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Emp. 1/19/1921/3 V.G. Hadley, once prosperous town, is now a deserted camp. V.G. history of the town. (V.G.)
D.A.Disp. 12/27/1914  V.G. Big riot of drunken Indians at Haines--worst outbreak in History!
D.A.Disp. 7/14/1916 pp.2 More on the 'Haines Roadway Dispute--V.G. (Follow papers back to July First for rest of this story--I neglected to log exact dates.
D.A.Disp. 12/23/1901 pp.3 and 1/20/1902 Man reported to have been buried alive at Haines--Chas. Hopkins, 62.
D.A.Disp. 9/23/1902 Work starts on the Haines Military Post. Ground being cleared etc...
EMPIRE May 26, 1954 page 10 tells complete story of the trouble----Mayor and 2 councilmen quit----water mains froze up last winter and there is also no Policeman...
Empire: 11/20/1920/8 New bridge spans Chilkat--also 24 miles of good road has been completed.
Emp. 5/19/1921/3 Haines fire house destroyed by fire, but most of equipment saved.
Emp. 11/15/1922 Ernie Bryson, of Juneau shot and killed B.H.Ferry at Haines, in the home of L.M.Jones. Ferry owns the Haines movie house.
Emp. 7/5/1927  Albert Chisel shot and killed by Bert Taylor at Haines. Chisel operates a transfer co. and Taylor is a fox rancher.

Emp. 7/6/1927  Haines shooting dispute was over a dog and began between Earl French and Chisel who came to Taylor's cabin with two other men. Shot in scuffle when French took gun to Chisel and Taylor tried to take it away, etc.

Emp. 7/22/1955  11-yr. old Carl Eugene Comstock, killed by accidental discharge of 22 rifle in small cabin outside of Haines.
4/22/1930  Haines Indian, James Watson, a fisherman, shot and killed U. S. Deputy Marshall E. H. Sherman, 70, at Haines today, then committed suicide.

1/25/1935  Fire destroyed the Sullivan Apts. and Dull Bldg at Haines and 6 families are homeless.

4/17/1935/6  Chilkoot Barracks tender "J-44" at Tee Hbr. is an open motor-sailer.

8/3/1936  Five people drown in outboard capsizing at Haines—two bodies recovered.


7/20/1939  Big fire at Haines. Light plant, Post Office, and Gross' Coliseum Theatre burn at 06:15 today. No water as system was being repaired...

1/3/1940/3  Pop. 359---it was 344 in 1930; Chilkoot Barrack 337 now as compared to 234 in 1930

12/15/1949/8  VG Chas. H. Anway, the Haines strawberry king, died at age of 92. Came to Alaska in 1898 etc.

8/16/1951  Haines dock may close, Owner Ed Koenig, unable to seal it.
Collision of "Imo" and "Mount Blanc" Large envelope drawer No. 4.

D.A. Disp. 12/7/1917 pp. 1. Full newspaper account.

VG Account with pics. and story in TRUE Dec. 1958 pp 48
HANGINGS

In Alaska

D.A.Disp. 4/20/1915 pp 8; Territorial Legislature against capital punishment; So far there has been only two official hangings in Alaska---the last being Berg, at Sitka who wanted just five minutes out of jail so he could kill another man. (I believe 'No Nose Charlie', Juneau's bad Indian was the first)

D.A.Disp. 8/21/1899 The first Judicial hanging in the Yukon country took place on Aug. 4, 1899 when Edward Henderson and two Indians were hung. V.G. article, tells full story of their crimes, etc.

D.A.Disp. 1/5/1900 An article on the First Hanging in Alaska in July, 1883 has been cut out of the paper.?????

