

PUTTING ALASKA ON WORLD'S MAP.

Many stories have been written illustrating the proneness of human beings to overlook the greater good lying at their doorsteps and to wander afar in search of treasure.

No plainer instance of this trait can be found than in the ignoring by Alaskans of the possibilities awaiting us in the development of the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes.

To quote again from the same article: "There is no other region with which the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes can be compared.

We have been hearing much of late years about putting Alaska on the map, of correcting the erroneous impressions that outsiders have of the northland, and of bringing tourists in so they may see for themselves what the country is like.

Nor is it as though the Katmai National Monument were located at the North Pole or some other equally inaccessible region; in such case the delay in opening it to the public might be understood.

Less than twenty-five miles up from the coast lies the crater of Katmai, 3700 feet in height, far exceeding in size the crater of Kilauea in the Hawaiian, which is 500 feet deep and which had previously led the list as the largest active volcano in the world.

Considering the difficulties of reaching the valley at present, one is surprised at the number of people, including women, who have already visited the spot, and who report that in spite of the hardships endured they thoroughly enjoyed their experiences.

As it is now, travelers who are determined not to miss a sight so stupendous, must make their own arrangements for getting to the mainland, engaging local guides to take them into the Monument.

There is no doubt as to the interest and inspiration such a spot holds for humanity. Volcanoes are something which the majority of Americans do not have an opportunity of viewing and once it is made known that access to the Katmai has been simplified, the Territory of Alaska will be a magnet drawing the entire world to it, just as Kilauea steadily attracts

people from every country on the globe.

It is the people themselves who decide when construction, development and advertising shall open the region to travel. The proximity of Cold Bay and the releasing of the moving picture recently filmed in the Valley are two factors which will awaken new enthusiasm for Katmai monument, but the general public has up to this time remained largely in ignorance of the wonders of that section of the territory, and being unformed is not in a position to make demands.

40,000-MILE TRIP BEFORE THE CIRCUS.

When Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey's circus passed out of Madison Square Garden the morning of May 3, for the last time, it struck out on a trail that will take it virtually to every State in the Union, a 40,000-mile tour before it rolls back into winter quarters at Bridgeport next November.

The big red wagons will cross town and be ferried to Jersey City, where the longest up-to-date circus train in the world will be attached to three locomotives ready to haul it to Philadelphia.

One hundred and one cars will move the show this year, and twenty-eight tents house the 1,700 persons, hundreds of animals and paraphernalia. This show doesn't really get started until it gets under canvas.

Instead of splitting into two circuses, as many believe, the show increases. It has to.

The "big top" seats about 17,000 or 18,000 more than the Garden. To entertain all at the same time it is necessary to enlarge the show by adding more aerial acts, more stages, more everything.

Since the advent of the automobile, towns and small villages in the West and Middle West now see the circus. Formerly they saw only the small traveling wagon show, if any.

The circus pitches its tents in many villages of not more than 500, much smaller than the circus itself. Yet it does a big business. Between thirty and forty thousand persons see the circus daily after it leaves New York.

Blue and Gray to March.

At the next annual reunion of Confederate veterans to be held in Dallas, Texas, the G. A. R. of that city will march with the wearers of the gray in the official parade.

The arrangement has been made at the suggestion of the Union veterans who received the instant and hearty approval of the Confederate commander, announcement of which was made by General Hampden Osborne, adjutant general and chief of staff, at New Orleans a few days ago.

In the letter to the chairman of the Dallas reunion committee General Osborne said: "The war between the States ended in 1865. Since then the sons and grand-sons of the participants on both sides have fought gallantly side by side in the world war.

If the G. A. R. will join us in the profusion of honors to our great ones who have died and the aged survivors with us still, it will be an announcement to the world of the solidification of pure Americanism.

It will be an inspiring and touching sight to see the Blue and the Gray marching through the streets of Dallas together.—Easton Free Press.

Do People Wear Out?

It is disuse that ages and decays both the body and the mind. This has come to be so commonly accepted that to repeat it is almost platitudinous. Writing on this subject in a recent issue of Hygeia, a Canadian physician points out that idleness more often than work leads to early old age and death.

Air Race to North Pole During May.

An air race to the North Pole will take place between Ronald Amundsen and Gretia Algrasson. It will be run in May, if plans turn out all right by that time between the two contestants.

