

THE RUSH FOR GOLD!

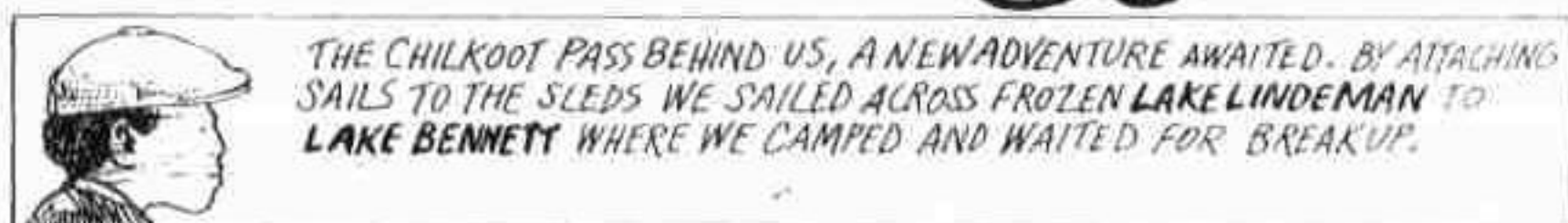
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Over the next year, we will be printing the book *Adventures in the Alaska Economy* as a serial. Every week we will present approximately one and a half pages. The book, an economics text presented in comic book form, is the result of a collaboration between economics professors Steve Jackstadt, Lee Huskey and artist John Dawson.

The book will be available after February 1990 and may be obtained by calling the Alaska Council on Economic Education at 786-1901.

Around the turn of the century two major discoveries were made in Alaska. Gold was discovered in Nome around the turn of the century and in the Tanana Valley near Fairbanks in 1902. Alaska gold production rose dramatically after 1900. From a production of 395,000 ounces of fine gold produced in 1900 production rose to slightly over one million ounces in 1906 and averaged over 800,000 ounces between 1905 and 1917. Gold production declined continually after 1906, but gold mining remained one of the most important industries in Alaska during the first part of this century.



THE CHILKOOT PASS BEHIND US, A NEW ADVENTURE AWAITED. BY ATTACHING SAILS TO THE SLEDS WE SAILED ACROSS FROZEN LAKE LINDEMAN TO LAKE BENNETT WHERE WE CAMPED AND WAITED FOR BREAKUP.



OUR TIME IN CAMP WAS SPENT PRODUCTIVELY. WE BUILT A BOAT FOR THE RIVER PART OF OUR TRIP.

OTHERS SPENT THEIR TIME HAVING FUN. THEY PAID LITTLE ATTENTION TO THEIR BOATS.



WITH BREAKUP, EXCITEMENT SWEEPED THE CAMPS WITH EACH TRYING TO BE THE FIRST TO PUT HIS BOAT IN THE WATER.



RIVER TRAVEL WAS DANGEROUS BECAUSE OF THE RAPIDS. BUT OUR INVESTMENT OF TIME IN BOAT BUILDING PAID OFF—OUR SOLID CRAFT WEATHERED THE TRIP WELL. OTHERS WERE NOT SO LUCKY.

AFTER THREE DAYS ON THE YUKON, DAWSON CAME INTO VIEW.



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