

LAND OF MIDNIGHT SUN

A Few Interesting Items of a Far Away Land.

One of Our Great Bend Boys Returns From a Sojourn of Six Months in Far Away Alaska!



ONE who has never given the matter special thought, or probably not one in a dozen of our teachers or scholars, realize that the United States extend almost as far west of San Francisco as they do to the east. The territory of Alaska extends as far up into the Bering sea as the distance across the United States. We have all heard it said that the sun never sets on British soil, but how many of us realize that the sun never ceases shining on the United States? Yet when the orb of day is throwing its last slanting rays on the most western of the Alutian islands (a part of the territory of Alaska) it is daylight on the eastern shores of our land.

It was this week our pleasure to have a chat with Ed Winterburg, who has just returned from a six months' sojourn in this land of which so little is known—this land of the midnight sun. Ed was located at Juneau, 1200 miles north of Seattle, Washington, reached by steamship from that point. Juneau is a town of 1500 population and the metropolis of the territory. The city's population is cosmopolitan in its make up, with probably a majority of Americans. It has electric light, waterworks and all the conveniences of less isolated cities; fifteen saloons, gambling and dance houses and is a typical frontier town in every way—barring the modern wrinkles above referred to. The country is mountainous, covered with pine, and there is no attempt at agriculture, the principal industries being mining, fishing, trapping and lumbering. Outside of the towns the country is inhabited by Indians, of which the territory has 30,000. They are civilized, however, and self-supporting. The laws are enforced by United States marshals and the coast is patrolled by government revenue cutters. The weather, it goes without saying, is sometimes cold up there, and that probably accounts for Ed now being on a visit to ma. At certain seasons of the year the days are but four hours of daylight, and in summer, of course, the reverse is the case. The mode of travel in the interior is with snowshoes and dog sleds. Ed says that while the country is not a desirable place of residence, there is plenty of work at good wages for those inured to hard labor. The country is rich in minerals and its possibilities in that industry are developing the richest finds ever known. The country is as yet in its infancy of development and anyone wanting to leave the best country on earth and go to the most God forsaken, should have a talk with Ed. It costs \$50 to get to Seattle and \$12 steamship fare from there to Juneau. Ed will go back in the spring. He has a very interesting collection of curiosities on exhibition at Allen & Wilson's. Stop and look at them.

J. H. Jackson made a flying business trip to Larned Friday.

Ora Dawson and wife ate turkey with a Turck at Ellinwood.

John Hoenschmidt, editor of the Herald, Wichita, was in the city Saturday.

Hon. Sam Peters of Newton was in the city Saturday as an attorney in the case of Bannister vs. First National Bank.

Mrs. Anna Parker, Miss Mae Woodburn, Prof. Brady and a number of other teachers attended the educational meeting at Hutchinson Friday.

Charley Zuttaverna has a very entertaining article in the current number of Cycling West, Denver. Charley tells of the summer outing of himself and Willis Bollinger in a spicy and inimitable manner.

At the city council meeting Monday night the usual routine business was transacted. An ordinance vacating a street in College addition was passed, the reports of the marshal and clerk filed, the chief of the fire department instructed to test fire hydrants and bills to the amount of \$159.60 allowed.

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Dr. Phillips of Salina at the Hotel Greene on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, December 7, 9 and 10.

A social dance and oyster supper is to be held at Wes Brown's, north of the Strong school house, east of this city, to-morrow evening.

Harry Tracy, of the United States pension office, Topeka, spent Thanksgiving with relatives—the families of Will Stoke and A. L. Miller.

E. R. Moses went to Chicago Sunday to participate in the Million club exercises at Englewood, on which occasion he delivered an address.

Judge and Mrs. Cole returned Saturday night from their Wisconsin visit, accompanied by Miss Fannie Webb who will spend the winter here.

A large number of the lady friends of Mrs. Kittie Tracy gave her a surprise party Friday afternoon at the home of her parents, Mr. A. L. Miller.

Ed F. Winterburg came in Monday from Juneau, Alaska, where he has been the past six months and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Winterburg.

The Clafin Leader contends that the city of Clafin was named after the wife of O. P. Hamilton of Salina, whose maiden name was Clafin, and not for a preacher of that name.

Rev. Leon C. Schnacke was in McPherson early in the week on church business, he being a member of the building committee of the Congregational church for this district.

