

# R. P. COOK IS NOW AT ALASKAN FORT

### Former Auburnian Writes to General Jennings.

## IN LAND OF MIGHTY RESOURCES

### Game and Fish Life Abundant—Plenty of Fun, Too.

Brig. Gen. Edgar S. Jennings has just received a letter from Maj. Raymond P. Cook, U. S. Regular Army, now stationed at Chilkoot Barracks, Alaska, depicting life in that far north country.

Major Cook was formerly a resident of Auburn and was engaged in the sign-painting business. At the time of the Mexican border trouble Major Cook was a member of Company M. of the local National Guard Unit and saw service on the border. When the U. S. declared a state of war with Germany Brigadier General Jennings who was then colonel Company M. recommended Cook for the officer-training camp at Plattsburg, upon completing his course there was awarded a captain's commission. He was ordered to report as military instructor at once at a technical college in the south and for the splendid showing made there he was advanced to the rank of major. At the close of the World War a meeting of the commissioned officers were ousted from the service. On account of the fine record maintained while instructor at this college, Major Cook was merely demoted to a captaincy and remained at this post until his recent transfer to the Alaskan fort July last.

The letter. The contents of the letter to Brigadier General Jennings follow: Chilkoot Barracks, Alaska, Sept. 1, 1923. My Dear General:

I thought I would let you know where I am and will be for the next two years. This is a fine two company post nicely situated on a peninsula with the Chilkoot River on one side and the Lynn Canal on the other. The original name of the post was Fort William H. Seward. It is a week's journey by boat from Seattle and a most delightful trip I assure you, coming by the way of the Inside Passage. The City of Haines with a population of 314 joins the post and during the famous gold rush was quite a place. It was started by the Presbyterian Mission many years ago, in fact the land on which the post is now located was donated to the government by the Mission. Sixteen miles up the canal is the City of Skagway, famous for its "wildness" during the gold rush, and it is the terminal for a railroad leading to the interior and ending at Whitehorse in Canada on the Yukon River.

We arrived here while the days were still 24 hours long with no nights at all, and it seemed very strange to me. There are two companies stationed here of the Seventh Infantry, E and F. Company F has just established a record for the army in shooting and we all feel very proud of this fact.

Balmy in Summer. Of course when one thinks of Alaska his mind naturally turns to snow, ice, gold, salmon, bears, Eskimos and so forth, but here in southeastern Alaska we have nice warm weather in the summer and are able to enjoy swimming and the usual summer sports along with the mosquitoes. Here at the post we have a cement tennis court, a small golf course, trap shooting, baseball and the regular track sports. We also have a good gym for indoor sports in colder weather.

Our entertainments consists of movies, dances and bridge parties. The people of Haines, Skagway and Juneau are always invited to these events and we are in turn invited to their various functions. Twice a year, namely on Armistice Day and the Queen's Birthday, we go to Whitehorse, Canada, as guests of the Northwest Mounted Police and look forward to these trips with keen interest.

The fishing and hunting are all that one could wish for with an abundance of halibut, salmon, sea bass, flounders and cod and game consisting of black and brown bear, mountain goats, rabbits, squirrels, deer and many kinds of game birds. The game laws here are very liberal as there is hardly any limit to the number one may get in a day.

The flats along the streams are very fertile and the most astonishing fruits and vegetables as well as hay and grain are raised. Every garden has a strawberry patch and I think they are the most delicious and the largest in the world.

Majestic Scenery. As for the scenery I only wish that Barney could come up here and get some of it. The mountains rise out of the clouds and are snowcapped the year round. On the way up by boat we passed several glaciers and ice fields and sighted some whales and seals. Just back of the post is a glacier that flows from the Muir ice field in Alaska. In fact our water supply comes from a glacial lake about two miles up the mountain.

There are 11 officers and their families here and it is like one large well regulated family. We are able to buy nearly everything we wish either in Haines or Skagway. In every home is an Alaska Bible and a Sears & Roebuck catalogue. One can get things from there in about three weeks or a month.

