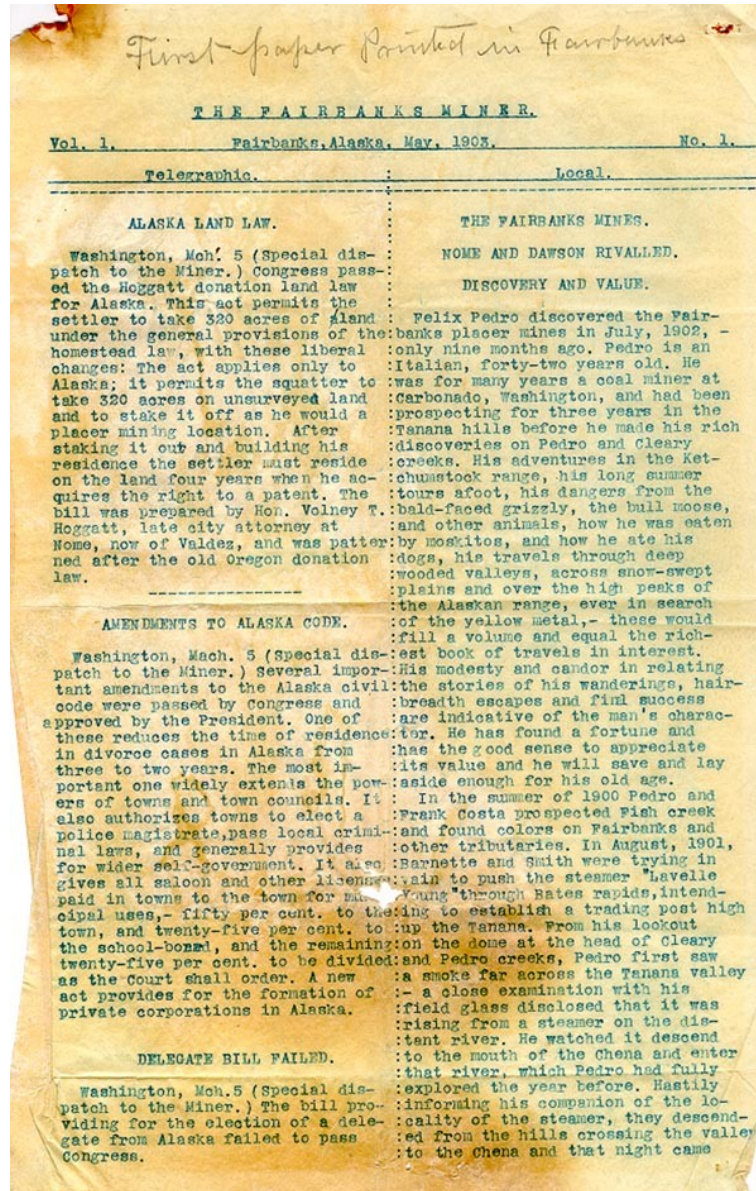


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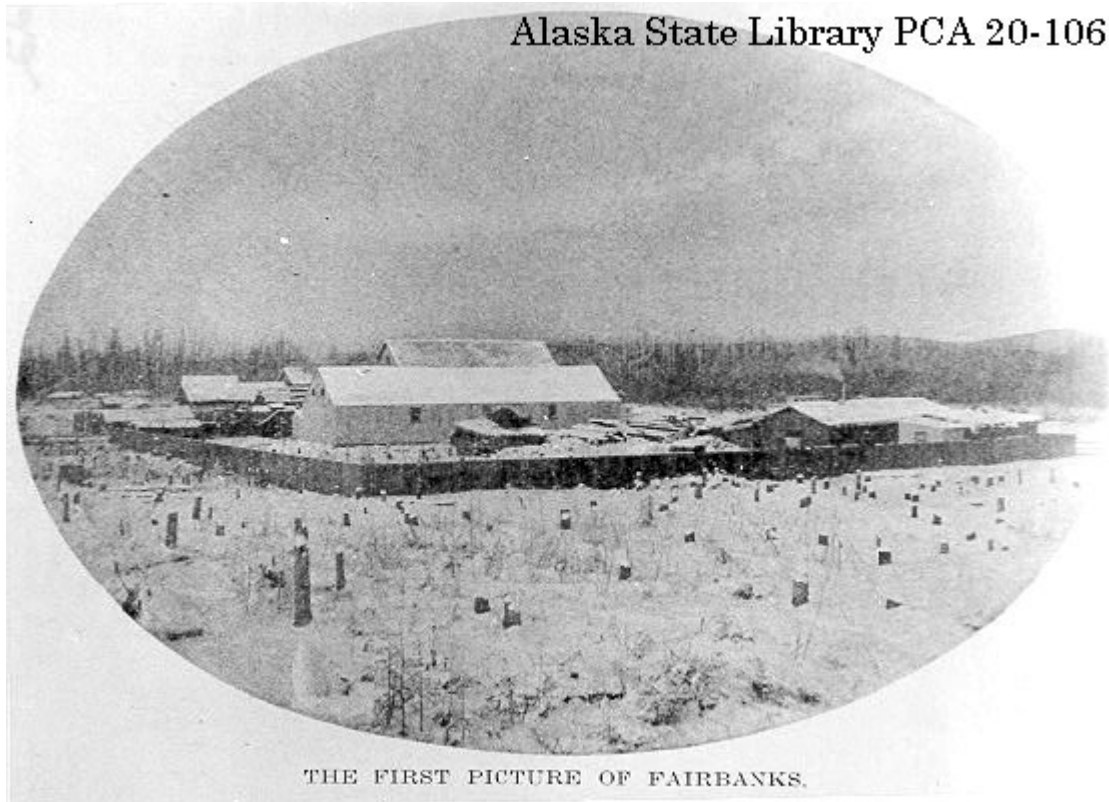
A WORD TO THE WISE

Fairbanks's First Newspaper Editorial



The first newspaper in Fairbanks offered news of the community in stories and advertisements that were littered with names that today adorn street signs, buildings, and geographical features in and around Fairbanks. Among

them is Hess, Noble, Gilmore, Pedro, Wickersham, Cleary, Condon, and Joy.
Alaska State Archives.



The first photograph of Fairbanks, circa 1902, shows a cluster of cabins and a warehouse in a fenced compound that included Barnette's Trading Post, established by town founder E. T. Barnette. Published in *Alaska Yukon Magazine*, January 1909. Alaska State Library, Alaska Purchase Centennial Collection.



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Game meat hunters provided meat for many residents in Alaska's frontier towns. Archives, University of Alaska Fairbanks.

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An early Fairbanks conservation effort:

The first newspaper printed in Fairbanks, *The Fairbanks Miner*, debuted in May 1903, and included this Editorial, which condemned unregulated moose hunting and urged conservation:

STOP KILLING MOOSE

The game law of Alaska ought to be more strictly enforced. Its liberal provisions permit travelers and prospectors to kill game needed for their own use, but this will not justify the promiscuous killing of moose for sale. Nor will it make it less brutal for men to run poor heavily laden moose cows down in the deep snow and slaughter them and their unborn young for dog feed, as is too often done. Do not forget that there will be travelers and prospectors in the Tanana valley next winter.

In arguing that hunters should not kill wantonly, *The Fairbanks Miner* editor reminded readers that “there will be travelers and prospectors in the Tanana valley next winter.” Ironically, his editorial omitted the subsistence needs of Athabascan people who had been in the valley for countless winters already.

LINKS:

See the full text of *The Fairbanks Miner*, Vol. 1, No. 1:

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