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ALASKA

NO MORE DELAY

City Council Decides to Push
Matter of Townsite
Survey

"There is no justice in delaying the patenting of the entire townsite until the question of ownership on less than an acre of real estate claimed by the Mission is decided, and for that reason I think we should push the matter of the townsite survey," said Councilman Connell at the meeting of the city council last Monday night. The question arose on the disposal of a query from the surveyor-general to Leroy D. Ryus as to whether the town council wished to have the survey of the townsite, as a preliminary to the application for a patent, delayed until the Mission controversy was settled or not. And a motion instructing Mr. Ryus to notify the proper authorities to that effect was carried after a general discussion. Five councilmen, Messrs Connell, Fieckert, Guzman, Lathrop and Pittenger were present besides Mayor Hunt, and when the motion was put all voted as favoring the movement except Councilman Pittenger who went on record as voting neither way on the matter.

The letters are published herewith and are well worthy the perusal of every citizen of Ketchikan dealing as they do with the much discussed question of the relation of the townsite survey to the mining claims which will be included therein. Mr. Leroy D. Ryus

Ketchikan, Alaska,
Dear Sir:—

In view of the fact that a number of protests have been received against having the survey made as now provided for, in the particular of leaving out the area claimed by the Episcopal Church as a Mission Reserve, a portion of which is occupied by adverse claimants, it is suggested that if the Mayor and Town Council of Ketchikan would make formal request that the execution of the survey of the townsite boundaries be deferred until the differences at issue shall have been adjudicated, the matter will be taken up with the Department at Washington with favorable recommendations, if such action would meet with your consent.

As the Mission Reserve tract, as claimed by the Church, has now been made and the returns thereof filed, it is hoped the matter may be in condition for submitting it to the Department for adjudication in the near future.

In regard to the controversy between the Town Council and the owners of the mining property adjacent to the town, in regard to the boundary lines of the townsite, you are informed that a protest against the survey of said boundary lines as provided for in the Contract and Special Instructions, has been received from the Ketchikan Mining Company, through Mr. Charles E. Ingersoll and enclosed is a copy of my reply thereto dated the 21st ultimo, which will indicate to you how that feature of the case now stands.

An early reply concerning the suggestion relative to postponement of the survey is requested.

Yours truly,
Wm. L. Distin,
Surveyor General

Mr. Charles E. Ingersoll,
Ketchikan, Alaska.

Dear Sir:—

With your letter of the 12th instant was received a protest of the Ketchikan Consolidated Mining Company, by John Shoenbar, Manager, against the survey of the boundary lines of the townsite of Ketchikan as now provided for in Contract with Leroy D. Ryus, for the reason that the survey will cover a number of its mining claims.

In reply you are advised that as the survey is to be done under the terms of a contract with Mr. Ryus, which has been signed and the bond thereunder approved, no change therein is deemed practicable.

The statement of the protestant that the survey of the townsite boundary is to extend back one half mile from tide water is erroneous, as the following extract from the instructions to the Deputy will show:—

"You will begin the survey at Corner No. 1 of U. S. Mineral Survey No. 550 made by Deputy N. B. Whitfield of the Black Swan Mining Claim, which is described as a schistose stone 2 ft. x 2 ft. 6 in. above, and at the line of ordinary high tide and after properly marking it for corner No. 1 and a meander corner of this survey and connecting it by course and distance with U. S. L. M. No. 4, you will run thence N. 33 deg. 30 min. E., along the westerly boundary of the Black Swan Mining Claim 9.00 chains more or less to Corner No. 2 of said Black Swan Mining Claim, which is described as a schistose stone 30x18x6 inches, 15 inches in the ground; thence continuing on same course 10.90 chains and establish Corner No. 2; thence N. 56 deg. 30 min.

W., 80.00 chains and establish Corner No. 3; thence run S. 33 deg. 30 min. W., to a point at ordinary high tide on the shore line of Tongass Narrows and establish Corner No. 4."

It will be seen by the foregoing that the boundary line is to extend only 1/4 mile back from tide water, which it seems would very materially lessen the protestant's objection to the proposed survey.