I know it will seem strange to me to see the companies out for drill and march equipped with snowshoes or skis, shoe pacs and pea jackets with fur caps and mittens. I have already drawn my Alaska issue consisting of snow shoes, skis, hip boots, shoe pacs, pea jacket, mackinaw, arctic socks, fur cap, fur mittens, toque and canvas trousers.

Water camping and hunting is ordered by the War Department so we will go out by sections for two weeks at a time, each man does his own cooking and sleeps in the open or "Siwash" out as it called here. Some Valued Pelts.

Furs are not very expensive here if one buys from the Indians direct, but the stores have a price for the tourists I assure you. We have a fine black bear skin for a rug, a squirrel skin blanket made up of 70 gray squirrel skins, two seal skin rugs, and a fine moose skin without the hair, tanned soft to use as a table cover.

Our commanding officer is an old friend of yours and wishes to be remembered to you, Colonel now Major Maddox of the Alabama Guard and was with you at Fort Sill. He has been in the Militia Bureau in fact out of the 11 officers here nine of them have had National Guard service and we have good times talking about the different states, but they all have to back down when I mention the 27th Division.

I am the ranking captain here

# Tango Coming Into Own, Fox Trot Passing, He Says

At the convention of International Association of Masters of Dancing which was recently held at the Hotel Commodore, New York City, it was concluded that the jazzy fox trot was being dethroned from its popular reign and that more rhythmic and expressive dancers, such as the old fashioned waltz and the tango, were beginning to captivate the dance loving public.

Prof. James F. Condeley, local dancing master, who has just returned from attending the dance convention, states that the tango being danced and taught at present is not the "stage tango" which is full of snaky twists and snappy turns. The new tango has several pretty figures, and it is danced to slow tempo and has a very fascinating rhythm.

"It has been extremely popular in London and Paris for the past two years," said Professor Condeley. "And monthly contests have been held in the big ballrooms of New York. During the convention the teachers visited many of the big ballrooms where weekly contests are held, and saw at least two hundred couples dancing the new tango.

"The new dance will be especially easy to learn for those who can waltz. Not the waltz the young people are dancing, but the real waltz where your feet come to a closed position on the third count of the measure. I really think to make good dancers, people should master the waltz first, for it has always been the queen of the ballroom, and you find it danced every third number in the best ballrooms in New York.

Prof. Condeley stated that he believed people were tired of fox-trotting a whole evening, and attributed this

reason for the introduction of the new tango. He stated further that the orchestra leaders have not improved the fox-trot by speeding up the tempo so fast that the four four tempo has lost some of its grip on the dancers. Figures that were pretty and could be danced well to four four tempo, cannot be danced with any pleasure or grace to two four tempo, and for that reason the dancers are learning the tango.

"I also believe that the true value of dancing is becoming more widely recognized by the mothers and fathers of our rising generation," said Professor Condeley. "Teachers and lovers of dancing cannot do too much to emphasize the value of it. They must drum into our non-understanding friends that the real object of the dancing class is to strengthen growing limbs, strengthen tender backs and to expand youthful chests. At least, that is the primary object of the classic dancing lesson. The secondary object is to instill in the youthful mind a love of the beautiful in color, form and sound, and to awaken those aesthetic senses, which otherwise run the risk of being dormant all one's life.

"The teachers and other propagandists must not be content to tell people that it is good for their children to be taught dancing. It is of the utmost importance that they receive the correct and proper coaching, or otherwise instead of doing good the lessons may do harm. There are not two sets of scales in music, and the great Paderewski was taught exactly the same scales as the little girl just beginning to play. Neither are there two methods of beginning classic dancing. Beginners must start with the same exercises as did the great Pavlova and Karsavina."

# Draw Jurors for October Term of Supreme Court

The roster of trial and grand jurors to serve at the October term of Supreme Court which convenes October 3 with Justice S. Nelson Sawyer of Palmyra, presiding has been drawn by Sheriff Fay Teeter, County Clerk Harry D. Benham and County Judge Edgar S. Mosher.

District Attorney Benn Kenyon will have a long list of cases to present to the grand jury, the bulk of which will be against parties arrested for driving automobiles in an alleged intoxicated condition and who have waived examination in the lower courts.

