

NEWS OF THE WORLD FOR PAST WEEK

ALABAMA NOW DRY ALL OVER

Recently Enacted State Prohibition Law Went Into Effect With New Year.

By Cable to The Daily Gateway.

Birmingham, Alabama, Jan. 2.—The new prohibition law went into effect at midnight. Saloons are all closed throughout the state.

Fleet Sails From Trinidad

Port Spain, Island of Trinidad, Dec. 30.—The American battleship fleet sailed yesterday on its journey to the Pacific side. The next stop will be at Rio Janeiro. Ships and crews are all in first class condition.

Bill for Alaska Militia

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—A bill authorizing the organization of militia in Alaska will be introduced in congress this week.

Taft to Speak in Boston

Boston, Dec. 30.—Secretary Taft arrived here today and will make three speeches in this city.

Viscount Aoki Departs

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—Viscount Aoki, the retiring Japanese ambassador, left the capital today for Japan. General regret at his departure is expressed as he is popular in official and diplomatic circles.

No Women at Thaw Trial

New York, Dec. 31.—No women will be allowed as spectators at the Thaw trial.

Holds Annual Reception

Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—President Roosevelt held his annual New Year's reception at the Whitehouse yesterday. Thousands shook hands with the president.

No Action on Teller Bill

Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—The house of representatives failed to pass the Teller bill to relieve miners from the necessity of doing assessment work on mining claims for the present year, hence that work must be done as heretofore.

Starts Fight on Race Tracks

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 2.—The legislature convened today. The annual message of Governor Hughes was read. He urges the complete suspension of race-track betting and asks for new banking laws. Both houses adjourned to next Monday.

Moran and Attell Draw

San Francisco, Jan. 2.—The fight between Moran and Attell was a snappy one. Jeffries was referee. The contest was declared a draw at the end of the twenty-fifth round.

Mining Congress to Meet in Seattle

Seattle, Jan. 4.—The American Mining Congress will hold its next session in this city on March 23. Chief among the topics for discussion will be the methods of mining and development features of Alaska.

Mosquitos Kill 250,000 Annually

New York.—"There are 250,000 deaths annually as the result of mosquito bites," said Dr. Edward A. Ayers, a member of the faculty of the New York polyclinic, last night at a meeting in the New York Academy of Medicine.

Dr. Ayers furnishes other astonishing figures in his lecture on "The Mosquito as a Sanitary Problem." He said five diseases are directly traceable to the bite of the insect. They are malaria, yellow-fever, beri beri, dengue and filia riasis.

The government is eliminating the mosquito danger by draining swamp lands, he said. Dr. Ayers said that in 1879, 100,000 deaths occurred from yellow fever, the victims being inoculated with the disease by mosquitoes.—New York World.

"You seem to find your book very interesting, Miss Maldstone."

"Yes, it is one of the most charming stories I have ever read. And so true to life. Every man in it is a villain."

NINE DEAD IN MINE EXPLOSION

Black Damp Causes Disaster at Albuquerque and Bodies Not Yet Out.

By Cable to The Daily Gateway.

Albuquerque, N. M., Jan. 2.—Black-damp caused an explosion in the Darnal mine with fatal results today. Nine are dead. The mine is so filled with gas that it is impossible to get the bodies out.

Use of National Forests

"The Use of National Forests," a publication just printed by the department of agriculture, is a brief, clear manual of public information as to the forest policy of the national government.

It is too true, as the short preface to the public says, "that many people do not know what national forests are. Others may have heard much about them, but have no idea of their true purpose and use." It is the object of this publication to explain just what the national forests mean, what they are for and how to use them.

In the first place, it is explained how the forests are created and how their boundaries are drawn. Next, their direct use and value are shown from the point of view of the homeseeker, the prospector and the miner, the user of timber, the user of the range, the user of the water, and other users of forest resources. Third, it is shown how the forests are intended for use, for the production of usable products, and for the establishment and maintenance of homes; how on all of them the timber is protected from fire, the water flow is kept steady, the forage on the range is increased and guarded from abuse; and how, in addition, they serve as great public playgrounds and as breeding places and refuges for game. Finally, the management of the national forests is described.

Here it is that the great usefulness of the forests is brought out most clearly and strikingly; for the forests are managed by the people in their own interests, and every means is used to meet the desires and wants of all forest users half way by dealing with them in the main directly on the ground and in all cases with the utmost practicable dispatch and freedom from red tape.

In a word, the special interest of this manual lies in showing that the forest policy of the government, both in principle and in practice, is for the benefit of the ordinary man, for the benefit of every citizen equally. There is still a tendency to think of the national forests as "preserves" closed to use, and to leave the public lands exposed to unregulated individual exploitation. Where these misapprehensions still prevail "The Use of the National Forests" will go far to correct them.

The book is written by Frederick F. Olmsted, whose intimate knowledge of conditions in the west and the policy under which the national forests are managed especially fits him to deal with the subject.

Counterfeit \$10 Gold Pieces

Several of the counterfeit gold pieces bearing date 1901 which have been floating around the coast have reached Seward. They are reported to be numerous in Valdez.

The Alaska Petroleum & Oil Company is making preparations to erect an oil rig at the end of F street, beyond the railroad track, and a number of men are employed there at the present time. The work of sinking for oil will probably be prosecuted there throughout the winter. The company is also doing assessment work on its oil holdings in and around Katalla.—Katalla Herald.

NOTICE:—The public is notified that W. L. Johnson is no longer connected with the Board of Trade saloon at Latouche, and has no authority to contract debts in the name of the saloon or the former firm of Johnson & Thomas. All bills due the saloon or the former firm are payable to me.

* F. V. Thomas, Latouche, Alaska. To Clayson's for Blankets.

GOLD LESS BY FIVE MILLION

Production of Precious Metal in United States for 1907 Falls Short of Previous Year.

By Cable to The Daily Gateway.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—The production of gold fell last year nearly \$5,000,000 below that of the previous year. Alaska's yield was eighteen and a quarter million dollars.

The Katalla Drill speaking of steamer movements says; The steamer Saratoga appeared in the roadstead, and after cruising about steamed away. Apparently she came in to satisfy herself that we were still here, victims of cruel circumstances.

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