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EAGLES' DANCE HALL -DAYS OF '98

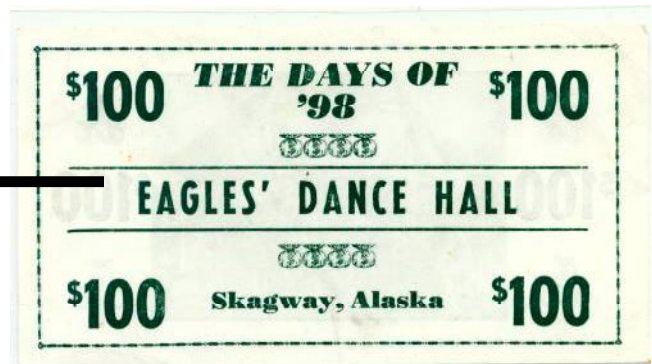


In an effort to boost tourism, Skagway broke out the gaming tables in the early 60s. Gamblers are shown using Days of '98', Eagles Dance Hall scrip.

The man above has a name tag showing him to be a passenger on the state ferry Malaspina.

Unlike Skagway, perhaps because of different laws and regulations, Dawson City, Yukon succeeded in opening Canada's first gambling hall - Diamond Tooth Gertie's.

Historic-type gambling has been a boon to Dawson City's economy. It is unfortunate that Skagway could not follow suit.



EDITOR'S COMMENTS

In the early 1960s, Alaska and Yukon were starting to flex their tourism muscle. On the front page, we see make believe gambling in Skagway. In 1962, Dawson was starting to renovate to present itself as a tourist destination. Sadly, Alaska law did not allow for "historic gambling" as was developed in Dawson.

A friend had proposed "fantasy" gambling for the vacant lot across from our store (before the Marriott Spring Hill Hotel was built). He was obviously hoping that the state would eventually change the law and allow historic gambling. The City would not sell him the property. I am so glad it do not happen because I would have had to kept the store open until 2AM in the summer. I don't want to work that hard.

We have been very busy, spending money like a drunken sailor on wine, women and, no wait. That's books and tokens. Some books are offered at a fixed price in this issue, while others are in our April 8 auction. More tokens than usual are in this auction, so take a look to see if there is anything of interest (pages 26 and 27). I apologize for the small print. We had to squeeze it onto only 2 pages.

Watch our eBay sales (user name alaskararecoins) for some better tokens.

Our thanks this month to David Phillips. His article on the Diamond Tooth Gertie's wood was very timely, fitting in with the rest of the newsletter.

A special thanks this month to the Hougeng Group of Companies in Whitehorse for permission to reprint the Dawson City, 1962 article on page 21. Their web site has many articles of historical interest - www.hougengroup.com/yukon-history/yukon-nuggets.

The star on eBay this month was a cannery token from Tee Harbor at \$2,600. A mutilated Chicken (B-1a) token sold for \$580, while a pair of Livengood cardboard tokens (B-4) sold for \$635.00. Several rather scarce tokens went unsold at their opening bid.

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PRICES REALIZED

Selected prices realized from eBay:

Brooks (Livengood) , The New Deal, B-4a+b	635.00
Chicken , Struck & Van Hook, 25¢, B-1a	580.00
Cordova , Horseshoe, 6¼¢, B-19a	36.01
Dyea , W.A.&H., no denom. B-4a, corroded	51.00
Fairbanks , Pioneer Hotel, 5¢, B-45aI	11.50
Fairbanks , Horseshoe Cigar, encased cent	32.75
Goodnews Bay , Joe Jean, \$5, B-1d	20.00OB
Koyukuk , Verneti, \$1, B-3d, holed.	45.77
Koyukuk , Verneti, \$5, B-3e	12.50
Latouche , Board of Trade, 6¼¢, B-1a	175.00OB
Latouche , J.W. Little, 12½¢, B-2a	100.00OB
McGrath , McGrath Pool Hall, 25¢, B-3a	OB300.00NB
Nome , B&M Cigars, 25¢, B-5b	OB395.00NB
Palmer , ARRC, 1¢, B-1a	52.00
Palmer , ARRC, 5¢, B-1b	52.00
Palmer , ARRC, 10¢, B-1c	16.50
Palmer , ARRC, 10¢, B-1c	31.01
Palmer , ARRC, 25¢, B-1d	68.00
Palmer , ARRC, \$1, B-1f, PCGS-63	368.00
Palmer , ARRC, \$5, B-1g	189.58
Palmer , ARRC, set of 8, B-1	770.00
(Palmer) , P.C.C. (prison), set of 3, 5-10-25	26.55
Petersburg , Hack's, 5¢, B-3a	150.00OB
Petersburg , OK's Place, 10¢, B-7b	19.00OB
Skagway , J.F. Anderson, 6¼¢, B-1a	24.49
Skagway , McCreedy & Elliott, \$5, B-16f	25.00OB
Tanana , Yukon Saloon 25¢, B-11a	250.00OB
Tee Harbor , APF, 5¢, B-1a	2,600.00
Valdez , I&B, no denom. B-9a, corroded	47.56
Valdez , Northern, 6¼¢, B-15a	21.11
Yes Bay , APF, \$1, B-3e	95.00OB
Whitehorse, YT , Club Cigar, 6¼¢, B-3a	OB995.00NB

