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## OIL FIELDS OF ALASKA IN BRIEF

### E. F. Modley in January Pathfinder Tells of the Katalla and Yakataga Fields

The January number of the Pathfinder, the Pioneer's magazine of Alaska, contains a very interesting article upon the oil fields of Katalla and Yakataga by E. F. Modley, that will be interesting to many people. The article follows:

The known oil fields of Southern Alaska, revealed by seepages of oil and gas, extend in an almost unbroken line from Yakutat on the north to Coal Bay on the west, or from longitude 135 to 151, but due to unfavorable legislation comparatively little has been done in the way of development except in the vicinity of Katalla, at the western end of the field. At this point were commenced the earliest efforts at opening up the wealth of petroleum, and but for the withdrawal of the oil lands of the country from entry in 1912 by presidential proclamation this field would undoubtedly have been a large producer.

The first thing that strikes the observer in considering the oil fields adjacent to Katalla, and usually referred to as the Katalla and Yakataga fields, is the fact that the oil showing is very extensive, being of frequent occurrence and extending from Kodiak, and thence along the coast to Ice Bay, a distance of approximately one hundred and ten miles. The first indications of oil encountered near Kodiak is in and about Cook Lake, adjoining the town. Here gas seepages are numerous, the gas bubbling up through the water, and when ice forms on the lake in winter it is a favorite sport with skaters to tap the large gas bubbles, light them, watch the flames shoot high into the air and then slowly die out. Gas seepages are also numerous along the Cook River, the outlet of the lake, and there is reported a small oil seepage about five miles below the lake.

Going east from Kodiak towards Katalla, one crosses the great Copper River flats, consisting of alluvial deposits, for a distance of twenty miles. Many oil and gas seepages have been found on these flats, and since the passage of the oil leasing bill a great many localities have been made in these flats, and present indications are that the coming summer will witness a large amount of development work in that section. There is a movement on foot in Kodiak to organize a local company to drill a well on the flats in the near future.

Proceeding eastward from the Copper River flats one strikes the Martin River country, to the west and north of Kodiak. This is a broad and somewhat rolling country, heavily timbered. Here, at Mirror Slough, is found the strongest flow of gas yet discovered in either the Katalla or Yakataga fields. At present the mud is constantly agitated by the strong flow of gas, which, if unchecked, will blow several feet high and will continue to do so until the incoming tide extinguishes the flames.

In the Martin River section the rock outcroppings show the formation runs east and west, and has a dip of from 25 to 45 degrees. In this formation shale sandstone predominates, with some limestone and few interstratified of plitonic rocks. The oil obtained in this section of the field is of a light green color, having a paraffine base. It has a high boilinging value, and tests 42 to 45 degrees.

Eight miles farther down the coast in the town of Katalla, served to a great extent by handies and small boats from Kodiak. The town is on the west side of Katalla Bay, at the mouth of the Katalla River. This section is very similar in formation to that of the Martin River section. Here is the oil producing section of the field. The Chikot Oil Company, owning a tract of 149 acres, which were patented prior to the proclamation withdrawing oil lands from entry, has sunk several wells, and is continuing the work of development. At the present time the company has a small refinery, and is supplying the surrounding country with a large part of the gasoline, distillate, kerosene and lubricating oil used. Five wells have been drilled by this company to a depth of from 700 to 1,000 feet, which produce from five to forty barrels of crude oil each day. The refinery secures from 65 to 72 per

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## BASKETBALL DANCE

Arrangements have now been perfected by joint committees from the Treadwell and Douglas Parent-Teacher Associations for the basketball dance that is to be given at the Douglas Natatorium next Monday night in honor of the boys' and girls' basketball teams of the Douglas High School.

Besides the Douglas players, members of the basketball teams of the Juneau High School and Thane will be guests of honor and will be invited this week. To all other persons except ladies, the admittance fee will be one dollar and tickets are now on sale at the various places around town and by the children.

As the dance is to be given on the eve of Washington's birthday, patriotic decorations will be put up, and punch will be served during the evening.

