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**JUST ABOUT TIME TO  
 THINK OF CIVIC ELECTIONS.**

There is no intention to stir up strife or make people uneasy or to be  
 always trying to precipitate elections, but it is nearly time people were beginning  
 to think about the civic elections which are in the offing. The time is drawing  
 near and it is well to get good men interested in civic work. Too much is left to  
 the last moment.

No intimation has been given as to who are likely to be candidates this  
 year. No one seems anxious for the positions that offer. The pay is quite in-  
 adequate for the work, which perhaps is as it should be. Some people are of  
 opinion that there should be no pay. At any rate every year there is a tendency  
 for a lot of the best men to draw back from undertaking the work. Possibly a  
 little pressure brought to bear might change things.

**NEEDS OF BOOSTERS  
 IN ANY COMMUNITY.**

There seems to be always a goodly supply of pessimists in any community  
 but boosters are often at a discount. The Ketchikan paper has this:

"Alaska needs boosters. And there is so much to boost. There is the  
 civic pride of healthy surroundings, beautiful homes, fine roads and streets, play-  
 grounds and parks to be created by industry and constructive co-operation. There  
 is the pride of empire building; the saving and use of pioneer capital for creating  
 and developing new industries and converting raw material into productive en-  
 terprises."

Now what is true of Alaska is just as true of British Columbia and par-  
 ticularly of Prince Rupert. There are a lot of good men and true who are firm  
 believers in the future of this place but on the other hand there are a lot of  
 cynics who make light of every effort to force the speed. We need men with  
 faith and energy who are always ready to speak a word for the place or push  
 a pound or put up a dollar. Any such are always welcome.

**POOL SEEMS TO BE  
 PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.**

The wheat pool has wound up another successful year, and is now making  
 final payments which bring the price secured by its patrons up to \$1.42½ per  
 bushel for No. 1 Northern at Vancouver, says the Edmonton Bulletin.

The pool last year handled 45,000,000 bushels of Alberta wheat, more than  
 half the total estimated yield, and about twice the amount marketed through  
 the pool last year.

How much the pool has affected prices, or how much it has saved the  
 farmer in marketing costs, is not officially stated or estimated; is perhaps not  
 to be calculated with any degree of assured accuracy.

But there is every appearance of permanence in the position of the pool.  
 It is handling each year the grain of a much larger number of farmers than in  
 the preceding year. Which means that it has established itself in the confidence  
 of the farming community as a selling organization.

**ASK KING AND QUEEN  
 TO TOUR DOMINION.**

It is understood that the King and Queen are to be asked to tour Canada  
 next year on the occasion of the diamond jubilee of confederation. This is a  
 fitting thing to do. The King is King of Canada just as much as King of England,  
 if it is true that all the nations of the Empire are equal. The step suggested would  
 be in the nature of a recognition of this equality and would be appreciated by  
 the people of Canada.

**FRIENDLINESS  
 TO OUR VISITORS.**

Prince Rupert has started well in showing friendliness to the visitors who  
 are coming here to load with grain. This was commented on by the Japanese  
 captain who is here in charge of one of the grain vessels. It is to be hoped that  
 this will be kept up. It is worth a great deal in the way of business. The tendency  
 is to make a great fuss at first and then forget to entertain the visitors.

Possibly it would be a good plan to have some suitable entertainment for  
 the first British ship coming here to load grain. It would be quite a right and  
 proper thing to do.

**SAYS ROBBED  
 IN A FRACAS**

GEORGE DRAPICH WAS RECENTLY  
 FROM CASSIAR GOLD FIELDS  
 WITH GOLD DUST

A series of wild yells for help and  
 cries declaring a man was being thrown  
 into the bay awakened Suedman hotel  
 guests and residents in the Tongass  
 and Ryus buildings early this morning,  
 and as an outcome of the fracas Oscar  
 Berg and Harry Hanson are being held  
 in the federal jail, while George  
 Drapich, the man who made the out-  
 cries, claims he was robbed of \$82 and  
 a gold watch fob says the Ketchikan  
 Chronicle of recent date. Another man  
 said to have been mixed up in the  
 melee is being sought by officers.

