

**Christmas Near
The North Pole**

A JOVIAL Christmas was that spent by Admiral Peary on his last expedition to the arctic, from which he returned with the report of the discovery of the north pole. At Cape York, Greenland, the Roosevelt picked up Eskimos and dogs and by way of Etah and Cape Sheridan made her way to Grant Land, where she had to halt in the ice locked waters of the Arctic ocean, only 600 miles from the pole, when Christmas day came. The story of the party's celebration of this Christmas, one of the "farthest north" ever enjoyed by white men, was told interestingly by the explorer when he returned to the United States.

"It was not very cold," wrote Peary, "only minus 23 degrees F. In the morning we greeted each other with the 'Merry Christmas' of civilization. At breakfast we all had letters from home and Christmas presents which had been kept unopened. MacMillan was master of ceremonies and arranged the program of sports. At 2 o'clock there were races on the ice foot. A seventy-five yard course was laid out, and the ship's lanterns, about fifty of them, were arranged in two parallel rows twenty feet apart. These lanterns are similar to a railway brakeman's lantern, only larger. It was a strange sight—that illuminated race course within 7 1/2 degrees of the earth's end.

"The first race was for Eskimo children, the second for Eskimo men, the third for Eskimo matrons with babies in their hoods, the fourth for unencumbered women. There were four entries for the matrons' race, and no one could have guessed from watching them that it was a running race. They came along four abreast, dressed in furs, their eyes rolling, puffing like four excited walruses, their babies in their hoods gazing with wild and half bewildered eyes at the glittering lanterns. There was no question of cruelty to children, as the mothers were not moving fast enough to spill their babies. Then there were races for the ship's men and the members of the expedition and a tug-of-war between the men aft and forward.

"Nature herself participated in our Christmas celebrations by providing an aura of considerable brilliancy. While the races on the ice foot were in progress the northern sky was filled with streamers and lances of pale white light.

"Between the races and the dinner hour, which was at 4 o'clock, I gave a concert on the piano in my cabin, choosing the merriest music in the rack. Then we separated to dress for dinner. This ceremony consisted of

ALL THE ALBANYNS

ALBANY

Mrs. Abbie Burbank was quite sick last week.

Elwood Sanders is home from his work in Boston.

Muriel Brown spent last week with her sister in Canada.

Electric lights to light the streets and a chemical fire engine.

The Christmas tree will be in the M. Z. church Friday evening.

Bernie George has finished work at Morrisville and is at home.

Mrs. A. C. Cheney has returned from several days spent in Burlington.

The students who are attending school at Craftsbury are at home for a week's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Conroy Brown from Canada visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brown the first of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rogers from Burlington and daughter, Miss Ruth, from Kalamazoo, Mich., are visiting friends in town.

At a village meeting held Friday evening E. A. Bashaw, A. M. Goddard, W. C. Burbank, D. H. Hackett and F. M. Fletcher were elected trustees. R. M. Cowles, treasurer and D. H. Hackett, clerk. It was voted to purchase

The Ladies of the Congregational church invite you to the vestry for a social Monday evening, Dec. 27. Miss Ruth Marie Rogers, a teacher of

putting on clean flannel shirts and neckties. The doctor was even so ambitious as to don a linen collar.

"Percy, the steward, wore a chef's cap and a large white apron in honor of the occasion, and he laid the table with a fine linen cloth and our best silver. The wall of the mess room was decorated with the American flag. We had mink ox meat, an English plum pudding, sponge cake covered with chocolate, and at each plate was a package containing nuts, cake and candies, with a card attached, 'Merry Christmas From Mrs. Peary.'

"After dinner came the dice throwing contests and the wrestling and pulling contests in the fo'castle. The celebration ended with a phonograph concert given by Percy.

"But perhaps the most interesting part of our day was the distribution of prizes to the winners in the various contests. In order to afford a study in Eskimo psychology there was in each case a choice between prizes. Tookoomah, for instance, who won in the women's race, had a choice between three prizes—a box of three cakes of scented soap, a sewing outfit containing a paper of needles, two or three thimbles and several spools of different sized thread and a round cake covered with sugar and candy. The woman did not hesitate. She had one

elocation in Kalamazoo, Mich. will give a few readings, and we are preparing for other entertainment. Ladies please bring cake.

