

ALASKA DAILY EMPIRE Douglas Branch M. A. SNOW, Manager

DOUGLAS, Dec. 24.—A great number of private Christmas and celebrations are taking place today and tomorrow. Exercises are being held at the Douglas school and a tree and celebration will be given at the Congregational Church tonight.

TREADWELL, Dec. 24.—A bulletin is posted on the Store window to the effect that all works at Treadwell will be closed from 7 o'clock tomorrow morning until 7 a. m. on the 28th. A big turkey dinner is being prepared at the Treadwell and Mexican boarding houses for tomorrow. At the Mexican the "We Should Worry" club will give a Christmas tree. Each member of the club drew a name of another and he is in duty bound to hang a present on the tree for that member. A well-attended fire meeting was held last night at the Fire Hall. The electric lights will be off tomorrow from 10 a. m. until 2 p. m.

GOOD PROGRAM AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH DOUGLAS, Dec. 23.—This evening at 7.30 the Sunday school children of the Congregational church will give a Christmas entertainment in the church and league rooms. Nearly two hundred children will take part in the entertainment. Following is the program: Song—"Joy to the World the Lord Is Come." Prayer by the Superintendent. Song—"Christmas Bells." "The Christmas Pretender" George Bowie "Looks Like Papa" Rudolph Johnson Exercise Mrs. Halgrens Class Santa and His Reindeer Maglo Kilo "To My Dollie" Eivma Martenson "The Small Stocking" George Williams Song—"Bethlehem's Star" "Johns Letter" Ruth Benson "The Bad Little Boy" Helen Lindstrom Exercise—"The Three Holidays" Mrs. Taylor's Class Kris Harlet Sey Santa Secrets Helen Umstead

Santa Claus' Visit—Mat Laughlin 556 Mrs. Edna Edson The Christmas Day—Henrietta Sulley The Doll Drill Miss Ruby Johnson's Class A Playlet—"A Glad Surprise" Mrs. Shaffers and Mr. Hoppers classes A Christmas Carol—Etroy Nimmis Christmas Time—Frank Anderson Pantomime—"Nearer My God to Thee" Mrs. O. Umsteads class Santa Claus—Ethel Sargent The Russian Santa—Kenneth Umstead A New Version of Little Jack Horner Stanton Martin Pantomime—"A Search for Happiness" Mrs. Umsteads class Pantomime—"Watching for Santa" Four Little Tots "Good Night" Dorothy Walsh and Robert Anderson A Playlet—"Christmas Secrets" Misses Evelyn Chastean and Ruth Umsteads' classes. Colored lights will be thrown on all the principal parts. There will be no charge for admission. All are welcome.

DOUGLAS STORES CLOSE FOR NEXT THREE DAYS DOUGLAS, Dec. 24.—The Merchants of Douglas today decided to enjoy a real holiday. They will keep their stores closed from 10 o'clock tonight until 7 o'clock next Monday morning.

CATHOLIC CHURCH XMAS SERVICES AT DOUGLAS Friday, Dec. 25, 1914. 12:00 a. m.—Solemn Midnight Mass. General Communion of the Parish. English sermon. 8:00 a. m.—Low Mass: Flemish sermon. 10:30 a. m.—High Mass sung by the children of the Parish. Croatian sermon. N. B.—Confessions will be heard all afternoon and in the evening, up to midnight, in English, Flemish, French German and Croatian.

MECCA IS DONOR The Mecca Bar is distributing to its friends a handsome Christmas present. The gift is a pocket knife, enclosed in a neat leather case. The blades are of fine Parisian steel.

500,000 MEN DIE; ALCOHOL BLAMED

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—"The loss of five hundred thousand men as the result of the present warfare could be made good in less than ten years through complete abstinence from alcoholic beverages by all the inhabitants of Russia, according to Arthur Hunter, a New York actuary, who reported to the convention of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents some of the results of an exhaustive mortality investigation just completed by the life insurance companies into 2,000,000 insured lives in the past 25 years.

Mr. Hunter is chairman of the central bureau of the Medico-Actuarial Committee which had charge of the three and one-half year inquiry. The investigation dealt with the experience of the United States and Canada in a group of forty-three of the leading companies of the United States and Canada in a great many groups of insured persons supposed to have a higher mortality than the average among insured lives. While the fundamental object of the investigation was to aid the companies in determining what risks in the future should be accepted, rated up, or declined, Mr. Hunter said that the results also could be utilized to lengthen human life.

Taking up some of the specific results of the investigation, Mr. Hunter said: "Nothing has been more conclusively proved than that a steady free use of alcoholic beverages, or occasional excesses, are detrimental to the individual. In my judgment, it has also been proved beyond peradventure of doubt that total abstinence from alcohol is of value to humanity; it is certain that abstainers live longer than persons who use alcoholic beverages. Among the men who admitted that they had taken alcohol occasionally in excess in the past, but whose habits were considered satisfactory when they were insured, there were 239 deaths while there would have been only 190 had this group been made up of insured lives in general. The extra mortality was, therefore over 50 per cent, which was equivalent to a reduction in the average life of these men of over four years."

