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MANY WANT PLUMS; POLITICS SIMMERING

Applicants in Doves for Various Political Appointments in the Territory

With the launching of the boom Wednesday at Ketchikan for Judge James Wickersham for governor of Alaska, one more bit was tossed in the ring to take its place with the many others that are being kicked about. George C. Hasset, the first one to have his name mentioned for this position and to receive the endorsement of republican clubs. The petition asking for the naming of Judge Wickersham was first circulated by Cook Cole, member-elect of the Alaska legislature.

Judge Wickersham seems to be in a receptive mood and when told of the efforts being made on his behalf by Mr. Cole, stated that he always did and still does believe Mr. Cole is a man of very good judgment, and also stated that he would take the position if it were offered to him and declared that he did not endorse George C. Hasset for the governor.

There are docks of applicants for all the other offices in the Territory. The following are among those who have filed their applications with National Commissioner J. C. McBeane:

For collector of customs—C. D. Garfield, H. S. Whittier and Cash Cole, all of Juneau.

Surveyor General—E. P. Kendall and Woodbury Abbey, of Juneau.

Superintendent of Pioneer Home at Sitka—George Mack, of Juneau.

Territorial mine inspector—Jack Littlepage and W. R. Harraves, of Juneau.

First Division officer—U. S. marshal, Jack Wilson of Treadwell, Ed. C. Russell of Seattle, John T. White of Juneau, Ralph C. Jamieson, for clerk of the court, H. H. Stevens and C. J. Woodner of Juneau.

Second Division officer—Judge G. J. Lomon of Nome for U. S. attorney, Fred Harris of Nome, for U. S. marshal, N. W. Griffith and S. J. Bakke of Nome.

Third Division—For Judge, Arthur Frantz of Anchorage, for U. S. marshal, Harvey Sullivan of Lathrop.

Fourth Division—For Judge, Chas. H. Miller for U. S. marshal, O. P. Garfield and Charles Dean of Fairbanks.

MINE TO RESUME

Work on the famous Ringrose mine will be started next spring and a number of men will be employed there, according to Don Crowl, who arrived in Sitka yesterday on the last trip of the *Alaska*. Mr. Crowl is now in Alaska en route to his mining property, which includes the Ringrose group. He is very optimistic over the prospects for the coming season and says that inasmuch as the Ringrose is now close to fruition, the owners have decided to operate the property on a larger scale than heretofore.

The Ringrose mine was so called because it was originally staked by a group of engineers who were locating the trail from Log Cabin to Adit in his had a rather checkered career, and a fine line seemed to hang over the property ever since it was discovered. Through some misunderstanding on the part of the original owners, who had expended considerable money on the mine, the claim was allowed to lapse and the claim was re-staked by James Alexander. Alexander took as his partner a young man named Smith. These two worked the property in a small way until the fall of 1915, when Alexander had his life in the wreck of the *S. S. Hopley*. Smith made claim to the Ringrose group through the terms of Alexander's will. The will was essentially located and the court granted Smith's claim. Shortly afterward Smith met death in Philadelphia, the result of an accidental discharge of a rifle which he was cleaning. Smith's heirs now control the property, and, according to Crowl, are planning to operate it on a large scale next season—Whitehouse Star.

VISIT IN WASHINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Loomis left yesterday on the steamer Princess Beatrice en route to the state of Washington, where they will visit throughout the winter. They will visit in several towns of the state where they have made their home and with many friends and relatives, including Mr. Loomis' father, and their daughter and her husband and little son.

TEACHER INJURED

Mrs. Ella R. Cupples, formerly of Douglas, who has been teaching this term at the U. S. government school at Circle, Alaska, was slightly injured in a fire that consumed the school house there about two weeks ago. This news was received by W. T. Lopp, superintendent of the Bureau of Education, at his Seattle office recently. No details were received.

Mrs. Cupples passed through the Channel late this summer en route to Circle to take the position. She had been living in Seattle for a year previously, after leaving Douglas where she resided for some time. Her two daughters, both of whom are married, are living at Seattle.

GETS MUCH GAME ON ALASKA TRIP

Sportsman Tells Home Folks About His Trip to the North After Trophies

Bringing with him the most remarkable collection of wild game pictures photographed in Alaska and bringing the trophy heads of two of the largest moose brought down in that frigid country of game plenty. Thomas Gilcrest returned to his Long Beach home Sunday, completing an 8,000 mile trip in 20 days duration, over the Long Beach (V.I.) Telegram. A company of 12 well-known men at a dinner party at his Los Coronas home, formerly the George Hixby residence, Sunday evening.