Furthermore the execution and approval of the survey of the townsite boundary as provided for will not jeopardize any valid mineral claims the protestant Company may possess within the limits thereof as its interests are fully protected by law. See Section 16 of an Act of Congress approved March 3, 1891, entitled "An Act to repeal the timber culture laws and for other purposes" (26 Statutes at Large, Page 1065) which is as follows:—

"Sec. 16 That townsite entries may be made by incorporated towns and cities on the mineral lands of the United States, but no title shall be acquired by such towns or cities to any vein of gold, silver, cinnabar, copper or lead, or to any valid mining claim or possession held under existing law. When mineral veins are possessed within the limits of an incorporated town or city, and such possession is recognized by local authority or by the laws of the United States, the title to town lots shall be subject to such recognized possession and the necessary use thereof and when entry has been made or patent issued for such townsite to such incorporated town or city, the possessor of such mineral vein may enter and receive patent for such mineral vein, and the surface ground appertaining thereto:

Provided, That no entry shall be made by such mineral vein claimant for surface ground where the owner or occupier of the surface ground shall have had possession of the same before the inception of the title of the mineral-vein applicant."

In considering this provision of law the Hon. Secretary of the Interior held in the case of Hulings vs. Ward Townsite as follows:

"A townsite patent issued under the provisions of said section (referring to the one just quoted) will not disturb or impair rights under any valid mining claim or possession existing at the time of the townsite entry, or deprive the Department of jurisdiction to subsequently issue patent for any such mining claim or possession on due showing of compliance with the mining law." (L. D., 29, Pages 21-24.)

This decision was also reaffirmed in case of Nome and Sinook Company vs. Townsite of Nome. (L. D., 34, Page 102.)

Yours truly,
Wm. L. Distin,
Surveyor General.

Ordinance No. 34 making the connection with sewers compulsory passed its third reading and was ordered published, immediately after which it will go into effect.

Gus Detlefsen, chief of police, asked that some kind of a curfew ordinance be drafted as there were too many boys in the habit of loafing around public places during the late hours of the night, as a result the city attorney was instructed to draw up an ordinance requiring all children under 16 years unaccompanied by parents to be home not later than 9 p. m. during the months of October to April and allowing one more hour liberty the remaining months of the year.

A batch of bills were read and allowed, G. B. Waterhouse appointed registration officer; the street committee instructed to look into the condition of the underpinning of Market street between Front and Main streets, and a communication read from the San Francisco Relief Committee asking for a list of those in Ketchikan who had contributed to the relief of that city at the time of the earthquake.

Getting Pump in Position.—The new pump for fire protection of the city is being placed in position at the plant of the Ketchikan Power Co. and will be ready for business by the time the pipe arrives from the Sound. The pump is a Blake duplex and is capable of throwing 750 gallons of water per minute when working at its full capacity. The intention is to lay an eight inch main from the mill to the corner of Front and Grant streets and a six inch from there to Newtown. Mr. Burkhardt states that the pump is expected to give a pressure of 100 pounds to the inch at Newtown which is probably twice as much pressure as can be secured from the fresh water system. The pump is able to handle water enough for five lines of hose so that when installed and in working order it is not probable that Ketchikan could have a fire that could make headway against such an immense volume of water. The Power Co. expects another boiler on the next Pacific Coast boat so that there is absolutely no question about having power enough to keep the new pump supplied with steam.

A balcony—some call it a "Nigger Heaven"—has been built at the skating rink for the accommodation of spectators and the band.

REORGANIZATION

Alaska Copper Company of Coppermount Completes Deal
With Eastern Capitalists

Again has the copper properties of the Ketchikan mining district attracted the attention of eastern capital with the result that fully two and one-half million of dollars will be expended here with, in the next few months. This time it is the reorganization of the Alaska Copper Co. which combined with monied Duluth, Minnesota, men have effected the foundation of a company hereafter to be styled the Alaska Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. incorporated under the laws of the state of Minnesota.

The new company takes over all the holdings of the old company including both smelter, mining properties and leases, and in return assumes the entire indebtedness of the old company and furnishes capital to carry on the work in the future. F. W. Hale retires from the head of the company, but who his successor or the directorate are to be, has not as yet been made public. But this much is assured that the new company is composed of some of the most prominent copper men of the middle west, with headquarters at Duluth, Minnesota. The capital stock of the company is named at \$2,500,000 with privilege of increasing same at will. It is the company's intention to invest heavily in copper properties in this locality as they wish to increase the size of the Coppermount smelter and to make such a move a good one, financially, more producing properties are necessary. They have had their men up in this district for some time and purchases are sure to follow their investigations. This move will mean a great deal for this district as money in large quantities is necessary for the development of our properties here and the coming in of a concern of this nature, will, as success crowns their efforts, draw the attention of men of their kind to our resources and more outside capital will thus be interested. There is no denying the fact that we have the ore and the values here and all that is necessary to prove it in a score of places is the investment of money through companies in the hands of men competent to bring about the desired result. This is our great need, and day by day we see that we are getting nearer the goal. We must bear in mind, too, that the success of our company makes easier the success of the others in the district; while its failure makes more difficult the road of others to success.

