

ALL-ALASKA REVIEW

Robert J. Sullivan, of the Society of Jesuits, came north this month from Washington, D. C. enroute to Nulato, where he will take up the important task of translating the records of the pioneer missionary Father Jette regarding the history of the Tene Indians, chronicled in the native language. Mr. Sullivan is a young man who recently took his degree at Georgetown University, and specializes in anthropology. He will return to the states in February.

Elmer Priest, a young man from Yakima Wash., is looking over the country at Fairbanks for opportunities. Mr. Priest is a flour mill expert and is much interested in the possibilities of grain growing and flour production.

On a field trip for the University of Alaska and the American Museum of Natural History, Dr. F. E. Rainey, professor of anthropology at the University, John B. Dorsh, of the American Museum, and Timothy Twitchell, University student acting as assistant, left Fairbanks on June 10, for Gulkana, from which point the party will go up to the Copper River. The purpose of the expedition, which will require a month, is to obtain skeletal remains of pre-historic animals and to secure, if possible, data for an article of early Indian civilization on the Copper River.

The mining property of the late Peter Dolan was bought at public auction by the Fairbanks Exploration Department on its bid of \$9,000. The ground, all unpatented, consists of seven claims on Alder Creek and two full claims, an undivided interest in a claim, and a two-thirds undivided interest in a claim on Cripple Creek. This constituted all the assets of the estate. Its liabilities amounted to about \$2,500, a large amount of which is for assessment work done on the ground since Mr. Dolan's death. The deceased, a long time resident of the north and a pioneer of the Fairbanks district, passed away in April, 1935. He is supposed to have been born in Ireland. John B. Miller, attorney for the administrator, says that diligent search has been made for surviving relatives, but without success.

Billy Rowe, prominent Nome resident and pioneer of Alaska, suffered a stroke in Nome on June 9, and passed away shortly afterward. Mr. Rowe was a pioneer freighter and transfer man at Nome, and followed the business there since the early days of the camp. He was spoken of as one of the finest men of the north, and the most extensive freighter of the Nome country if not of all Alaska. He often had 50 or more horses engaged in the business before the days of motor trucks.

Dick Van Warden, pioneer Yukoner and Alaskan, made the trip north from Seattle recently to deliver a herd of 200 cattle to the A. A. Shonbeck ranch at Palmer. It was the largest herd ever brought north on an Alaska ranch. Van Warden formerly was in the cattle and meat business in Dawson and Fairbanks, and at one time owned mining property on Cleary Creek.

Thirty Fairbanks carpenters signed to go to work on the Matanuska colony project, in response to a call by Ross L. Sheely, manager, to Mayor Collins for 60 carpenters to report not later than July 1; wages to be \$1 an hour; board \$15 a month; men must bring bed rolls and tools for log cabin and barn construction, approximately five months' work.

Miss Frances Meals, 1934 graduate, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Meals, former residents of Valdez, has been appointed librarian of the University of Alaska, to succeed Mrs. Irice C. Ryan, resigned, and will take over her new duties September 1. Miss Meals, after receiving her A. B. degree in Arts and Letters from the University in 1934 taught in the Valdez public schools for a year or so. For the past year she has been doing post-graduate work in the Library School of the University of Washington.

Eiler Hansen, superintendent of the Pioneers' Home at Sitka, arrived in Juneau recently by plane for a conference with Gov. Troy and other Territorial officials. He reported the Home filled to capacity. Landscaping of the grounds is being completed this summer and effort is being made to get all the

WATER SHORTAGE HANDICAPS MINING OPERATIONS AT NOME

"Nome and the entire Seward Peninsula country is experiencing a wonderful revival in mining, and new equipment of all kinds is being brought in this summer, but the lack of water is greatly handicapping hydraulic and other mining this season," reported Thomas Caffney, U. S. Marshal at Nome, on his arrival at Fairbanks by plane recently.

"There was little snow in the Seward Peninsula area last winter and no rains have fallen this season, and if we do not get water soon it will seriously affect the season's gold output," said Mr. Caffney. "The Victoria, first big ship of the year for Nome, is expected to arrive tomorrow or next day. Her coming is looked forward to with keen interest by everyone in the region, as she has the largest big shipments of supplies and large passenger list of the season.

"The Northland, U. S. Revenue cutter, arrived recently with 22,000 pounds of mail. She reported practically no ice in Bering Sea. A small trading vessel, operated by Arnold Castle, arrived a few days ago with a cargo of fresh fruits and vegetables. They sold like hot cakes. Everyone was keen for the fresh goods."

Wrangell, Alaska, June 9, 1936. SPECIAL NOTICE is hereby given that the Director, Bureau of Navigation and Steamboat Inspection, under date of May 29, 1936, gave authority under the Act of February 19, 1920, to change the name of the gas screw SEABIRD to ARB 6.

Said vessel was built at Dockton, Washington in 1909; her official number is 206355; her gross tonnage is 18; her home port, Wrangell, Alaska; owner, A. R. Brueger, of Wrangell, Alaska.

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native flora possible to create a typically Alaskan surrounding. He expects it to be the show place of the territory when the work on the grounds is finally finished.

Five hundred contraband beaver skins were seized by Warden Hosea Barber of the Alaska Game Commission at Dillingham last week. The animals were assertedly trapped in violation of regulations.

FORT YUKON TRAPPER HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM BEAR

Charged by a grizzly bear, and with only a light rifle for defense, was the exciting experience of Ivar Peterson, a trapper of the Fort Yukon and Beaver areas, according to the Fairbanks News-Miner. Peterson killed the bear only after pumping eight bullets into him. Telling of his experience he said:

"I had a narrow escape. At the time I was scared but afterward realized that I had been most fortunate. While hunting for sheep on Mascot Creek, high above the timber line, I met a grizzly bear almost face to face, after rounding a turn on the trail. I was armed with a 25-20 rifle, a gun which is pretty light for a grizzly. I dropped my pack and ran to a pile of small rocks and loaded eight shells into my rifle.

"The bear charged and stepped to sniff at my pack which I had left lying on the trail. Fortunately it was dusk and the bear could not locate me when he looked up. When it was about thirty feet away I fired my first shot at its head. It seemed to take not the slightest effect. My second shot was at his shoulder. The bear jumped. That shot broke his shoulder. At my fourth shot he charged toward me. For a moment I thought I was discovered, but he stopped before he reached me. After I had fired eight shells the bear fell dead. I waited many minutes before I approached him.

"I found that luck had been on my side. The sound of the creek had blotted out the crack of my gun and the wind was coming from the bear towards me. The poor light just before night made it difficult for the bear to discover me.

"It was all over. I found that a half hour had elapsed since I had first seen the grizzly until I approached it lying dead on the trail. The whole series of action seemed to me but a few moments. In speaking of conditions in the Beaver and Fort Yukon districts, Mr. Peterson said:

"Fur, while not greatly abundant last season was fair. Before coming to Fairbanks I sold my season's catch to the Northern Commercial Company for \$3,063.00. The natives of the district did fairly well. They could have had rather large catches if they had stayed on the job but as soon as they get a few pelts they leave their trap

lines and go to the nearest settlement to spend their money. "My trap line is more than 100 miles long. The cabin where I live is 50 miles from Beaver, but in an isolated spot, I have gone as long as eight months without seeing another person.

"Last winter was rather hard on trappers. The intense cold at times made long trips on the trail impossible. It was dangerous to pass a cabin without stopping to get warm. Last January the temperature at Fort Yukon dropped to 74 degrees below zero."

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