## FORMER DOUGLAS BOYS PAY VISIT

### Renew Old Acquaintances While Alameda Makes Trip to Skagway—Going Westward

Three former Douglas boys, Elmer Jackson, Cecil Bach and Edward McTain, spent Saturday and Sunday in Douglas while the steamship Alameda, upon which they were en route to Western Alaska, was making the trip to Skagway and Haines. Elmer spent last summer in the Willow Creek district, going south early this winter to visit his parents in Tacoma. He will seek employment again somewhere in the western portion of the territory. He said that his father, Jacob Jackson, is negotiating now for a piece of land and will go farming. Selma Jackson, his brother, and Metville Nimble, both formerly of this city, are thinking of returning North soon and will probably locate on the Channel.

Cecil Bach, who here last fall has been living at Seattle, visited while here with his father, Frank Bach, and his sister, Mrs. Walter Edwina. He is headed in a general western direction and will probably get a position with the railroad commission. He said that his brother, Frank, who has been attending high school in Seattle, will return here in April.

Edward McTain, an accountant formerly employed by the Treadwell company and later at a cannery at Tenakee Inlet, has been working as an accountant for the Shipping Board at Seattle and has now signed on with the Alaskan Railroad Commission and will be stationed at Anchorage.

All three of the young men were here just in time to attend the 21st annual ball of the Juneau Fire department last Saturday night.

## CLAIM IS MADE NO BUGS FOUND

### Natives Write Letters in Which They Say Their Children Are Free From Parasites

At a recent meeting of the Wrangell Parent-Teacher Association, letters were read by William Paul, a native leader among the Indians of Alaska, from members of the Alaska Native Brotherhood in Douglas, affirming as evidence that Indian children should be permitted co-education with the white children, the fact that in a recent "coolie pursuit" among the children of the Douglas school, not one of the animals was found on any of the Indian children now attending the public school here.

The wording of the letter said that examination of the heads of the children was made and that among the Scandinavian and Finnish children many were found, but on the native boys there were no "lice or fleas." This was counted as a great victory for the native race.

J. G. Grant of Wrangell immediately after hearing the reading of this startling news posted a bulletin in his hotel as follows: "All Scandinavians and Finlanders will take a bath immediately."

Notwithstanding the splendid evidence submitted, proving conclusively that "coolies" do not inhabit the domes of the Douglas native children who attend the public school, the Wrangell Parent-Teacher Association drew up and adopted a protest against the discontinuance of the Wrangell native school and the attempt to compel the native children to attend the public school.

## BLAZE DAMAGES MOVAL COTTAGE

### Estimated Damage of Over Seven Hundred Dollars to Home on Wednesday Night

Fire, the first one here in over a year, on Wednesday night did several hundred dollars worth of damage to the interior of the Gust Moyal house on D street, between Third and Fourth, when, starting from the kitchen range, it spread rapidly to the other downstairs rooms of the building and catching on the woodwork, wallpaper and curtains, created a blaze that for a time threatened to consume the entire building. It was only extinguished by much water thrown by the fire department.

According to the occupants of the house, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Moyal, they were sitting in the parlor when, something like an explosion occurred at the kitchen stove, caused, they thought, by some celluloid toys that had been left over there. The fire seemed to break out all at once and it was only with the utmost difficulty that they saved their four small children who were asleep, so to do. Mr. Moyal was quite severely burned about the face and hands. With the exception of a trunk, nothing else of value was saved.

The alarm was turned in at 10 o'clock. The firemen responding from the Second street station took a chemical cart, a hose and low-car and hose No. 4 brought a chemical from the bench. The No. 1 chemical was the first to arrive and had it been possible to get at the west end of the fire without doubt would have extinguished it at that time. The smoke was so thick, however, that the house could not be entered. Just a few minutes after the chemical arrived the hose also laid a line from the fresh water hydrant and shortly afterwards a cart with three hose arriving, connection was made from the salt water main.

With both streams of water playing on the flames it was several minutes before they were subdued and the house was cleared several times with hose.

Much difficulty was experienced by the firemen on account of the house being charged with electricity that was conveyed to their hands through the water. In the house, the boys held on, however, and the wires were finally cut.

Considerable excitement was caused for a time when it was thought that three might be a few of the Moyal children still in the house, as in checking them off the parents lost count of the four of them. Diligent search of the burned area failed to find any and it was finally found that they had all been taken out.

Fire being such a novelty here, many of the citizens of the town were on hand to watch the performance and to give the firemen assistance and advice.

The house that was the scene of the fire is one of the most modern cottages in the city, its present owner, Gust Moyal, at the present time residing in Seattle. The upstairs of the house was untouched by either fire or water, but the estimated damage from the two combined, to the rest of the building, is between seven and eight hundred dollars.

