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Visiting Knights invited.

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Meets every Wednesday Evening at 8 o'clock
at the Douglas Fraternal Hall
All visiting Brothers invited to attend.
M. S. HUDSON, W. P.
JOHN STOFF, Secretary.

Gastineaux Lodge No. 124 F. & A. M.

Lodge meets second and fourth
Tuesdays of each month.
JAMES CHRISTIE, W. M.
J. N. STODDY, Secy.

Alaska Lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F.

Meets every Wednesday evening in Odd
Fellows Hall
Visiting brothers always welcome.
E. A. W. JUHLIN, N. G.
MONTE BENSON, Rec. Sec'y.

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meets at Odd Fellows' hall first and third
Saturdays, at 8 p. m.
Brothers of the Royal Purple are cordially
invited.
J. H. McDONALD, C. P.
HUGH McRAE, Scribe.

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meets at Odd Fellows' hall second and fourth
Saturdays.
Visitors are cordially invited.
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MEETS EVERY MONDAY
EVENING at 8 o'clock
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Visiting Brothers Invited.
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The Northland

The Latest News, from Reliable
Sources, Concerning the Great
North, Condensed.

Information for Everybody.

Wrangell will have a new wharf.

It was 58 below at Whitehorse last
week.

The Imp. O. R. M. have organized a
"Tribe" at Haines.

An epidemic of stomach trouble pre-
vails at Whitehorse, principally among
children.

The B. M. Behrends Mercantile com-
pany carries the largest ad in the Skag-
way Alaskan.

A reading room and gymnasium has
been opened at Juneau by the business
men of the town.

An audacious cuss from the Iditarod
declares that there is only \$12,000,000
in that country.

Commissioner Marsh, of the Chand-
lar, has encountered gold ore too rich
to trust on a dump.

Snow storms at the summit have tied
up the trains of the White Pass during
the past two weeks.

By the terms of a settlement with the
underwriters, the owners of the Yuca-
tan get \$200,000 in cash.

Fairbanks teamsters refuse to take
their horses out of the stable when it
is colder than forty below.

Dr. Shurick, a Wrangell physician,
had a narrow escape from blood poison
caused by wearing colored socks.

A Skagway citizen who warmed his
ben house by burning newspapers had
a narrow escape from the loss of his
home.

The United States supreme court has
been asked to declare that the creation
of large forest reserves is unconstitutional.

Skagway is installing a still alarm
system for fires. The Alaskan says
they already have a soundless fire
whistle.

The steamship Northland recently
reached Seattle with a cargo of halibut
valued at \$705,000 from Southeastern
Alaska.

Alfred S. Moore, formerly district
judge of the second division of Alaska,
is practicing law at his home town,
Beaver, Pa.

Two men recently brought to Valdez
by natives were in a pitiful condition,
they having been marooned on an is-
land for sixty days with nothing to eat
but clams.

Fred Handy, of Haines, while split-
ting wood, hit himself in the head with
an axe, cutting a gash that it required
four stitches to close. Fred should
change his name.

A mountain has been located in Alas-
ka 2,000 feet higher than Mt. McKinley.
Here is another job for Dr. Cook—
Cleveland Leader.

The White Pass & Yukon railroad ex-
pects to get an increase of traffic this
year as the result of recent gold discov-
eries in interior Alaska.

The Skagway Alaskan, having been
criticized for not printing the news,
says that if its critics insist it will some
day. Send us ten copies.

Ernst Brothers, old-timers at Nome,
have ordered a special dredge built at
San Francisco, with which they will
mine the beach sands at Nome.

Si Pepper, at one time acting post-
master at Fairbanks, died there last
month from a lesion at the base of the
brain that caused paralysis of the heart.

Dr. E. G. Cannon died at Nome in
November at the age of 90. He was at
the head of the Mormon church in the
Seward peninsula and maintained a
tabernacle in Nome for many years.

The report is again current that Dr.
Scharschmidt, superintendent of the
White Pass steamer line, has quit. The
Whitehorse Star says that with the loss
of "Doc," another "cherished institu-
tion" goes glimmering.

A Washington congressman recently
made a beautiful speech in behalf of
a better mail service for the Iditarod.
Printed copies of the speech will be
sent to the new eldorado when naviga-
tion opens in the spring.

The Haines Pioneer Press puts it up
to the business men of the town to give
it enough ads to keep it alive or it will
be compelled to accept "foreign" ads.
The Press is a lively paper and is doing
much for the town and country.

The fine of \$500, which was imposed
on the American steamer Northwestern
for carrying last October from Nome to
Seattle twenty-five passengers in excess
of the number allowed by her current
certificate of inspection has been re-
duced to \$200.

Herbert, better known as "Herb"
Wilson, who was formerly one of the
largest operators on Cleary creek, Tan-
ana, was married Jan. 4 to Miss Flor-
ence Murphy at the home of the bride
at Fremont (Seattle). Ben Boone, who
was at one time a partner of Frank
Manley, acted as best man.

The Cordova North Star of January
1 tells of an encounter between Henry
Shafer, who was formerly in the milk
business in Skagway, and a negro burg-
lar, in which Shafer by the aid of a
stove leg, succeeded in sending the
burglar to the hospital, not without,
however, having a few stitches taken in
his nose and right thumb, which the
burly negro nearly chewed off.

A deal has just been consummated
by which hundreds of acres of placer
ground on Kenai river, near Seward,
passes into the hands of a big syndi-
cate, mostly composed of English cap-
italists, who were represented by F. W.
Griffin and W. B. Harmon, of San Fran-
cisco. The vendor was Charles G. Hub-
bard, who had purchased the property
from F. E. Youngs, now in Seattle.

