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On December 3, in the district court at Valdez, the case of the United States vs. Pete Alex was brought to a close when the accused pleaded guilty to a charge of manslaughter and was sentenced to a term of six years in the federal prison at McNeil Island. The case arose out of the killing on September 30, last, at Talkeetna, of Alex Nicoli, father of the accused and also a brother, during what appears to have been a drunken brawl in which all members of the family participated. Alex was arrested on the charge of having killed both his father and his brother, and brought to Valdez to await the action of the grand jury. Alex's mother was also held as a detained witness, says the Valdez Miner.

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ALASKA ITEMS OF INTEREST AT THE NATIONAL CAPITOL

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 26. (By W.A.S.)—Director R. S. Patton of the Coast and Geodetic Survey has just issued the 10th annual report of his department. He states that our Territorial waters contain far too many rocks and shoals named for unfortunate vessels which were wrecked on them because the Bureau had not gone there earlier with the surveys which would have located them in a far more orderly and economical manner. Fortunately the past decade has witnessed a marked improvement in this respect, and the situation today is better than at any time during the latter half of the century.

The Ketchikan School Board and people generally of that town are anxious that the Indian Bureau should establish a public health nurse in Ketchikan to care for the native children, and if the necessary money can be set aside for that purpose it will likely be done. Recently one nurse was delegated to look after the children at Wrangell and Petersburg.

Ernest Walker Sawyer hopes to induce a large number of men of importance to visit Alaska next summer. Among those who intend to make the trip are Hon. Charles C. Moore, Commissioner of the General Land Office; Hon. John H. Edwards, assistant Secretary of the Interior; Edward C. Finney, Solicitor of the Department of Interior; Alden B. Swift, vice-president of Swift & Co., Chicago; E. A. Cudahy or William Driesling, vice president Cudahy Packing Co., Omaha, Neb.

The Washington Star has been asked which Territory was admitted in the Union first, Hawaii or Alaska. The answer was that Hawaii was admitted in 1900 while Alaska assumed the status of a Territory in 1912 — when Judge Wickersham was the Delegate.


Major General Irving J. Carr states that the Federal government saved \$254,611 last year by using radio service of the Army Signal Corps to transmit messages.

The Geological Survey announced that the region tributary to the Alaska Railroad contains important reserves of gold, silver, lead, and zinc, large deposits of sub-bituminous coal, and possibilities that there may be an anthracite field of commercial importance. Gold lode mining is being actively carried on in a number of camps, and several of these show great prom-

ise of increased production from mines already operated and from other lodes so far undeveloped, the survey stated.

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