

CORRESPONDENCE

NEWS FROM THE SURROUNDING COUNTRY.

Molybdenum at Afognak.

Special Correspondence to the PROSPECTOR.
Afognak, Sept. 4. (Delayed in Mail) Mr. J. Falstad and H. Dick were here recently, and brought some fine specimens of quartz, rich in Molybdenum. The ore is from a vein they discovered on Malina bay, Afognak, island, and is situated about two thousand yards to Westward from their cabin. The vein about four feet wide, and as the price of molybdenum is about \$113 a pound at present, they think it will pay to mine it. Of course, as no assays have been made, it is hard telling how rich is their find. After the strike on Dry island, the country for miles around is fairly bristling with stakes and location notices, and every fortunate locator thinks he has located on extension or some part of extension of Jack Fille's rich strike. No work has been done on the claim except on (Siwash) Brown's claim on Kodiak island, by Mr. Brown and his partner. The ore looks fair. Mr. Frank Cort has done some preliminary work on his claim also, but the rest are lying idle waiting developments.

Uyak bry quartz mill is idle temporarily. The superintendent, Mr. Cornell, is going down to California.

There are four new copper claims located on Shuyak island, and it appears that there are two big copper veins running parallel across the island. After a few years this island will be a good copper producer.

The P. P. & N. Co.'s cannery in Uyak bay have done fairly well. Their steamers brought a great many fish to Uyak from Chignik bay, and in the spring their men, under the able management of popular and experienced fishing boss, Robert Johnson, caught a great many fish at Karluk. In Red river there were not many fish this summer. In Uganuk fish were very plentiful. Also at Kisugak, where the natives and some others caught a considerable quantity of fish in a short time.

The A. P. A. cannery at Karluk has been running full capacity since beginning of season, and doing remarkably well. Their ship Star of Russia sailed to San Francisco, with the spring catch of about 75,000 cases of salmon, early in the summer.

There was a light run of humpbacks in Karluk, but the genial pioneer in the waters around here, Capt. Gust Grun, of the Str. Kadlak, reports it is now over, and the A. P. A. will put up a good pack.

Mr. Bankowski, the superintendent at Karluk, is getting more amicable every year. He is giving employment to many natives and white men of Alaska, and certainly the A. P. A. deserves praise for paying good wages and supplying healthful food to their employees. In Uganuk bay the A. P. A. have had two fish traps every summer, but this summer they had only one.

The Fish Hatchery in Karluk, for lack of fish spawn, will not be run to full capacity this coming winter, and will employ a few men only.

Governor of Alaska, John G. Brady, honored us with a visit. He arrived on the schooner C. T. Hill late in afternoon. He was on shore for half an hour, had a walk on our water front, and left for Wood island on the schooner the same evening. He advised us to fence in our lots, and other improvements in our community. At Wood island he was entertained at Baptist mission by the missionaries, and enjoyed a prayer meeting.

Our Russian priest, whose parish extends to mainland from Cape Douglas to Wrangel, has been visiting these places this summer, which he does every summer, where he administers to the spiritual wants of the natives and collects money in return. He reports that the

natives of Douglas village saw sea otter last winter, but were unable to get any and are poor. In Katmai the natives are industrious and living in prosperity. Further west the natives are short of groceries, as the only store along that shore is the A. C. Co.'s at Katmai, but otherwise they are well supplied with native food and had lots of money among them. The priest undoubtedly reaped a rich harvest.

A. F.

A Welcome Visitor.

We have received a number of letters of appreciation from persons who have loved ones in this part of Alaska, who have been thoughtful enough to have the PROSPECTOR sent to their friends. We publish herewith a letter that we greatly appreciate and are much gratified to know that the PROSPECTOR is a welcome visitor.

Editor of PROSPECTOR:

As in all times of danger the men have the work and the women the weary waiting, so in the development of Alaska's great resources, the ones left at home must feel the anxiety and loneliness.

"Back in old Missouri" there is another home, that, like Mrs. Robeson's, is gladdened by the regular appearance of the energetic PROSPECTOR. Just how eagerly its columns are scanned, only those who have dear ones in Alaska can know.

I want to offer the PROSPECTOR my best wishes for the increase of its circulation, both because we value the paper and because I wish the lot of all the stay-at-homes made as bright as possible.

Yours very truly,
Mrs. H. S. Leavell,
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ORDINANCE NO. 15.

An ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 12. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the town of Valdez, Alaska, that Ordinance No. 12, and the same is hereby repealed, together with the franchise, rights and privileges thereon granted, are hereby declared forfeited, according to the terms and conditions of said ordinance.

H. H. HILDRETH, J. L. STEELE, Mayor.
Clerk.
Passed Oct. 6, 1902.

ORDINANCE NO. 16.

Granting unto J. L. Steele, his associates, successors or assigns, the right to install, erect, maintain and operate an electric lighting and power plant within the corporate limits of the town of Valdez, Alaska.

SEC. I. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the town of Valdez, Alaska, that the right be, and the same is hereby granted unto J. L. Steele, his associates, successors or assigns, to install, erect, equip, maintain and operate an electric lighting and power plant within the corporate limits of the town of Valdez, Alaska, and also within any addition or additions which may hereafter be added to or which may hereafter become a part of the town of Valdez; hereby granting unto the said J. L. Steele, his associates, successors or assigns, the right and privilege of placing and maintaining poles upon any and all poles or alleys within the corporate limits of the said town of Valdez, as the same now exists or as the same may hereafter be extended, subject to the regulations, requirements and conditions hereinafter contained.

SEC. II. That said electric lighting and power plant shall be installed, constructed, equipped and in operation on or before the 31st day of December, 1902, and all poles placed or set upon streets which are sixty feet in width shall be placed or set eight feet from the lot line of said street, and all poles placed or set upon streets which are fifty feet in width shall be placed or set seven feet from the lot line of said street, and all poles placed or set upon any alley shall be placed or set as near the lot line as possible, due regard being had for the safety of any buildings or structures abutting upon the line of said alley, and all poles placed or set upon any street or alley within the corporate limits of said town shall be placed or set so that the top of the same shall be at least twenty feet above the established grade of said street or alley, and if said poles be of wood, the same shall be at least six inches in diameter at the top of the same.

SEC. III. That any and all wire or wires, stretched along or across any of the streets or alleys of said town, or stretched or placed within the corporate limits of said town, shall be fully insulated and shall be so stretched or placed upon the poles hereinafter provided for, so that the same shall not become dangerous to public traffic or a menace to the public safety.

SEC. IV. That the right and privileges, herein granted, to install and operate said electric lighting and power plant shall continue in full force and effect for the period of ten years from and after the said 31st day of January, 1903, at the end of which time the said town of Valdez, acting in its corporate capacity shall have the right to purchase the said electric lighting and power plant, together with all and singular its machinery, apparatus, fixtures and appurtenances thereto belonging, if it elects so to do, and if the said town of Valdez, should elect to purchase the said electric lighting and power plant, the said plant

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