At Fairbanks the schools are taking
a six weeks mid-winter vacation. This
is done by beginning two weeks earlier
in the fall and continuing two weeks
longer in the spring, which, with the
two weeks allowed for the holiday vaca-
tion, makes the six weeks. By this
means there is no school during the
most severe portion of the winter.

The seizure at Cordova by the United
States marshal of \$101,000 in gold coin,
gold dust and currency shipped by the
Washington Alaska bank of Fairbanks,
which recently went into the hands of
a receiver, to the Dexter Horton Na-
tional Bank of Seattle, has brought out
the fact that the failed Alaska institu-
tion has an overdraft of \$141,407.89 with
the Seattle bank.

Alex Smith, the Nome mail carrier,
arrived at Seward, January 11, making
the trip from Iditarod City in 138 hours
of actual traveling. The trails are good,
he says, and he considers this the best
route for intending mushers to the in-
terior camps. He reports 300 en route
to Seward from Iditarod and Tacotna.
Butter, bacon and many other food-
stuffs are short in the camps and prices
are soaring.

The Canadian mounted police expe-
dition from Herschel island and Fort
MacPherson, now en route to Dawson,
in charge of Sergt. Fitzgerald, is ex-
pected to arrive at any time between
this and February 1. It will probably
bring the first letters from the whalers
and traders at Herschel, MacPherson
and other points on the Arctic, possi-
bly also advices giving the where-
abouts of Steffanson and other ex-
plorers.

Passengers on the steamer Dora re-
port that the volcanos Shishaldon and
Pavlof, says the Seward Gateway, seem
to be excited over something of late
and are displaying more internal ac-
tivity than a Taft cabinet. Pavlof has
been pelting the little town of Unga
with a shower of powdered pumice
stone recently, although Unga is 70
miles away. Somebody must have told
Pavlof about the commission form of
government.

Landlock bay is at the present time
attracting considerable attention from
those who are interested in copper. The
bay is on Prince William sound, about
midway between Cordova and Valdez
and about 45 miles from either place.
There are 11 companies working copper
properties at the present time. The
Standard company has 3,000 feet of
tunnel, shafts and stopes, and since de-
velopment work was first established
has shipped 3,200 tons of ore.

Georgetown, the newest city in Alas-
ka, will be the capital of the new dis-
trict bordering on the Kuskokwim
river, if the citizens of that town real-
ize their ambitions, according to C. A.
Fowler, of the Kuskokwim Commercial
Company, who arrived in Seattle re-
cently, direct from the new mining dis-
trict, with 125 pounds of gold in nug-
gets and dust. When Mr. Fowler left
Georgetown, November 28, the popula-
tion in that section numbered between
4,000 and 6,000, and most of them were
prospecting or preparing for operations
next summer.

A bill authorizing the leasing of
Alaskan coal lands, has been intro-
duced in the senate by Senator Nelson,
chairman of the committee on public
lands. It limits the areas of leases to
3,200 acres, and provides that no in-
dividual may own more than one lease.
A rental of from 5 cents to \$4 per acre
is provided, as is a royalty of 5 cents a
ton on coal mined. Lessees are re-
quired to supply coal at reasonable
prices, and in cases of their failure to
do so the interstate commerce commis-
sion is given jurisdiction to quote
prices.

It is reported there will be a new sal-
mon cannery located at Seldovia in the
spring. Last spring there was a com-
plete salmon outfit brought in and
erected and the owners got out a good
pack by fall. The season's pack put
them even for the outlay of installing
and cost of the plant. This cannery is
located at Kaselof, only a short distance
from the proposed location of the one
that is to be put in next spring. W. G.
Whorf, who is the owner of the only
producing coal mine in Alaska, is at
the head of the enterprise and is being
backed in the venture by Seattle busi-
ness men.

Fire at Dawson destroyed the old S.
Y. T. building on Second avenue be-
tween King and Queen streets, also the
adjoining building in which was located
the French Store. The S. Y. T. building
was leased by Mrs. Walker, who con-
ducted a ladies' store in one of the first
floor rooms and used the upper part of
the building for a lodging house. At
the time of the fire the temperature at
Dawson was 55 below zero and report
says that, for a short time it looked
as though, owing to the extreme cold, the
fire department would be unable to
cope with the rapidly spreading flames.
The loss was \$20,000. There was no in-
surance.

Valdez.—Five hundred feet down a
crevasse in the great Valdez glacier
have been discovered the bodies of six
burros making up the pack train of a
party of Eastern prospectors who started
for the Copper river country from
this port thirteen years ago and were
lost in what was then an utterly un-
known wilderness. W. H. Crary, a
musher, who was traveling over the
glacier, made the discovery. The depths
of the crevasse were momentarily il-
luminated by the sun as Crary crossed
it and he caught sight of the burros.
With the aid of his binoculars he ascer-
tained that the bodies were in a perfect
state of preservation and equipped
with pack saddles and packs. He
could not discover any human bodies,
but it is believed that the owners of the
pack train perished in the crevasse and
an attempt will be made as soon as the
weather moderates to descend into the
fissure and learn whether such was the
case. The crevasse is far from the old
Copper river trail, and this leads to the
conjecture that the doomed prospectors
lost their way and perished on the
treacherous ice field. Old-timers here
recollect that one of several parties
who were lost here in the early days
was equipped with a burro pack train,
but nobody remembers the names of
the members of the expedition.