All four of the men were employees  
 at the Salt Chuck mine and were going  
 to leave on the motorship Fairbanks for  
 Salt Chuck at 4 o'clock this morning  
 to get their remaining effects. Drapich  
 claims that the three men attacked him  
 on the boat and tried to throw him  
 overboard after they had gone through  
 his pockets and taken what money he  
 had and yanked his watch fob from his  
 gold nugget chain.

**VOICIFEROUS CRIES**  
 Drapich's cries attracted early morning  
 pedestrians and when they arrived  
 at the Dock Street float, where the  
 Fairbanks was tied up, Drapich was on  
 the deck swinging a broken oar, still  
 voiciferous in his cries that his attackers  
 were trying to throw him overboard.

The police lights were flashed on and  
 Patrolman Williams arrived on the  
 scene in a few minutes. Later he pick-  
 ed up Berg and Olson in a cafe on  
 Mission street and took them to the  
 police station. The men were turned  
 over to the federal authorities this  
 morning and taken to the jail on the  
 hill, while search is being continued for  
 the third man claimed to have partici-  
 pated in the assault on Drapich.

Drapich recently returned from the  
 Cassiar mining region and brought a  
 considerable amount of gold dust with  
 him, which it is said he was prone  
 to exhibit to his friends. He is said to  
 have deposited the gold dust in one  
 of the banks within the last few days  
 for safe keeping.

**ILL FEELING OR HOLIDAY**  
 Ill feeling is reported to have existed  
 between Drapich and other members  
 of the crew at the mine, where Drapich  
 has been working since his return from  
 the Cassiar, and there appears to be  
 some conflicting opinion as to whether  
 the fracas this morning was a result  
 of ill feeling or a holiday.

After the excitement was over, Dra-  
 pich did not discover that the money  
 was gone until he returned to his hotel  
 room to change his clothes, although he  
 declares the three men and himself  
 battled around the deck and they at-  
 tempted to throw him overboard until  
 he got hold of the oar, broke off its  
 blade and brandished it in the air to  
 protect himself.

Drapich wore a valuable gold nugget  
 chain attached to his watch but these  
 were not molested, the fob being the  
 only part of the jewelry missing.

**THE MAN IN THE MOON  
 SAYS:**

The difficulty with old men you are  
 never sure whether its the wisdom of  
 age or second childhood that causes it.

People who live in glass houses in  
 this country are blantly, blantly  
 blank fools and then some, Jake says.

Marriage is like a railway crossing.  
 You see her and stop, then you look  
 again and once the wedding is over you  
 listen all right and if you do not it's  
 worse than a train bearing down on you.

There's one thing about teaching  
 children Euclid and algebra and a lot  
 of those subjects is that they are per-  
 fectly harmless.

A really good lawyer is one who can  
 protect you from the other lawyers.

A woman should be broadminded but  
 not too broad elsewhere.

Jack Sprat  
 Was much too fat  
 His wife was much too lean.  
 They hoped it together  
 In all sorts of weather  
 And the change is easily seen.

Satisfy yourself with your work and  
 you will probably satisfy the boss.

I knew a man that had a case in  
 court but he never got a drink out of it.

**LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR  
 KETCHIKAN VERY SOON**

KETCHIKAN, Oct. 23.—A drive for  
 funds to build a church will be started  
 by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Luth-  
 eran church on November 4.

On that date at 2.30 o'clock in the  
 afternoon in the Seaman's Home they  
 will place all kinds of fancy work on  
 sale. Heretofore the funds from these  
 sales have been applied to the Seaman's  
 Home. This time, however, the funds  
 will be devoted to a new church.

With the object in mind, the women  
 have been working hard to make an ex-  
 tra fine display of useful and fancy  
 articles which will be offered to the  
 public.

