways Dec. 4, 1908, 299.4.

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Occasionally a box containing different articles of value is received at the school with no mark of any kind by which the senders might be identified. One such box was received at the school the first of this month containing books which will be of use to the work here. We wish to express our thanks through the Thlinget.

The school term is more than half gone, and the assigned work in most of the grades has been accomplished. The eighth grade pupils are putting forth their best efforts to complete the course by the last of May.

There has been an increase of thirty in the enrollment since the beginning of school, making a total of 115 pupils.

On January 17th we observed the communion of the Lord's Supper in our Thlinget Church.

This was the close of the week set aside as the week of prayer and we were able to enter into the service in a thoughtful spirit that made it truly a means of grace to every one present.

Before the communion service W. G. Beattie, superintendent of the Training School was ordained ruling elder in the church, having been duly elected four weeks before in our congregational meeting.

Some good friend in the States made the church here a present of an individual communion set which was used on this occasion for the first time. Some of us were afraid there would be a little confusion on account of the individual cups but we were relieved to see that everything moved along very smoothly. A stranger would hardly have noticed that we were introducing any new method of observing the communion. Several of the members expressed themselves as being delighted with the set.

A LIST OF ALASKAN BIRDS

Bulletin No. 3 of the Society of Alaskan Natural History and Ethnology is being printed by Our printing department.

It has been decided to issue in the Thlinget the list of Alaskan Birds. The Bulletin is a check list of the Birds of Alaska compiled from E. W. Nelson's book of that name and will be issued in pocket note book from No. 1 to 61 will be in the next issued of the Thlinget.

No. 17. *Synthliboramphus wumizusume*

Temminck's Murrelet

No. 18. *Brachyramphus marmoratus*

Marbled Murrelet.

No. 19. *Brachyramphus Kittlitzii*

Kittlitz's Murrelet.

No. 20. *Cephus Mandtii*

Mandt's Guillemot

No. 21. *Cephus columba*

Pigeon Guillemot.

No. 22. *Uria troile californica*

California Murre.

No. 23. *Uria lomvia arctica*

Pallas's Murre.

No. 24. *Stercorarius pomarinus*

Pomarine Jaeger

No. 25. *Stercorarius parasiticus*

Parasitic Jaeger

No. 26. *Stercorarius longicaudus*

Long tailed Jaeger

No. 27. *Gavia alba*

Ivory Gull

No. 28. *Rissa tridactyla pollicaris*

Pacific Kittiwake

No. 29. *Rissa brevirostris*

Red legged Kittiwake.

No. 30. *Larus barrovianus*

Pacific Glaucous Gull.

No. 31. *Larus leucopterus*

Iceland Gull

No. 32. *Larus Glaucescens*

Glaucous Winged Gull.

No. 33. *Larus Nelsoni*

Nelson's Gull.

No. 34. *Larus schistisagus*

Slaty backed Gull.

No. 35. *Larus argentatus smithsonianus*

American Herring Gull.

No. 36. *Larus cachimans*

Pallas's Gull.