OB =Opening Bid; NB = No Bid; RL = relist; R = Reserve; RNM = Reserve Not Met; W = withdrawn BIN = Buy it now; DNS = Did Not Sell; FTR = see For the Record.

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DAWSON CITY, 1962

After years of neglect, Dawson City in the early sixties had the classic look of a rundown ghost town. However, plans were underway to spruce up the most famous gold rush town in the world.

In 1962, the federal government began an effort to restore some of the old gold rush buildings and turn Dawson into a tourist mecca. The centerpiece of this effort was the Palace Grand Theatre built by Arizona Charlie Meadows at the turn of the century. Meadows was a veteran of the Wild West Shows, having worked with Buffalo Bill and Pawnee Bill's wild west shows in the United States. On his way to the Klondike, Meadows picked up loose change by shooting spots off a deck of cards. He also carried with him a portable bar, selling booze to stampeders at various camps along the way.

To build the Palace Grand, Meadows used lumber from two steamboats he had bought. By the spring of 1899, the theatre opened and featured a stage play called "Camille." Charlie Meadows would also stage wild west shows of sorts at his Grande Theatre. But it didn't last long. For all intents and purposes, the gold rush ended in the fall of '99, just two years after it began.

For years the Palace Grand stood as a run down reminder of those glorious gold rush days at the turn of the century. Then, in June of 1962, the restored Palace Grand opened with a sparkling ceremony which included the opening of a new Broadway play called FOXY. The star of this light-hearted musical comedy was Bert Lahr, who had gained world-wide fame as the cowardly lion in the famous movie the 'Wizard of Oz.'

The staging of a Broadway play in Dawson City took considerable cheek and money. The play itself didn't achieve critical acclaim and the timing of such an elaborate stage show was questionable. Dawson City didn't have the facilities to support much tourist business. It would be many years before the town would be fully restored. Yet with the renovated Palace Grand came the determination to put the spirit of the Klondike Gold Rush back into the Klondike.

A CKRW Yukon Nugget by Les McLaughlin
Courtesy of Hougen Group of Companies.

1962 was a big year for Dawson.

A set of medals was issued for the First Annual Gold Rush Festival. These were handled by North Star Enterprises of Fairbanks. They had started having medals made in 1961 (see the next page).

For the Gold Rush Festival, they made brass, silver (1898) and gold (98).



I am sure I have seen a silver medal with a small gold nugget in the gold pan.



Recently, we have acquired a brass medal with a different finish, and a large gold nugget in the pan. The finish is a dull tan color.

Lastly, a neat little charm or pendant, "Dawson Festival 1962," with a miner with a pick, another with a gold pan. It is sterling, with blue enamel around the border, about 19mm.



THE PROGRESSION OF NORTH STAR ENTERPRISES

I am sure there have been many businesses that have used this name, but in 1962 and 1963, it was used by a firm that issued commemorative tokens and medals. Based upon the style of the medals, N.S.E. was probably also responsible for a 1961 medal. Gold Nugget Coin Cache, quite possibly the same principals issued the medal in 1964.



The 1961 medal is quite plain, with a map of Alaska extending into Yukon on the obverse, with "Alaska" across the map, and the date below. The reverse simply stated "America's Last Frontier." No indication of the issuer is on the medal.



