

NEW LAWS NEEDED

Alaska's Mining Acts in Need of Revision.

MISTAKES MADE BY SETTLERS

J. L. McGinn Talks of Alaska's Development and Future Prospects—Mining Still in Its Infancy in That Country.

J. L. McGinn, former Assistant District Attorney of Nome, left last night for Seattle. Just before his departure, Mr. McGinn was asked concerning the present conditions in Nome. He said: "From the standpoint of mining, I feel that Nome is yet in its infancy as regards development. Herebefore the mining operations have been entirely placer, but quartz mining is gradually gaining a footing. There is little or no mining along the beach, but five miles from the city there are many sections thickly settled. I believe this gold far beyond the most sanguine expectations of the people of Nome will be taken out of the district."

"The rush at present is to the Fairbanks country. That is along the Tanana, a tributary of the Yukon. Men are going to Fairbanks who have been to Dawson and to Nome and who will attempt to eliminate the unsatisfactory conditions which have held these districts back. I refer to the mining laws. The conditions at Dawson when the district was first opened were deplorable. People rushed there who had never done any mining in their lives and who were entirely unfamiliar with the course to pursue in locating claims. The law provides that a claim shall be staked by some permanent mark or monument. All the miners did was to drive a stake for a starting point, run easterly 600 feet to another stake and then northerly 1200 to another stake, and so on. You must understand that Alaska is an un surveyed country. In Nome there is no timber other than slightly matured willows. The stakes there were necessarily small in size, which made the conditions infinitely worse than those at Dawson. In winter, men would drive their stakes down in the snow, and before they returned the stakes had fallen. A claim cannot be located in that way.

"In buying a claim you have to obtain the titles of two or three different persons. There is a cloud upon nearly every title and even when you have purchased several it is doubtful if your claim is clear. "An abstract company would be of absolutely no use. You may have a claim in Nome. The law permits eight men to take up 160 acres, provided they will do \$100 worth of work upon the tract in a year. Regardless of the fact that your claim may be clear in title the 160 acres taken up by these eight men may include your claim."

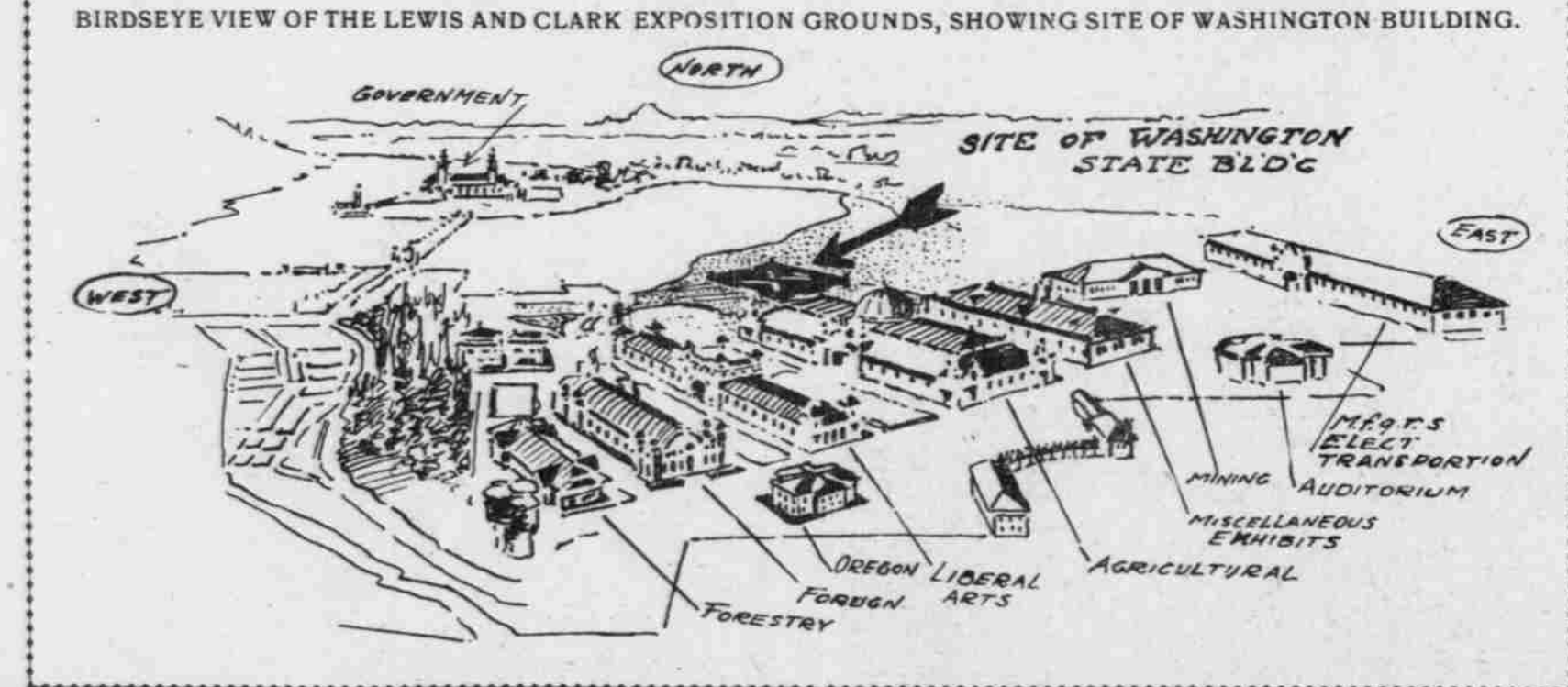
"Will the Federal Judges appointed by President Roosevelt help to better the conditions, or have you confidence in them?" was asked. "They are merely the successors of the Judges there before them, and they can only expound the law as it has been made. The only thing that will better the conditions in Nome will be the entire reconstruction of the existing mining laws. While I have not been to Fairbanks, I have heard from good sources that the location of claims there is governed by subdivisions such as we have here, and there will be none of the drawbacks which have proved such a detriment to Nome's advancement."