One of the most significant results of the investigation, he said, was the high mortality experienced among railroad men. Among locomotive engineers the mortality was 60 per cent in excess of that among the insured as a whole, which is equivalent to five year's reduction in the average lifetime.

"There is a general impression that saloonkeepers do not live as long as persons in non-hazardous occupations," he continued, "but it is not generally known that most classes which are connected with either the manufacture or sale of liquor have a high mortality. Among saloon proprietors, whether they attended the bar or not, there was an extra mortality of 70 per cent; and the causes of death indicated that a free use of alcoholic beverages had caused many of the deaths. In the fourteen subdivisions of the trades connected with the manufacture, or sale of alcohol, there was only one class which had a normal mortality and that was the disciplinary proprietors."

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BOOK NOTES

Jessie Wilcox Smith has made many and marvelous pictures for "The Jessie Wilcox Smith Mother Goose." The book has 400 more nursery rhymes than any other edition printed in this country. It is said, and is truly a delight in fables.

"The Prince of Graustark" is a very bright amusing story about the son of a husband. It ends in rather surprising fashion and lovers of George Barr McCutcheon's stories will miss nothing in seeking entertainment with him once again.

Selections from the Kaiser's speeches, which will have the title, "The German Emperor as Shown in His Public Utterances," is a book promulgated from Scribner's press at once.

"East of the Sun & West of the Moon" is the name of a book for Christmas giving. It is reprinted partly from Sir George W. Dasent's "Folk-tales from the North." Such stories as "The Lad Who Went to the North Wind," "The Three Princesses of Whitehead," and "The Lassie and Her Godmother" are included in the volume, which is delicately illustrated by Kay Neilson, a poetic and faithful Scandinavian artist.

"The Arabian Nights" illustrated by Milo Winter in a number of grotesque color plates, is among desirable Xmas books.

Arthur Rackham has done the illustrations for Harriet Martineau's "Fests of the Flood."

A spirited collection of dashing stories and poems is published (Houghton Mifflin) as "The Boys Book of Battles." It is taken from literature and illustrated with many historical paintings admirably reproduced.

Florence L. Barclay has written a book "My Heart's Right There." The title is taken from the last line of the now celebrated marching song "It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary." It is now in press (Putnam's) and will appear at once. The story is based on the present war.

CONTEST TO CLOSE. The contest in the High School for the prize of \$25.00 offered by U. S. Commissioner Marshall, to the pupil who writes the best essay on the possible solution of the Alaska alcohol problem, will close in March. A keen interest in the contest has been aroused among the students of the high school and a large number of competitors is expected. A committee of three will be selected among the business men of the city to grade the essays and decide upon the winner of the contest.

Capt. R. E. Davis, managing superintendent of the Tee Harbor Packing company, took passage for Seattle on the Alki last night. He will return in January.

MARINE NOTES

The Alameda left Cordova yesterday morning at 8 o'clock and is expected here at 8 this evening. The Mariposa sails from Seattle tonight and should arrive here Sunday. The Princess May, sailing from Vancouver Saturday should arrive here Tuesday.

The Georgia is due from Sitka tomorrow night or Saturday morning. The Jefferson is scheduled to sail from Seattle Saturday.

The City of Seattle will sail from Seattle next Monday. The Admiral Evans is going in dry dock at Seattle.

The Humboldt is off the run for repairs.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT CATHOLIC CHURCH At the Catholic Church, the first Christmas mass will be solemn high mass, tonight at midnight. There will be a mass at 8 a. m. and also at 10:30 a. m. At the midnight mass—Millard's Mass in G, with the beautiful Vein Creator will be sung by the choir. At the offertory, "Lambillottes" Christmas Hymn will be sung, with Miss Crystal Snow as soprano, Mrs. Valentine, alto, Mr. A. A. Gabbs, bass, and Mr. McCaul, tenor. "O Holy Night"—"Noel" will be sung at the end of this mass by Miss Marie Bernhofer.

FATHER OF LATE "DICK" PRICE WANTS TO SEE SON Since the accidental death at Treadwell, of his son, A. Dickenson Price, J. W. Price, a pioneer of Juneau, has rapidly failed, and alarm is felt by his family. Seattle newspapers have been asked to help locate John Price, another son, who last was heard from at Seattle and Spokane last summer. The father is anxious that his son return to Juneau at once.

GOLDSTEIN'S EMPORIUM TO BE OPEN EVENINGS Goldstein's Emporium will be open until 10 o'clock every night this week up to and including Christmas Eve.

Holiday Dance (No Lesson) Miss Gulick's Studio SATURDAY, DEC. 26. Refreshments \$1.50 per couple

GRAND BALL, F. O. E. At the Douglas Rink, The Lyric 8-piece orchestra will furnish the music, and a swell supper will be served at the Eagles' Buffet. Late forries will be run for Juncan dancers. A cordial invitation extended to all. Don't forget the date, Xmas night, 12-21-14. THE LAST WORD IN CANDIES—"Whitman's" Butler-Mauro & Co., 96 Front Street. 12-15-14.

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