In 1962, the obverse design is similar. The reverse continues to state "America's Last Frontier, but it takes on a whole new function. It states that it is "Good for \$1.00 during '62 at any cooperative business or redeemable for one Alaska gold nugget from: North Star Enterprises, P.O. Box 1266, Fairbanks, Alaska." Incorporated into the reverse design is a sparsely vegetated tundra with an Alaskan Native in a hooded parka, a ptarmigan and forget-me-not flowers. At the bottom rim, in tiny letters is "© 1962, North Star Enterprises."

Both the 1961 and 1962 were struck only in brass.

Also in 1962, North Star Enterprises struck medals for the First Annual Gold Rush Festival in Dawson, Yukon. See the previous page.

Carrying on this newly established tradition, in 1963, N.S.E. enhanced the obverse design the with fish, a



kayak, canoe and ferry, and adding "Land of the Midnight Sun." The reverse has morphed into a "Cheechako Grubstake." It states "This token acknowledges the holder's participation in the old tradition of grubstaking and is redeemable for One Alaska Gold Nugget From: some anonymous prospector or North Star Enterprises..." The copyright statement again appears at the bottom rim. These were struck in brass and sterling silver. Mintage on the sterling silver was only 49.



In 1964, a very similar token was issued by the Gold Nugget Coin Cache. This time, it is a 2 Pinch Token, "redeemable for two pinches of Alaska Gold Dust from: The Gold Nugget Coin Cache, Box 287, Fairbanks, Alaska." It carries a copyright notice along the bottom rim - "© 1964, Gold Nugget Coin Cache." These were struck in brass and sterling silver, again with only 49 of the sterling silver struck.

A set of North Star Enterprises medals (1961 and 1962 brass; 1963 and 1964 silver and brass, and 1962 Dawson Gold Rush Festival silver and bronze) are offered in our April 8 auction. Please see lot 291.

LESLIE C. HILL

It is with sadness that we have learned of the passing of Les Hill. Ron Greene reports that Les passed away Feb. 20, 2017. Les was a researcher of British Columbia and Yukon tokens. We will include a more fitting tribute to Les in our next issue.

MONEY TO BURN

by David Phillips

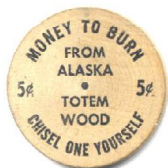
GAMBLING FOR WOODS!

This wood was used in Diamond Tooth Gertie's Gambling hall, Dawson City, Yukon, during the years 1985 through 1993. Prior to 1985, Diamond Tooth Gertie's had used 25¢ and 50¢ chips. Why a change to wood was made is unknown

It was given out only on the Black Jack tables (but was redeemable anywhere in the Gambling Hall). It was "earned" as follows: If a Black Jack player placed a bet of one dollar (\$1), the minimum bet, and hit Black Jack (21) on the first two cards dealt to him/her, and this was not duplicated by the dealer, then the player received 1½ times his/her bet. If they bet the minimum, then they received \$1.50. Hence, these special 50¢ woods were for the Black Jack tables only.

It is thought that 1,000 of these woods were made by Kedco Products, Ltd.

After 1993, the Gambling Hall raised the minimum bet to \$2, so a Black Jack (21) would pay \$3. There were \$1 chips available.



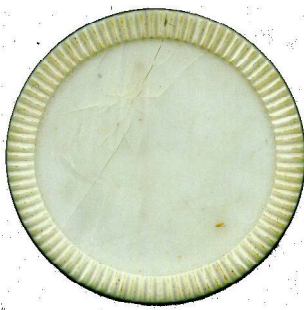
My sincere thanks to Vic Tubman of Dawson City for ferreting out this information for me.



Membership card and pass not actual size.

BEFORE THERE WAS DIAMOND TOOTH GERTIE'S

The Klondike Visitors Association ran "Monte Carlo Nights" and other events to raise funds. This was the predecessor to DTG!



K.V.A. BUCKS, 10. Gold on white plastic.



K.V.A. BUCKS, 500, DAWSON CITY YUKON. Gold on clear plastic.

