

Museum Gets New Exhibits

Rare Rain Wall And Old Totem Among 30 Items

JUNEAU—An already crowded territorial museum has received 30 new exhibits, some of priceless value, and where to display them is a problem facing E. L. Keithahn, the curator.

Two items are spectacular and rare. One is a 12 by 21 foot Sukeen, or so-called rain wall used to partition off the chief's quarters in a community hut. It has been called the finest in Alaska. Another is a stone flute which has only one companion piece if still extant, in a Berlin museum.

These and many other items

were recently purchased from the estate of Axel Rasmussen in Wrangell but there is little room for these and the other items without displacing some on display. At present the screen is in the hallway.

Outside in front of the federal building are the sections of a 60-foot totem pole which old-timers will remember as having stood before the Flying Raven house in Wrangell until 1926. It tells the story of a Tlingit hero who strangled a sea serpent and a native Casper Milquetoast who became a Superman.

An irreplaceable item is a pastel portrait of Shakes the Fifth, Wrangell chieftain who lived under three flags at the time of Alaska's purchase, Russian, British during their lease, and the American.

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