

LEGISLATURE PROVIDES FOR SECURITY ACT

The first step in Alaska's move to come under the federal social security program was taken this week when Senate Bill 25 was introduced in the upper house by the joint committee on social security.

The bill provides for the establishment of a Department of Public Welfare to make provisions for the acceptance of the benefits of the social security act by the Territory.

The department, according to the proposal, will embrace a Territorial Board of Welfare, to consist of the Governor and four members appointed by him, one from each division. The members' term of office shall be six years except for the first members.

Of the first group, two shall be, it is proposed, appointed to serve until April 1, 1941, or until their successors are appointed and qualified.

All appointments by the Governor are to be subject to the approval of a majority of all members of the Senate and House in joint session. Ten years' residence in Alaska will be a requisite for appointment to the board, whose members are to receive expenses and \$10 per day while absent from places of residence to attend board meetings.

The bill provides that the board shall appoint a welfare director to be chief executive and to receive a salary of \$3600 per year. He is appointed for a four-year term and is removable. He also must have been a resident of Alaska for ten years.

The welfare department, under the act, is empowered to supervise the administration of old age assistance, aid to dependent children and blind persons, etc., and to have charge of expenditure of funds; to set up regulations for carrying out the provisions of federal and Territorial laws along these standards, require bonds where necessary, cooperate with the federal government in matters of mutual concern, and to make such reports as may be required.

The department is also to work with the federal government in establishing services for the protection and care of neglected children in danger of becoming delinquent. The act is to be known as the "Public Welfare Act of Alaska" and an emergency clause is inserted to make it take effect immediately upon passage.

WRANGELL WRINGER

Well, folks, there were two reasons the Wringer failed to wring last week. One was that we weren't sufficiently prodded by the powers that be at the Sentinel office, so our feelings were sort of hurt; we thought that maybe we weren't appreciated, and the other was that we were all tuckered out trying to finish our income tax report. Now you tell one.

They were talking in at Tom Dalgity's about this 15-extra day session the legislators are asking about the Social Security Act. "I claim that the legislators aren't worth half the salary they get," said Tom. "How much do they get," asked Fred Dahl. "I don't know," said Tom.

"Why so gloomy," someone asked Charlie Moore, one night recently. "Oh, it's nothing," said Charlie. "I took a girl to dinner, who I had been assured had a birdlike appetite." "Well, and then what?" inquired his friend. "Yeah, she had an appetite like a bird, all right," said Charlie, looking at a few small coins left from a sizable bill, "but the bird was an ostrich."

My goodness and gracious me! Your Wringer Man forgot to send his suit to the laundry this week to be fixed up for the A. N. B. dance tomorrow night, so he's going to have to use his magnetic smile and personal influence with the floor manager to have plenty of moonlight dances, because he doesn't dare risk the bright lights. A poor memory can sure cause a one-suit guy a lot of embarrassment.

Charles Ruddell, ousted farmer of Matanuska colony who went south last week, was stranded in Seattle for a few days, we understand, until he received his bonus money. He expected to leave for Washington today to place his grievances before President Roosevelt. And won't Franklin be ticked pink, to

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Hanford Elected Head Chamber of Commerce

The Wrangell Chamber of Commerce, which has been inactive for the past seven months, met in the Elks club rooms Friday night and held an election of officers.

To serve on the board of directors the members elected F. G. Hanford, Leo McCormack, James Nolan, C. W. Miller, E. M. Campbell, F. S. Barnes, T. J. McBride and C. P. Kirtland.

The board after organization elected Mr. Hanford as president and Leo McCormack, vice president. Mr. Hanford made the following committee chairman appointments: Finance, E. M. Campbell. Home Industries, F. S. Barnes. Roads and Trails, T. J. McBride. Entertainment, James Nolan. Mail and Transportation, C. W. Miller.

Wild Life Conservation, C. E. Kirtland.

L. B. Chisholm consented to act as secretary at the urgent solicitation of the board. He refused to accept salary and stated that he would carry on the work and accept reimbursement only for the stenographic help required.

Several community projects will be undertaken by the chamber, the first one being the matter of inner harbor improvement for the benefit of small boat owners.

CRAMER SENDS INTERESTING LETTER FROM SAN FRANCISCO

Under date of January 28th, Al Cramer, who is spending the winter in San Francisco where he lives at the Ambassador Hotel, wrote to a Wrangell friend a very interesting letter, excerpts from which follow:

"I have just received my Wrangell Sentinel and note that there has been no cold weather in Southeastern Alaska so far this winter. Well it has been different around here, California is known to have such a mild climate, but this winter all that has been lacking is a few icebergs floating around in the bay to make it look like Alaskan winters. Every little pond was covered with ice and a lot of people suffered with the cold. I know I feel it more here than I would in Wrangell. At present it looks as if spring is just around the corner, that is, if the other is not too far away.

