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IRICULTURE IN ALASKA e of the Yukon, leav

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possibilities of the Country Are Very Great for Purposes of Stock and Cereal Raising.

Alaska would seem to be an unpromis- the Yukon valley.

ing field for agriculture, the agriculing actor and has maintained for of farms as twelve is virtually admitted stock owned by the Indians, or kept in The stock on hand June 1, 1900, con- neer to give up the management of his some time that larming is feasible even by the census officials in one paragraph towns and villages. On many of the sists of 176 fowls, valued at \$166. The engine. One of the robbers, who, ri n that far-northern territory, and now of the report in which it is stated that small islands along the coast of the total income was \$539 in 1899. Of appears, is an expert engineer, ran the the census bureau has contributed some no investigations were made among the Alaskan peniusula, and notably on this sum \$360 were derived from eggs engine, mail and express cars about a official statistics, gathered last year, Indians, "many of whom," to quote Sanak and Shumagen Islands, cattle and \$179 from the sale of chickens. mile from the point where the first which show that some success has at- the forthcoming report, "have made are very successfully raised. No de- Eggs found a ready market at an aver- stop was made, and forced the express tended such efforts as have been made substantial advancement in cultivating tailed report was obtained of the num age price of 43 cents per dozen, while messenger to open his car. The robbers to till the Alaska soil. In 1900, for the soil."

ural interests of the territory were col- three acres are all small market gir- neau, where a number of cows are kept "At Tyonek, in a recent favorable amount of booty. The exact amount heted by the census bureau. The facts dens. Four are devoted exclusively to fr dairy purposes. The record presents year, over 300 bushels of potatoes were is withheld by the railroad company and figures given by the bureau are ex- the cultivation of vegetables, and on a very incomplete summary, as the raised. Some barley was grown on Ka- and the express people, but it is known med ngures given by the on account of the other farm poultry is raised. The enumerated stock exceeds in number diak island form seed furnished by the that a very large shipment was made their incompleteness. It is frankly value of the products of these farms in and value the stock reported. admitted by the officials that the ex- 1899 was \$627, of which \$532 were from "The cultivation of vegetables," the that exception, no cereals have been The robbers, after securing the loot amination of the subject was not ex- vegetables and \$95 from poultry and bulletin will say, "occupies the most successfully grown. Enough hay is cut off the engine from the mail and

hanstive, and that some of the most in- eggs. presting regions were not vsited at all Vegetables are the chief suorce of in- Alaska. This is the result of natural animals through the winter. The wild to get off, they took the engine, in by the agents of the census. Moreover, come of the three farms contining from conditions. The mean annual tempera- grass is cut with sickles and hung on charge of the robber engineer, and went it will be stated in the bulletins about three to nine acres each. In 1899 these ture is too low, and the season between trees or poles to cure. to be issued on this subject, that the farms, with thirteen-acres of land un- killing frosts too short to permit the "Near some villages, contact with this morning the engine had not been statistics available do not represent der cultivation, yielded \$30ro worth of successful cultivation of cereals. The white men has taught the natives the found. one half of the farms or of the produce. Of that amount, vegetables long periods of daylight, the comparations of the tilled soil. According to the census bureau's fig- \$195; hay, \$160.

BRARY WORKINGMAN'S - -LUNCH, DINNER AND

in the southwest region about were in use experimentally on a farm yielding a product of 113 tons. Very HELD UP Cook inlet and Kadiak island. The near Juneau. The relatively higher little of it can properly be called hay. Inited States department of agriculture valuation of oxen than horses is ex- Experience has shown that the uncermaintains experiment stations at Sitka, plained by the statemenet that they are tain climate renders impracticable any and at Kenai on Cook inlet, but no re better adapted to farm work in Alaska, attempt to cure the heavy native ports were secured of the land or live as they can be kept at less expense and grasses in the ordinary manner. This are less suseptible to cold. The native difficulty has been met by the construc- Robbers Steal the Engine From stock owned.

North of the sixty-second parallel ag- grasses furnish abundant pasturage in tion of silos, of which in 1899 there ricultural operations are generally con. the summer, and roots and ensilage take were four, having a total capacity of fined to small vegetable gardens, from the place of natural forage in winter. 130 tons. Very little, if any, 'tame which sales are rarely made. A small A herd of ten swine was found on a grass' is grown, and the silos are filled Cotton Belt passenger train, leaving farm operated in connection with the farm at Juneau, but ho sales were re- with beach or other native grasses, sev-Holy Cross Mission, on the lower Yu- ported in 1899. The lack of grain is an eral varieties of which grow in abund- Conductor Armstrong, was held up and kon, and a few gfardens near Circle obstacle to success in this branch of ance, both on the coast and in the in- robbed near Eylan, four miles south of City produce small vegetables for mar- stock raising, though it is partially terior. /

ket occasionally. Other small gardens overcome by the substitution of root Washington, Aug. 24. - Although are found in most of the villages of crops No enumeration was made of cows, in 1899 was relatively the most profit- back and cut off the mail and baggage

The absurdity of stating the number reindeer, pack dogs, and other live able branch of Alaskan agriculture. cars, and, returning, forced the engi ber of cattle kept on these islands nor the average amount received for fowls then blew open the safe with dyna the first time, statistics of the agricul- The five farms reporting less than of those on Douglas island, near Ju- was \$1,01 each.

agricultural experiment stations. With | tonight on this train,

important place in the agriculture of usually gathered to feed the domestic express cars, and, forcing the engineer

south at full speed. At 1:30 o'clock

contributed \$2655; poultry and eggs, twe high temperature, and the abun- other localities they till the land with were, however, badly frightened, and dant rainfall, which mark the brief staves and other crude implements, hid their valuable. The robbers were