**ALASKA MINES  
 CLOSELY ALLIED  
 WITH CANADIAN**

REVIEW OF THOSE IN TERRITORY  
 INTERESTING TO MINING MEN  
 ON THIS SIDE

The mines of Alaska are closely as-  
 sociated with those in Canada as many  
 of them are in the same fields. This  
 was Alaska Week and the Ketchikan  
 Chronicle tells of the mines of the ter-  
 ritory as follows:

The high spots in Alaska history are  
 linked with one of her great industries,  
 that of mining. Wrangell was the first  
 of the Alaska towns to feel the impetus  
 which comes from the presence of  
 stampedees in the search of gold. Dur-  
 ing the late 70's and early 80's, it was  
 the outfitting point for 30,000 miners  
 who stampeded up the Stikine river and  
 into the Cassiar district, British Col-  
 umbia. Again in 1897, after the dis-  
 covery of gold on the Klondike river,  
 many stampedees outfitted at Wrangell,  
 thinking that they could reach this  
 El Dorado by way of the Stikine river,  
 Telegraph creek and Teslin Lake, thus  
 avoiding the Chilkoot pass and White-  
 horse rapids.

**FIRST PLACER**  
 The first placer gold mined in Al-  
 aska came from the Silver Bow basin,  
 Juneau, the oldest American settlement  
 in Alaska, in 1880. About the same  
 time the Treadwell quartz mine was de-  
 veloped in a small way and was later  
 enlarged until it was second to no  
 gold mine in the world at the time of  
 the big cave-in and flooding of the  
 major part of the workings in the  
 spring of 1917. Gastineau channel has  
 been the centre of considerable mining  
 activity from the time of the first  
 discovery of gold in Silver Bow basin to  
 the present time. The Alaska-Juneau  
 mine, in 1922, produced one-sixth of  
 all the gold mined in Alaska.

**KLONDIKE DISCOVERY**  
 The discovery of gold in the Klon-  
 dike region, Yukon Territory, in 1898,  
 was responsible for a period of increased  
 activity in Juneau during the succeed-  
 ing years when the stampedees were en  
 route. Skagway came into being over  
 night and in 1897-98 was a city of some  
 15,000 inhabitants. Although depleted  
 in population at the present time, this  
 little town stands at the gateway to  
 the Yukon Territory and is of com-  
 mercial importance for this reason.


**ON FORTY MILE**  
 The placer mines of the Forty Mile  
 river district were discovered in 1887;  
 those of the Rampart district in 1893,  
 those of the Sunrise district, Cook In-  
 let, in 1894; and those of the upper  
 Koyukok river in 1899. The first real  
 stampede to Alaska Territory, however,  
 occurred with the discovery of placer  
 gold on Anvil creek, near Nome, in  
 1898. The stampedees arrived by the  
 thousands during 1899 and 1900, when  
 gold in paying quantities was discovered  
 on the beach at Nome. Following the  
 Nome stampede other placer deposits  
 were opened on the Seward peninsula,  
 notably at Candle Creek, Council City  
 Solomon and in the Kougarak country  
 to the northward. After the days of the  
 rush Nome's population declined until  
 1905, when renewed activity occurred  
 for a few years as the result of the dis-  
 covery of gold in the old beach levele  
 on the tundra back of the present  
 beach.

**TANANA DISCOVERY**  
 The discovery of gold near Fairbanks  
 in 1902 created a new mecca for the  
 disappointed stampedees who had visit-  
 ed the Klondike, Nome and other dis-  
 tricts, and thousands flocked to Fair-  
 banks, which soon developed into a  
 thriving city. For several years follow-  
 ing the first discovery of gold in this  
 section, new finds were made on the  
 creeks in the district, and Fairbanks  
 thereafter had a rather prolonged  
 period of prosperity. The district still  
 holds much promise both as a mining  
 and agricultural section.

The discovery of placer gold near Hot  
 Springs on the Tanana river in 1906  
 resulted in the establishment of a per-  
 manent settlement there. Iditarod is  
 among the last of the large placer  
 camps. The district was discovered in  
 1909 and is still producing approxi-  
 mately one-half million dollars in gold  
 annually. Gold was discovered on the  
 creek back of Ruby in 1912, resulting  
 in the establishment of a permanent  
 settlement at that point. The Toio-  
 yana strike in 1914 resulted in a great  
 influx of gold seekers to that section.  
 The Kantishna, Hyder and Willow  
 creek districts now loom large on the  
 gold mining horizon.

**OTHER MINERALS**

In addition to the settlements men-  
 tioned as being founded largely as a  
 result of gold mining activities, other



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