Mr. Gilcrest found wild game plentiful, moose and sheep being particularly so. He spent his time hunting with a camera as well as with a gun, using the camera on all but the two largest moose seen during the season. This pair he brought down by the rifle route. The largest had a 95-inch antler spread with 19 points on each branch. The two pointed points of the antlers measured 18 inches wide and 58 inches long. The second of the animals was but slightly smaller.

His photograph collection is as remarkable as is the size of the moose he bagged. He pictured the animals at dangerously close range and was able to get his photographs only because he has spent years in the study and the experience of picturing wild game. One of them he took in the open at a distance of less than 12 feet from one of the largest moose that he saw during the trip. The moose was Mr. Gilcrest, who was able to hold so motionless that the animal, after investigation, decided that he was a stump. The photographer was then able to take one of the most remarkable of game pictures seen in Alaska. Had he moved while the moose was wondering, he would have been killed by its goring antlers.

Other times he was in such close proximity to herds of the moose and wild sheep that he could have reached through the brush and touched them. He witnessed from cover of the underbrush a fight between two bulls of a herd of moose. The combatants rushed at each other, crashing with noise that could be heard for miles, tearing small trees to the ground and making large ones sway. The impact with which they met each other made the ground tremble.

Mr. Gilcrest was surprised to see the industrial development of the country is not advancing at the pace that it should, although there are numerous mines in operation and numerous canneries working in the salmon season. He says that Ketchikan is the most rapidly developing of the Alaskan cities, for near it there are several developing mines and there are 125 salmon canneries. At Cordova there is the Guggenheim mine, the largest in the world. Outside of these two places, however, there seems to be little activity.

There is some government work of extension of railroad lines and road building in some districts. Mr. Gilcrest stated.

BENNETT BACK

O. E. Bennett, at one time city clerk and magistrate in Douglas and former newspaper man on the *Channel*, arrived early this week from Seattle, where he has been for the past several months. Mr. Bennett has been connected with the Siberian-American Commercial Company, of which L. C. Stringer, also formerly of this city, is a prominent official. Mr. Bennett has not yet decided whether he will stay in the North for a time or return to Seattle.

DOUGLAS BOYS WIN; GIRLS LOSE GAME

Local High School Boys Had Tough Battle in Juneau Gym Last Friday Night

For a time last Friday night in the basketball game between the Juneau and Douglas High school teams it looked as if the Douglas boys would lose their first game in two seasons, but a strong comeback in the last half, together with a lot of fouls by the Juneau team, put over a win for the locals by a 21-to-18 score. On the same floor the same night the girls' team of the high school lost to the Juneau girls by a score of 22 to 7.

The boys started with a rush of rough playing, with many personal fouls being called, mostly on the Juneau boys. The team play of the Juneau boys had improved, as had their mass plays, and they were tackling in bunches. Britt and Fortney were especially effective until they were put off the floor for fouling. Ten men were used altogether by the Juneau team, four of the regular players being put out of the game.

Harold Gallwas starred for the Douglas High, his last two baskets scoring the victory. Ragnar Kronqvist, who went in in the last half after Brown had been rated out, played his first regular game and made good. The crowd around the walls and the smallness of the playing floor told hardly against the Douglas boys, who were used to the Natatorium for play and practice.

In the girls' game the two Juneau forwards, Lunstrom and Hendrickson, were a hard combination to beat and they piled up the points for their team. Crowe and Aalto for Douglas were quite effective as forwards but were exceptionally well guarded.

The Line-up—Boys

Juneau	Pos.	Douglas
Britt	C	Brown
Fortney	F	Nelson
Hendrickson	F	H. Gallwas
Perrillo	G	Masley
Barragar	G	Gara

Britt, Fortney, Hendrickson and Perrillo were put off the floor for four personal fouls each. Peabody, Carr, Vestal, Hanson and Justiska substituted for the various players as they were put off.

For Douglas, M. Gallwas substituted for Gara, and Brown was put out for four personal fouls. Kronqvist substituted for Brown.

Juneau—Field goals, Britt 2, Fortney 2, Vestal 1. Free throws, Fortney 2, Hendrickson 4, Barragar 2. Personal fouls, 23.

Douglas—Field goals, Nelson 2, H. Gallwas 2, M. Gallwas 2. Free throws, Nelson 7. Personal fouls, 11.

Score—First half, Juneau 9, Douglas 7; final score, Douglas 21, Juneau 18. Referee, A. B. Cole. Juneau scorers, G. C. Winn, Timekeepers, Phillips and Mitchell.