"I was out to our Golden Gate Park Sunday and it sure makes one feel sad to see how all the beautiful flowers are frozen, and everything in a wintry shroud. "Golden Gate Park today is the third largest park in the world with all its beautiful flowers and plants and trees and statues all kinds of birds and animals from all parts of the world and its wonderful aquarium with the most beautiful colors of fish that anyone wishes to see. "Then there are the art galleries where one can spend hours looking over things dating back to the sixteenth century and two museums of natural history, one containing a wonderful collection of wild animals from Africa, the other from all parts of the world. Also Japanese tea gardens that are very interesting. On a Sunday afternoon there is a band concert that draws thousands of people. One never tires of walking along all the beautiful drive-ways and by paths. It takes four to five days to explore all the park.

"Then we come to the ocean beach by the Golden Gate and the famous Cliff House. Along this beach there is today the largest automobile driveway in the world and one can sit on benches and see thousands of cars passing. Also there is a driveway for horses and you still see some fancy steppers in harness. At the foot of the Cliff House there is what is called Play Land, all kinds of amusements for young and old; also lots of lunch counters that on fine days do a big business. I have been out there a lot of times and always find new things of interest. "The trip over the wonderful bridge to Oakland is some sight. One can hardly realize that such things can be constructed by man. Today Oakland, Alameda and Berkeley are all one city, but still they are no comparison to San Francisco in splendor as she is one grand haughty city and nothing can ever daunt her forward progress because as the old saying goes, "thar is too much gold in them thar hills," that has not been touched yet.

"In speaking a few words for myself, will say I am having a grand time and am feeling better than I have felt in the past two years. It will soon be time for me to break away from all this splendor and meander my way back to the good home town and friends. I sure enjoy the Sentinel every week as it keeps me in touch with home news; also there are others here who take an interest in Alaskan papers."

Sale of street dresses, 20 per cent off; hats half price.—The Mode. adv.

GRAND JURY URGES ESTABLISHMENT PERMIT SYSTEM LIQUOR PURCHASE

Elimination of dancing in beer parlors and establishment of a permit system for liquor purchasers were advocated in the report of the grand jury of the first division district court at Juneau released Monday. The jury disbanded Saturday night at the conclusion of the session.

The jurors recommended "in view of conflicting testimony . . . That the individual be compelled to secure a permit for the purchase of liquor and that no sale be made to the individual without such permit," adding—"this would meet the situation and place the blame where it belongs."

The report further explained that "such control of liquor sales would avoid the uncertainty of prosecution for liquor law violations. In our opinion this could be done by having permits issued by the United States Commissioner, who should be paid a nominal fee from the sale of such permits."

The decision was made after various witnesses had been called before the grand jury "following in-

structions given by the court relating to law violations, particularly the violations of the liquor to minors or drunkards and the frequenting of beer and dance halls by minors."

The grand jury recommended "that dancing be prohibited in beer parlors," and that the "situation as outlined and the recommendation herewith be brought to the attention of the legislature now in session at Juneau for its favorable consideration."

An additional recommendation urged that funds be made available for the improvement of the federal jail, particularly as to the separation of prisoners with communicable diseases.

The grand jury, of which William Bosch was foreman, and Hazel J. MacKinnon was secretary, reported 20 cases were considered and six other investigations made during the 13 days of its session, as a result of which 92 witnesses were examined, 19 true bills returned and one not true bill. The grand jury was composed of 11 men and nine women.

Placer Strike Made By Dease Creek Miners

Peter Jorgensen and George M. Johnson have made an important placer strike on Dease Creek, northern, B. C. according to a letter the latter has written to Thomas Elliott of the B. C. Chamber of Mines staff.

Aided by a syphon pump, the prospectors reached bedrock alongside and eight feet below the present channel of the creek, and recovered three and one-half ounces of gold from four square feet of bedrock. The deep channel, Johnson states, runs the full length of his lease, but back under the bench, so that to get natural drainage it will be necessary to blast through a portion of the lower rim which runs across the outlet.

Until the strike was made, Johnson has been working on the second channel. "I believe old Dease Creek is going to produce another run of gold richer than the first and I think I will be rewarded after forty years' prospecting," Johnson says.

FERGUSON HOME ON LEAVE FROM LIGHT HOUSE SERVICE

H. R. Ferguson who for the past nine months has been employed by the Lighthouse service at the Eldred Rock station arrived home on the Hemlock Monday on a 72-days' leave.