"I have read stories in the papers regarding Nome's daily life, and they amused me greatly. They were utterly absurd. There is a good hotel there, where a man may obtain room and board for \$50 a month. The rooms are steam-heated, and a man may not experience any inconvenience unless he wishes to. "There is no poverty in Nome. The people all have their own calling. A man living on mere necessities can exist on \$35 a month in the winter. The average salary of a clerk is about \$75 a month, and exorbitant prices cannot be charged. In 1899, I believe, there was a period in which outrageous prices were charged for everything, and fabulous salaries paid, but that is all over."

WANT THE SUIT DISMISSED.

Defendant Refuses to Testify in Case of Captain Koster.

A motion to dismiss the complaint in



BIRDSEYE VIEW OF THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPOSITION GROUNDS, SHOWING SITE OF WASHINGTON BUILDING.

the damage suit of Adolf Schaffer against Carl Koster, captain of the German ship Ari, was filed in the State Circuit Court yesterday by Gantenbein & Veasie, attorneys. Schaffer sued Captain Koster for \$200 because he alleged the captain said of him in the presence of witnesses that he was dishonest and worse than a sailor hoarding-house man. Captain Koster gave a bond to satisfy any judgment that might be rendered against him and, desiring to sail with his vessel, applied to the court to have W. E. Mitchell, notary and official reporter, appointed to take depositions in the case. This was done so that the trial might occur during the absence of the skipper. Captain Koster had his own deposition taken and also those of several witnesses. Among the depositions asked for and ordered by the court was that of Schaffer. At the appointed hour Schaffer appeared before Mitchell, accompanied by his attorney, John Ditchburn, but refused to testify. Mr. Ditchburn took the position that the notice concerning the taking of the deposition was insufficient. Because of the refusal of Schaffer to obey the order of the court concerning the deposition, the attorneys for Captain Koster, Messrs.

Gantenbein and Veasie, say the suit should be dismissed.

ANSWERS HIS ASSERTIONS.

Mrs. J. E. Dickey Replies to Statement Made by G. W. Jackson.