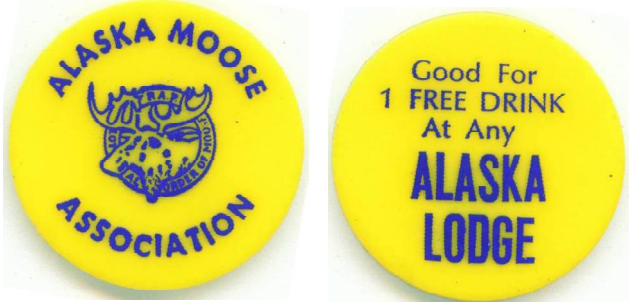
FOR THE RECORD



ANCHORAGE: Silver plated, gold plated and bronze plated bars similar to the Nuuk, Greenland bar shown last month. About 44mm x 28mm.



WASILLA: Windbreak Lounge, good for one well drink. Gold on red plastic, 38mm.



ALASKA: Alaska Moose Association, Good for 1 free drink at any Alaska Lodge. Blue on yellow plastic, 38mm.



ANCHORAGE & FAIRBANKS: Central Plumbing & Heating, 1999, 40 years of Service. One ounce pure silver.



FORT SMITH, N.T.: 45th Anniversary, 1966-2011, good for \$5 in trade until Oct. 1, 2012. Silver colored with red, white, blue and black enamel, 31mm.



DOUGLAS: F.H. Kane, 25¢ in trade, B-25b (un-listed). Aluminum, 28.7mm.



FAIRBANKS: Fairbanks Furthest North (Moose) 1392, Good for one drink. Gold on red plastic, 39mm.



ALASKA: 1049 Club, Wings of Iditarod, 1987. One ounce silver bar.

THE BRANCH - AL CURRIE: FLAT & IDITAROD

This token is listed under both Flat and Iditarod, as Al Currie had businesses in both places using the same name.

We have purchased a small lot of these, nine to be exact. Most have slight defects - small dents, corrosion, wear. We will pick out the best available at the time you order. If not acceptable, you may return it.



These catalogue for \$250. Not any more ;) **\$75 each postpaid, limit one per customer.** We will ship on approval to customers known to us, so call or email.

NON-TOKEN BOOKS FOR TOKEN COLLECTORS

We have recently purchased a book collection and it contained several books that would be of interest to token collectors. Most are local histories that may provide insight into some of the token issuers.

- FLAG OVER THE NORTH** by L.D. Kitchener, 1954. This is a comprehensive history of the **Northern Commercial Co.** Lots of photos, no index, 349 pages. Like-new condition, no dust jacket **65.00**
- LIVENGOOD, The Last Stampede** by Audrey E. Parker, 2003. See "Brooks" in Benice for Livengood. Ms. Parker's family lived and mined in the Livengood area for quite some time. Paperbound, 8½x11, 158 pages with index. In excellent used condition. **20.00**
- HERITAGE OF TALKEETNA** by Robert Sheldon, 1995. People, places and events with photos. Softbound, 185 pages, no index. **12.00**
- THE ALASKA PIONEER, 1916**, published annually by the Grand Igloo. A brief history of the Pioneers of Alaska and then about 20 pages of membership roles and Igloo numbers. Some light damage. **20.00**
- PIONEERS OF ALASKA, The Trailblazers of Bygone Days** by Will H. Chase, 1951. About 78 pages of Alaska and Pioneers of Alaska history, about 35 pages of Igloo rosters, and 80 pages of photos. Hardbound, 203 pages, no index. **50.00**
- A HISTORY OF KACHEMAK BAY, the Country, the Communities** by Janet Klein, 1981. History, maps and photos. Softbound, no index, but a great appendix with place names and bibliography, 115pg. **12.00**
- A HISTORY OF PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND** by Jim and Nancy Lethcote, 1994. History, maps and photos. Softbound with index, 169 pages. **12.00**
- IN THOSE DAYS, as told by Alaska Pioneers of the Lower Kenai Peninsula, 1991(?)**. "Personal histories written by Pioneers of Alaska, Igloo 32, Auxiliary 14, Homer, Alaska." Large hardbound, 223 pages with index. **25.00**
- LIFE AND TIMES OF MATANUSKA VALLEY PIONEERS**, by Palmer Men's Igloo #31 and Palmer Women's Igloo #11. Personal stories by the Pioneers. Large hardbound, 210 pages, no index. **25.00**
- Interior Sketches, Ramblings around Interior Alaska historic sites** by Ray Bonnell. Sketches and history. **20.00***
- Interior Sketches II, More...** by Ray Bonnell. Far a sample of Ray's art, see the January issue. **20.00***

* = new book.