SOUTH ALBANY

Miss Josie Centebar has gone to Orleans to work.

Miss Doris Cameron, the teacher, is boarding at J. G. Martin's.

Leslie Urie is at home from North Craftsbury for the holidays.

Mabel Young is home from Craftsbury academy for the Christmas vacation.

Walter Urie has finished work for E. A. Dutton of East Craftsbury and is at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving McRitchie have moved to Barton where Mr. McRitchie has employment.

Mr. Fields of Hardwick was in town last week in the interest of the Leader Evaporator company.

The Christmas tree with appropriate exercises will be in the M. E. church on Saturday evening.

Misses Ruth and Clara Bean of West Glover were recent guests of their sister, Mrs. C. R. Vance.

Mrs. Elmer Douglass received the sad news last Thursday of the death of her brother, Charles Hogan of St. Albans. The funeral was on Saturday.

eye perhaps on the sewing outfit, but both hands and the other eye were directed toward the soap. She knew what it was meant for. The meaning of cleanliness had dawned upon her—a sudden ambition to be attractive."—New York Tribune.

MISTAKES.

Even the very best and wisest man is liable to make a mistake. Consequently we should all be tolerant of the mistakes of others. Whoever cultivates in himself a proper humility, a due sense of his own faults and insufficiencies and a due respect for others will find but small temptation to violent and unreasonable anger.

LOCAL NEWS

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Mrs. Irene Pierce has given up her school at the Brook on account of illness and Mrs. Danforth will finish the term. The friends of Mrs. Pierce wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marshall of St. Johnsbury spent the week-end at M. E. O'Leary's. They attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. George Calkins, Saturday at West Charleston.

NEWS FROM IRASBURG

MRS. F. A. FIELD, LOCAL EDITOR

Mrs. Ralph Willis has been quite ill the past week.

H. C. Goss was in St. Johnsbury on business Monday.

Our merchants are putting out some very attractive calendars.

Harlow Vance is home from Craftsbury academy for the holiday vacation.

Henry Priest is home from Plymouth, N. H., where he is teaching, for the holidays.

Alfred Aiken's little daughter fell down stairs recently and was quite seriously injured.

Miss Florence Tinker is home from Hardwick, where she is teaching, for two weeks' vacation.

Misses Verna and Doris Sears are home from Johnson Normal school for two weeks' vacation.

Orwell House is home from Lisbon, N. H., where he is attending school, for the holiday vacation.

Union Christmas tree and exercises will be held in the town hall Friday evening, to which all are cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gates of Holyoke, Mass., are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Meta Messier at the home of Mrs. Joseph Simino.

Mrs. Ralph Ware and Mrs. J. C. Carpenter and son, Orin, were in Craftsbury Thursday to attend the funeral of their cousin, Mr. Cowles.

Mrs. Alex Freehart and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Gaudette, of Hartford, Conn., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Freehart and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Freehart.

John Boediker narrowly escaped a serious injury Wednesday while working in the woods. He was hit on the head by a falling tree and rendered unconscious for several hours.

The lecture by George H. Spencer on "Flat Wheels" given in the town hall Wednesday evening was much enjoyed by all present. Mr. Spencer is indeed a man of rare ability and of a wonderfully attractive delivery and furnished excellent food for thought.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

All who have parts in the Christmas exercises should be present for the last rehearsal Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock. The Epworth League devotional meeting will be held by Mrs. G. L. Wells, topic: "The Christmas Song of World Peace."

The union Christmas tree and exercises will be held Friday evening at eight o'clock, at the town hall. The committee and the young folks and children are working hard to make it a success. Come! Enjoy it with us.

We shall observe next Sabbath as New Year Sunday. Subject of sermon, "The Open Door." Good music. A cordial welcome. Come! There will be a union service in the evening at 7.30 o'clock in the Congregational church. Rev. John Vance will preach.