SULZER LOADING ORE.

The Norwegian steamer Haldis under charter of Mackenzie Bros., of Vancouver, B. C. arrived Tuesday afternoon and after entering at the local custom house left for Sulzer where she is now loading the 3000 tons of copper ore there, awaiting transportation to the smelter. Charles A. Sulzer the efficient manager of the company, is to be congratulated upon securing the steamer which is large enough to take all the ore he now has at the dock at one cargo. He had a tremendous amount of trouble in securing a boat having waited in fact ever since the middle of December for her. On the last trip but one south, of the Amur he went down to Vancouver where after consultation with the Mackenzie's he got a contract with them and as soon as the Haldis arrived from Japan she was sent north. Mr. Sulzer was on board to see that nothing intervened this time, as had happened before, to stop him shipping.

It is reported that the Mackenzie's have contracted for a big slice of the White Pass railroad's freight business and will make a regular thing of carrying ore on the return trips of their two steamers, the Henriette and Haldis.

This will unquestionably relieve the congested condition existing at so many of the properties in this district as they will be able to handle fully 5000 tons per month.

The Maimie mine at Hadley is running to its full capacity again, having encountered some difficulty in getting together a crew after the shut down. This trouble is now over, however, and the mine is rapidly coming up to its old record of 100 tons per day. The ore now being trammed to the smelter bringing fine returns in copper. Considerable development work has been done recently which with the diamond drill prospecting shows that this property increases in richness as greater depth is reached. John Hampson, the superintendent of the mine is demonstrating that the old Maimie is a money maker and will long stay in that list. The Portland Canal properties on the Brown Alaska Co. have run steadily all winter, the ore from there holding up to the high values of the fall. The fine quality of this ore as a flux is apparent when the high copper contents of the matte now being turned out at Hadley are seen. The last batch is said to have

given better than 50 per cent. in values at the refinery, surely indication of the high quality of the ores and the care and skill exercised in smelting them.

The Haidah Copper Co. has some specimens of copper ore on exhibition at the Hotel Revilla which are pretty sure to open the eye of even the casual observer to the future of that company's holdings at Karta Bay. Victor Vigelines the manager of the company left on the last south bound boat for the sound whether he went to secure future equipment. The company's new wharf is completed and the ore bins practically so while the tram from the mine to the beach is nearly completed the steamer Marion taking over lumber therefor on her last trip to Kasaan. Pay points, Tuesday of this week.

An Eighty Foot Shaft.—The Niblack Copper Co. put on ten more men this week, materially increasing their crew. The new men will be put to work sinking an 80 foot shaft down from the 220 level. This work is to be pushed two shifts per day and it is expected will be all the way in ore. When completed, this shaft, with the laterals now contemplated, will enable the company to get out considerably more ore than they are now doing.

George Green, the enterprising manager of the Hadley Consolidated Copper Co. at Hadley is expected back from the Sound shortly and work at the Stevenston mine will recommence. Work was stopped Christmas time owing to the coal shortage. But this property turns out too high a grade of ore for it to lie dormant long with the prices of copper hitting the high places the way it is now doing.

CONDITIONS UNCHANGED.

H. C. Strong, returned on the Princess Beatrice from his trip south, Sunday, while there Mr. Strong investigated the coal situation and reports little if any improvement. He says the mines are not able to get the coal out of the ground fast enough to supply the demand and a continued shortage is inevitable. "The cause of the shortage," said Mr. Strong, "is not that the amount of coal mined has been curtailed, but because of the increase in the number of steamers plying on the coast. A few years ago, these big tramp boats were an unusual sight now there are nearly a score of them at the various ports of the Sound loading or unloading. Each one of these fellows requires from 800 to 1500 tons of coal to fill their bunkers and the mine people seem inclined to supply their wants in preference to supplying the needs of the ordinary market. They reason that, if we have to, we can burn wood, while these boats must tie up unless coal is forthcoming."

"Construction work on our new steamer, the Northland, is held up at present owing to the nonarrival of steel which is tied up somewhere east of the mountains in the snow blockade. The work on her machinery is going on, however, and her builders say that they will have her out according to contract which calls for delivery some time during the month of June. The Northland will be built of steel throughout, with double bottom and will be without a superior on the coast except as to size."

Bought Five Scows.—The Ketchikan Power Co. were the successful bidders in the sale of the five scows offered by the government at the Lincoln Rock light house recently. The Vigilant brought down three of them Tuesday morning, the other two will have to be repaired before making the trip.

