

ALASKA TOUR SURPASSES ALL

The Journal So Determined When It Selected Summer Outing for Prizes.

INTERESTING PERIOD IN VOTE SECURING

Now Is Time When All Subscription Canvassers Should Work Hardest for August 15 Ends Chances to Name Excursion Candidates.

"See America first, Europe afterwards." This is the motto of the See America First convention and this has been adopted as the sentiment of every patriotic American.

The Alaska tour is considered the finest on the American continent. Its scenic attractions surpass all others. As a summer outing there is nothing in travel on this continent to compare with it.

For these reasons The Journal selected a cruise in northern waters to reward friends of education who participate in the scholarship-subscription contest.

The members of the party will be chosen by the contestants who lead the four divisions in votes up to August 15. All subscriptions received by The Journal before midnight August 15 or contained in letters bearing postmark of August 15 will be measured out in votes and counted on this mid-contest award.

This is an interesting period of the contest struggle. The main fight for scholarships and bags of gold still goes on and will not be ended until the first week of September. But the struggle for supremacy for the winning of the valuable Alaska tour will be decided by the amount of business in The Journal office on August 15.

Deck Before School Time. The cruise in northern waters on the steamship Jefferson will consume about 12 days. The party will get back before the schools open.

The vessel will stop at the principal points long enough for passengers to make investigation. After leaving Seattle the course is northward through the British Columbia and Alaska waters, the first stop in Alaska being at Ketchikan or Metlakahla at the ship's convenience.

The vessels call at Ketchikan, Douglas and Juneau both northbound and southbound; at Metlakahla, Wrangell and Haines either northbound or southbound or both; at Takli either northbound or southbound; at Sitka southbound. Skagway is the northern end of the route where the northbound voyage ends and the southbound voyage begins. The distance traversed in this round trip is about 1,300 miles, a trip entirely by steamer. The Alaska ports visited either going or returning and in some cases both, are Ketchikan, Metlakahla, Wrangell, Douglas (Treadwell rock mine), Haines (Fort William Seward), Skagway and Sitka and Takli glacier.

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Splendid Example. Metlakahla is almost the only, and is the best, example of the complete practical success of Christian missionary work among American Indians.

The year 1907 is the fiftieth anniversary of the beginning of the Christian missionary work, and the twelfth anniversary of the removal of the Metlakahla Indians from Old Metlakahla near Fort Simpson in British Columbia to the present location on Amette Island in Alaska.

After several months sailing at Victoria for the fall steamer to the north, Mr. Duncan finally sailed on the "Oster" and reached Port Simpson on October 1, 1857. In those days there wasn't a fine fast steamer sailing from Seattle every two or three days for the northward. In fact, there was no steamer then. The only steamers running to the north were the Hudson Bay company's steamers "Beaver" and "Oster." The "Beaver" was the first steam vessel to operate in the northern waters.

They made two trips a year from Victoria to all Hudson's Bay company posts in the north—the one trip in the spring and the other in the fall. October 1, 1857, Mr. Duncan landed at Fort Simpson to begin his missionary labors. One man, clad in the armor of Christianity, a thousand cannibals, warriors and thousands of years of ignorance and barbarism. The great struggle that has crowned his efforts in the grandest proof of the power of the divine beauty and power of the Christian religion.

The story of Metlakahla cannot be told in a few words. Volumes would be required to tell of Mr. Duncan's 50 years' experience at Old and New Metlakahla; of his many encounters with the cannibals; of his coming to befriend; of learning their language and beliefs; of his labors in opening schools to teach the young and old and his work from barbarism to civilization and Christianity; of the success of his teaching and preaching that has converted the envy of the surrounding Indian tribes as well as the Christian missionary society in England; of the

oppression that the Metlakahlians endured for years until finally in the spring of 1857, their liberties and rights having been assured until none were left, they gave up the fight and with their small personal belongings embarked in their canoes 400 strong and crossed the international boundary into Alaska and settled at the present site of Metlakahla. Mr. Duncan was in Washington, D. C., securing the necessary permits and legals of settling in Alaska. He returned to his people during the summer and on August 7, 1857, dedicatory services were held in the Catholic chapel. The new church bell. Three times this town has been almost completely destroyed by fire. The cannery, the saw-mill, the church, the store and all the houses have been built by the Indians. They have a good brass band which recently made a successful tour of the coast cities. Municipal affairs are administered by native officials. Their conversion to Christianity has been thorough. The grey-headed Apostle of Alaska is generally conceded to have done well.