The Congregational church elected Rev. Schnacke for another year at the church meeting Thursday night. Mr. Schnacke is deservedly popular with his flock and the general public.

The Clafin Leader's report of the marriage of Miss Ella Putnam of this city and Will O'Blenness of Clafin, is "no such thing." Both parties are yet in a state of single blessedness.

Among the citizens of Pawnee Rock township in town Friday we noticed John Miller, Benjamin P. Urub, Jude Goodale, Mrs. R. G. McDougal, Hans Peterson and Stanley and John Brady.

Dr. Phillips December 7, 9 and 10.

Don't fail to hear the concert at the opera house Wednesday evening, December 11.

A full attendance is requested at the regular meeting of the Knights of Pythias this (Thursday) evening. Let every member make it a point to be present. C. L. HOBART, K. R. S.

D. Howard, teacher of the school at Heizer, planned a social and box supper Friday night, to raise funds to buy a set of Pupils' Reading Circle books and succeeded in raising the necessary amount.

On account of his increased number of patients, Dr. Phillips of Salina, the celebrated oculist, will remain here three days, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, December 7, 9 and 10, at the Hotel Greene.

C. E. Jenkins, who resides six miles southwest of the city, leaves this week for Murdock, Ill., to reside. A number of friends and neighbors surprised Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins Monday night and made a merry time.

Remember the date and save your money for a musical treat. The chorus of twenty of Great Bend's finest ladies given in costume is worth the admission alone. Prof. Carr's orchestra will discourse sweet strains. There will be banjo, guitar, mandolin and zither solos, all for the small sum of 20c. For the benefit of the Episcopal and Presbyterian churches. At the opera house December 11.

We deem it our duty to call the attention of the good people of Great Bend to a most worthy citizen, who is in a distressed condition. W. S. Pavey is an honest, Christian man and in every way deserving of aid. He has been in poor health for a long time and struggled hard to keep the wolf from the door. Mr. Pavey is afflicted with epilepsy and last week in one of these spells fell on a hot stove and so severely burned his hand as to totally disable him, even were his general health good. He wishes and certainly deserves treatment for his affliction and the Christian citizens of Great Bend could not bestow favor upon a more deserving gentleman. Mr. Pavey is very reticent in relating his misfortune and we hope to see a substantial move made in behalf of himself and family.

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At a meeting of the Sons of Veterans Monday night the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Captain, W. I. Mendenhall; first lieutenant, Frank E. Brown; second lieutenant, Oscar Hartshorn; camp council, William Keller, John Gallon and Leo Keller; delegate at large, William Sloniger; alternate, Chester Hartshorn; delegate, Milton Nickerson. The contest for captain was a spirited one, twenty-one ballots being necessary for a choice.

G. G. Davison died at his home in this city on Monday afternoon, in his sixty-seventh year. He had been ill for over two months, being first attacked with brain fever and upon his convalescence he was in a very emaciated condition and unable to retain nourishment and his decline was gradual until death. Mr. Davison had been a practicing dentist in this city since 1885, and was a man of high standing in that profession. While not a church member, Mr. Davison was a highly conscientious man and led a moral and upright life. He leaves a wife and one son, Percy. The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church at 2 yesterday afternoon and the interment took place in the Great Bend cemetery.



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There is no denying the fact that as a weather prophet, Hicks is not to be sneezed at. He has been calling the turn on the corrugated article of weather we have been having right long. But, darn Hicks, hear what he says about this month. The month opens as the Mercury period runs out, but with a full moon and reactionary disturbances on the first and second, the weather growing suddenly colder. These reactionary disturbances will bring warmer weather which will prevail until the 7th, when another cold spell will swoop down on us and stay a week and probably until after the new moon on the 16th. About that date it will be much warmer with a general tendency to rain, but snow in Kansas and a general and a very severe cold wave will have reached all parts of the country before the moon's apogee on the 22d. About the 23d, a change to falling barometer and rising temperature will be noted in the western extremes, and by the 25th these conditions, resulting in more rain and snow as they progress to the east, will have crossed the country. Another cold wave will come in promptly behind the storms, being central over the country on and about Christmas day. By the time we pass out of the earth's solstice period, we will have had many active storms on land and sea, many parts of the country will be under a blanket of snow, and blasts of very cold waves will have touched most parts of the country.