

PRINCESS TOM.

RICHEST AND MOST REMARKABLE WOMAN IN ALASKA.

She Built Up Her Wealth by Successful Business Ventures—Her Home is Filled With Valuables.

THE orvus dalli, the Rocky Mountain white sheep, is one of the rarest of North American mammals, writes Professor Lewis S. Dyer in the Chicago Times-Herald.

I left Lawrence June 1 last for Alaska, where I hoped to find the white sheep. I went from Seattle to Sitka, and thence to Juneau, where I had the pleasure of meeting the most remarkable woman in Alaska, Princess Tom, the Hetty Green of the North.

she has a large number of native hunters out in her sloop constantly looking for more, so justifiable is her desire for them.

To an Alaskan Indian a blanket is a tangible token of wealth as a pony is to a prairie Indian. Warmth and food is the end of successful existence to the fat Alaskan, hence a blanket means something to him.

The Yakutat Indians of Alaska are the most expert basket makers of the North. They weave them of grasses and tender willow split into long silky strips.

Princess Tom is a young woman when she began to trade. The trading instinct was as strong in her as over it was in Jay Gould or in Russell Sage.

Princess Tom is short and squat and about sixty years old. She is keen in her judgment of men, and took quite a fancy to me, although she could not understand why I had journeyed so far for a few paltry sheepskins.

"See, I buy a man," said Princess Tom to me through Miss Campbell. "I pay 500 blankets for him to marry."

Princess Tom's mail is something enormous, considering all things. Impetuous persons who have heard of her and rely upon her being a simple Indian maiden with a lot of money she does not know how to spend, write

begging letters. Miss Campbell reads these to her whenever a sufficient number have accumulated to make it worth while.

The town. Her home, a very comfortable frame structure, modernly built, is full of every description of Indian treasure, blankets, skins, baskets of wonderful workmanship, copper kettles and domestic utensils fashioned by the Russians in the days before American possession.

As the employer of a large number of traders, hunters, boatmen and agents and the owner of a number of virtual slaves, Princess Tom is kept reasonably busy looking after her affairs. Her husbands, of which there are five,



DRESSED AGAINST THE MOSQUITO PLAGUE IN ALASKA.

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In the senate Mr. Vaughn of Louisiana introduced a joint resolution for an amendment to the Constitution. The privileges of special legislation is asked for when requested by popular vote of the district interested.

By Mr. McQuown—Providing for the election of road supervisors and the making of roads.

Mr. Goble—To secure the registration of plumbers.

Mr. Hardenbergh—Making an appropriation for a monument over the grave of General Merideth the first United States Treasurer.

Mr. Brown—Appropriating \$20,000 to the German Hospital at Philadelphia.

Mr. Coye—Creating the office of county collector.

Mr. Grady—Repealing the act of 1863 relating to fees of magistrates, police and constables.

Mr. Mitchell offered a resolution providing for a joint committee of three senators and five representatives to investigate the present system of public lands.

As the reader comes to that portion of the letter which begs or demands money the princess flies into a rage and will hear no more of it, for the old lady loves her wealth exceedingly.



ALASKAN CHILDREN.

When both houses reassembled the election of United States senator was the first order. The combined vote of the senate and house was the following: Boies Pennington, 210; John W. Wainwright, 187; James E. Black, 187; absent, 3.

When the senate met on Monday, June 20, the following bills were introduced in the senate: Mr. Penrose—Appropriating \$50,000 for a free war library and museum by the loyal Legion of Philadelphia.

Mr. Filan—An anti-trust bill, with penalties.

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PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

The House and Senate were in session for a few minutes Monday night. Most of the members were present, and the galleries were filled.

Speaker Boyer rushed the business of the House through in short order. A. J. Pittman of Pittsburgh was present and took the oath. He was ill when the House organized on Monday.

Mr. Spatz of Berks introduced a resolution which will be referred to the federal selection committee. It recites "that the legislature express its sympathy for the struggling patriots of Cuba; that we request our senators and request our representatives in congress to use all honorable means to bring about the passage of an act of congress recognizing the independence of the Cubans, who are struggling for their lives and liberty, which God has ordained shall be the heritage of all men."

By Mr. Kaufman, to provide for the payment of interest on state funds deposited in banks. This bill requires the banks to pay 3 per cent interest to the state and give bonds to comply with the law.

By Mr. Crawford, requiring prothonotaries to ascertain and record the names, residences and addresses of all holders of judgments and assignments of judgments entered on record.

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KEYSTONE STATE NEWS CONDENSED.

BRIDGE BILLS.

Measures for the Construction of Three Bridges to Millin.

The Senate passed the House bill authorizing the Union Railway company to construct a bridge across the Monongahela in Allegheny county, the southerly end of which shall be at some point in Millin township.

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CONGRESSIONAL.

Important Measures Under Consideration in Both Houses.

Twenty-fifth Day. The president to-day furnished the senate in response to a resolution adopted in executive session, with the correspondence between our government and Great Britain, resulting in the general arbitration treaty now awaiting the approval of the senate.

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MARKETS.

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