Witching Celebration. The Metlakahlians propose to fittingly celebrate this summer the silver anniversary of their friend and instructor, Mr. Duncan always has a word of praise and welcome for all visitors, but this year his welcome will be, if possible, more cordial and hearty. Fifty years is a long time to labor and he has labored in the cause in which he has been engaged, but he is still hale and hearty—and working.

Wrangell was founded in 1834 by Admiral Baron Ferdinand Petrovich von Wrangell. When the United States took possession of Alaska in 1867 a military post was established at the place now called Fort Wrangell. Alaska was under military rule for 10 years following its purchase by the United States but civil government has superseded military and the "Fort" has now just been dropped from the name. It is now just Wrangell. It is quite an Indian and although miles away, remains the separated Douglas wharf, however, and when they are not going to land at Treadwell Douglas passengers are taken to Douglas wharf, a walk of 10 to 15 minutes. Douglas is a progressive modern town and growing rapidly. Treadwell is a very busy and noisy place. The hundreds of men employed by the Treadwell company work in relief teams and the operations never cease day or night except on July 4th and Christmas. The mine is practically a huge open quarry in the side of a mountain. The stamp mill is the largest in the world and crushes out of the rock many thousands of tons of lead.

It is situated on the bank of the Yukon river, a distance of three miles from Douglas wharf. It is a very imposing mountain some 4,000 feet high. At Alaska Capital. Juneau is the capital of Alaska and probably the largest town in southeastern Alaska. It is situated on the head of the Klaskan river, a distance of 20 miles from Douglas wharf. It is a very busy and noisy place.

Haines is at the head of Chilkoot inlet. It was the site of the principal village of the Chilkoot Indians before the advent of white men. The first white settlement was a Presbyterian mission and the town was at first called Haines Mission. It is situated on the head of the Klaskan river, a distance of 20 miles from Douglas wharf. It is a very busy and noisy place.

Skagway is an Indian word meaning wind or windy. Like all primitive people, the Indians were superstitious. Skagway or windy are in north latitude about 60 degrees and 25 minutes and at the end of your northbound steamer voyage. Here's connection with the White Pass & Yukon Route railroad for White Horse, British Columbia, at the head of the Klaskan river. The Klaskan river steamer operate to Dawson, Fairbanks, St. Michael, etc. The steamer Skagway is a small steamer long enough to allow passengers time to make a trip by rail from Skagway to the international boundary at the summit of the coast range of mountains, a distance of 21 miles. The White Pass & Yukon Route makes special rate of 50c per capita, round trip, from Skagway to the summit of the coast range of mountains. It will run a special train for 50 or more fares. By special the trip is made in about three hours. It is customary for passengers to arrange with the purser for this trip before leaving Juneau so that he can telegraph to Skagway for a special train for it.

Then on to Sitka. After leaving Skagway it is about 15 hours run to Sitka. The course is through Lynn Canal and Chatham, Pelly, Olenok and Kotzebue Sound, the oldest Russian town in southeastern Alaska, founded in 1804 by the first Russian governor of Alaska. It is one of the most interesting of all ports visited. Being off the regular course of travel and being visited less frequently than the other towns, it seems to retain its old Russian and Indian ways and affects. There are so many interesting things and places to see in Sitka that hours will seem like minutes.

Taku Glacier. On the visit to Taku Glacier there is no place or opportunity to land. It is almost a return to "Ice Age" conditions. The ship steams up Taku Inlet through miles of floating icebergs to the glacier at the head of the Inlet. On each side the steep mountains rise straight from the water, and ahead, between the mountain walls, is the glacier. A mighty river of ice with a front wall nearly 200 ft. high (above the water line, and no one knows how much lower) and from a mile and a half wide. The icebergs which are continually breaking off and floating away down the inlet. The ship goes as near to the face of the glacier as possible and after drifting for a short time, giving everyone time to see and photograph the glacier, steams back to the water.

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