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APRIL 8, 2017

Bids accepted until Noon, April 8 - Auction begins at 7:00PM

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The complete auction can be viewed on line at: www.alaskararecoins.com

ALASKA TOKENS & MEDALS

ESTIMATE

- 278 **Alaska Token Books.** *Alaska's Coinage Through the Years* by Gould and Bressett, 1960; and the same title by Gould, Bressett, and Kaye and Nancy Dethridge, 1965. These are the books that started it all! Two books in excellent condition 50.00
- 279 **Alaska Token Book (Inventory).** Before Benice published the first edition of *Alaska Tokens* in 1979, the most complete reference was the inventory of the Lewis Hopfenmeier II collection. Not generally available to the public, this was an impressive collection that was sold about 1977. We had the privilege of handling most of these tokens over the years. This inventory features a list of tokens on a page, followed by a page or more of illustrations. It is a photocopy publication so images are not great but acceptable. Housed in a three ring binder. If we had to guess, there are less than 10 of these inventories extant. A rare opportunity for the Alaska token collector. 100.00+
- 280 **Alaska Token Book:** Mentioned in the previous lot, the first edition of Ronald J. Benice's *Alaska Tokens*, 1979. Excellent condition. 20.00
- 281 **Alaska Tokens: Anchorage,** Anchorage Dairy, 1 pint and 1 quart milk. B-7 a and b, AU and XF. Two pieces. 50.00
- 282 **Alaska Tokens: Anchorage,** Cheechako Tavern, 12½¢ in trade, 2 varieties; B-11bI and bIV. Both about XF. 2 pcs. 50.00
- 283 **Alaska Tokens: Barrow,** Tony's Recreation, 5 to 50¢, B-1 a-d, uncirculated. 4 pcs. 50.00
- 284 **Alaska Tokens: Chatanika,** Dempsey Hotel, N.G. Cox, 25¢ and \$1 in trade, B-3 a and c. Dug but fully legible. 2 pcs. 50.00
- 285 **Alaska Tokens: Cordova,** Northern Drug Co., 25¢ and 50¢. These catalogue for \$100 and \$250 respectively. However...a hoard appeared a few years ago making these neat, affordable tokens. Two pieces. 50.00
- 286 **Alaska Token: Fairbanks,** Fairview Hotel Pool Hall, 25¢ in trade, B-19b. A dug token but fully legible. 25.00
- 287 **Alaska Token: Fairbanks,** L.A. Meyer, 25¢ in trade, B-35a. About Fine, cleaned. A scarce token. 100.00
- 288 **Alaska Tokens: Fairbanks,** Pastime Cafe gambling chips. Yellow with a white center and red with a white center. A bit dirty but otherwise Fine. Two pieces. 100.00+
- 289 **Alaska Token: Latouche,** J.W. Little, 12½¢ in trade, Native Copper, B-2a, XF or better. 100.00
- 290 **Alaska Tokens: Long,** Edw. C. Willis, 25¢ in trade, B-2a. A neat bi-metal token. The 1994 edition of Benice's *Alaska Tokens* showed this at \$450. The 2010 edition shows it at \$50. It appears that a family hoard of these and other Willis and Welch tokens was released. No one has chosen to share the details with us, but the quantity appearing on eBay verify this. 25.00+
- 291 **Alaska & Yukon Tokens and Medals:** From 1961 to 1964, a set of medals/tokens were issued, presumably by North Star Enterprises of Fairbanks. The 1961 medal is unattributed but assumed to have been issued by NSE. The 1962 and 1963 tokens are marked, both good for a gold nugget. The 1964 is marked "Gold Nugget Coin Cache" and good for 2 pinches of gold dust. All four were issued in brass, while the 1963 and 1964 were also issued in sterling silver. Both of these are quite rare with only 49 of each minted. Also included is the 1962 First Annual Gold Rush Festival medals from **Dawson City, Yukon**, sterling silver and brass. A total of three silver medals and five brass medals. 250.00+
- 292 **Official Alaska Purchase Centennial Medals, 1967.** Since 2017 is the sesquicentennial of the purchase of Alaska, we thought it appropriate to trot out the Centennial commemorative from 1967. The obverse features a portrait of William H. Seward. The reverse has the Centennial totem pole, with the dome of a Russian Orthodox Church, the American eagle, gold panner, train all topped by the star of the 49th state. These were struck by Medallie Art Co. in .999 fine silver (5.25 troy ounces) and bronze in ultra-high relief. The quality of these medals is unsurpassed, and not likely to be duplicated in the near future. These are in their original boxes, a little worn from being 50 years old! 2 pieces. 150.00+
- 293 **Official State of Alaska 1 oz. Silver Medal, 1990, proof-like.** The second year of issue, with 9,166 struck. This medal is an ERROR! It has an incomplete "railroad edge." The medal was not completely surrounded by the collar, so only part of the reeding is present. On a complete railroad edge, the reeding goes entirely around the edge but does not cover the whole edge. The other portion is plain and raised, sort of resembling a railroad track. On this medal, most of the edge is like this, but the reeding disappears on about 25% of the edge, and it is entirely plain. Add to that 27 years of toning in our store and you have a striking piece. If this were a common date Morgan Dollar with this toning, it would probably be worth in four figures. This exciting error with great toning can be yours for only a fraction of that price. 65.00+
- 294 **Official State of Alaska Silver Medals, 1990.** A complete set consisting of 1/10, ¼, ½ and 1 troy ounce medals. A walrus was depicted on the obverse in only the second year State medals were offered. 100.00+
- 295 **Official State of Alaska ¼ oz. Silver Medals, 1992.** This was the first year the Alaska Mint struck the State medals with a popular Eagle design on the obverse. Only 448 of this size were struck. These early fractionals are impossible to find now. Three pieces. 100.00-150.00