Emp. 4/16/1921 Mallo Segura, convicted murderer, faints on scaffold at Fairbanks; revived and hanged anyway. VG History of his crime---murder of Geo Riley on Otter Cr. in 1918

Emp. 10/8/1921 Murderer, A. Hamilton, hanged at Fairbanks today. (Is a native and killed another native in 1920.)
D.A. Disp. 12/9/1917 pp. 4; V.G. (Important) Full story of the hanging of two bad Indians---Charlie Green and 'Boxer who were hanged in Juneau July 30, 1882 between 12:00 and 13:00.


Emp. 4/7/1920/3/ Robert F. Stroud of Juneau will be first person to hang in Leavenworth Prison in 50 years. V.G.

Empire: 8/2/1920/8 V.G. An aged native is the first person sentenced to life in prison in an Alaska jail---died recently in the Wrangell jail. V.G.

4/18/1939/2 Charles Nelson of Ketchikan to be hanged in Juneau in July. Raped and then killed mother-in-law. Recalls hanging of two Natives in 1884 in Juneau and the near hanging of Jap Miller of Dundas Bay whose sentence was commuted to life in prison. Homer Bird was hung in Sitka in 1901 and Edward Krause was waiting to be hanged in Juneau when he escaped jail and was later shot by his partner Arvid Franzen in Doty's Cove.
5/1/1939  Nelson Charles, native of Ketch., to hang here in Juneau July 21st.
See adjacent card for more on Charles.
11/7/1939  Death watch begins for Nelson Charles.
11/8/1939  Sitka ANB wires to stop hanging.
11/9/1939  Nelson Charles to hang in the morning. VG with some other hanging history in Alaska.
11/10/1939  Charles dies, unrepentent on gallows today at 08:46 to 08:52. In a wing of the Federal Jail on Courthouse Hill...

Nome News 9/19/1902  VG  Fred Hardy, convicted of killing brothers Con and Rooney Sullivan on Unimak Island on June 7, 1901 was hanged in Nome today. (He went to the gallows bravely and protested his innocence until the end. Pronounced dead in 9½ minutes, etc. VG.)
HANGINGS in Alaska.

9/7/1929 Constantine Beaver, a Kuskokwim Indian, was hanged at Fairbanks at 04:16 today for the killing of Egnathy Necketta at Whitefish village last Dec. He showed no fear and went to the gallows chanting a tribal death song...

7/26/1939 Nelson Charles gets stay of execution to Aug. 22nd.

8/14/1939 Nelson Charles gets another stay—to Oct. 14th. See BRIDGES, this file under date of 9/25/1940/3 for story of body found hanging from bridge.

3/11/1943 Wm. Paddy to hang May 21st for killing Tony Simin.

2/14/1944 Eugene LaMoore pled guilty to selling liquor without a license.

MIKE FREER, Boy who hung himself in Hector McLean house in 1956 (See TRAGEDIES in big G.S. File cabinet)

2/28/1943 Nelson to be 8th Alaska hanging. Last one was Nelson Charles on Nov. 10, 1939. Three were hanged in Fairbanks, 1 in Nome, 1 in Valdez and 1 in Sitka.
Constantine Beaver was hung in Fairbanks in 1929

Fought marshall (Deputy) Syd Thompson, etc.

3/31/1948 LaMoore appeal expires; will hang Apr. 30th.

4/29/1948 LaMoore hanging postponed.


5/24/1949 Jake Bird, may hang at Walla Walla, 43 murders.

7/15/1949 Jake Bird hanged at Walla Walla, Wn.

12/16/1949 Anchorage rape slayer, a 22 yr. old soldier, Harvey L. Carignan will hang. If he does, it will be the first hanging in the 3rd Division.

3/13/1950 LaMoore to hang Apr. 14th.

4/14/1950 Eugene LaMoore, 42, 5' 10" hanged at 05:16 today, still protesting his innocence.

(See papers for 5/16/1950 -- Little Gene LaMoore tells how he fired shot that killed sister Yvonne June age 3; in their home next to Jake Croadley house in Village.)
ORIGIN OF NAMES OF PLACES, ROCKS, POINTS, ETC.

Grays Harbor

Red S.B. # 1.