Grand Jury List. The list of grand jurors follows: Auburn: John L. Alnutt, No. 36 Hamilton Avenue; Peter Dempsey, No. 23 Van Anden Street; George D. Burns, No. 35 Francis Street; Michael Carmody, No. 241 Genesee Street; Herbert C. Gary, No. 23 Hamilton Avenue; Bruce Green, No. 10 Myrtle Avenue; Jacob House, No. 26 Cross Street; William Haley, No. 116 North Street; Frank Harvey, No. 4 Wheeler Street; William Kirwin, No. 158 Cottage Street; John E. Reisdorf, No. 247 1/2 Seymour Street; Lawrence J. Shaw, No. 76 Fitch Avenue; Daniel J. Sheehan, Jr., No. 12 1/2 Park Place; Aurelius Stanley Cummings; Brutus Charles E. Summers; Genoa Seymour Weaver; James Rafferty;

Ledyard, Benjamin Ray Alexander; Locke, Purley McIntire; Metz, George Fuller; Sempronius, C. O. Burgess; Sennett, George Waldron. List of Trial Jurors. Following are the trial jurors: Auburn: Peter Cora, No. 153 Woodlawn Avenue; Myer Cooper, No. 15 Maple Street; Richard Donohue, No. 203 South Seward Avenue; Frank Doan, No. 29 Dunning Avenue; John Dunn, No. 19 Pleasant Street; Budd L. Gambee, No. 83 Lake Avenue; Charles King, No. 37 Nelson Street; Willard M. Parker, No. 85 East Genesee Street; Roland A. Stanton, No. 7 Elizabeth Street; George Stone, No. 71 Lewis Street; Joseph Coughlin, No. 104 Swift Street. Aurelius, James Chapple, John W. Valentine; Brutus, Ivan L. Day, Frank Sturgis; Conquest, Wallace Fellows; Charles D. Aldrich; Genoa, Leon Curtis; Ray Elliston; Ira, Charles McIntosh; Ledyard, Lawrence Hickey. Locke, Clarence Dalton, Leroy Main; Metz, S. J. T. Davis; Moravia, Timothy Toomey; Montezuma, Arthur Vreeland; Niles, Jeremiah Sullivan; David Burrows; Owaseo, David S. Stone; John J. Carr; Sterling, Freg B. Irwin; Milo Hartley; Summerville, Charles Shaw; Venice, M. A. Shaw.

and am attached to Battalion Headquarters and Training Officer, E and R officer athletic officer, Summary Court, surveying officer, and of course, president of Special Courts. The E and R athletic work is very interesting as we have the champion baseball team, basketball team, rifle team and the champion heavy-weight boxer of Alaska.

We have a harbor boat on which trips are taken to Skagway and Juneau to play games and for dances. This helps out a whole lot to keep the men contented as there is much work to do at a post like this.

As ever, Cook.

**HOSPITAL DRIVE WOMEN WORKERS MEET WEDNESDAY**

Members of the county women's organizations in the \$300,000 campaign for the Auburn City Hospital will meet with Auburn women Wednesday afternoon at the Owens County Club, at 3 o'clock. Plans for the meeting were made by Mrs. Allen M. Dulles, chairman of the Women's County Organization, and Mrs. Ray S. Messenger, chairman of the Auburn Women's organization.

A special request has been sent all women captains, urging them and their lieutenants as well as interested team members to be present at this meeting. Plans for the campaign and campaign dates will be announced.

**FUNERAL OF MRS. FOLLO**

The funeral of Mrs. Grace Follo was held from the family home, 24 Cottage Street at 9 o'clock this morning with services at St. Francis' Church at 9:30 and was very largely attended. At the church a requiem high mass was read by the pastor, Rev. P. Moia, after which he read the burial service. During the services very appropriate music was rendered by the choir. There were a number of beautiful floral tributes from sympathizing friends. The remains were interred in the family plot in St. Joseph's cemetery. The bearers were six cousins of the deceased.