Eldred Rock is in Lynn Canal, 18 miles south of Haines. S. L. Atkinson is head keeper and Jack Tyack and Mr. Ferguson, assistants. Each man does an eight-hour shift a day and shifts are changed once a month. The station is a 40x60 structure, two stories in height and the light tower.

Its main equipment is two Westinghouse engines and generators for the light and two diesel engines and compressors for fog signals. The light is of the revolving electric type, the lens revolving by clock work. Every two hours the man on duty climbs up in the tower and cranks up the weights, the light not yet having been replaced by the newer, automatic type installed in most of the stations.

Supplies are secured at the Chilkoot Barracks post the trip being made in a small gasboat with about six-mile speed. Mr. Ferguson says that whoever goes to town does not linger but gets his supplies and starts back as quickly as possible for storms come up so suddenly in Lynn Canal that a man cannot take chances on getting back.

At the rock a car is run down a tramway on the float and the boat raised by a winch to the boat house. If the water is rough a landing cannot be made and the boat will have to run back a few miles for anchorage.

Mr. Ferguson did not like being away from his family but he found the work interesting, he says, after he became accustomed to life at the station. The fog horn was beneath his window, and each signal would shake the glass, yet after a short time he slept soundly though the horn signalled all night.

Friction in the lower house of the legislature led J. P. Hannon of Anchorage, chief clerk of the house, to tender his resignation to the house committee on employees. Representatives are understood to have decided on a change to avoid trouble. His place was filled by Mrs. Monte Grisham, the former Margaret Ottesen of Wrangell.

Contingent Army Men Enroute to Chilkoot

Thirty nine soldiers ranging from oldtimers to new recruits in service were aboard the Yukon Wednesday on their way to Chilkoot Barracks, the first trip to Alaska of all but three in the party.

The majority of the boys have recently returned to the United States from service in the Philippines and Hawaii. They entered the army from every section of the country and were a fine appearing group of young fellows. They found the trip to Alaska far more interesting even than they had anticipated and the winter scenery beautiful. It was snowing when they reached Wrangell and the beauty of the harbor was partially obscured so they plan to use their influence with Uncle when they return south that the trip will be made in summertime, preferably when pretty tourist girls make up a big major part of the passenger lists.

The army men were: H. Baine, J. E. Bechtol, M. Bittner, G. Bradford, E. Batchler, J. Bridges, C. H. Byram, R. Booker, C. Cranks, K. Crone, D. Curley, D. H. Campell, J. J. Doran, W. P. Evelaud, H. B. Good.

W. H. Garrett, H. Holliday, T. Herrell, J. P. Hart, M. Krivacek, C. Labowski, A. Leaming, F. L. Mason, R. Monroe, M. H. Moore, W. Morgan, M. Paddock, T. Quinlan, E. S. Ranton, T. Sezesney, E. D. Smith, W. Sparks, M. Stanuga, W. H. Thiemeyer, V. Vilcinahas, F. Vincent, R. Williams, L. L. Wilson, O. Woods.

STRIKE CAUSES NEW LOW IN ALASKA OUTBORNE COMMERCE

Due to the maritime strike the total value of products of Alaska shipped out of the Territory in the month of January constituted a new low, the declared value being but \$122,665, exclusive of gold and silver shipments. Gold to the value of \$756,269 and silver valued at \$69 were shipped, according to the collector of custom's report which follows:

Products of Alaska	Dollars
Fish:	
Fresh and frozen (except shellfish):	
Halibut	18,428
Salmon	29,212
Other	107
Cured or preserved (except shellfish):	
Salmon	10,047
Shellfish:	
Clams	6
Crabs	725
Shrimp	14,550
Furs and fur skins:	
Beaver	20
Fox:	
Black and silver	455
Blue	3,740
Red	255
White	20
Marten	19,947
Mink	16,855
Muskrat	746
Otter	538
All other	914
Live animals	6,030

Total value of products of Alaska . . . 122,665
Value of United States products returned . . . 10,234
Total value of shipments of merchandise . . . 132,899

WRANGELL SENDS \$311 TO RED CROSS RELIEF FUNDS

F. G. Hanford, president of the Wrangell Chapter of the American Red Cross announces that Wrangell's contribution to flood relief now stands at \$311, almost eight times the original quota set by the National Red Cross. Contributions not previously acknowledged are as follows:

Wrangell Institute Staff . . \$48.00
John Arola 1.00
Ben Engdal 1.00
A. Vreath 2.50
Mary McLaughlin 2.00

The relief rolls are still open for the need of funds is great and contributions will continue to be received by Mr. Hanford or the Bank of Alaska.