## CARD PARTY

One of the most enjoyable and largely attended card parties of the season was attended by about one hundred people at the Old Fellows hall given under the auspices of the Order of the Eastern Star on Tuesday evening.

Prize winners were Mrs. P. R. Bradley, first; Mrs. William Raines, second; Mrs. Edward Cashel, consolation. For the men, John McCormick won first and Edward Asplund consolation.

The whist playing was followed by refreshments and dancing.

## CARD PARTY

The Rebekah auxiliary of Northern Light Lodge will give one of their series of card parties for which the ladies of the organization are so famous, at Old Fellows hall next Wednesday evening. The proceeds of the party are to go for the adoption fund of the Armenian orphan that was adopted by the lodge.

Progressive whist will be played during the evening and several prizes will be given. Refreshments will also be served. The general public is invited.

## REV. BOLLINGER IS AT VANCOUVER

### Former Douglas Ministry Has Accepted Call to Church in Washington State

Rev. E. S. Bollinger, at one time pastor of the Congregational church of this city and later transferred to Valdez, from which place he went to Portland on account of the illness and death of his wife, has been called to Vancouver, Wash., to take charge of the Congregational church there. In a recent letter to the Valdez Minister, Rev. Bollinger says:

"Reading the Minister always touches heart strings that will long remain to make sweet music. That account of the Moose Christmas dinner touched us most tenderly, for we were asked to be ready for another Christmas talk next year after the '18 dinner. It now seems as though circumstances prevent further serious thought of coming back to Alaska to remain any length of time. We had planned to stay in Vancouver until Easter only. But the church here seems to be willing to put up with just about half a man. We are giving only four days service to the church. The other days are spent at the 'little home' towards which we have been looking for years. Under these circumstances our newly made friends at Vancouver seem to be willing to have us continue as permanent pastor and have said so by voting a hearty call."

The fish are for sale at the various stores in the city and when wanting anything in that line buyers should remember to look for home industry and buy the Douglas article.

## FINE PROGRAM IS BILLED TONIGHT

### Parent-Teacher Association of Treadwell Has Secured Good Talent to Speak

With addresses by Rev. A. P. Kasherov on "The Alaska Historical Association and Alaska Museum" and on the "Boy Scout Movement" by A. B. Phillips of Juneau, the meeting of the Treadwell Parent-Teacher Association tonight will be of great interest. The meeting will be at the Treadwell school.

The complete program is as follows:  
Song—"Star Spangled Banner"  
Audience  
Address—"The Boy Scout Movement"  
A. B. Phillips of Juneau  
Address—"The Alaska Historical Association and Museum"  
Rev. A. P. Kasherov of Juneau  
Piano Solo  
Miss Mahel Cleary  
Instrumental Duet  
Miss Cleary and Mr. Nichols  
Singing  
Audience

## SKATE TONIGHT

The young folks of the town are to give a skating party tonight at the Natatorium hall.

## Electric Light Globes

### Now for Sale AND ELECTRIC Vacuum Cleaners FOR RENT

### All kinds of Electrical Conveniences for the Home YOU WILL FIND AT

### Guy's Drug Store

GUY L. SMITH, Prop. 3d and D St. Douglas, Alaska

## ALASKA PULP IS PRONOUNCED GOOD

### Sample Shipment to California Declared to Be Some of the Best Ever Received

That samples of the first pulp to be made in Alaska, sent to San Francisco for analysis, are among the best ever received by that market, is the news received by W. P. Lass of the company in a cablegram from C. W. Callahan, paper expert of San Francisco and Los Angeles and owner of a California paper mill. He is also financially interested in the Speed River plant of the Alaska Pulp and Paper Company, makers of the pulp.

Samples of the very first run of the mill made on January 24 were sent to California by parcel post and the outcome of the analysis has been eagerly awaited by those interested in the project, and the proof that Alaska timber is entirely suitable for pulp manufacture is exceedingly gratifying to every one in this section of the country.

The mill as yet is not producing up to its capacity of 20 tons a day, its average being about five tons daily. Early this week seventy-five tons of baled pulp was lying on the company's wharf awaiting shipment south. Arrangements have not as yet been made to have a freighter call at Speed River to get it and it may be possible that it will be brought to Juneau by small boat and shipped from that point.