Can't Find the Daughter.—Leroy D. Ryus by the last mail had returned to him the letter he had written to Miss Elizabeth Adams, 177 Richard St. Brooklyn, N. Y. the daughter of Thomas Adams, the man who disheveled, appeared from the trail to the Moonshine property on Chalmers Sound last September. In Adam's grip was found an identification card issued to Adams by the Pacific Coast stewards and Cooks Association which stated that his nearest relation was his daughter at the address given above. Mr. Ryus wrote to the address with above results.

New Engine Arrives.—The 17 horse power Hercules gasoline engine for E. W. Gurney's new boat the Onward, arrived on board the Cottage City Wednesday. It will be installed at once and the Onward will be ready for her trial trip in about two weeks.

Married Yesterday Afternoon.—George Carle and Miss Jessie M. Dickinson were married at the courthouse yesterday afternoon by Judge Stackpole. Both the young folk are well known here the bride being the daughter of out capable deputy marshal, Wm. Dickinson.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill exempting the Tanana railroad from taxation and extending the time limit for the roads completion.

Mike Patterson received the two horse power National gasoline engine for his boat building shop this week.

NEW MATERIAL

Arrives in Considerable Quantities
For Prince of Wales Island
Mining Properties

Further indications of what the coming season will bring forth in the mining circles of this district have been manifested on practically every boat arriving from the south for the past month or more. The wharves were crowded with new material this week for west coast of Prince of Wales Island points until the Alaskan finished loading yesterday and left on a special trip with a full cargo.

The Alaska Industrial Co. of Sulzer sent over several tons of supplies and 16 miners, with the aid of which it is expected to materially increase their ore output. The Alaska Metals Co. of Bruce received a new pump, piping and general supplies. The Alaska Marble Co. of Marble creek, The Cordova Trading Co. of Klunquian, and W. E. Ross, who has succeeded the Young Trading Co. at Howkan all had large shipments of material and supplies.

The largest shipper of the lot was Capt. E. E. Wyman of the Red Wing mine at Copper City, who sent over an eighty horse power boiler, 10,000 bricks and 5,000 feet of lumber. Upon the installation of which it is expected that the output of this property will be practically doubled.

Thus it will be seen that mining on the West Coast is opening up with a rush and the results will soon be felt in Ketchikan, the natural supply point for that district. With the mines there running full blast and those on the east side getting into line to follow in their footsteps, there is no question about 1907 being the banner year up to this time for mining in the Ketchikan mining district.

New Fire Alarm System.—The boxes for the fire alarm system have arrived and will be installed immediately. The system is known as the Standard Fire Alarm System, and is in successful operation in many of the large cities of the country. It consists of the regular boxes with indicator at headquarters to show from whence the alarm has come. The old alarm system has been out of commission for some time and the installation of the new one will be hailed with relief by the property owners of the city.

Observe Washington's Birthday.—Special exercises at the school house were held this morning in commemoration of the anniversary of Washington's Birthday, at which the following program was rendered.

Song My Country 'T is of Thee, School Quotations...from Abraham Lincoln...Miss Karasek's pupils
Song...Battle Hymn of the Republic...School
Salute to the flag...school
Song...Star Spangled Banner, School Address...J. E. Ryus
Song...Tenting on the Old Camp ground...School
Song...Miss Harrington's pupils Address...Geo. B. Waterhouse
Song...Kellers American Hymn...School
Facts about Life of Washington...Mr. Mitchell's pupils
Song...Mount Vernon Bell School Address...Mayor Hunt
Song...Columbia

Miss Ryus Entertains.—Miss Ryus entertained a number of her friends last Saturday evening, the occasion being in honor of her birthday. The crowd gathered at the skating rink early in the evening and after spending an hour or so at that popular place of amusement repaired to the Ryus residence where the balance of the evening was pleasantly spent. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Bold, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burkhardt, the Misses Stackpole, Sample, McIlvaine and Hopkins and Messrs. Horseley, Shelton, Bauer and Baker.

The Ketchikan Cornet Band is certainly getting plenty of practice lately with their street parade and playing in the rink nights. Our band is something we should be proud of. There are many towns in the states of five times Ketchikan's population which could not turn out as many musicians and as far as the quality of the music is concerned, anyone would have to look a long while for an amateur aggregation that could beat ours.

W. A. Langille, Alaska's forest superintendent left on the launch Spray, Wednesday, on a tour of inspection. He expects to be gone three or four weeks intending to go as far north as Hoonah besides calling at all the principal places on the west coast of the islands.

The steamer Corsair is being remodelled. Her engines and boilers are being taken out and a 45 horse power gasoline engine will be installed in place of them.

The Farallon came in Thursday morning with 253 tons of copper matte on board from the smelter at Hadley. The smelter is now running steadily and is turning out high grade matte,