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1. Group of picts. of area and construction crew.
Jack Hardin Anderson and his partner Carl Thygesen first came to the Harding River country in 1919. They met in the Cassiar country in 1910 and became partners in prospecting and mining in that area. Anderson came to the Cassiar country via Canada (Edmonton to headwaters of the McKenzie River then out through Northern B.C. and to the Cassiar via the Dease Lake country.) How Thygesen got there is not determined and never will be since he died at the Pioneer's Home in 1952 following a stroke at his cabin in Harding River.

The two partners came to Harding River in a small gas boat in 1919 and anchored up the creek. They trapped and hunted, and finally built their fine cabin in 1923.

The old boys' logged during World War I in the Wrangell district and it was after the war that they went up Bradfield Canal.

Jack estimates that they took 100 bear each year for the first five years; about 300 wolverine in the same
five year period and 94 wolves in the first three years in the area.

They have lived there continuously since that time and have existed through their trapping and hunting. Carl suffered a stroke in the cabin early in 1952 and it was many days before Jack could get him to Wrangell to the hospital. He was paralyzed on one side and had to be sent to the Pioneer's Home at Sitka where he died later that year.

Jack has lived on his Alaska pension and has done a little prospecting. Among the many minerals he claims are to be found in the area and which he has clearly marked are gold, silver, lead, zinc, tungsten, a fair outcropping of tin and a big deposit of tourmalines. There are also rubies and almandite to be found in the immediate proximity to their cabin.

Jack was pretty feeble during the winter of 1954-55 and stayed in Wrangell (told us he was wintering in Florida with a sister) with the Warren Powers family. He went back out there in late May, 1955 and------
HARLEM GLOBE TROTTERS
Basket-ball team.

Have their 1964 YEARBOOK filed intact with my magazines under the stairs.
Summer 1899, Mr. Edward Henry Harriman, of N.Y. visited Alaska for health and recreation. For this purpose he chartered the str. "Geo. W. Elder", and invited as his guests about 30 scientists from various parts of the U.S. -- a considerable number from WASH. D.C. They left Seattle on July 1, and cruised northward and westward along the B.C. and Alaska coasts to Bering straits, and returning reached Seattle on Aug. 31, about two months. At various points collections were made by his guests, photographs secured, and a little surveying and exploration done. Results were published by Mr. Harriman and the Wash. Academy of Sciences. (Edited by C. Hart Merriam)
HAWK INLET

In S.E. Alaska.

D.A. Disp. 12/13/1916 pp.8; A 5000 gal. oil tank at Hawk Inlet, collapsed yesterday and ducks and seagulls die.

Emp. 1/25/1921/2 Charlie Williams and his partner, J. Brown will develop their group of quartz claims at Hawk Inlet.

Emp. 9/9/1922/3 The reduction plant of W. Lebo at Hawk Inlet (Alaska Reduction Co.) closes.

Emp. 4/29/1926/3 Brown & Williams mill at Hawk Inlet (gold) to operate about May 15. Thomas B. Judson of Juneau is constructing the mill.

Emp. 6/5/1926/3 Hawk Inlet mill to begin operation July 1.

7/20/1951/4 Mine buildings, etc. found in shambles by owner Sam Peckovich.
4/17/1936 Alaska Empire Gold Mining Co. at Hawk Inlet (Peckovich) starts new 100 ton mill and is ready to run.
6/8/1950/8 False Hellibore to be gathered here; 150,000 lbs.
HELM ROCK

Sumner Strait

Probably named for Capt. J.M. Helm of the Survey Str. "Gedney" which came around from the Atlantic coast in '39 under Capt. Helm.
1. VG. carving on the steering wheel story.