## HERRING

A. H. Smithagen, specialist in the packing of herring, has started putting up these fine food fish in several different ways at the plant of the Douglas Island Packing Company in this city, and under his own label is supplying retailers with his various unique appetizers.

Three different styles are being packed and consist of Boned, Spiced Herring in Vinegar, Tills (Gaffelbiter) and Anchovy Strips. All three brands of pack have been pronounced fine, the different kinds appealing to the various tastes of the people.

The fish are for sale at the various stores in the city and when wanting anything in that line buyers should remember to look for home industry and buy the Douglas article.

## TREAWELL NOW IN THIRD PLACE

### Elks Keep Lead and Brunswicks Go to Cellar in Intercity Bowling Tournament

By winning from the Brunswicks on their own alleys by a score of 2382 to 2295, the Elks retained their lead in the Intercity Bowling Tournament last night and Treadwell by winning from Thane by a score of 2323 to 2254 went to third place and the Brunswicks now decorate the cellar. The Treadwell and Thane teams bowled at Treadwell.

Team	Games Won	Loss	Total
Elks	3	2	7924
Thane	3	2	6921
Treadwell	3	1	6902
Brunswick	2	3	6705

### Last Night's Scores TREADWELL

Anderson	155	124	158	437
Hokanich	155	129	171	455
Higley	136	142	121	421
Trosvich	140	150	149	439
Gavril	149	174	158	481
Total	769	786	787	2333

### THANE

R. McCormick	175	152	197	524
Gammara	164	141	126	431
W. McCormick	198	137	139	474
Olson	145	151	145	441
E. McCormick	97	145	168	410
Total	769	772	583	2254

### ELKS

Fry	137	145	155	437
Hunter	140	155	126	421
Lavick	172	131	170	473
Vander Lant	105	122	122	349
Barragar	169	184	153	506
Total	792	759	731	2282

### BRUNSWICK

Darby	136	125	128	411
George	129	145	144	420
Craig	145	144	148	437
Trosvich	124	153	143	420
Henry	153	113	101	367
Total	695	735	675	2099

## BOWLING

For the past week challenges have been flying thick and fast between William Franks, manager of the Treadwell amateur bowling team, and Mike Gavril, manager of the regulars of that town. An agreement was made at one time whereby the two teams were to meet to play for an oyster supper, but when one of the managers proposed that in addition to the supper, the losers should also be hosts at a theatre party, relations became strained and negotiations have been called off for a time at least.

Friends of the rival managers are attempting to get them together without fighting so that arrangements may be talked over and people of the island given an opportunity to see the bowling supremacy of the two teams settled for all time.

## MANY DOUGLAS BOYS TO BOX

### Six Will Take Part in the Elks' Smoker, Saturday Evening, February 26

Six Douglas Island boys will take part in the Elks' smoker that is to be held in the Elks' hall on Saturday night, Feb. 26. They are Higley, Collier, Wm. Manley, Atwell, Martini and Brady, according to announcements made by Matchmaker Jack Wilson today.

The main event will be between Higley of Treadwell and Collier of Douglas, at present employed at the Perseverance mine. These two men boxed three rounds several weeks ago at a fireman's smoker here and Collier was given the decision by the judges, although only scoring a draw. Both men are heavyweights. Higley is regarded as one of the best heavyweights in this part of Alaska. Collier is a native boy who was born here and who boxed while away at school in Oregon. He surprised everyone by the showing he made against Higley, as he was very aggressive and clever.

Martini and Brady, both of Douglas, are matched at catchweights. Brady's younger brother boxed Martini at the late fireman's smoker and put up a good exhibition, and it is said that his brother is better than he is.

William Manley, a high school boy and a member of the basketball team, is matched against A. Beaudin, a recent arrival in Juneau. The young fellows are featherweights and are to go on as curtain raisers.

Atwell of the Treadwell store, is matched against Hollywood of Juneau. Atwell has never boxed here but he said he had done considerable at it while in the army.

The other matches of the evening are Bill Beaudin against Louie, a Filipino. This, it is claimed, will be one of the best bouts on the bill as both are heavyweights and very fast.

"Chuck," a native brawler, is matched with Osborn, who has performed at several smokers with great credit. Chuck is a sparring partner of Osborn and works at the Perseverance mine.