The Line-up—Girls

Juneau	Pos.	Douglas
Lunstrom	F	Crowe
Hendrickson	F	Aalto
Schumaker	G	Frost
Kelly	G	Yessola
Jankkala	G	Whitman
		Naimala

Key substituted for Whitman in last half and Mattson for Yessola.

Juneau—Field goals, Lunstrom 4, Hendrickson 1. Fouls 4.

Douglas—Field goals, Aalto 2, Crowl 1. Free throws, Aalto 1. Fouls, 2.

Score—First half, Juneau 8, Douglas 7; final score, Juneau 22, Douglas 7.

Referee, Baxton and Cole. Scorer, G. C. Winn. Timekeepers, Phillips and Mitchell.

GETS JEWEL

Joseph Patterson, P. O., who joined Glenwood Lodge No. 187, I. O. O. F., of Comstock, Wash., on October 12, 1891 and has belonged to that order ever since, received recently a beautiful veterans' jewel given to members who have belonged continuously for twenty-five years.

The jewel is a very fine specimen of the goldsmith's art and has engraved on the back the inscription, "Joe Patterson, P. O., Glenwood Lodge No. 187, I. O. O. F., Oct. 12, 1891."

LAZY FIVE WALLOPED

The aggregation of boys from the grades of the Douglas public school went over to Juneau on Tuesday evening and were walloped to the tune of 17 to 12 in a game of basketball at the Parochial school gym.

LARGE SHOWER

One of the largest showers that have occurred on Douglas Island was the one held Wednesday night at Kagler's Hall in honor of Miss Gertrude Johnson, who is soon to become the bride of Claude H. Helgeson of Treadwell. At least seventy-five people were present, including both young and old friends of Miss Johnson who have known her ever since she was a little girl.

The first part of the evening was devoted to whist. Prizes at this were won by Miss Esther Cashen and J. C. Hland, first, and Mrs. A. Shulshiff and Ted Hellenial, consolation.

After the cards a very dainty lunch was served, and then dancing was enjoyed until a late hour. The guests present united in presenting Miss Johnson some very pretty silverware that will shortly grace her new home in Treadwell.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM PLEASES AUDIENCE

Sum of Thirty-three Dollars Netted by Program Last Friday Evening

Not only did everyone present have an exceedingly good time but thirty-three dollars was realized and placed in the fund to buy recreation material as the result of the Treadwell Parent-Teacher program at the Treadwell Club last Friday evening.

The opening number on the program was a song, "Thanksgiving Day," by the entire school. This was followed by a cute little finger play by the twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Bradley, Ruth and Frances. After that the primary children gave five interesting sketches; "Thanksgiving," by nine first and second grade children; "Three Little Pigs," by the third grade girls; "The Story of Thanksgiving," by three fourth grade girls; "Thanksgiving Gifts" by Bonnie Metzger and David Lytle of the second grade; "After Thanksgiving" by six boys and girls of the second and fourth grades; Little Mary Radovich sang "Oats, Beans and Barley Grow." In this little sketch Ernest Wachenkulis and John Bice were stage hands.

The higher grades gave several folk dances and Phillip Burks and May Siew pleased with a duet, David Ramsey read "So Was I."

After a two-reel motion picture, contributed by P. R. Bradley, the program concluded with Margaret Bell's "Our Flag," followed by the audience singing "America."

BROKEN LEG

Mrs. J. M. Hannah, who is at Katala, where her daughter, Verne, is teaching school, broke both bones of one of her legs a short time ago by falling. As there was no doctor there to set the bones, the tanker Margaret went from Cordova to that place to bring Mrs. Hannah to a hospital. The weather was so rough that the boat would not take her, so a man in Katala set the bones. Mrs. Hannah will be disabled for several months from the injury.

NETLAKATLA COMING

The Metlakatla basketball team is expected on Gastineau Channel about the 15th of this month for a series of games with teams on the Channel. Some of the games will be played at Douglas in the Natatorium and it is expected that at least one will be between the Douglas High school and Metlakatla.

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SPECIAL SERVICES FOR BISHOP ROWE

The Twenty-fifth Anniversary of His Coming to Alaska is Commemorated

Last Tuesday, November 30, at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Juneau, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the consecration of Bishop P. T. Rowe as Bishop of Alaska, was celebrated by special services and a talk by Dean Guy D. Christian. The bishop had expected to be present, but was detained as a witness in a fisheries hearing now being held in Seattle. Many people from Douglas Island attended the services.

Many letters were read from all parts of Alaska, from friends who had known the reverend gentleman and had been benefited by his work in the North.