**TAKES ASSUMED NAME.**

The following certificate of assumed name in business was filed in the county clerk's office this morning: Service Cut Rate Medicine Store at No. 35 Genesee Street by Austin M. Johnston.

# New Assistant Secured At First Presbyterian



Owen V. Davis, for years a young people's worker, has secured as assistant at the First Presbyterian Church to succeed Rev. Walter A. Henricks who has accepted a call to Fredonia.

# TABER IS AGAIN HEAD OF COUNTY G.O.P. COMMITTEE

Organization of the Republican general committee was perfected at a meeting held in this city Saturday afternoon, following a luncheon at the Osborne Hotel. The following officers were chosen: John Taber, chairman; Mrs. Laura Fernald, Moravia, vice-chairman; Daniel S. Wright, Weedsport, treasurer; James B. Macbeth, Auburn, secretary.

The following committees were designated: judiciary, George B. Turner of Auburn and Ralf A. Harter of Moravia; Congressional, George S. Forsythe of Union Springs, Ira J. Kingsley of Ira; Senatorial, F. L. Stillwell of Genoa and Charles Burghardt of Victory.

Mrs. Mary Harnett was named member of the general committee for the first district of the Town of Scipio and Mrs. Switzer of Fair Haven for the second. District of the town of Sterling. The names of the two women were not written on the primary ballots in the respective districts.

The members discussed the approaching town caucuses which can be held any time between September 29 and October 2. The offices of the Board of Elections will be kept open until midnight of October 2 in order that the town officials can file certificates of nomination.

Beginners Class starts Saturday, Sept. 29, 7:00, Masonic Hall, Walsh. Advertisement.

# GOLDEN WEDDING IS CELEBRATED

Surrounded by old friends and relatives Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Purdy of Lansing Street, yesterday celebrated their golden wedding anniversary and were the recipients of many beautiful and appropriate gifts.

Congratulations and well wishes were heaped on the happy couple by family friends and neighbors who thronged their home yesterday, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. A four-piece orchestra furnished music for singing and dancing.

The relatives present represented two generations and the out-of-town guests were their son, Claire, who is working in New York, Mrs. P. A. Kane of Geneva, and Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Denis of Baltimore, Md.

Chatfield's for good dry-cleaning. Advertisement.

**KNIGHTS OF GRIP OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY OCTOBER 5**

Members of Auburn Council, No. 267, United Commercial Travelers, will start plans for the opening of an active Fall and Winter season as well as celebration of the 19th anniversary of the founding of the local branch of the organization on Friday evening, October 5.

George E. Hunt, past supreme counselor of Boston, will be the principal speaker as will Grand Counselor Doollittle. The local committees are preparing for a big reception to the national officers as well as knights of the grip from various councils of the state. The committee in charge of tickets is composed of R. B. Olmstead, George H. Macomber and Charles H. Abbott.

**KENYON OFF TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS' CONFERENCE**

District Attorney Benn Kenyon left today for Rochester where he will attend the annual conference of District Attorneys at the Powers Hotel being held in that city today and tomorrow. It is expected that all district attorneys from New York State and the district attorney general will be on hand at the conference.

William F. Love, president of Rochester will preside. Benn Kenyon of this city is secretary.

Matters of interest in administration and they will also pass on some recommendations for amendments to the Penal Law of the State of New York to be submitted to the next legislature.

ADVERTISE IN THE CITIZEN.

# Wounded Indian Fighter Observes 75th Birthday

Of the few survivors of the pioneer trail blazers, men who probed the virgin forests and forged a path for caravan and prairie schooner, men who with musket in one hand and axe in the other, intrepidly conquered the primeval wilderness of America, fighting treacherous crafty wildlife or hidden savage foes, whose silent and deadly weapons made them an invisible terror, Auburn can boast of one, Ralph L. Fraser, who today quietly celebrates his 75th birthday.

Mr. Fraser, who lives at 16 1/2 Chapel Street, is one of the few remaining Indian fighters. He was a personal friend of Buffalo Bill and many other famous rosin fighters, and his battle scarred body bears silent witness to the death to death conflicts he has participated in and the crudely notched stock of his rifle are gruesome testimonial to this old Indian fighter's marksmanship.