NOTE BOOK No. 24. pp 135
HERSCHEL ISLAND
Island in Arctic


Ships that wintered there 1905-06:

S.S. "Bowhead" Capt. John Cook 8 whales
S.S. "Alexander" Capt. J.A. Tilden 7 whales
S.S. "Jeannette" Capt. Newth 7 " "
S.S. "Thrasher" Capt. McCombie none
S.S. "Karluk" Capt. McGregor and wife 4 whales

The Ship "Chas. Hanson" Capt. James McKenna at Toka Pt.

Other whalers in 1905-06 were:

"Herman" "Beluga" "Belvedere" "Norwhal"
"Olga" All had only one whale but the "Beluga" with 4 and the "Olga" with none.

See Fairbanks Weekly Times Dec. 1, 1906 about "Bowhead" and conditions endured by whalers at Herschel Island
Emp. 3/9/1935 Ivar Arneson, logger has leased the Hidden Falls sawmill on Baranof Island.

Emp. 10/1/1927/2 John Maurstad, Linus Carlson and Ben Ficken will build a sawmill at Kasnaku Bay (Hidden Falls) during this winter. They are now getting pipe from Treadwell. Plan a 15,000 to 20,000 daily output and can get 400 h.p. hydro power from the lake. Maurstad & Carlson have been logging in Chatham straits and Ben Ficken was with the Alaska Mild Cure plant and store at Killisnoo.
HIRST-CHICHAGOF Mine

Emp. 1/15/1923/2 William Diascovich, miner, was killed at Hirst yesterday and is the first casualty since the mine opened in 1918.

Emp. 6/16/1935 Hirst-Chichagof pays 5% dividend to stockholders. Operation of the mine was first started 1917 by Frank A. Boyle and C.W. Fries of Juneau who interested Goon Dip, Chinese consul of Portland and Seattle, in the enterprise. Lew G. Kay of Seattle is Pres.

12/6/1939/2 Develops new vein. Says Paul Sorenson.

1/22/1940/3 Hirst shuts down for 15 days—the first time a shut-down since Paul Sorenson took over as Supt.

5/1/1940/4 Oscar Johnson home at Hirst destroyed by fire.

5/3/1940/2 Hirst-Chichagof is Kimshan Cove.

5/3/1940/7 Old timer Chas. Hill, old time prospector found dead on beach near Hirst Mine.

5/10/1946/8 Paul Sorenson here to re-open Hirst-Chichagof.

5/12/1951 Hirst to close for duration of Korean war.
10/7/1929 New mill at Hirst will soon be in operation.

1/9/1933 Dan J. Williams, Supt. of Hirst, age 50, died. He is a nephew of David Lloyd George of England.

6/15/1935/8 Hirst Chichagoff started in 1917 and first dividends paid July first, 1935 to Dr. L.P. Dawes, and many other Juneau investors. Started by a C.W. Fries.

7/8/1943/6 Hirst to close for duration.

7/20/1950 To reopen soon says Paul Sorensen
Empire: 6/5/1920 The Alaska Historical Society will have a big museum in Juneau. 4 balconies in A.B. Hall will be place of exhibit. To be open by July 4th. Gov. Riggs. (A.P. Kashevaroff be in chg.)
Emp. 4/14/1928/7 Kasaan Gold Mining Co. at Hollis seeks water power permits.
1. See Alaska Sportsman July 1952 page 22
HOONAH
S.E. Alaska Indian Village.

D.A. Disp. 5/9/1916 pp. 2 Mentions Hawkins & James Store at Hoonah and their boat "Helen" came to Juneau for supplies.

D.A. Disp. 5/24/1916 pp. 6; V.G. White people of Hoonah have no vote in city business, they own most of the property and are taxed by the Indians!

ALASKA MINER 1/27/1900 Some history of the Hoonah Hot Sprs.

A.R.M. 11/10/1900 Mentions the Indian 'Potlatch House' being built at Hoonah.

D.A. Disp. 4/3/1918 pp. 4; F.R. Shaver, Bureau of Indian Affairs, educator; first man to mine coal in Alaska, and originator of the 'Hoonah plan', is in Juneau.