Mrs. J. E. Dickey, who has sued G. W. Jackson, to be declared the half-owner of a certificate of deposit for \$30,000 in Ladd & Tilton's bank, has filed a reply in the State Circuit Court to the answer of Jackson, in which she denies that she obtained possession of the certificate by means of threats.

GAMBLERS MAKE PROMISES.

Agree Not to Violate Laws of Oregon in the Future.

Written agreements that gambling games will not in future be conducted in their places of business were delivered to Sheriff Wood yesterday by Al Harries and Richardson Brothers, cigar dealers, and W. W. Harmon, proprietor of a saloon and concert hall at the corner of Third and Main streets. The club members promised not to violate the law in future. "The men were running poker games when raided by the sheriff several days ago, and told that along with others who have ceased their cashing, they must do likewise or be harshly dealt with. Sheriff Wood closed Harmon's place of business, putting a keeper in charge, but removed the others, who promised not to violate the law in future."

SCHNEIDER FILES DEMURRER.

Montavilla Prohibition Case May Be Hotly Contested.

In the case of Captain Herman Schneider, who is charged with violating the prohibition law, a demurrer was filed to the information yesterday in the State Circuit Court on the ground that the information does not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action; also that it charges two crimes.

Alleged Thieves Arraigned.

Frank Thompson and S. W. White, indicted for stealing jewelry valued at \$65, belonging to Ole Moe, Maude McCoy and Mrs. Iola Hudson, all occupants of rooms in the Seeling-Hirch building, were arraigned before Judge George yesterday and allowed until Friday to plead.

Articles of Incorporation.

The articles of incorporation of the Fraternal News Publishing Company were filed in the County Clerk's office yesterday by Phil Bardon, Jr.; Frank H. Lawyer and Frank W. Conway; capital stock \$10,000. The objects announced are to publish a newspaper, do job printing work, etc.

Court Notes.

Deputy Sheriff Cordano yesterday served papers in a divorce suit filed by Letitia Holden against A. G. Holden, in Lane County.

The will of the late Samuel Colson, deceased, was admitted to probate in the County Court yesterday. The property, valued at \$600, is devised to Cornelia Colson, the wife, who is named as executrix.

Milton W. Smith, administrator of the estate of Ella M. Smith, deceased, was authorized to pay to the directors of the

WILL USE THE VETO

Mayor to Disapprove of Junket Appropriation.

CONFLICTS WITH CHARTER

If Councilman Decide to Use the Money Appropriated in Making the Trip, Mayor Williams Will Not Sign Ordinance.

It is positively known that Mayor Williams will veto the ordinance passed in the last Council meeting providing for an appropriation of \$1000 from the fund for miscellaneous expenses of the Council to pay for the Los Angeles junketing trip if any action is taken by the Councilmen toward making the journey a realization.

While the Mayor will not state his opinion relating to the junket, the ordinance in its present text is invalid and conflicts with the charter. The ordinance states specifically that not more than \$1000 may be drawn from this fund in one year. It is known that Mayor Williams will veto the ordinance, but the specific reasons are not divulged.

Immediately after the Council meeting last Wednesday, Mayor Williams was assured by certain Councilmen that the trip would be abandoned. Louis Zimmerman was one of these men.

It was Mr. Zimmerman who voiced the virtues of the junket enthusiastically at the impromptu meeting of the Council and he also bitterly opposed the passing of the ordinance in the Council meeting. He would not admit inconsistency, but stated that on reconsideration he drew the conclusion that the city needed the money.

NOT ALWAYS THE MAXIMUM.

Judge Bellinger Says Traveling Expense Accounts Are Moderate.

Judge Bellinger, of the United States Court, was asked yesterday about the statement in a Washington dispatch to the Oregonian that the expense accounts of many Federal Judges, himself among them, when traveling on judicial business, are, as a rule, \$10 per day, the maximum allowed by law. The matter had been made prominent in the Swayne impeachment case by a charge that Swayne invariably demanded the \$10 maximum.

CHANGES IN RAILROAD WORLD

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The plan is simply to fill up a membership roll of 1000 people and then order pianos by the railroad direct from the factories. It is estimated that the net saving on the 1000 instruments, by eliminating the retailer's expenses and cutting the freight in half, will amount to at least \$50,000. For example, \$14.00 alone is saved in freight.

