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Such a distinction is based upon some premise the nature of which is not clear to us.

Can some bright student step up and explain this brilliant effort of our law-makers?

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HERE'S THAT MAN AGAIN

First good laugh (one of that deep-down kind) we've had for a long time came the other day while listening to Wasilla's Heinie Snider tell about certain of his experiences. The genial Hollander's a natural, and we cordially recommend him to the attention of anyone who is suffering from the blues.... If he can't cure 'em, no one can!

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DIZZY DEFINITIONS -

Schottisch: Form of Scandinavian physical training; Terpsichorean calisthenics; probably the reason behind the hardihood of the Northern European peoples.

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Isn't it odd that the Anchorage Times should open a Liar's Contest so close to the coming Spring Primaries?

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Personal reflection on 'Pan', that worst disease of all forms of 'Carthritis' -- Anyone with fortitude enough to learn how to play it, deserves to win all he can.

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AN EARLY START

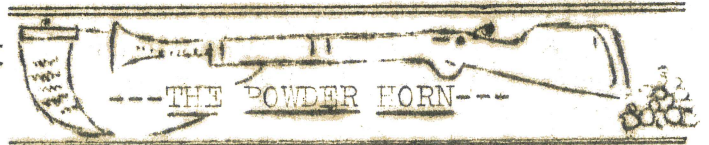
Energetic Harry Sears, losing no time in getting started, already shows results on his farm.

His incubator has hatched out 200 Rhode Island Red chicks. Well under way in his hotbed are three thousand each of cabbage and cauliflower plants, and 1000 tomato

plants are already up four or five inches. Beside all that, he has a lot of pepper and radish plants under good headway.

Walter Pippel had a good program lined up, but we have not yet heard from him. He, too, is building up for the summer by using hot-beds.

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Palmer, Alaska.
 April 2, 1936.

Mr. Jack Allman, Editor,
 Matanuska Valley Pioneer.

John Staller (Oklahoma) and two other parties visited my nets last Friday, March 27, after dark, destroying and raiding them.

Plenty small when he knew he could have some fish for the asking, don't you think?

He was supposed to return to prove himself innocent Sunday, but did not show up.

I have 5 witnesses to the fact. If this keeps up one will need a guard to watch the "farm" from walking away when one visits a neighbor.

(signed) Tony Vickaryous

P.S. These witnesses have been over the trail made by these midnight prowlers.

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Matt Johansen who has farmed here in the valley for 12 years and has just returned from his first visit in the States since establishing his home here is quite put out by the unfounded and vicious rumor that he knocked the agricultural possibilities of the district while outside.

Matt says: "Do the damned fools think I'd have stuck with it and developed one of the finest farms in the valley if I hadn't had confidence in the development of a market. The question of being able to produce was answered to my own satisfaction when I harvested my first crop the first year after I homesteaded."

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Sourdough Sam says there are still a few angles of this project that he can't get through his head. One is how come there are still so many aliens on the job when good old fashioned American citizens have been laid off...American citizens equally capable of filling the shoes of those who send their earnings to foreign countries.

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COMINGS AND GOINGS

Mrs. C. E. Bisson and her 3 small children arrived last week and have already settled down in their new home on Tract 197 which was recently drawn by Mr. Bisson.

Mrs. Bisson, who has lived in Alaska for 12 years, says she is thoroughly satisfied with her husband's decision to join the colony, and says they are both determined to make this their permanent home.

Howard Lyng, who recently resigned his position with the AFRC, has returned to Nome where he will look after his extensive mining interests and campaign in his race the Senate in the coming election.

Ed Coffey, candidate for the lower house who also resigned his position here, has gone to Seward, but expects to return for a few days in about 2 weeks.

Clayton, brother of Colonist Edgard de Land, arrived from the States last week. He says he's sold on Alaska already.

Will the party who accidentally nicked up book of plays and diaries in the commissary on April first please return to Mrs. Carl Erickson or leave at PIONEER?

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