Empire: 7/9/1919 pp. 6; Hoonah really went all out this 4th V.G. Had bull fight, seine boat races, lady with smallest and man with largest foot, etc.

etc. Full details in paper. (He later was given a jury trial and sentenced to 9 years in prison.)

2/28/1946/4 Hoonah seeks to incorporate as 1st Class city with 715 permanent residents. Assessed real property valued at $705,000. and personal property at $1,500,590.

3/14/1946/6 Pros. Ganty buys Hillman property in Hoonah.

Born and raised in Skagway and moved to Sitka in 1933.

6/4/1946/5 Hoonah votes 131 to 37 for incorporation.
2/18/1930/7 Fishermen can now get oil at Kane's Union Oil dock at Hoonah.

11/24/1931/2 Judge Harding denies Hoonah petition for incorporation.

7/12/1935/8 Big 'hi-yu' time at Hoonah along with a canner y tender race won by the "Roddada" over the "Sally S", "New Sunset", "Sunrise", "Ajax" etc.

3/22/1937/3 Hoonah now has a movie. W.J. Stewart of Port Alexander is running a show house there now.

6/28/1937/8 VG. Hoonah native Geo Obert, held in possible death of two small sons 5 and 3½ in Glacier Bay. Tells fantastic tale. Wife and infant safe. Marshalls office investigates.

6/29/1937/2 Mrs. Obert confirms husbands story. Bodies of the two small boys found. He is released.

1/25/1940/2 Population of Hoonah 704 (Was 514 in 1930)

8/8/1941/8 Shooting on "Josie II" at Hoonah. Roy Fawcett drunk, wrestling with James Lindoff when gun goes off and
Mike Hueston, asleep in a bunk in the wheelhouse.
HOT SPRINGS

Any in Alaska (all)

Emp. 11/29/1927/8. Hot springs at Porcupine Hbr., near the entrance to Lisianski Strait, are no longer hot. Believed that an earthquake cooled them down; it also cracked the concrete tub.

Daily Dispatch June, 15, 1912. No Owners or Permits for any Alaskan Hot Springs.

A.S. pp. 22; Jan., 1956. Pict. of Arctic Hot Springs resor
HUNTERS (NON-RESIDENT)

In Alaska

10/3/1941 Simon Bolivar Buckner can hunt in Alaska says Judge Simon Hellenthal, but FWS Agent Jack O'Connor refuses to give him a license!
HUNTERS MISSING
S.E. Alaska.

See Spiral No. 12. pages 26--27--28--29
Missing at Kodiak and Yakutat Spiral 12. pp 35.
SEE CARDS IN 4 x 6 files (Both) for more.
HUNTERS, SHOT AT

Alaska------

1. Leonard Harju shot at 5 times.
   (NB 24; pp 24)
HYDABERG
S.E. Alaska village.


7/14/1948 Cannery to be rebuilt.

9/27/1948/5 Cannery and cold storage to be rebuilt in spring.

4/25/1950 Hydaburg O.K's reservation. Shungnak says NO!

7/12/1952 Hydaburg case to be aired at Juneau.

7/16/1952/2 More VG on the Hudaburg case.

Empire: 8/14/1919  V.G. Dock to be built at Hyder---also V.G. history of the town.

Empire: 8/27/1919  pp. V.G. info. on Hyder mines.

Emp. 7/23/1921  Big fire at Hyder---one man burned to death

Emp. 1/23/1922  Two Hyder men burned to death in an explosion in a cabin---believed to have been operating a still and a gas can may have exploded.....

Emp. 3/31/1928/5  Premier Gold Mining Co. bought the Porter Idaho Mining Co. properties at Hyder for $1 million bucks.

Emp. 6/29/1928  Nine business houses burned at Hyder. Loss over $100,000.

Emp. 7/11/1928/8  List of houses lost and values, in fire.

12/15/1939  Official census just completed lists population of Hyder at 97.... It was 313 in 1929 officially.