Texarkana, last night.

mite, securing, it is said, a very large

upon capital invested, poultry raising robbers, who forced the fireman to go

The spot selected for the robbery

and permitting homeseekers to occupy them and develop the agricultural resources. Given the proper legislation

and Operators. and later competent lecturers equipped



Signs of Abating.

old rates of \$30 and \$20 to Whitehorse. Those in a position to know have ven-MERRILY tured the opinion that with but appoximately 30 days more of open river a readjustment of rates is liable to occur Steamer Rate War, Shows No any day. As the season advances, rates heretofore have invariably stiffened as a greater length of time is required The merry war in passenger rates be- in which to make a round trip and the ween here and Whitehorse still con- operating expenses are consequently inues notwithstanding the solemn as- increased in proportion. Whether arance made by the News a few even- a further reduction is made or flot. ings ago that all differences were at will make but little difference, as each an end. Day before yesterday Manager of the steamers concerned in the war

camp by announcing a cut to \$20 and occupied. \$15 on the next trip of the Flora which This Year and Last. will be in this afternoon in time to At this time last year there had been leave tonight at 8 o'clock. Her ac- much more frost than has been seen ommodations have been sold out this year and autumn leaves were fall solidly since yesterday afternoon. The ing, having passed the yellow stage Yukoner, which arrived last night, it which tipt is this year fully ten days was thought might make a still turther or two weeks behind last. Thus far slash in the rates, but Agent Rogers has there have been less than half a dozen announced that for this trip tickets frosts that were general. The predicwill be sold at the old schedule, \$30 tion of sour doughs that the present and \$20 to Whitehorse and \$50 and \$40 will be a late fall bids fair to be ful o Skagway. The Clifford Sifton will filled.

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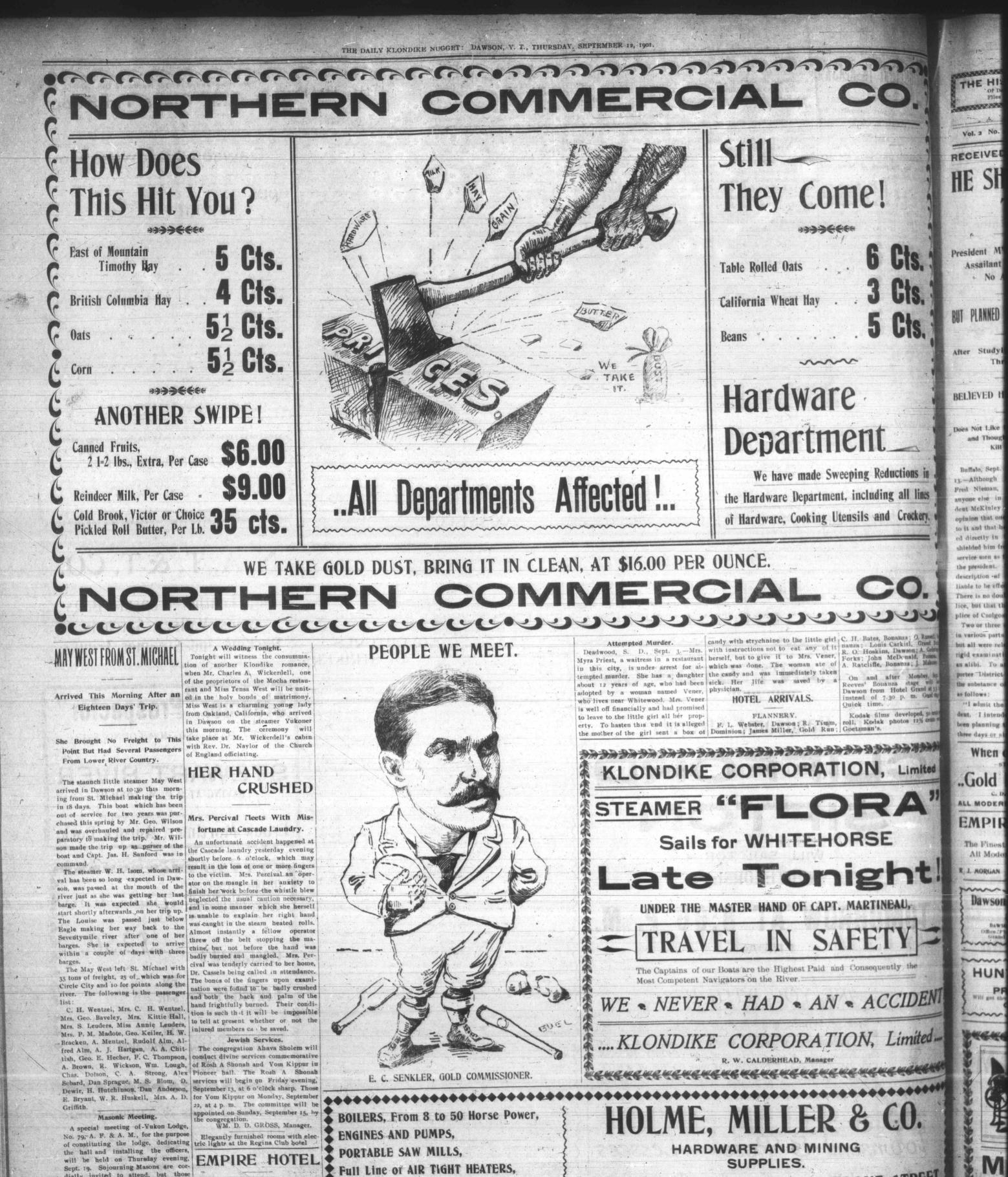
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