- 296 **Official State of Alaska Silver Medals**, 1997. This year featured the Musk Ox on the obverse, designed by Gary Kuchinka of Eagle River. With mintages in parenthesis, this lot includes a 1 oz. matte finish (2,975); ¼ oz. Proof (1,950); and 1/10 oz. Proof (2,355). All in their original flips. 3 medals. 100.00
- 297 **Official State of Alaska Silver Medals Proof Set**, 2002. This set includes the five sizes from 1/20 to 1 troy oz. This year featured the King Crab on the obverse, also designed by Gary Kuchinka of Eagle River. We notice that this is currently listed on the Alaska Mint web site for \$300. 225.00-300.00
- 298 **Official State of Alaska 1/10 oz. Gold Medal**, 1989. This was the first year for the State medallion program. An Eskimo is depicted on the obverse of the gold medals, the only year a human figure was used. This is a scarce item we seldom see with only 217 minted. 200.00-300.00
- 299 **Official State of Alaska ¼ oz. Gold Medal**, 1989. The same design as the previous 1/10 oz., but only 103 were minted! We do note some light toning spots which is somewhat typical of these. 500.00
- 300 **Official State of Alaska 1/10 oz. Gold Medal**, 1990. By this year, Alaska Precious Metals was in financial trouble and they minted the four silver medals, but only 1 oz. and 1/10 oz. gold medals. These medals depict Puffins on the obverse. Only 120 were struck. Some very light fly specks are noted. 200.00-300.00
- 301 **Official State of Alaska 1/10 oz. Gold Medal**, 1993. This was the second year for the Alaska Mint to issue the State medals, and the Wolf was illustrated on the obverse. These were well executed and quite popular - 150 were issued. A few fly specks are noted although not serious. This comes with all the original gold medals. 200.00+
- 302 **Official State of Alaska ½ oz. Gold Medal**, 1993. The Alaska Mint Only issued three different size gold medals: 1/10, ½ and 1 troy ounce. This is the rarest of the three with only 49 struck, again with the same Wolf design. Original packaging. 900.00+
- 303 **Official State of Alaska 1 oz. Gold Medal**, 1993. Another rarity with only 77 minted. We do note red fly speck toning on both sides of the medal. Includes all of the original packaging. This is the final medal in this complete 1993 State gold medal offering. 1,600.00-1,900.00
- 304 **Official State of Alaska 1/10 oz. Gold Medal**, 1999. This was definitely one of the better issues with a Dall Sheep on the obverse. 239 were minted. We note on this example a multi-colored toning spot at 11:00 obverse that will not dip out. Original packaging. 200.00
- 305 **Official State of Alaska 1/10 oz. Gold Medal**, 2001. The Mountain Goat was featured on the obverse and only 160 were minted this year. Original packaging. 200.00+
- 306 **Official State of Alaska 1/20 oz. Gold Medal**, 2006. The Alaska King Salmon is pictured on the obverse and only 100 were minted. Original packaging. 125.00
- 307 **Fur Rendezvous Pins**, 1994. These are large (1 5/8" tall) in a triangular shape. Identical except one is pewter while the other is nicely enameled. Both are with their original packaging and are popular collectibles. 2 pins. 50.00+
- 308 **Iditarod 1 oz. Proof Silver Medal**, 1995. 5,000 were struck of which this is #667. Original packaging. 50.00-100.00
