

Old Sourdoughs Show 'Drugstore Prospectors' How to Look for Gold

FISHWHEEL, Alaska, Oct. 27 (AP)—Residents of this gold-seeking tent village represent a fairly accurate cross-section of a Alaskan native, old-timers, checkchaks and business men.

The old-timers are a quiet group—going about their business with the calm efficiency born of many years experience in the north. Their entire equipment for a month's stay in this treacherous wilderness is carried in a large pack. A tent, a collapsible stove, a few pounds of dehydrated vegetables and dried meat, an axe and a gun are all these redoubtable characters require.

Hollywood Style
But the checkchaks—Indian for newcomers—arrive like motion pic-

ture stars on an ocean voyage. Huge bundles of clothing, canned food, fancy lanterns, heavy stoves and many small comfort items are piled on the river bank in hurried disorder.

They arrive by plane and the pilot, after helping them carry belongings to the river bank, attempts to impress each passenger with the dangers of the country.

When the plane leaves the "drugstore prospectors" look bewildered around, finally attaching themselves to an old-timer whom they reply with questions:

"Where is unstaked ground?"
"Where is a good place to pan for a few nuggets?" "How will the weather be this week?" "Where do we go from here?"

Puzzled
All this the old sourdough will answer with kindly patience and the checkchaks grow more bewildered and perplexed.

When they learn that they must chop stakes and gather firewood, dig a hole in frozen ground and undergo possible 60 degree below zero weather, a number of them catch the next plane back to Fairbanks. Many of them stay a few days until they get tired of trying to cut a straight line through nearly impenetrable brush. Then they decide "there's probably no gold here anyhow" and return home.

Californians Rap Brannan Program

By BILL JENKINS

THE California state chamber of commerce has followed up its regular weekly letter in a special with this information: "Secretary of Agriculture Brannan's plan of farm price supports today drew a blistering resolution of opposition from the CSCC . . . the Brannan program is opposed on the grounds that such a program would tend to bring about a complete reorientation of agriculture through unwarranted and undesirable extension of controls over production and marketing of farm products. . . measure also would establish precedent for general use of consumer subsidies, which in turn would lead to increase of already oppressive tax burdens . . ."

Looks like the Californians don't think much of Mr. Brannan's plan.

paper, it becomes something tangible which you have once possessed and know you can possess again."

All well and good. Maybe it works—for some people. I'm looking at the remnants of my glad book right now and feeling more depressed every minute. Mine is the most concrete writing in the world—namely cancelled checks. They were written, these that I'm looking at now that is, during a very happy period recently when I was on vacation. But instead of reminding me of the previous moments spent by the murmuring Pacific they only call to mind visions of next month's rent, grocery and utility bills and how am I going to pay them after all these little entries in the 'glad book?' Maybe the good doctor and I don't see eye to eye.

Another suggestion from the same source recommends that all widows be interned for several months following the deaths of their husbands. This should take place just where the author fails to state just where this should take place but vaguely hints at the advisability of a trip. This should be done, points out Journal of Living, in order to save the bereaved widow from sales-

men and promoters as well as the mental horrors of moving in with family or friends. The Journal seems mainly concerned that said widow may 'fritter away money that might have kept them comfortable for years.' Again it could be, but drawing from the page of my 'glad book' I can tell her that with the price of travel what it is today she might

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Few Operators Laid off By Dial Phones

SEATTLE, Oct. 27 (AP)—The switch from manual to dial telephones has apparently made little difference in personnel costs for telephone companies, records disclosed yesterday at state public commission hearings.

Exhibits were put on record showing the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company had 3861 operators in January, 1948, and has about 3700 in the state now, although the number of manual telephones was reduced substantially during the period.

Rate Hikes
The lengthy hearings moved into their final stage today as the company's request for increased rates throughout the state to net \$7,000,000 yearly.

More than 80 per cent of all company telephones are now dial operated, he said.

Gotham's Subway Then and Now

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (AP)—The New York subway system celebrated its 45th birthday today.

It's grown some: 241.56 miles along 37 lines collecting about 6,500,000 dimes daily.

But in one respect the subways haven't changed much since the day in 1904 when the first line was opened from city hall to Broadway and 145th street by way of Grand Central and Times square. That day a reporter wrote:

"Men fought, kicked and shoved to get on."

Somebody Pulling Deputy's Leg?
SEATTLE, Oct. 27 (AP)—Donald Larfield, a sheriff's deputy from Clatsop county, Ore., thinks maybe someone is playing games with him.

He was stopped at the south city limits in his official sedan yesterday after the state patrol radioed the King county sheriff's office that a six-foot negro with a .45 automatic was headed for Seattle in a stolen car belonging to the Clatsop county sheriff's office. The negro reportedly was wanted for robbery in Olympia.

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