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CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CATHOLIC CHURCH:

Mass with Service 10:00 A. M.
Sunday School 3:00 P. M.
Rosary, Lecture and Benediction 7:00 P. M.
Priest, Rev. Father P. C. Bougis, S. J.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—Rev. Loyal S. Wirt, pastor. Until the new church building is completed, evening services will be held every Sunday in Ohman's Hall at 7:45 p. m. Sunday School meets in Odd Fellow's Hall at 11 a. m. Society of Christian Endeavor in the same place, Thursday evenings at 7:30. Ladies League every alternate Thursday afternoon.

I. O. O. F.

Alaska Lodge No. 1 meets at Odd Fellows Hall, Douglas, on Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock. Visiting Brothers are Cordially invited to attend.

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ALASKA MINING INTERESTS

The Year 1898 Will Astonish the World.

DOUGLAS ISLAND AND JUNEAU

From every portion of southeastern Alaska come reports of new and valuable gold discoveries and with the development of the properties that have been found during the present year, this portion of Alaska must and will take high rank as one of the great mining regions of the world. On Prince of Wales island are located some very valuable quartz claims, the ore in some cases assaying thousands of dollars to the ton and some of these claims are being rapidly developed and put upon a profitable footing. At Thorn Arm, several Seattle companies have been at work for the past six months and the investors will soon be shipping ore. Some twenty miles this side of Ketchikan, some parties have been working surface quartz with an ordinary hammer, and have been pounding the gold out of the rock and making two or three times the usual wages for a man per day.

Veins of quartz ranging from four to six dollars to the ton have been discovered near Fort Wrangel, and some sixteen miles up the Stikeen river some parties have been working placer claims that have proven quite profitable. These are but a few of the many discoveries that have been made and we doubt not that during the coming year there will be many claims developed giving employment to many men and paying a large per cent. of profit on the money invested.

But little is heard of the Douglas Island and Juneau mining interests, but they are by far the greatest, and conducted on the largest scale of any on the face of the earth. At the latter city we were much surprised to know that between the city and the huge mountain, there is a large creek in which placer mining has been carried on for some years. A company has been engaged for months in putting a tunnel through hundreds of feet of rock in order to furnish an escape for the water that will be used in working the bed of the stream. An air compressor plant was put in and from \$100,000 to \$200,000 will be invested before a dollar will be realized. These people know what they are doing and thoroughly prospected the placer grounds before commencing these extensive operations. Follow the stream up for miles and you find stamp mills at work and men improving their placer claims.

Cross the channel, a distance of two and a half miles and you are at Douglas City and Treadwell on Douglas Island. For years you have heard that the largest stamp mill in the world is located there with its two hundred and sixty stamps crushing and grinding as fine as flour 750 tons of ore every day, but what is this compared to what it will be within the next four or five months, when the total number of stamps will be increased to 860, with a pay roll

ranging from 1500 to 2000 men, and this is only mentioning the Treadwell interests, for besides these there are others located on the island.

At Sheep Creek, across the channel from Treadwell, there is another stamp mill which has been in successful operation for years, and yet there are still thousands of acres of land that is virtually one solid bed of good ore that has not even been prospected and only awaits the arrival of men and capital to make it equally as profitable as the mines now in operation.

We are not attempting to fully describe the mining interests of this part of Alaska, but only to give a hint of what is going on in that line. We have mentioned only a few of the many stamp mills now in operation, but what we have said will give our readers, who are not acquainted with this portion of Alaska a glimpse of what this country will be in the near future—the greatest mining country on earth.

Millions have been taken out of the Klondike and more will follow. The same may be said of Atliu, but when the final account is rendered it will be found that as much if not more money was spent in getting that gold as was ever realized, owing of course to the inaccessibility of the country. These objections can never be urged against southeastern Alaska where you can live almost as cheap as in the states and travel as cheap if not cheaper than on the railroads.

ANOTHER ACCIDENT.

A Second and Probably the Third Victim from This City within Sixty Days.

J. M. Raymond of this city while trying to make the ferry boat at Juneau last Wednesday night, accidentally fell off of the dock and sustained some severe injuries, a broken leg and ribs being among the least. He was taken to the hospital where he is in a fair way to recovery. A few months ago a woman who is a resident of this city fell off a dock at Juneau, and we are told the same place where the man was injured. She is still confined to her room. Other accidents have also occurred to people trying to get to the ferry after dark.

There must be some gross carelessness connected with these accidents. The way to the ferry should not be left open so a person can walk off into the water, and in this connection we might add that there should be more lights between Main street and the ferry. Juneau is receiving a liberal patronage from Douglas City, and it is wrong to leave open traps for our people to fall into after they have gone there to trade.

How many lives have been lost at that same place no one knows, but there should be no more, and we believe that the city of Juneau will see that the death trap is removed.