Peter Trimble Rowe was born at Mendocino, Ontario, Canada, on November 26, 1825. On November 20, 1855, he was consecrated Bishop at Alaska for the Episcopal Church and ever since that time he has devoted his life to the work. He has been over practically every foot of the Territory and was for many years famed as one of Alaska's greatest preachers. Most of the Episcopal missions in Alaska were started by him.

He was educated at Trinity College, Ontario, made a B. A. in 1878, an M. A. in 1879 and a D. D. in 1892. He has been twice married, his first wife dying a number of years ago. He was married again in 1915.

His first charge was at Garden City, Canada, from 1878 to 1882, and the next from 1882 to 1895 at South St. Marie, Michigan.

Coincidentally with the services in celebration of the anniversary, a report was made on the progress heretofore made in Alaska towards the fund of \$100,000 in memory of the event. The interest from this fund, it is planned, is to be used by Bishop Rowe to help the missions established by him in the North. Contributions are being received both in Alaska and in the States.

With about half of the Territory board from, the following amounts have been reported:

Douglas Island	\$ 200.00
Valdez	2.50
Ketchikan	3.00
Stevens Village	20.00
Tanana	48.00
Sitka	29.00
Skagway	81.00
Wrangell	100.00
Cordova	109.00
Ketchikan	120.00
Denain and Thane	174.00
Anchorage	537.15
Juneau	274.00
Total	\$2,395.33

SECOND BOWLING MATCH

Leo Higley broke the alley records for the season at Treadwell Monday in one of the games between the Treadwell and Ready Bullion teams. Steve Terzovich rolled a total of 542 pins, which is high average so far. This was the second game in the women's tournament. The scores follow:

TREADWELL.	
Rubin Bokanich	420
Steve Terzovich	540
James Manning	418
Oliver Graves	287
Mike Gavril	474
Total	2245

READY BULLION	
John McCormick	412
Wm. Anderson	407
Sandy Stevens	419
Louis Knatch	416
Leo Higley	526
Total	2181

CLUB MEETING

The Douglas Island Woman's Club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Richards at Treadwell. The usual pleasant and instructive time was enjoyed by the ladies present.

Mrs. David H. Christie contributed a paper on "The Woman and the Law," based on a recent magazine story, and Mrs. Egburt Loomis read a paper called "Her Big Job." Refreshments were served by the hostess.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Johnson, of Lead, S. D., announce the engagement of their daughter, Gertrude, to Mr. C. H. Helgeson, of Treadwell. The wedding is to take place some time this month.

DEAN CHRISTIAN LEAVES

Dean Guy D. Christian, for the past several years in charge of Holy Trinity Cathedral at Juneau and of St. Luke's Episcopal church in this city, left yesterday on the Princess Beatrice for the south. Dean Christian is going to Richmond, Virginia, to visit with his mother, after having served his five-year term of service at Juneau, before which time he was at Nome. Dean Christian may not return to the North. Mrs. Christian and her niece, Miss Barksdale, accompanied the Dean to the south.

As yet no one has been appointed to fill the vacancies in the Douglas and Juneau churches.

FIND NUGGETS IN PTARMIGAN

Soldiers While Hunting Get Traces of What Might Be Big Mountain of Gold

Last Tuesday, Private Anrig and Yelovsch, members of the local detachment of the 21st Infantry, decided to climb Marathon Mountain in search of ptarmigan, says the Seward Gateway. Equipped with shotguns and plenty of ammunition they started out and by evening had succeeded in getting eleven nice, fat specimens of the feathered tribe. Tired but happy they returned to quarters and persuaded the cook to dress and prepare the birds for a feast. Now comes the most interesting part of the story, which is vouched for and sworn to by the cook, the hunters and every other member of the detachment.

On Wednesday morning the cook, D. M. Brown, while preparing the birds, was amazed to find a small gold nugget in the claw of one of the birds. When he had assured himself that the nugget was real gold he carefully inspected the remaining contents of the claw and found two more of about the same size. He informed the rest of the soldiers of his extraordinary find, and by so doing created a desire on the part of every member to go hunting. The nuggets were brought to town by Private Erns and shown to several expert mineralogists, among whom were D. D. Stewart, mine inspector for Alaska, and T. U. MacDonald, of the Treadwell Company. The gold was pronounced a good quality of the placer kind. It was fat and dull in color and the total value of the three nuggets was placed at approximately \$4.00.

Somewhere on Marathon mountain or along Resurrection creek or one of the many creeks tributary to it the ptarmigan that produced the find picked up the nuggets with other gravel and pebbles. Gold colors of the flour variety have been found on Resurrection and other streams in the vicinity, but nothing like the nuggets discovered in the find bird have ever been discovered. The snow in the gulcher and on Marathon mountain at the present time makes it impossible for the lucky hunters to go prospecting, but it is a claim that if they are still in Seward next summer they will spend all of their time in the vicinity of where they shot the birds looking for the place where the ptarmigan picked up three valuable digestive pills.

