

# WRANGELL PEOPLE DEPEND ON FISHING

## Quaint Little Town on Alaskan Coast as Modern Looking as Larger Ones in East.

### STETSON GETS WELCOME

#### Addison Bennett Finds Live Newspaper, Wide-Awake Chamber of Commerce, Many-Colored Totem Pole, Crowded Skating Rink.

BY ADDISON BENNETT.  
WRANGELL, Alaska, April 5.—Wrangell is located on nearly the extreme northwestern point of Wrangell Island, on what is called Etolin Bay, although it is really in the bay of Stikine Straits. It is really a town in a northernly running past the town in a northernly and southerly direction. It is one of the oldest Alaskan towns, its establishment dating back to 1825, when it was located as a trading camp for the Thlinget tribe of Indians, who inhabited the surrounding country at that time. A war vessel was sent out from Russia at that time to stop the aggressions of the Hudson's Bay Company on Russian territory.

The Stikine River, which flows in from British Columbia and debouches into the straits a few miles above the town, was a main highway for the trappers of that company, and, as it flows for quite a distance through Alaskan territory, the Russians thought to put a stop to this by enlisting the Indians in their cause.

It was a place of small consequence until the discovery of gold up the Stikine in 1862, when it was an outfitting place for the miners, and has been rather a prosperous town from that time. It is in one respect what it was in the days of the "gold town" today. Not because of its size or commercial importance—simply because the citizens brag a little about the one and only horse in the place. It might also be called a one-automobile town, there being only one gas wagon here, and that is kept more for advertising purposes than for utility.

It is a beautiful and quaint little town of about 800 people, but it has all of the earmarks of many a town of nearly that many thousands. It is really a more modern looking place than many Eastern towns of several times its size. And yet as a portion of the town there is an Indian village that takes one back to the long ago. The comparison between the two sections is one of the secrets of the town's charm—to pass from one street to another like passing in a step from the dead past to the living present.

#### Island Has Little Farm Land.

Wrangell Island is about 24 miles north and south by the line of the east and west, and is cut off from the mainland by Eastern Passage, which is navigable, and is said to be a very fine scenic route for summer travel. This island is not quite as hilly as those lower down the territory, but there is not much level land on it. As to farm land, there is perhaps only a few acres worthy the name. It is said, however, that vegetable and berry growing is carried on hereabouts to a considerable extent.

#### Facts Discredit "Kicks."

Speaking about the canning industry reminds me that several have spoken to me about the money the cannery and their workmen have been losing by over-production, low prices, the growing scarcity of fish, particularly of the halibut, and all sorts of complaints about the business. Still, the number of canneries is increasing, the old ones are increasing their capacity, everybody expects the low-priced workmen on the water or in the canneries seem to be getting along pretty well. So, to tell the truth, I am at a loss to know how true the stories I hear one with another.

The average annual fisheries output of the world amounts to about \$40,000,000. Of this the United States gathers about \$70,000,000, Japan about \$7,000,000, Russia \$30,000,000 and so on. The United States takes about 17,000,000, or practically one-fourth, comes from Alaska. The capital invested here in the fisheries industry amounts to more than \$22,000,000. There are employed in the Alaskan fisheries, in all capacities, many for only a portion of each year, 17,352 people, with a capacity of 57,000 gross tons, are used in the industry.

#### Just take these figures and compare them with some of the other nations. You will be amazed at the enormity of the Alaskan fisheries and what it means to the Wrangell, one of the principal points, has some business now and can look to the future of its great expansion for all the business mentioned has grown up in a few years.

#### But," says the knocker, "the Alaskan waters will be fished out in 10 years from now. Better worry about your income tax and lay plans to dodge it."

## DEED EVIDENCE BARRED

### PURDY OVERRULED IN ATTEMPTS TO PROVE SIGNATURE.

#### Thirty-six Witnesses Called by Claimant to Winters' Estate Have Now Given Testimony.

Will E. Purdy, claimant to a large portion of the estate left by Henry D. Winters, Portland realtor, who died several years ago, leaving an estate valued at \$80,000, attempted several times yesterday to prove the signature on the instrument by which he claims the estate, to be that of Winters. Each time Judge Morrow sustained objections as to the manner in which the evidence was offered.

He will require another half day before Purdy completes his testimony. Thirty-six witnesses who have now been examined by Purdy include Chief Justice McBride, of the Supreme Court, Circuit Judge McGinn, members of his family and present and ex-county officials.

#### Oregon Electric Sleeper

On the Eugene "Owl" beginning Tuesday, April 7, temporarily withdrawn from service for overhauling.—Adv.

#### Only One "BROMO QUININE"

Whenever you feel a cold coming on, think of the full name, Lassive Bromo Quinine. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on box. 226.



HARRY GILFOIL.

Harry Gilfoil, appearing at the Orpheum Theater this week as "Baron Sands," a character which he originated, is as near the real character of the old sport who is still in the ring as one may well imagine. His vocal limitations of a *prima* manageria, and the early morning tomcats' serenade are funny as well as wonderful.

## PENSION IS GIVEN UP

### PREVIOUS ASSISTANCE RENDERS WIDOW INDEPENDENT.

#### Four Added to Roll, One Discontinued Because Child Has Been Taken and One Applicant is Ineligible.

Thanking the officials of the Juvenile Court for the courtesies that have been extended to her, Mrs. Carrie B. Gratton yesterday requested the widows' pension case committee to discontinue the \$17.50 pension which she has been receiving from the county since last July. Mrs. Gratton says the assistance which she has received has enabled her to provide means to help herself in the future, and the county assistance, though appreciated in the past, is needed no longer. Few such letters have been received by the Juvenile Court.

