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PIONEER IN FISH GAME PASSES ON

Oliver Drange, "Father" of Juneau Cold Storage Dies in Seattle

December 4, 1940--Oliver Drange, "father" of Juneau's cold storage business, died yesterday in Seattle at the age of 70 years, according to word received here from Drange's brother.

Drange left his work in Treadwell about 1900 and set up the first fish buying plant on Gastineau Channel on a site approximately where the Alaska Air Transport hangar now stands. [At the foot of Main Street.]

In 1915, with his partners Martin Holst, Ole Olson, and J.F. Maloney, Drange moved to the city wharf and erected Juneau's first cold storage plant, moving that business to the present site of the Juneau Cold Storage in 1927.

Four years ago, Drange sold his stock in the cold storage and divided most of his time between Seattle and Tenakee.

He was a member of the Elks and the Odd Fellows here and one of the best-known men in the Territory. With the fishermen, Drange was as popular as any man in the business has ever been.

He was born in Norway December 19, 1870. Funeral arrangements have not been announced.



Oliver Drange, Juneau Cold Storage co-owner and manager, keeps his hand in. May 1929.

Jensen Family Collection.



Cold Storage Dock, immediately south of the site of today's Downtown Library. Here, the fishing fleet unloaded their catch and took ice. The City Float, providing temporary moorage, and with access to machine shops and chandlers, is in the middle distance. About 1930. Jensen Family Collection.

