

Fairbanks is Metropolitan.

Fairbanks, Alaska, Daily News. It has always been a source of wonder to the people of Alaska that so much profound ignorance exists on the outside regarding this country and the way its inhabitants live. After an active campaign of ten years, during which Alaska has received more free advertising than any other country on this green footstool, the average States' citizen knows as much about this splendid country, its comforts, conveniences, possibilities and industrial progress as he does about the present trouble in the Balkans. According to the popular conception of this country as held in the States, Alaska is one huge frosted iceberg with a merry ring of polar bears and grey wolves doing the May dance around the North Pole. Some of them do believe that an occasional prospector dares to stick his head in the frozen atmosphere. Those are the exception and rarely express their views.

To tell them that we have railroads, telephones, land and wireless telegraph, electric light and power companies, to say nothing of daily papers that would do credit to any city north or south, takes a large amount of nerve and puts the narrator on the suspicion list at once.

It is hard for them to understand that Alaska has seasons just the same as other countries, and that all is not one eternal winter. It is hard for them to believe that Fairbanks is the terminus of an extensive and prosperous railroad system, that maintains a regular daily service and transports a heavy tonnage over a district of 60 miles.

Having become accustomed to our own conveniences we do not stop ourselves to realize what a splendid telephone service we have with its hundred and fifteen miles of line in operation and its five hundred customers. This company has been in operation nearly four years and each year has registered a steady growth and improvement in the excellence of its service.

It is not generally known that there are 48 telegraph stations in Alaska and that in the busy season as high as 8000 messages a month are sent and received in Fairbanks alone. But not content with a land service we are now shooting red hot words through the atmosphere all over the interior, and will probably at no distant day be talking with the states direct.

Fairbanks citizens have every reason to be proud of their city and the many good institutions it contains. There are two large hospitals that have been a blessing to the city every since they were built. One fine, large school house that was erected at a cost of \$30,000, for the city itself and a smaller structure for the suburbs.

Among other conveniences we have a city government that is above reproach, something that is a very scarce article on the outside. Our streets get proper attention, our sidewalks are laid as soon as conditions warrant, and sewers can sometimes be had for the asking. For its size Fairbanks has less arrests than any place on the map, and the municipal court is the dearest place in town.

Five churches minister to the spiritual needs of a law abiding people, and find their labors easy for every one is pretty good already.

Even if a woman has naturally curly hair she can always find something else to worry about.

When a man asserts that luck was against him—well, let him have that consolation.

Of Interest to Railroad Men.

To be able to signal the cab of a moving locomotive has long been considered by railroad men as the most desirable achievement in the effort to prevent wrecks, and this, it is believed has been accomplished by the Union Pacific as a result of a series of experiments extending over two years. By means of a wireless telegraphy a station agent is enabled to signal a train between stations and notify the engineer of danger. A neat contrivance is placed in the cab of the locomotive, consisting of a signal device similar to that used in the block signals. A bell and a red light are used to attract the engineer's attention. The wireless signal may be operated in connection with the block signal device, and it is so arranged that a train may be stopped after it has passed a station at which it should have been stopped, and thus avert impending danger.

Near Goldsboro, N. C., a few weeks ago there was a gathering of the colored people at their church to see a wedding. When everything was in readiness, the minister just ready to say the words that would make them man and wife, a large white bear walked in and everybody left the church in quick order, some by the door and some by the windows. Just about that time the owner appeared and took charge of the bear. The people returned to the church and the wedding proceeded.

At the Prohibition election in Lynchburg, Va., last Saturday, the prohibition ticket was by a good majority.

Important Report On Crops.

Special to The Chronicle. Raleigh, Nov. 30.—That cotton is produced on 68 counties of North Carolina at an average cost of \$63-15 per bale; wheat in seventy-two counties at 73 cents per bushel; corn in all the counties at an average of 59 cents per bushel; oats in eighty-six counties at 36 cents per bushel and tobacco in fifty counties at \$7.26 per hundred pounds is the showing made in a summary just compiled in the office of the State Commissioner of Labor and Printing from reports from reputable farmers in every locality of every county in the State.

Another feature of the compilation shows that the cost of living for the farmers has increased in ninety counties and the wages of farm laborers has decreased, the highest average this year being \$22.61—\$2.42 less than the average monthly wage last year. The lowest average is \$13.40—a decrease of \$1.90 from the previous year. The tabulation of the reports of increase in farm wages come from twenty counties and reports of decrease in wage from thirty nine counties.

A summary of the reports bearing on the status of farm lands and labor shows the value of lands increased in seventy nine counties, decreased in six and no change in thirteen. Fertility was maintained in ninety four counties. A tendency to larger farms is shown in seven counties and to smaller farms in ninety one. Labor is reported as scarce in seventy five counties and plentiful in twenty three. Negro labor is reported as unreliable in ninety four counties. One county reports no negro labor at all.

A section of the reports expressing the views of farmers on various subjects shows reports from thirty eight counties favorable to immigration and unfavorable in sixty one.

Lady Dropped Dead!

"A lady has just dropped dead at the bargain counter," gasped the floor walker of a department store. "What was the trouble?" asked the proprietor. "She found her exact size in something she wanted, I believe," answered the floor walker.

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I thank you for past favors. I am now located at Pembroke, N. C. Any correspondence will be cheerfully answered. Long will your courtesies be remembered.

Fraternally yours,

W. T. SWANSON.

A hobo was arrested in Salisbury Thursday last for beating his way on the train. He was fined \$5. He then went to a hotel, spent the night, paid his bill and left. He had a roll of greenbacks amounting to \$500 or more.

Every firm needs a head, but no firm can profit from blockheads or soreheads.