# AUBURNIANS HONORED AT STATE SESSIONS OF BRITISH WAR VETERANS

Auburn delegates to the fourth semi-annual New York State Convention of British Great War Veterans of America, Inc. which was held at Utica Friday and Saturday returned yesterday with their reports. The convention was attended by about 30 delegates, who represented Auburn, New York City, Syracuse, Rochester, Utica and Watertown. Thomas E. Bennett of Auburn was one of the speakers at the convention and was presiding officer at the business session which opened Saturday morning.

This state secretary read a communication he had received in reply to a recommendation passed at last state convention that all disabled veterans whose disability had increased since their pension was granted, will open application, receive due consid-

eration and their pension be increased according to percentage of their disability. Applications should be made through the secretary of local commands. An amendment to the bylaws compelling all applicants for membership to any command of this organization to first declare their intention of becoming citizens of the United States, was discussed and will be brought up at the National Convention at Watertown, October 12, 13, and 14.

Due to the untiring efforts of Mrs. James Stirling, Eileen Stubbs, Thomas E. Bennett, all of Auburn and Mrs. James Ham and David Williams of Utica and Mrs. Harry Baker of Syracuse, New York State Association of Ladies' Auxiliaries of British Great War Veterans of America, Inc., was formed. Two Auburnians were elected to the official staff, Mrs. James Stirling as state president, and Miss Eileen Stubbs as treasurer. Officers of state vice president and treasurer were respectively filled by Mrs. James Ham of Utica and Mrs. Harry Baker of Syracuse.

**KLAN WARNING AND SCARE BELIEVED WORK OF BOYS**

A crudely drawn paper purporting to be a warning from the Ku Klux Klan fastened to a window of the home of Joseph Sweeney of No. 3 Warren Avenue late Saturday evening followed by a few blood curdling yells, scared Mrs. Sweeney and child who were alone at home at the time. Mr. Sweeney reported the matter to the police, bringing the sign to headquarters. The police are sure that the act was done by youngsters in the neighborhood.

**HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS TO ELECT CLASS OFFICERS AT REAL POLLING PLACES**

Principal Russell Morehouse of the High School called a meeting in the assembly room at the close of school today for all the students recognized as Juniors. Principal Morehouse explained to the 80 girls and 35 boys the fundamentals of class organization and plans were laid for the election of officers.

Principal Morehouse inaugurated the idea of running the election as real politics and this plan will be carried out. Seven Juniors, four boys and three girls, were elected by the body as a committee to secure those suitable for the holding of office. The seven elected follow: Harry Husk Archie Koon, George Wallis, John Meyer, the Misses Doris Pink, Ruth Mock and Florence McGee.

Miss Louise Giltner was elected secretary pro-tem. This committee will select those eligible for office and within the next few days will submit its list of nominees for the four open offices. It was decided to have the office of vice-president filled by a boy, thus overstepping the old tradition of having a girl in this position. In order to be eligible for office, students must have acquired at least 36 counts and all voters must have a minimum of 30 counts.

A polling place will be installed in the office of the principal and the election will be conducted Thursday morning with regular election proceedings.

**POULTRY SHOW TO BE HELD ON FARM NEAR WEEDSPORT**

A poultry show for Cayuga County fanciers will be held at the Charles Mearson farm north of Weedsport November 10 and 11. A fine list of prizes will be awarded.

The judges will be Prof. Rice of Cornell; L. E. Lee, manager of the Cayuga County Farm Bureau; Kenneth B. Floyd of the Weedsport High school faculty; Mr. Mearson. A large list of entries has been assured the promoters of the show.

Beginners Class starts Saturday, Sept. 29, 7:00, Masonic Hall, Walsh. Advertisement.

**In Trouble Before?**  
Reports are being investigated the district attorney's office, which were received here to the effect that Charles Cysanik, so-called "bone doctor" who is being held pending the outcome of the coroner's inquest into the death of Peter Gierowski, involved in a case along similar lines in the state of New Jersey, about years ago.

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