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Views of Copper River & Northwestern Railway, copper mining,
Cordova, Chitina, McCarthy, ca. 1920s-1930s

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74 photographs; b&w

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Historical Note

The collector of the album is unknown. It was found in Boise, Idaho, and donated to the Historical Collections. However, ten of the views were taken by Marvin Roark who owned a photo shop in Cordova in the early 1930's.

Scope and Contents Note

Views of Cordova, Chitina and McCarthy in the late 1920's. There are also views of the Copper River and Northwestern Railroad trains and crews, bridges, tunnels, copper mining, cabins, sleds and sled dogs and community activities.

Inventory

- 1 [Buildings of the copper mill at Kennicott.]
- 2 The Million Dollar Bridge, Child's Glacier [bridge over Copper River.]
- 3 Unloading boat at Mile #49 [close-up of bridge span; men beside tracks and on flat car.].
- 4 Chitina River bridge during high water [men and machinery near washed out span of bridge].
- 5 Glacier Special [men standing on tracks beside steaming train engine].
- 6 Glacier Special waiting for tourists.
- 7 Childs Glacier at Mile #49 [view of glacier from tracks].
- 8 Chitina, Alaska [distant view of town; water in foreground].
- 9 Glacier at Mile #49 [view of glacier from railroad tracks].
- 10 Fish wheel and two ladies on Copper River [one woman on platform of wheel, one on log near shore].
- 11 Pack horses fording Copper River at Chitina [10 horses in river; hills beyond].
- 12 Washout at Mile 33 [men inspecting damaged railroad tracks].

- 13 Steam shovel derailed [men near shovel which is tipped; broken ice, foreground].
- 14 Childs Glacier from Million Dollar Bridge.
- 15 Town loafers, Chitina, Alaska [men and women near Chitina train station].
- 16-17 Jagged edges on Milds [Miles] Glacier [man standing on ice].
- 18 Kennecott, Alaska, [view of mine buildings; winter scene].
- 19 McCarthy, Alaska [view of buildings, wooded area beyond].
- 20 Chitina, Alaska
- 21 R.R. Tunnel east (?) Chitina [view of tracks going into tunnel].
- 22 Rotary Plow ready for service [snow plow on front of train engine; winter scene].
- 23 Derailment Cordova yard [train engine off tracks].
- 24 Child Glacier from the north [face of glacier].
- 25 High water at Mile 35 [railroad tracks damaged by water].
- 26-28. [Similar views of men shoveling snow around train].
- 29 Passenger train snowed in [men shoveling snow from train - close-up view].
- 30 Snow slide in Alaska [four men on snow slide].
- 31 Tourist special [train steaming along tracks].
- 32 [Scenic of lake with hills beyond].
- 33 Victoria Creek cabin 75 mile, March 11, 1926 [exterior of cabin with snow covered roof; dogs and sled].
- 34 [Dog chained to fence post; snowy ground].
- 35-36 Chitina River bridge out [similar views of men near washed out railroad bridge].
- 37 Some snow [men near snowed-in train].

- 38 Transferring passengers across Chitina River [2 women on hand car with 4 men walking].
- 39 Large passenger ship docked; people walking on dock; unidentified location].
- 40 Derrick spill off Chitina [derrick on ground below tracks; men on tracks].
- 41 Falls Creek seven (?) miles south of Chitina.
- 42 Barrington and Platner, Cordova, 9/10/28 [2 men in business suits, overcoats, and brimmed caps standing on planked area; door of building, right]
- 43 A June midnight, Cordova, Alaska [business district of Cordova; snowy mountains beyond]. Roark Photo #246
- 44-45 [Similar views of dog teams and drivers.]
- 46 Bert Wilson at [dog] sled. Preparation to ford Beaver Creek
- 47 [Unidentified man in front of bear skin on frame.]
- 48 Glacier Bear Cubs [2 cubs near pole; dog on left].
- 49-50 [Similar views of men beside a train engine.]
- 51 [Crowd watching a foot race run by young girls; town unidentified.]
- 52 [Bear cub walking on hind feet guided by young man holding chain on cub's collar.]
- 53 American Legion Cabin, Cordova, Alaska. Roark #320
- 54 Cordova, Alaska, February 1930 [business district; deep snow]. Roark #410
- 55 A Malamute chorus. Lomen Bros #734 (311)
- 56 Mirror view, native village tide in [row of wooden buildings along beach].
- 57 [Scenic of water and wooded hills.]
- 58 Black bear killed by Con Miller [bear on snowy ground; man standing beyond].
- 59 Coyote caught by Con Miller [coyote chained to stake].

- 60 [Railroad bridge over unidentified river.]
- 61 [4th of July (?) parade moving down business district of Cordova.]
- 62 Chititu Mine, Alaska [hoses being used in hydraulic mining operation].
- 63 Caribou [distant view of a herd of caribou], Millen Photo
- 64 Cordova, Alaska [view from hill above town]. Roark #245
- 65 Auk Lake and Mendenhall Glacier. Roark #336
- 66 Sockeye Salmon, Cordova, Alaska [wooden container of fish]. Roark #267
- 67 Winter, Cordova, Alaska. Roark #413
- 68 Masonic Temple, Cordova, Alaska [exterior view of building]. Roark #208
- 69 Leonard Seppala and his Siberians. Winners, Eight and Ninth All Alaska Sweepstakes, Nome, Alaska, 1915 and 1916. "Ruby Derby", Ruby, Alaska, 1916 [Seppala behind sled, dogs in harness]. Lomen Bros. #1130 (314)
- 70 [Four children riding in dog pulled sled]
- 71 [McCarthy, Alaska - same view as #19.]
- 72 Mendenhall Glacier [close-up view of glaciers face] Roark #337
- 73 Columbia Glacier [face of glacier], Roark Photo (no. 241)
- 74 [Business street in Cordova, mountains in background].

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