Four new pensions were allowed at the meeting, two applications denied because the applicant was found not dependent, one discontinued because the minor child has been taken from the dependent mother by the court, and one applicant declared ineligible. She had made application, it was learned, for a \$12.50 pension in Clatsop County, which was allowed subject to conditions with which she refused to comply. The committee declared its willingness to advance funds for the applicant to return to Clatsop County, if she wishes so to do.

The pensions allowed were: Mrs. Effie M. Decker, Clatsop, Or., one child, \$10, on condition that she remain at home. Mrs. Mary Murphy, 267 East Seventy-fourth street, three children, \$25. Mrs. Frances Allard, Troutdale, Or., reinstated, \$10. Mrs. Edna Burdick, 220 North Seventh street, two children, \$17.50.

## ADVICE GIVEN TO YOUTHS

### Melvin G. Winstock Represents Ad Club at Lincoln High School.

"A man's true worth is not measured by his muscle, his brain, or his money, but by the service he renders to the community in which he lives," said Melvin G. Winstock, representing the Ad Club, at the Lincoln High School yesterday.

"My message to you from the Ad Club is that as you young women and men are the citizens of tomorrow, it behooves you to begin your preparatory school of municipal activity today. I suggest that you organize a Junior Commercial Club with your Ad Club department, your Rotary Club department, your progressive business men's department and Chamber of Commerce department. That from your central body, you select delegates to attend various meetings of these organizations for the purpose of ascertaining what is being done, and these delegates report back to your central body with their suggestions as to what you can do to help in the development of your state and your city."

## TIMBER SUIT COMPROMISED

### Government Gets \$1798 Damages in Case Started 12 Years Ago.

By the terms of a stipulation made by Attorney States District Attorney Reames with Zera Snow, attorney for Charles E. Ladd and the Ladd Metals Company, the Government took judgment yesterday in the sum of \$1798 and costs of action.

Charles E. Ladd and the Ladd Metals Company were charged with cutting timber from public land near Caldwell, Idaho, in 1902. The case was piecemealed in the Interior Department at Washington for several years, but was revived by Mr. Reames last Fall, when the Government, in its complaint, asked damages amounting to \$7000.

A compromise having been reached, Judge Walverton, on Mr. Reames' motion, yesterday directed that judgment be taken in the terms of the stipulation.

#### St. John Resident Passes.

ST. JOHN, Wash., April 10.—(Special)—The funeral of Mrs. A. D. Burrow, for a number of years a resident of St. John, and vicinity, took place yesterday morning.

#### Timber Cruising to Cost \$5000.

ASHLAND, Or., April 10.—(Special)—



Home, Sweet Home

JOHN HOWARD FAYNE  
Melodist

HENRY R. DENSON

1. 'Mid plain - ure and pal - ace, though we may roam, Be it  
2. An - ce - the from home, splendor has - sies in vain; O! I  
3. How sweet 'tis to sit 'neath a fig - tree's shade, And the  
4. To thee I'll re - turn, a - ver - bur dead with care, The

Found on Page 374 of "Heart Songs"

A homeless man wrote "Home, Sweet Home!" Perhaps no other could ever have expressed the intense longing—the yearning—the keen pangs of a heart starving for home—for hearthstone and loved ones.

Certainly no words and no music could convey with more feeling that greatest of passions of the human heart—the desire for a home of its own. But one other desire on earth surpasses it—and that comes—mercifully—only to old age—when it longs for its home "not built with hands, eternal in the heavens."

This world-wide melody occurs in Bishop's opera of "Clara, the Maid of Milan," brought out at Covent Garden in 1823. In the published music it is called a "Sicilian Air"—but it is probably Bishop's own. It was the favorite encore of Jenny Lind—and thousands wept when they heard her sing it.

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## BRIEF AND TO THE POINT IS STATEMENT

### Made by This Local Blacksmith Regarding Plant Juice, the New Vegetable Tonic.

Commissioners in conjunction with the W. C. T. U., was contrary to law.

Mr. Arthur Foster, a well-known blacksmith in the employ of A. Mason, a contractor in this city, has a few words to say about Plant Juice, the new tonic that has swept this part of the country by storm the past few months. Mr. Foster has worked at his trade of blacksmith for forty-eight years, and has traveled over the country a great deal in his business, but in all his travels has never found a remedy so popular or one that gave such satisfaction as Plant Juice. He also said:

"For the past few years I suffered a great deal from stomach trouble, and had to be very careful what I ate. I would eat after meals in a most distressing manner, and there was a constant soreness in my stomach and bowels. I was very nervous, too, at times. I tried everything I could hear of but nothing seemed to help me much. As a sort of last resort I concluded to try Plant Juice, and, to my surprise, it began to help me right away. I have come today for some more and am going to continue its use until I am entirely well, as I feel sure I have found the right thing for last. I can certainly recommend Plant Juice to others."

If your circulation is poor, and you have a numb feeling, with more or less rheumatism, have headaches, dizzy spells, pains in the back or limbs, no appetite, sleep badly and wake up in the morning tired, with dull, heavy eyes, bad taste and no energy, if you are nervous, feel blue and want to cry without any real reason, then just try a bottle of Plant Juice. For sale at the Owl Drug Company's Stores.—Adv.

## That Wonderful Event

IF THERE is a time above all times when a woman should be in perfect physical condition it is the time previous to the coming of her babe.

During this period many women suffer from headache, sleeplessness, pains of various description, poor appetite, and a host of other ailments which should be eliminated in justice to the new life about to be ushered into this world.

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