The Clubs run as follows: Club "A" will consist of pianos ranging in prices from \$50 to \$250. The club prices will run from \$17 to \$22, with payments of \$5 down and \$15 per week. In Club "B" the pianos at regular prices would be sold for from \$75 to \$125. The club prices are from \$45 to \$75, calling for payments of \$7.50 trip down and \$2 per week. Club "C" consists of the average higher grade pianos, ranging in price from \$350 to \$450. Prices to club members, \$210 to \$250. Payments \$15.00 down and \$2 per week. Club "D" the most costly American pianos made. Prices range from \$85 to \$100. Club members secure them for \$32 and up. Payments \$5 to \$5 down and \$2.50 per week. Club "E" consists of grand pianos, in special styles. Regular prices \$50 and up. Average saving on these pianos, \$14. Payments to club members, \$30 down and \$3 weekly. Club "F," numerous old pianos, manufacturers' samples, etc. Payments \$10 down and \$1.50 weekly.

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FIRE DOES DAMAGE

Holbrook Mercantile Company's Store in Ashes.

Neighbors of horses in the yard saved the Mercantile Co. store in the city. A fire which broke out at the Holbrook Mercantile Co. store, at the corner of 12th and Washington streets, at 1 o'clock yesterday morning, and a heavy charge of dynamite exploded, unfortunately attempted to kill father and son, who were wrapped in slumber at the time. Destruction of the premises was wrought by the flames, and the terrific explosion, working damage to the extent of \$2500.

ATTEMPT TO KILL OWNERS

Evidence Shows That Fire Was Set—Dynamite Explodes Under Building During Blaze, Endangering Property Adjoining.

That he and his son escaped from the burning building with their lives, Mr. Brooks attributes to the fact that several horses in the yard began neighing and whinnying when the flames burst out under the structure. This awakened him. He smelled the odor of smoke immediately and without waiting to dress hurried downstairs. He found the floor a seething mass of flames. Thinking of his son, who had returned home on the midnight train from Portland, Mr. Brooks rushed back and found him in bed, unconscious, overcome by the stifling smoke. In desperation, the father bore the son through the flames and dense smoke to safety below.

NEW CHURCH FOR PIEDMONT

Presbyterians Decide to Establish Congregation in That Place.

A special session of the Presbytery of Portland was called yesterday afternoon in the vestry of the First Presbyterian Church to consider the proposition of organizing a church at Piedmont, and the establishing of a German Presbyterian congregation in this city.

BUSINESS ITEMS.

If Baby is Cutting Teeth.

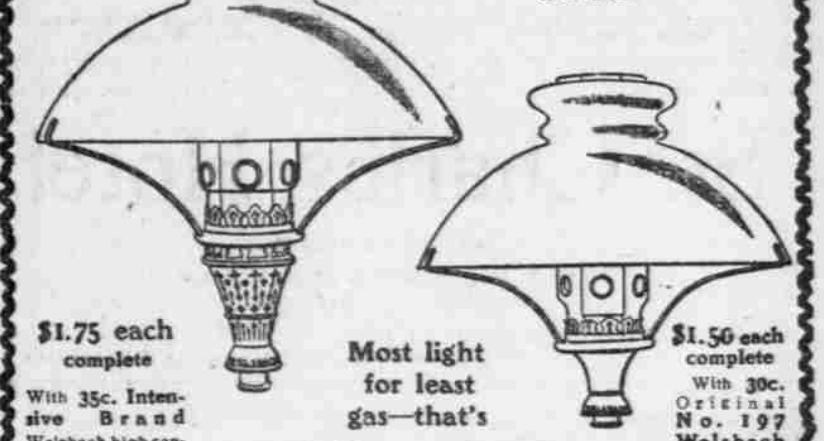
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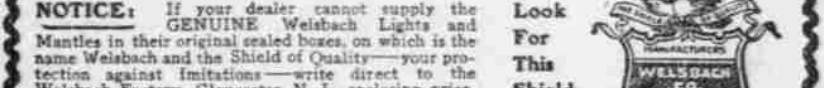
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