

Valdeze Alaska
December 6 - 1925

Dear Friend Bill

I thought I answer your welcome letter I was sure glad to hear from you I often thought there might be something wrong But glad to know your O.K. Mrs and family well about myself I am O.K. as usual only once in a while I get Rheumatism in my right shoulder But when it get right bad I give it some Christian Luce I get me a hammer and some Drills and start Pounding a hole in some Rock or some of that sort and it Barrenishes away Perhaps it dont like work

Well I am still Pounding away at our Property But has not made a deal for it for so fare yet we are trying to open it up in order that we can command a better price upon than it Cost like the Dickers If I had the means I would open it up myself and work it however I can sit down and take a mortar and make good wages we have Rock that goes about ~~200~~ twenty two hundred Dollars to the ton and you know it dont take much to make a ton of this sort of stuff

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Do you know if Pat Flaherty is in Mason City yet -
he is a kind of a promoter I would make him
a good offer if I could come in contact with
him I would give him an interest with us
if he could organize a Co and where we could
raise money to go ahead with development - In
other words he could send an expert to look
at the situation first of all so as to know for himself
that the property is as I represent it - I being
thinking of going out myself and try and raise
some money so as we could put in some machinery
if you know of his whereabouts drop him a line
or mail him this letter after you are through
and perhaps he might be interested -
Well old pal you can rest-assure I will call
on you when I go outside I wish I was there
now it is about 40 below now but got lots of good
wood and high you meat and grub so let
her Buck - We also have a phone we got permission
from the government to get one it connected on
to the telegraph line running from Valdey to
Fairbanks its operated by the signal corp
we got soldiers 12 miles on each side of us

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So we get the latest - Dope that comes over the wire our nearest neighbour is about 6 miles from us so you see we are not crowded for Rooms and goats above our lower Camp I killed 7 in one setting this fall we also got some sheep and some Caribou But I believe I would prefer a fried Chicken that you speak about I killed a mess of Starmigan today I am writing this But I dont know just when I will get to mail it I will have to snow shoe into Valdege about New year that 48 miles from us People Back there would look like the Dickens if they had to go that fare after mail and through the same Conditions and a high Summit to go over no trail Broken But I make it Well I am sending you a few Pictures I will be delighted to have a picture of you and family I often look at yours and the Mrs on the Boat coming from the Hawayin Isles Well Old Boy I wish you and family a Happy Xmas and a Prosperous new year and Best of luck hoping to hear from you again
Yours Old Pal Dr J Knowles
Valdege. Alaska