- 309 **Iditarod 1 oz. Proof Silver Medal**, 1997. This was the 25th anniversary of the Iditarod Sled Dog Race. 3,000 were minted of which this is number 2876. Original packaging. 50.00-100.00
- 310 **Alaska Railroad 1oz. Proof Silver Medal**, 1996. We do not often see these earlier issues (first issued in 1990). This is #1085 of 1,500. The obverse depicts a caboose. Original packaging. 100.00
- 311 **Alaska Railroad 1oz. Proof Silver Medal**, 1997. The obverse features an engine with snow blower on the front. 1,500 were minted of which this is #1388. Original packaging. 100.00
- 312 **Alaska Book. Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition**, by Henry Martz, 1908. While the title is AYPE, it really is a photo book of Alaska and Yukon, and not the Exposition. Sadly, the cover and first page are missing and it appears also the back cover and the last page. Despite these deficiencies, the scope of the photos is fantastic. About 100 pages. If intact, this is worth at least \$150. A resource and not a collectible. Also included is *Polk's Seattle Street and Avenue Guide, with New Map....and Street Car Directory* 1909. We just thought this should go with the AYPE book. Two items. 40.00+
- 313 **Alaska Book.** Before there was Alaska Magazine, there was *Alaska Magazine!* Offered here are bound copies of Vol. I, no. 1 to 5, January to May, 1927. Nearly 300 pages of historical articles and period advertising. Since 1927 was the 50th anniversary of the purchase of Alaska, many of the articles relate to the Russian period. Also included is a copy of *Alaska Life* magazine, May 1945. The focus of this issue is Nome and northwest Alaska, but there is an article about the Fairbanks High School Malamutes boys basketball team, with some cool action shots! Two items. 100.00+
- 314 **Alaska Book. Descriptive of Fairbanks**, 1916, by the Fairbanks Commercial Club. A great 63 page, paper bound publication, with a fold out panoramic photo of Fairbanks inside the front cover, and a large fold-out photo of exhibits at the Tanana Valley Fair inside the back cover. Covers all facets of life in the interior. Also included are modern publications: *Ghosts of the Gold Rush-A walking tour of Fairbanks*; *The Resort at Chena Hot Springs*; *O Ye Frost and Cold - a History of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church*; *Northern Army* (Fort Egbert, Eagle, Alaska); *Eagle - Fort Egbert*; and *Early Miners of the Fortymile*. A total of seven publications. 75.00+
- 315 **Alaska Steamship Menus.** These are for the S.S. Yukon, dated from Sept. 3 to Sept. 8, 1933, 24 menus with Alaska photos on one side, menu on the other, plus two blank menus. Several different photos, with duplication. The menus are about 5½ inches by 8½ inches. Also included is a folding menu with a Sidney Laurence painting on the cover for Sept 7, 1933, in a tattered envelope. All in nice condition, a few stray markings noted. 27 pcs. 100.00
- 321 **Gold Nugget Bracelet.** Year ago it seemed as if every lady had a nugget bracelet as a basic jewelry need. They definitely are a unique Alaskan art form. This bracelet came in with an estate and is approximately 8 inches long and weighs .33 troy oz. The links show minimal wear and the nuggets are well matched. The clasp is a safe but simple E-Z lock type and there is also a safety chain. New, this would retail for about \$990. 600.00+