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**Kinne, A. B.**

**A. B. Kinne Photograph Collection, ca. 1903-1905**

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63 photographs

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### Biographical Note

Prior to living in Alaska, Albert Kinne was actively engaged in public affairs in San Francisco California. He arrived in Nome around 1900, and according to the Polk's Alaska Yukon Directory, was in partnership with photographer, B.B. Dobbs as Dobbs and Kinne, Photographers and Photo Supplies, from around 1903 to 1905/6. He may also have been associated with the Wild Goose Mining and Trading Co. He went to Council, Alaska, between 1906 and 1910, and established a photographic business in addition to being in charge of the telephone exchange and post office. He was appointed post master in 1914. In 1921, he married Nellie M. They lived in Council City until around 1924, when Kinne returned to Nome and re-entered the mercantile business, temporarily leaving Nellie in Council. Although his business was reportedly thriving, Albert Kinne died in Nome at age 72 on Sept. 20, 1925, of self-inflicted wounds. Nellie soon abandoned their home in Council along with hundreds of his photographs. In 1941, a visitor found the deteriorating boxes of 8 x 10 glass plate negatives. [Information from William Halliday and The Alaska Weekly, 1925.]

### Scope and Content Note

This collection includes views of Nome, Council City, Ophir Creek and scenes along the Niukluk River (also known as Keukluk or Neukluk River). Subjects include sluicing, dredging, mining claims and several portraits of Inuit women and children. Photocopies of more images may be found in the biographical files.

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- 2 Council City, Alaska. Banquet given by the ladies of Council to the Arctic Brotherhood - Jan. 22, 1905 (no. 783)
- 3 View of Council City from the mouth of Melsing Creek. 1903 [Sailboat barge taking horse across river, sternwheeler at shore] (no.554)
- 4 View of Council City from Melsing Creek (no. 555)
- 5 Sluicing on Ophir Creek. [Men working, flumes and tent in view] (no. 220)
- 6 Last teams crossing the Keukluk [Neukluk, Niukluk] River before the freeze-up.
- 7 U.S. Geological Survey party leaving Council for Nome. Prof. A.J. Collier in charge. [Riverboat, packhorses and men along river] (no. 564)
- 8 First St. - Council [Cosmopolitan Cafe, The Reception and other storefronts in view] (no. 844)

- 9 The Sphinx of Ophir [rock formation] (no. 863)
- 10 Hydraulic lift at no. 26 Ophir Creek operated by Wild Goose Co. (no. 243)
- 11 Incline Hoist No. 3 Ophir. Bunker Hall and Shaw Operators. (no. 857)
- 12 Mt. Chauik viewed from South side of Ophir Creek opposite No. 5 above elevation 3500.
- 13 View of ? River Valley from the top of White Mountain.
- 14 No. 1 Balm of Gilead? Gleason and Peterson Operators. [Men working and flume in view]
- 15 Lower half no. 4 Melsing Creek. Operated by Young & Louttit, [Men working and flume in view]
- 16 Taylor Fraction Ophir Creek. Durkin & O'Shoughnessy Operators, [Miners with shovels, flumes and mining buildings in view] (no, 189)
- 17 Native fish drying camp on the Neukluk [Niukluk] River  
[Photograph taken at the lower mouth Neukluk to Fish River (The only mouth of Neukluk in the early 1900's. In the northern part of the fish camp there were a number of log houses, one of which was the Crafts roadhouse. *Information courtesy of Bertil Wockatz, Munkedal, Sweden*]
- 18 Mid-day sun at Council, 1904. [Winter scene with cabin and cache in view] (no. 644)
- 19 [Dog sleds in front of Keewalik Hotel]
- 20 [Mining scene]
- 21 "Mickey", [Smiling Eskimo child in fur parka, Full face portrait.] (#609)
- 22 [Full face portrait of young Eskimo in fur parka] 1904 (#673)
- 23 [Full length portrait of two Eskimo girls dressed in fur parkas and beaded moccasins]
- 24 [Full face portrait of 2 Eskimo young women dressed in fur parka]
- 25 [Four Eskimo- young women in fur parkas,] (#641)
- 26 Interior-Russian church, Unalaska, [Altar of church showing icons and banners; elaborate chandelier]
27. Eskimo hunters with their pack dogs, [Two men, each with a dog and a gun.] (#722)
- 28 Birdseye view of Dunn's Camp, Ophir Creek [camp building, center; creek, foreground]. (#849)