CANADIAN BOAT TAKES ON PASSENGERS AT PETERSBURG

The Princess Norah arrived in port Tuesday with the following passengers for Wrangell: A. H. Reed, George Mills, Mrs. R. G. Curtis, A. Ganow. Taking passage on the Norah southbound Thursday night were Mrs. Troy Morrow, Donald Sinclair, William Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burch. Passengers who were taken aboard at Petersburg but who had to purchase tickets at Wrangell were Mr. and Mrs. Knute Thompson, Walter Chapman, Kurt Norgen, Rev. and Mrs. O. H. Aasen, Andy Taylor and Guy Hansen. This is the last trip the Norah will call in at Petersburg this season.

COURT NEWS

John Kinch was taken into custody of city officers this week on his return to Wrangell. Some time ago he pleaded guilty before City Magistrate L. B. Chisholm on drunk and disorderly charges and fined \$30. Released by the court to go out and secure money for his fine, he left town instead. After serving out the \$30 fine at \$2 per day, he will be sentenced for the second charge.

Silas Williams plead guilty in municipal court February 6th to drunk and disorderly charges. Fined \$15 which he met partly by work for the city and the rest in jail.

M'BRIDE SHOWS NEED HARBOR IMPROVEMENT

(By T. J. McBride)
Mr. F. G. Hanford, in last week's Sentinel put before the public, a necessity for the future of Wrangell, viz: "New Harbor Facilities".

Wrangell is primarily a fishing town, as practically every dollar that is spent in town comes directly or indirectly, out of our harbor, so consequently any inducement offered to the fishermen, no matter what the cost, would be money well spent.

Mr. Hanford quoted figures on the number of boats wintering in Ketchikan and here in Wrangell. If it were possible to get even fifty additional boats to winter here and outfit in the spring, that would be an item of no little amount, considering that with the proper harbor facilities, there would undoubtedly be a possibility of having some new families become permanent residents.

Wrangell is fortunate in being nearer the trolling grounds than any of the larger towns, and no doubt that by improving our harbor, we can get more boats to use this advantageous situation for the betterment of them and the additional revenue for the community.

The cost of making a harbor in the Back Bay is not prohibitive, if we take into consideration that the excavated material can be used for fill on our streets thereby making permanent streets and eliminating the costly repairs necessary with planks.

NAVIGATION CLASS TO START UNDER CAPT. CARL VEVELSTAD

The first session of the class in Navigation will be on Monday, Feb. 15th, at 7.00 P. M. in the school house. A number of men have signed up for the work. These, as well as any others who are interested, are urged to be sure to attend the first meeting as the class will be organized and the work outlined at that time, stated Supt. Axel Rasmussen today.

Instruction will be in charge of Mr. Carl Vevelstad of Petersburg. Mr. Vevelstad has just completed the instruction of a similar class in Petersburg and comes well recommended. He has Master's papers for any tonnage ship, on any ocean.

Anyone who owns or runs a boat and who is over 16 years of age is welcome to attend these classes. There will be no charge for tuition. This is provided through the cooperation of the Wrangell School Board with the Territorial Department of Vocational Education.

Institute Takes Game Sheldon Jackson Team

Wrangell basketball fans were treated to one of the most exciting games of the season last Tuesday night at the local gym when the Wrangell Institute quintet sent the visiting Sheldon Jackson School five home on the short end of a 22 to 24 score in an overtime contest.

Sparked by Gunyah, their flashy center, the Institute piled up an 8 to 1 lead in the first quarter but the Jackson school came back strong in the second quarter and the half ended 11 to 9.

The second half was closely contested with neither team holding much advantage. With the score 19 to 20 in favor of the Institute a personal foul was made on R. Atkinson of the Sitka school as the whistle blew ending the game. Atkinson stepped up to the foul line and sank the first one and missed the second tying the score and sending the game into an extra three minute overtime.

Johnson for Sheldon Jackson and Hudson for the Institute gathered a basket each tying the game again at 22 all but Gunyah again pulled the game out of the fire with a one handed push shot from the side that swished the net for the winning 2 points in the dying minutes of play and the game ended 24 to 22 in the Institute's favor.

A summary of the game follows:
Institute Pos. Jackson
Peratrovich 5, RF R. Atkinson 3
Hudson 4, LF T. Atkinson 6
Gunyah 9, C W. Leask 6
Austin 2, RG E. Johnson 7
Reece LG E. King
Grant 4, S
Referee: Fabricius.

Mrs. R. G. Curtis returned on the Princess Norah Tuesday morning from California where she went last month to visit her daughter, Ginger who was in private school at Long Beach. She brought her daughter home with her. Ginger intends to enter high school next Monday.