With these six fast, snappy events, it is predicted that the smoker will be one of the best yet witnessed on the Channel.

## VALENTINE PARTY

Superintendent Gordon C. Mitchell surprised the students of the Douglas High School at the last period of Monday's session of the school by giving a "Valentine Day party" at which a series of games and contests by the teachers and scholars were indulged in.

Among the contests were a "Polato Race" and "Nuts to Crack" games in which teams from the teachers, boys and girls were entered.

## WANTS TO COME BACK

Casper Glavan, for many years an employee of the Alaska Treadwell Gold Mining Company as a mill man, writes to L. W. Kilburn of this city that he is heartily sick of Jugoslavia, where he now is and will endeavor to return to America and Alaska in the near future. He left here several years ago with the intention of remaining in the old country, where his family lives.

For a draft of one hundred dollars recently sent from this place Mr. Glavan realized in his country something over nine thousand kroner, and this was cited by him as an indication of the unsatisfactory state of the finances of the country.

## NUGGET STOLEN; BEING PURSUED

### Thieves Make Getaway With Boat Fittings From Ferries and Other Loot

Some time after midnight Tuesday the gasboat Nugget, belonging to Simpson & Wright of the Nugget Shop in Juneau, was stolen from her mooring near the ferry float in Juneau and is now being pursued by Deputy U. S. Marshal N. O. Hardy on the gas boat Dixon, who left Juneau after a fishing vessel had arrived there with the information that the boat had been seen in Harlow's cove, near Point Retreat.

Besides stealing the boat the thieves took a compass and a ship's clock from the ferry boat Alma, a set of five-cell batteries from the Teddy and something over eighty pair of roller skates and a quantity of tools from the Coliseum theatre.

It is claimed that those committing the robberies are known and that it is a gang of three men who have been in Juneau for some time, two of them working for W. D. Gross at the Coliseum theatre. Mr. Gross had arranged it so they could get groceries for their own use and they stocked up the boat at various stores in the city before leaving.

The Nugget was formerly the gas boat Jack-a-Dan of Skagway, built in Juneau in 1914 for Mrs. Max Smith. The craft is 24 feet long and last year was rebuilt and a new 20-h.p. engine installed. The tanks were full of oil and there was said to be enough fuel on board to run her 400 miles. The batteries had been removed from the boat and to equip her for running a set from the Teddy was stolen.

It is considered almost impossible for the men to make good their escape, as sooner or later they must go into some port for oil, and every point where there is a cable or wireless has been notified to be on the lookout. The danger, as it appears in the owners of the vessel and the stolen goods on board, is that they—ending a boat in pursuit—may either burn or scuttle the Nugget and try to make their escape into the woods.

Both Simpson and Wright, owners of the stolen craft, and the Juneau Ferry & Navigation Company, owners of the stolen fittings, are offering rewards for the return of the goods.

A report of the capture or other news in regards to the boat, is expected momentarily from Deputy Marshal Hardy at the marshal's office in Juneau.

## WASHINGTON TO BE COMMEMORATED

### Native Brotherhood Will Celebrate His Birthday With Program Thursday Night

The George Washington anniversary celebration to be held at the Alaska Native Brotherhood hall on Thursday evening, February 24, will consist of an interesting program arranged by Mrs. H. H. McEvoy, teacher of the government school for natives. Mr. Thomas Willis will act as chairman of the evening and the entertainment will include such vocal numbers as "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes," a song Nellie Castie used to sing to George Washington, and "Long, Long Ago," another popular song of Colonial days. The following program will be given: Opening Chorus, "Long, Long Ago." School

Recitation, "The Ride of Paul Revere" Jackson Brady  
Song, "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes" School  
Recitation, "How a Little Girl Should Go to Bed" Alice Tassel  
Reading, "Native Names of American Rivers and Mountains" School  
Recitation, "Patriotism" Harry Tassel

Recitation, "How Grandma Danced the Minuet" Lily Jack  
(Assisted by Daisy Fox, Mary Stevens and Anna Stevens)  
Recitation, "Imitation of the Night Wind" Florence James  
Recitation, Character Sketch Bessie Daniels  
Recitation, "Patriotism" Harry Tassel  
Song, "The Forty-Ninth Star of the Nation" School  
Closing Hymn, "America" School (Helen McEvoy, accompanist)

Become a stockholder in the United States—buy war-savings stamps.