

## MOOSE PASS MINER

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## CONTRADICTORY

From the Alaska Miner -

Each spring hundreds of men looking for employment come into our Territory. Chambers of Commerce send out desperate warnings, saying: "Stay away, there is no work."

Why is this, when Alaska needs men so badly, men to go out and explore her mountains and her valleys and start the groundwork for a great northern empire? It seems that our Chambers of Commerce would be much wiser to say:

"If you have health, strength, adaptability, and a willingness to work and establish yourself in our land and share our lives, come. We will teach you the fundamentals of prospecting and of living off the country. We will show you spots on the map of Alaska where you can work out a living, and where you have a chance of gaining much more. We are a new country, and we need men."

- Ledger Syndicate.

Whether you like them or not, the humble sweet potatoes are worthy and interesting plants.

Just how long the sweet potato has been known as a food is uncertain - but Chinese historians wrote about it long before Columbus' time.

The white potato and the sweet potato, altho they are both tubers, are no relation to each other.

In Japan the sweet potato is regarded so highly that there is a "Temple of the Sweet Potato" where, at certain times, offerings are made.

The mucilage on United States postage stamps is made from sweet potatoes.

No doubt the doctor spoke rashly.

An inquisitive niece, seeing him return after the funeral of a wealthy patient, innocently inquired:

"Uncle Tom, do you attend the funerals of all your patients who die?"

"Good heavens, no," said the doctor, "do you think I have nothing to do but go to funerals?"

Fort Resurrection, near the present site of Seward, on Resurrection Bay was selected by Alexander Baranof in 1792 for a shipyard because of its fine harbor, excellent timber, and general suitability for building and launching ships. The first ship he built and launched was called the "Phoenix". It was a hundred ton vessel, 73 feet long with three masts and two decks. It was launched in August 1794.

## SEWING CLUB MEETS

Mrs. Fred Laubscher was hostess at a delightful meeting of the Sewing Club last Wednesday afternoon. The meeting was made the occasion of a stork shower for Mrs. Sam Estes and Mrs. Bob Saxton. Gifts were distributed from an all-white cradle presided over by a dignified, benignant looking stork and the gifts were lovely and useful. In addition to the honor guests, Mrs. Estes and Mrs. Saxton the following members were present: Mrs. Roy Thurston, Mrs. H.V. Johnson, Mrs. John Nelson, Mrs. Will Estes, Mrs. Leora Roycroft, Mrs. Clarence Scheiber, Mrs. Paul Williams, Miss Mary Stafford and the hostess. A luncheon of Waldorf salad, home-made pretzels, cookies, home-made peppermints, coffee and tea was served. The club will next meet with Mrs. Roycroft and Mrs. Sam Estes on Wednesday, June 7.

Mrs. Glen Collins returned to Moose Pass from Anchorage on Thursday night's train. Mr. Collins flew from Anchorage to Snag Point on Nushagak Bay Wednesday. He plans to join a fishing crew operating in Bristol Bay for the season. Mrs. Collins may join him in the near future.

None of the men who went to Anchorage from Moose Pass to work is very enthusiastic about the lay-out over there. A letter from Mrs. James Pierce says that they too hope to return to Moose Pass in the near future. Mrs. Pierce says: "This is just a note to let you know we haven't forgotten you or Moose Pass. In fact we spend most of our spare time wishing we were back there. I came down with the flu the day after I arrived here and had it for three weeks. I'm just beginning to feel good again now, but because of the flu have been out and around but very little."

We have an apartment at the Anchorage Hotel. Were very fortunate in getting it the first day I was in town. That is we were fortunate in getting anything so soon but we certainly didn't get very much of a bargain - it's only \$60 a month. If I can't find something cheaper by the end of the month we're off to Moose Pass and our own home.

Pierce is still working but not very enthused about the job.

You just don't know how much we enjoy the paper. So good to hear all about Moose Pass-ers. It does mean so much when you are away. Best wishes to everyone and oh, how we are hoping to see all of you soon.

Mrs. Lou Cope and her two children were passengers bound for Seward and the boat for Juneau on the train with Mrs. Glen Collins Thursday. Mr. Cope was the pilot who with four others lost his life in a crash near Juneau in February. Mrs. Cope has been teaching at Palmer. She will teach at Palmer again next year and will spend the summer Outside.