- 29 General view of #15 Ophir [Creek; in foreground with buildings beyond] #168(?)
- 30 #15 Ophir, operated by Wild Goose Co. [small cabins; foot bridge over stream; long section of pipe].(#161)
- 31 Loading cars(?) in the pit for incline hoist, #15 Ophir Emen in shallow pit which is crisscrossed with rail tracks].(#61)
- 32 The DeSoto[Mining] Co. at Council City, July 20, 1903 [group of men on shore of river(?); 2 flags flying]. (#114)
- 33 Steam shovel, DeSoto Mining Co., Aug. 10, 1903 [2 women and 4 men standing on large shovel]. (#147)
- 34 House(?) of DeSoto Company's big dredger, Aug. 3, 1903 [2 women and 5 men in "cab" windows; gear on right]. (#169)
- 35 [machinery inside DeSoto Mining Co.] (#182)
- 36 Assay office, DeSoto Mining Co. Council City [2 men pouring melted gold into brick shaped form; women standing at right] (#223)
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- 38 Black Mine of W.H. Black at No. 6 Crooked Creek [men working in placer mining operations]. (#202)
- 39 "Pelkey Fraction" [group of small buildings]. (#174)
- 40 General view of Wilson and Kimball's Claim, 3 ½ Ophir [small buildings and placer mine activities].(#905)
- 41 3 112 Ophir: Wilson and Kimball [close-up view of mining operations; tents beyond]. (#904) ?
- 42 Mining operations [of] Wilson and Kimball, 3 ½ Ophir [small ore cars on tracks; miners working]. (#906)
- 43 Mouth of Richter Creek [creek and surrounding low hills]. (#766)
- 44 Distant view of Basin Creek [small trees and rolling hills; mountains beyond]. (#866)
- 45 In the dining room of the S.S. ST PAUL, June 14, 1903 [men and women at dining table]. (#124)
- 46 Steamboat AURUM, July 26, 1903 [small boat with cabin; man by smokestack]. (#181 ½)

- 47 [Group of men beside wooden buildings; probably miners.] (#140)
- 48 Panning for gold in winter [two men panning gold in tub of water; interior view of cabin]. (#665)
- 49 Goodbye for the winter; bound for the "Outside" with \$350,000 gold dust [large dory-type boat filled with men and sacks of gold dust; men and women on shores]. 1904. (#605)
- 50 [Man, woman and child in sleigh drawn by one horse; buildings behind them.] (#1243)
- 51 View of the hills west of Council [overall view of terrain]. (#765)
- 52 Display of vegetables raised by S.A. Shay, Council, Alaska [man in doorway of postoffice; boxes of vegetables on porch]. (#903)
- 53 [Exterior view of Wayside Hospital, Council; men and women on porch.] (#572)
- 54 [Portrait of smiling Eskimo man wearing fur parka; one-half length, full face.]
- 55 [Dog team in harness with man behind sled. Several people in front of false front building; hospital sign on log building, left.] Kinne(?)
- 56 [Group of log buildings; location unidentified.] Kinne(?)
- 57 [Large machine with iron wheels, probably related to mining, 4 men on nearby machine.] Kinne(?)
- 58 [Dog, seated; full face view.] (no. 633)
- 59 'The Totem' Bar [interior view with men inside) (# 179)
- 60 Out for a pleasure ride. [men with sleds and dogs on frozen lake; cabins in background] (# 037)
61. Burning of the Lawrence Hotel, Nome, June 19, 1903. Kinne.
62. [Council Volunteer Fire Department (?) on ladders going into second floor windows with CVFD buckets.] Kinne?
63. [Similar to 62] Kinne?