Algrasson will leave Liverpool on May 1, on the Iceland, in hope of reaching the ice bound shores of the North within several weeks, when he will inflate the special type of airship with which he hopes to reach the pole.

Amundsen expects to go to Switzerland before the end of May. Algrasson is speeding up in the hope of getting to the pole before Amundsen.

—If it's readable, it is here.

REVISED MOTOR LAWS FOR PENNSYLVANIA.

Only an Officer in Uniform May Stop Your Automobile.

The motor laws of Pennsylvania were completely revised last week when Governor Pinchot approved the bill of Senator Buckman, of Bucks county.

The bill provides, among many changes, that cities may establish traffic boulevards or through-traffic highways, at which all motorists must stop before turning into or crossing. It also provides that all police officers must be in uniform and show their badges before attempting to stop any motor vehicle on any highway.

MAXIMUM WIDTH INCREASED.

The maximum width of motor vehicles is increased from ninety to ninety-six inches by the new law. It also defines as a motorbus any motorized vehicle used in carrying passengers for hire and required to have certificates of public convenience from the Public Service Commission.

\$2.50 FEE FOR NEW OPERATORS.

A fee of \$2.50 will be charged for all new operators and this will entitle them to a sixty-day learners permit and pay for the final driver's license after a satisfactory examination is passed.

The law establishes a new standard for judging legal headlights for cars. It presumes that headlights project a dangerous and dazzling light if the top of any main beam of light projected twenty-five feet ahead on an approximate level, strikes any object at a height greater than the distance of the centers of the headlights from the highway.

Illegal headlight sales are prohibited, and light must be equipped with bulbs of twenty-one candlepower. The act also makes provision for the use of parking lights along all highways, but cities and boroughs may by ordinance establish zones in which cars may park without lights.

MECHANICAL SIGNALS O. K.

Mechanical devices may be used for precautionary signals and signaling is required, either by device or hand, when turning, slowing down, stopping or reversing. Parking along state highways is permissible if at least two wheels of the car are off the improved portion of the roadway.

Important changes are also made to the Motor Vehicle Title Law by a bill of Representative Hess, of Lancaster, which the Governor also approved. Certificates of title to motor vehicles against which there are encumbrances will be held by the person holding the first encumbrance through one change in the law.

The certificates must show with the names and addresses of the holders. It is also provided that corrected certificates of title may be issued upon request of the holder when the original certificate is returned and evidence that encumbrances have been satisfied are submitted to the Highway Department.

A reduction in the cost of title fees from \$1 to 50 cents is provided for manufacturers, jobbers and dealers for new, rebuilt or used motor vehicles. Where it is necessary to change engines in any vehicle the title may be changed.

Air Commuters.

Captain Nungesser, French war ace, has successfully tested on Long Island a new amphibious plane designed to meet the needs of commuters. Since it carries but three passengers besides the pilot, it will be still more aristocratic than the motor car, but it will help to make the highways linking town and country safe for democracy by relieving the congestion of large numbers of "commuting planes" are produced.

The air, as well as the land and the water, must assume its share of the carriage or ferrage of suburban populations with business in the city. That means the creation of flying fields and parking spaces within a reasonable radius of business districts. In time it may be feasible to land within the narrow limits of a roof top, and when this gentle art is mastered the costly space reserved on terra firma can be released for building lots.

The air commuter is coming into his own, even though for some years to come he may need the aid of a motor car to transport him from the landing place to his office. And before long the expensive luxury of flying, as in the case of every other mode of transportation, may be reduced to a cost within the reach of a modest budget.

AND PAINT UP TIME.

Clean Up and Paint Up time is here, and it arouses the natural desire to make the home, the place of business, and the community in general present a better appearance. But how many of us think of Clean Up and Paint Up time as tree planting time? Not enough of us, to be sure. We cannot have too many trees. There is nothing you can do that will beautify the community more than to plant more trees on your own property.

The writer had occasion a few years ago to investigate property values in a community. And this brought to his attention some of the factors that enter into making property values. Homes on a street lined with beautiful trees were uniformly higher in value than were houses on bare lots and streets.

A well kept lawn, with trees on the curb, a shrubbery attractively placed, and perhaps a garden at the rear, all showing the evidence of care and thought, appeal to any prospective buyer. Of course, we do not advocate beautifying property merely to sell it for more money. But if beautiful surroundings are worth good money to others, they are worth something to you.

A casualty insurance company that had required some additional evidence to support a claim recently received a letter from the widow of the insured, which ended:

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