

BIG FELLOWS SEEM IN A SCRAMBLE TO GET INTO ALASKA

Invasion of Heavy Mining Operations as Well as of Standard Oil Has Characterized Last Few Weeks.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Seattle, Wash., June 17.—A scramble of the big fellows to get into Alaska is indicated by recent news happenings. The latest factor in the development of the territory and its natural resources is the Standard Oil company, whose entry has been hailed with delight by all Alaskans. This company has announced officially the closing of a contract with the Amalgamated Development company of Vancouver, B. C., for 100,000 barrels of high grade refining oil of that company's wells at Katalla, Alaska. The Standard will also send its tank steamers to Alaska to transport the product to the refineries of California.

A few weeks ago the United States, Mining, Smelting & Refining company opened an office in Seattle and announced its determination of sending its field operatives throughout Alaska for a thorough exploration of the country, with the idea of purchasing and developing promising gold or copper properties.

Pierson People Rush In.

Within a fortnight following this announcement, the Pierson Syndicate transferred its entire field staff of 16 men from Mexico to Alaska, and these geologists and mining engineers are now covering the entire Copper river region, as well as the remarkably fine mineral region lying back of Seward and Valdez. It has already been announced that the Piersons have taken an option on a group of 26 gold quartz claims in the Lake McKinley district, which is one of the most promising new fields reached by the lately completed Copper River & Northwestern railway. The same syndicate has also devoted considerable attention to the quartz properties in the hills back of Seward, as well as those located in the country tributary to the Alaska Northern railway, and it has been given out in Seward that the company has made overtures to purchase the Alaska Northern if the mineral development along its route proves satisfactory.

Other Big Summer Work.

Clark & Eaton, of the Singer building, New York city, with whom is associated an eastern syndicate, have taken over the Mother Lode property on McCarthy creek, and mining engineers with a large number of miners have left for the scene of operations to develop this property during the present summer. In the meantime the copper properties operated by the Kennecott Mines company are shipping large quantities of high grade ore to the Tacoma smelter, and the Yukon Gold company is preparing to push the most extensive work in gold dredging on a large scale that has ever been attempted in Yukon territory.

The individual placer miners are more numerous than ever and all the old diggings are filled with sourdoughs who have gone into the country earlier than usual.

All Means a Bigger Output.

The advent of these big operators, however, has had the effect of stimulating the mining industry throughout Alaska and Yukon territory and the result will be that the year will undoubtedly show a greater production of gold and copper than during any year in the history of the country.

A most important factor in the change that has come during the last two weeks is the practical settlement of the fuel question by a contract made by the Standard Oil company for supplying from its crude oil wells in California, the big operators of Alaska. The tank ships of the Standard will take the crude oil from California fields to Alaskan ports and return laden with the high grade refining oil from the Katalla fields. This will give the tank ships a load in each direction, and will serve to develop the high grade oils of Alaska as well as securing a new market for the low grade fuel oils of California.

Since the official announcement was made a few days ago, Alaskans generally have taken a more hopeful view of the situation and with the consummation of these several deals the business outlook for the year seems brighter than usual.

FOREIGN CONCERNS MUST PAY LICENSE

Secretary of State Olcott Asks District Attorneys to Assist in Collecting Fees.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., June 17.—The discovery recently that a Portland corporation which had submitted a favorable bid on state work was a foreign corporation which had failed to comply with the laws of the state and to pay its fees has led to the announcement by Secretary of State Ben W. Olcott that he would immediately address to every district attorney in the state a letter asking that lists be made of such illegal corporations in order that these corporations may be brought to trial. The law makes it the duty of the secretary of state to request district attorneys to institute actions to recover in cases where the law has been violated and it is the intention of Secretary Olcott to see that this law is enforced. It is estimated that the state of Oregon is losing \$10,000 to \$25,000 annually as a result of these foreign corporations, doing business in the state, failing to comply with the law.

Laws Are Specific.
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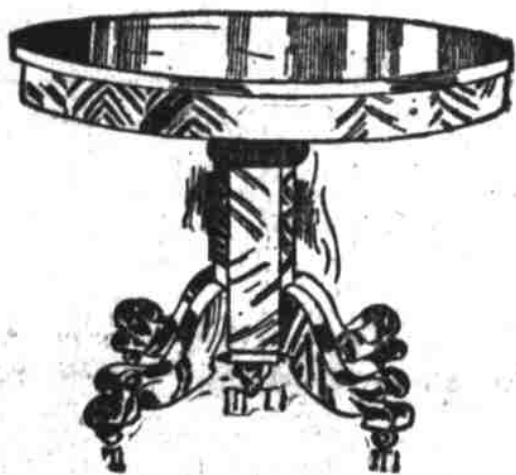
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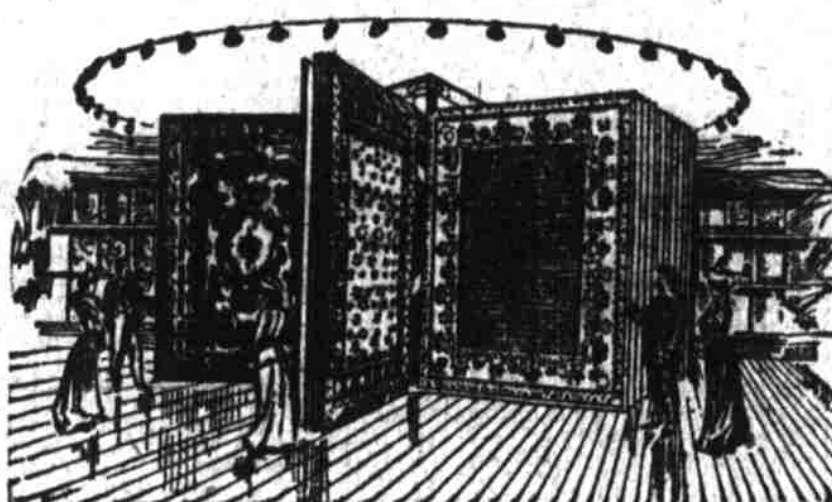
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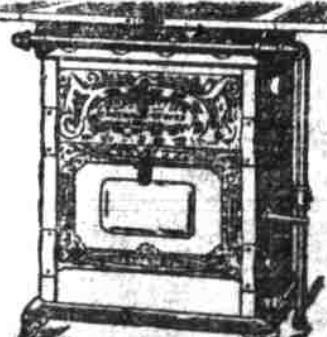
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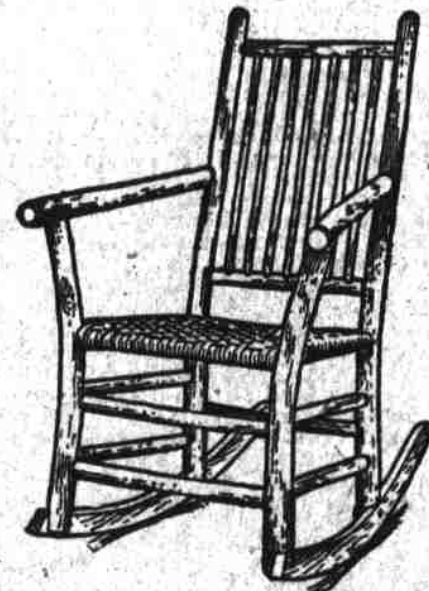
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