

ALASKA PACIFIC EXPRESS CO.

1898

Offices in Portland, Oregon, for forwarding letters to all places in Alaska that can be reached by sea. Express charge 10c. plus 2c. U.S. postage.

Wood cut. Ornamental rectangular frame 72 x 18 m. Horizontal lines have pointed projections forming a cross. Enclosed is a smaller rectangular frame 65 x 8 m. Background is formed of shaded lines. On narrow white panel at top is the inscription PAID OVER ALL ROUTES OF THE; across the inside rectangle in white letters, ALASKA PACIFIC EXPRESS CO. Color slate.



Slate - on 1895-97 (Hartford Issue) 2c.-green-white-13-Die 86(B) used July 17, 1898

A. NEW WESTERN FRANK.

Since the gold excitement in the far North West has begun quite a few schemes have been adopted to furnish this out of the way part of the world with the necessary communications.

Most of the charges for forwarding letters are paid in coin through the various carriers, and only recently the first frank has made its appearance under the name of the "ALASKA PACIFIC EXPRESS CO.", a corporation, has opened offices in Portland, Oregon, for the forwarding of letters to all places of Alaska that can be reached by sea, Dyea, Skaguay, St. Michael, etc. For such letters a rate of 10c. is charged, including 2c. U.S. postage. The frank is very similar to the last design of the Northern Pacific Express Co., and has been printed on the 2c. green current envelope. As far as we know the company is owned by the stockholders of the Northern Pacific Express Co.

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