In the meantime the nuggets are being carefully guarded. One of the richest sapphirine mines in Montana was discovered by a prospector who found a polished stone in the claw of a blue grouse which he had killed, so why not a placer mine from the contents of a ptarmigan's claw?

BROTHERHOOD LOSES

In their first basketball game of the season, the Douglas Native Brotherhood lost to the fast Thane team by a score of 17 to 13 at the Douglas Natatorium Wednesday night. Hodges, center, and Hagist, forward, for the Thane team, were the leaders in scoring, while Stevens and Brady starred for the Brotherhood. The lineup:

Thane	Pos.	Brotherhood
Hodges	C	Rogers
Hagist	F	Brady
Bratton	F	Stevens
Flanagan	G	Johnson
Furbush	G	*Anleskill

*Anleskill put off the floor for fighting and Jackson substituted.

Thane—Field goals, Hodges 7, Bratton 5, Hagist 6; free throws, Hodges 3. Personal fouls, 8.

Brotherhood—Field goals, Rogers 1, Stevens 1, Brady 4. Personal fouls, 8.

Score—First half, Thane 20, Brotherhood 8. Final score, Thane 17, Brotherhood 13. Referee, Leo Vestal.

COLD STORAGE PLANT IN JUNEAU

People Pledged to Raise \$65,000 for the Project to Erect Big Freezer

Much enthusiasm has been manifested in Juneau this week over a project to get a large cold storage plant for the city. Eastern capitalists have telegraphed their willingness to invest \$400,000 in a plant if the citizens of the city donate a site and subscribe for \$50,000 in the concern.

A mass meeting was held there on Tuesday night that was presided over by Mayor R. E. Robertson, and the project was explained to all the people. Emery Valentine, principal promoter of the proposition, explained the project, and Judge Wickersham told of the making out of the agreement safeguarding those who subscribe for stock. The meeting was very enthusiastic and was attended by about 250 people. About seventeen thousand dollars of the money was pledged at the meeting.

Briefly stated, the project is the one that H. H. Snow worked on last summer. An option was taken on the Femmer & Ritter dock site on Willoughby avenue, for the sum of \$15,000. Maps and surveys were made of the property and Mr. Snow went East to interest capital. An attorney in Boston wired Emery Valentine, who had been working with Mr. Snow on the project, that certain interests at Boston and New York were willing to erect a plant capable of freezing 6,000,000 pounds of fish and to expend on it \$400,000 if the city of Juneau would donate a site and subscribe for \$50,000 worth of stock. Mr. Valentine wired back that the offer was accepted and received assurance that the deal was closed and that a representative leave immediately for Juneau.

The payments on the stock and the purchase price of the site are to be made at set times in the B. M. Helstrom bank, which is to act as depository. Payments are to be made as actual construction is carried on. Stock is to be issued for the \$50,000, but the \$15,000 for the site is a donation.

Most of all the business and professional men of the community are taking an active part in raising the money, which must be pledged by December 15.

From all reports, it is claimed that the people who are promoting the company have strong financial backing. It is said that the capital invested before the plant and distribution system is complete will reach a million dollars.

Up until yesterday afternoon the announced subscriptions amounted to \$20,000, and the fund was growing fast, with a live committee working on the matter. H. H. Snow, who promoted the deal, was the man who, with a surveyor, spent some time in Douglas last summer examining the waterfront. The city of Douglas secured options on a number of lots embraced in a block of waterfront. The city council bought the options. When Snow went East he had the offer of this free site in his pocket and also the Juneau proposition. It seemed that the men with the capital decided in favor of the Juneau project.

COUPLE MARRIED

Miss Mamie Williamson and Donald Milnes were married Tuesday evening by United States Commissioner John Henson at his offices in this city. The witnesses were J. M. Adamson and Tom Hill.

The bride is a young lady who has lived most of her life on Douglas Island, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hill. The groom is employed by the Douglas Island Packing Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Milnes will live in one of the Heubner cottages on E street.

ROLL CALL ON

The Red Cross Roll Call is still on and membership renewals and new members are coming in at a very flattering rate, and it is likely that Douglas Island will again do its part in this great work. Those who have not already joined for 1921 can do so by paying their money and signing the list at any of the following places: Guy's Drug Store, P. A. J. Ggallwas' store, J. W. Martin's store, First Territorial Bank or Treadwell store.

Have you answered the Roll Call for 1921? Do it now.