

ALASKA IS YET A RICH EL Dorado

FREQUENT GOLD STRIKES EXCITE SMALL NOTICE

People Not Alarmed by the Stories of Rich Discoveries as Formerly—The Strikes of Gold Which Pass Unnoticed Today Would Have Caused a Stampede Seven Years Ago.

Alaska is still a country of frequent rich strikes, and there is every indication that men will continue to find gold as long as they continue to explore the country; for while hundreds of creeks have been examined for color, there remain hundreds more in the country which is one-fifth as large as the United States. Alaska is due to receive a big influx of population after the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, an international fair which is to be held in Seattle in 1909 principally for the purpose of exploiting the untold resources of the northland.

A recent issue of a Seattle newspaper contained in an inconspicuous column three news stories of strikes in Alaska. Ten years ago these would have been sufficient to cause a stampede. As it was, they were accepted as included in the regular order of things.

From Seward came a report which follows, in part: "An important gold strike has been made on the western slope of Mt. McKinley, near the headwaters of the Kuskokwim river. Such is the information contained in a letter to Julian Mott, a machinist of Seward, from a mining partner. Mott is considered reliable and the news has awakened much interest in mining circles here."

This from Seward also: (Seward is in southeastern Alaska, in a territory that has been known to miners for 30 years): "Within three miles of Seward, on Tonsina creek, which empties into Resurrection bay, Alfred Lowell mined out \$23.19 in 11 hours. He was doing his annual assessment work and put in sluice boxes to see how the ground would run. The result greatly exceeded his expectations."

Here is a story that tells of more than a gold strike, a story wherein figures real gold. It also bears a Seward date line: "L. H. Herndon, C. H. Jacobs and William Morris, with \$20,000 in gold dust, have arrived from the Yentna gold fields. They have been mining on Nugget creek, a tributary of Cache creek, and the handsome stake brought out is the result of a couple of months' work. The gold is coarse in quality. Four picked pans on bedrock netted respectively, \$53, \$75, \$47.50 and \$18. George

Eberhardt, one of the original discoverers of the district, passed through Seward on his way to Seattle with a poke containing \$3000. M. Schaufen, who mined on Lake creek bar, took out about \$2000."

CONTEST OVER TIMBER LANDS. May Develop a Typical Fraud Case in Idaho.

A contest case of more than usual interest is being heard today before the register and receiver of the United States land office at Boise, says the Capital News. Mrs. Wille H. Calloway of Mountainhome is contesting the homestead entry of Andrew J. Herring, involving the south half of the northeast quarter and the north half of the southeast quarter of section 28, township 2 north, range 9 east.

This is one of a number of cases brought to set aside homestead entries in the Fall River country, near Pine, in which valuable timber is sought by various applicants. In May, 1905, two townships of land were opened for settlement and entry under the various land laws. Numerous applicants were made to enter land under the timber and stone act, a number of which were rejected for the reason that entries had been made under the homestead law, and in some cases settlement had been made prior to filing the plats by the surveyor general.

Mrs. Calloway was one of a number to have her timber entry rejected, the reason being that Herring had already covered the land with a homestead filing. She appealed from the decision of the local land office and asked that a hearing be ordered, which was done.

In her affidavit Mrs. Calloway makes some sensational allegations. She says that the land in question has an altitude of 5000 feet above sea level; that it is covered with snow from six to eight months of the year; that it is composed of hills and deep ravines, with broken lava formation; that it contains from 20,000 to 25,000 feet of merchantable timber per acre, or nearly 4,000,000 feet in all, and that there is no tillable land fit for agriculture if the timber was removed.

She further alleges that Herring did not enter the land in good faith for a homestead, but that he took the same for the Page-Mott Lumber company, which is to succeed to his title when the same is received from the government, and that the expense incident to the entry and final proof is being provided by said company. For the reasons stated she asks that the homestead entry be cancelled and that she be permitted to perfect her entry under the timber and stone act.

E. M. Wolf of Mountainhome, appears for Mrs. Calloway, Edgar Wilson and Karl Paine for the homestead entryman. A large number of witnesses are present for each side and the matter will be fought to a finish. The claim is said to be worth several thousand dollars. Three other cases, involving the same question are on the docket to follow the present hearing.

M'GINN QUOTED THE BIBLE.

Eloquent Portland Attorney Makes Plea for Chinese Client.

The soul that sinneth it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

With this language, quoting from Ezekiel, Henry E. McGinn pleaded for justice to the memory of a little Chinese boy, Wong You Nom, 2 years of age, who was run down and killed by a street car of the Portland Railway company, says a Portland dispatch.

The trial of the suit for \$5000 damages, brought by Kong Kim, father of the child, against the railway company, was nearing its end. Attorney Dan J. Malarkey had just concluded a vigorous argument in behalf of the company, and had referred to the fact that the father of the lad was a gin-seller. He held that in the nature of things the child could never have grown to be a very valuable asset to society.

McGinn retorted in McGinn fashion. He read the passage from holy writ, and probably no jurymen in the box ever witnessed a more apt or forcible application of the Bible to human affairs. The selection from scripture was made the text for a brief but almost volcanic sermon.

Florida's Great Orange Crop. Jacksonville, Dec. 18.—Though labor was particularly short and wages 30 per cent higher than last year, this season's crop from all points of view beats the record. The quality of fruit in general is good and green fruit shows better flavor than in previous years. Prices are also good and are likely to continue so as the crops in Madeira and Spain are reported to be a failure.

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