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The Golden Heart?? - City . . .

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was.....migrate to that state! Although this was not a spasmodic decision (I used to subscribe to The National Geographic Society and Alaska was my number one dream), I hesitated for one full moment and then I knew. I wanted to migrate, I wanted to fulfill my lifelong dream, I knew it would not be easy, I was snug and secure in my familiar surroundings and crossing the North American continent was a bit overwhelming, but the urge was greater than the negative verge, and—here I am.

I was impressed by the general rinky-tinky oldness and the potpourri of the impending modernization assailed my senses with "oh, no, don't build New York rabbit warren dwellings." I rather cherished my imaginary expectation of the last of the remaining frontier-type towns with old and burly miners rushing about, Klondike Lil'ses lolling at the neighborhood saloons or saloon, assorted types of Indians strutting down the street in jeans and boots, and ageless Eskimos in colorful parkas carrying their kayaks and doll faced children to the proverbial "hole in the ice" to catch today's dinner.

Like many other "48-ers," I expected to enter the Ice Age since Alaska is, in unknowledgeable circles, associated with snow, glaciers, barren wilderness, and this image is worldwide. The idea that vegetation of any kind, gardening, or even snowless ground is not even in the realm of possibility whenever the word "ALASKA" arises. That word says huskies covered with snow, blinding and wandering explorers hungry and thirsty perishing from frost bite and bathless for months at a time, assembly line igloos, whale oil and blubber the mainstay of each and every Alaskan and an overall white blanket of hopeless bleakness. Well, you "downstaters," it is not that way at all. It is cool and comfortable and there is vegetation.

There is also panning for gold. Panning for gold.....how complex is the English language! According to my trusty Thorndike-Barnhart dictionary, the word has another connotation; a colloquialism and I quote: criticize severely or in the case of your native product: wash (gravel, sand, etc) in a pan to get gold.

Well while you "pan for gold," I shall "pan you." Yes, I was impressed by your town, physiographically, that is but I am not impressed by the overall and predominant attitude of your inhabitants. In conjunction with my DISLIKE of your "Fagin-like" hotel owners and shopkeepers, I found an interesting editorial in the August 19th issue of the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner on Page 4 and I am extracting a quote from same: "...an opportunity to show what Fairbanks and the surrounding area have to offer will be given at the North commission meet-

ing to the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce and the North Star Borough....Who could ask for a greater opportunity than that given us? WHAT WE DO IN THIS FIVE-DAY PERIOD: THE WAY WE IMPRESS THE VISITOR TO OUR CITY WILL GO FAR TO DETERMINE OUR FUTURE FOR YEARS TO COME...."

To you Fairbanks residents, I do not find you to have GOLDEN HEARTS, but rather gold-plated ones. Your attitude (75% of my encounters) is one of dissolute dissonance. You defeat your very purpose of attracting visitors, attracting second-time-round travelers, and some very worthwhile people who could and would help you to make this a desirable and attractive spot for a steady flow of American money. You do this by "rolling the gold" from people, "folding your hands in and "well, if you don't like it here, try another hotel," you are "cold," you are "over-sold," you are full of "mold," and your "knolled golden?? heart" will leave you with the doldrums" when you finally realize that you have to use honey to catch flies and that gold dust is not edible.

.....do unto others as ye would have them do unto you.....is the quote from the Bible.....but your interpretation whether misread or misfed is.....do unto others before they do unto you.....TSK, TSK!!

TAKE HEED
YOU FOOLISH ONES

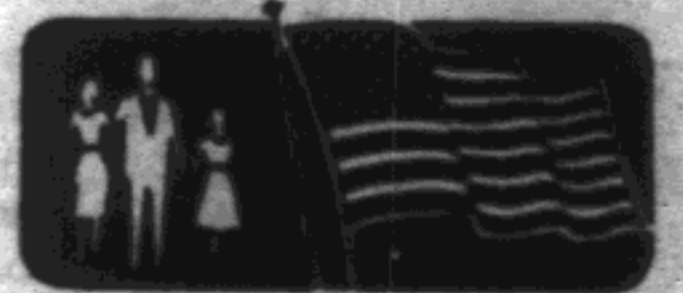
King Midas had
the Golden Touch
He connived for a world of gold
Yes, he craved for this

very much.

For possessions of gold to wit:
His narcotic need
It was ugly to view
his repugnant greed
You all know how it ended
and so, take heed
my fellow humans
I.e.: for instance
That all through history
and let's run the gumut more
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