Thomas Church and John Condon have secured control of the Seattle Review. A. B. Ernst stepping down and out. Mr. Church is a new one on us but John Condon, who will edit the paper, is all right. The paper will continue to advocate Jeffersonian democracy as in the past.

STILL ANOTHER SNOW SLIDE

None of the Victims From Douglas Island. Mrs. Darling Would Go.

BERT JOHNS AND HIS FRIEND.

Another snow slide occurred on the Chilkoot and in it five lives were lost. The bodies, however, were fortunately recovered. The victims were Mrs. Darling, two men whose names we could not ascertain, Bert Johns and Harry Shaw. The parents of Bert Johns have resided in this city since June last at which time they removed from Dyea to Douglas City. Mr. Joseph Johns, the father of the boy, went to Dyea on the City of Olympia last Saturday morning and will bring back the remains of his son.

Young Johns was a hard working boy only seventeen years old. Harry Shaw was a friend and schoolmate of his and about the same age. The boys had been working together and Mrs. Darling had been cooking for them. It became necessary for Bert to go to Lake Linderman and he asked Harry to accompany him. Mrs. Darling asked to go along. The boys begged and plead for her not to go because they had snow shoes and she would retard their progress during a storm, but the woman insisted on going and she told the boys if they did not take her she would follow them. Of course Mrs. Darling started out with them and as they had predicted could make slow progress. The woman gave out and they had to carry and drag her part of the way until they arrived at an old abandoned cabin or camp and laid up for the night to give Mrs. Darling an opportunity to recuperate. This stop cost all of them their lives. The slide struck the cabin while they were asleep and they, with two men who had been with them during a part of the trip, were swept to their death. When the bodies were found, Bert Johns and his schoolmate and friend lay side by side asleep in death.

Bert Johns and his friend were born in Pierce county Washington, where the Johns family formerly resided. Mrs. Johns has been sick and the shock, that the news of the death of her boy produced, nearly cost her her life.

Since the above was put in type, the Topeka returned with the bodies of Bert Johns, Harry Shaw and Mrs. Darling. The remains of the two boys were taken to Carbonado, Pierce county, Washington, for burial, and the body of Mrs. Darling to Seattle, where her husband resides. Mr. Will Carpenter, in whose employ the boys were engaged, accompanied the remains to the sound on the Topeka. The body of one of the men, named Warner, was taken to Lake Linderman where his family was living and the remains of the other victim, whose name we could not ascertain, was removed to Lake Bennett where his family resides.

A Juneau paper in reporting the matter stated that two children perish-

ed with Mrs. Darling, but this is incorrect. She had no children with her in Alaska. Bert Johns was also reported as coming from Douglas Island, but this is also incorrect. His parents reside here, but the young man never was in Douglas City.

The Johns family is highly respected and has the sympathy of the people in the loss of a good hard working boy.

THE GUILD.

Literary Program at the Episcopal Church Fair.

The ladies of St. Luke's Guild gave an entertainment at Ohman's hall last Thursday evening. It preceded the sale of Christmas and other goods which were sold for the benefit of the church. It was a stormy night and the attendance was not large.

The literary program opened with a song by Francis Shepard. She has a beautiful voice and it was enjoyed by all.

Little Gertrude Landsberg gave a recitation that was very good.

The duet by Esther Croft and Francis Pendglase was enjoyed by all. The accompaniment was on the piano. They responded to an encore.

The recitation by Anna McCormick was funny and brought forth a storm of applause. She leaned over the back of a chair and talked so loud and plain that every word was understood. The audience tried to call her back for another recitation, but she responded with only a sweet little bow.

The duet by Mrs. Ross and Mr. Routledge, "Only a Dream of the Old Home," was a beautiful thing. It was vocal, there being no accompaniment on either the piano or the organ that were in the room. The singers both have beautiful voices and their song was the hit of the evening.

On Friday afternoon and evening the fair was continued. There was no literary program, but lunch was served and after the close of the fair the final wind up included a dance.

The band boys attended and played some beautiful selections which was one of the pleasant features of the evening.

The Episcopal church people are at quite a disadvantage in this city. Rev. Henry Beer, of Juneau, serves them as a minister and holds his services on Sunday afternoons, which does not please the membership. They also want a minister stationed in this city. A change for the better will probably be made when Bishop Rowe of this district returns from Washington, D. C., where the great church convention is being held. The Rev. Mr. Beer will hold his last and farewell service in this city on Christmas evening at Odd Fellows hall. The pastor is well liked and the members will all be there.

A Sensible Change.

The Mining Record came to us last week changed from the form of a magazine to that of an eight-page, five column newspaper. The change is a good one. The Record is also much improved by an increase of local matter. The new editor will bring the Record up to a high standard of excellence if he keeps up his present gait.