CONG. CHURCH NOTES

Our church with other churches of the town extend to all a cordial invitation to attend divine worship Sunday, the last Sunday in 1915.

Rev. John G. Vance will preach at 10.45 on "Fronting the New Year, 1916." The Sunday school will meet at the usual hour, 12 noon.

Union meeting in the evening at 7.30. Subject for discourse, "The Oneness of God's People."

Recalling Demosthenes.

It is recalled that in ancient days the orator Demosthenes proclaimed these words to the Athenians against the Macedonian enemy: "Truly, O Athenians, I should regard Philip as a most formidable and overwhelming adversary, if I beheld him acting justly; but it is not possible, O Athenians, that a power should be permanent which is marked with injustice and perjury and falsehood."

Chivalry.

"Do you know," said the particularly well-groomed and elaborately vivacious lady in the full bloom of her second youth, "that I have the most wonderful gardener in the world—the tenderest hearted not only of gardeners, but of men? He has always made me up a very special bouquet on my birthday and presented it to me in person. But ever since I was thirty—well, he's only given me a birthday bouquet every third year."

ORLEANS

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engaged with the holiday trade and it is impossible to play all the matches according to schedule. Enough have been played, however, to create considerable interest.

Henry Whiting has just completed the semi-annual inspection of chimneys, stove and ash barrels on behalf of the fire wardens. This is one of the most thorough inspections ever had in the village and has cost the village less than the calling out of the fire company for a false alarm. People have co-operated with the authorities as never before and it is now safe to say that there are no avoidable fire menaces within the village limits.

Miss Ann B. Jones entertained a lively party of friends at luncheon at 12 o'clock Wednesday, Dec. 15, in honor of her 75th birthday. The ages of the guests ranged from 66 to 86 years, the average age of the fifteen ladies present being 74 years. Flowers, congratulations and cards were sent by many friends. In the afternoon, music on the Victrola, readings by Mr. Gross and Mrs. Harris, piano solos by Miss Hazel Harris and visiting furnished a delightful entertainment and hostess and guests "came to the end of a Perfect Day."

HOLIDAY

GOODS

A visit to our store will at once convince you that we have one of largest and best selected stocks to be found in Orleans County. If you can't find what you are looking for here they didn't make it.

Every article marked in plain figures.

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BEGIN YOUR NEXT MERRY CHRISTMAS NOW

If you had started saving a few cents a week a year ago to-day, how much easier would it be to buy gifts this year? And how much merrier would the Christmas be with more and better gifts to hand to father or mother, sister or sweetheart, wife or daughter, or to the little kiddies that want them most?

Join Our Holiday Savings Fund Which Starts December 27

And be ready with a nice snug bank account when Christmas comes again. The plan is simple, easy and satisfactory in every detail. Here it is:

- In Class 1, you pay 1 ct. the first week, 2 cts. the second week, 3 cts. the third week, and so on for 50 weeks until the last week you pay 50 cts.
- In Class 2, you pay 2 cts. the first week, 4 cts. the second week, 6 cts. the third week and so on for 50 weeks.
- In Class 3, you pay 3 cts. the first week, 6 cts. the second week, 9 cts. the third week and so on for 50 weeks.
- In Class 4, you pay 4 cts. the first week, 8 cts. the second week, 12 cts. the third week and so on for 50 weeks.
- In Class 5, you pay 5 cts. the first week, 10 cts. the second week, 15 cts. the third week and so on for 50 weeks.
- In class 10, you pay 10 cts. each week for 50 weeks. Class 25 and class 50 are also uniform weekly payments.

You may reverse the payments if you desire to do so. By reversing the payments, you start with the highest weekly payment first instead of the lowest and reduce each week's payment until the last week calls for the smallest payment. PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE EVERY WEEK OR PAID IN ADVANCE.

Every member in the family may join—your friends and neighbors are sure to join. The Fund Starts Monday, Dec. 27. Come into the bank and let us tell you all about the plan.

The Orleans Trust Company, Newport, Vermont