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## CHURCH DIRECTORY.

### CATHOLIC CHURCH:

Mass with Sermon - - - 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 L. Wirt, pastor. Services will be held every Sunday at 7:45 p. m. Sunday School meets at 11 a. m. Society of Christian Endeavor Thursday evenings at 7:30. Ladies League every alternate Thursday afternoon.

FRIENDS CHURCH—Regular services at the Mission School house.

Sabbath School - - - - - 10 a. m.  
Native Services - - - - - 11 a. m.  
Evening Services - - - - - 7:45  
Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:45  
Teachers' meeting every Friday evening at 8 o'clock at private houses.

Any and all are cordially invited and welcomed at all of these services.

REV. C. N. REPLOGLE, Pastor.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH—At Peniel Mission, Wednesday evenings at 7:45 o'clock. Scandinavian services at the Peniel Mission Monday evenings at 7:45 o'clock. A cordial invitation extended to all. Rev. C. J. Larsen, Pastor.

### A. F. and A. M.

Masons of Douglas Island meet at Odd Fellows' Hall on the First and Third Tuesdays of each month. All Masons are cordially invited to attend.

### I. O. O. F.

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

J. G. McDONALD, N. G.  
C. A. WECK, Secretary.

### DR. W. L. HARRISON,

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### FRED PAGE-TUSTIN,

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Juneau, - - - - - Alaska.

### F. D. KELSEY,

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## THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DOUGLAS CITY.

Now Completed and Ready for Dedication. A Model of Comfort,  
Convenience, and Artistic Building.

### A MONUMENT TO THE ENERGY OF REV. LOYAL L. WIRT.

The American's first thought in settling a new country is of church and school; and Douglas City is no exception in this respect. Four religious denominations hold regular services and the Peniel Mission is well attended. The Catholics and Friends will each erect fine church edifices during the year—their present buildings being too small.

But this week we present our readers with a description of the First Congregational Church of this city which has just been completed at a cost of \$3,250. The building was commenced Oct. 17th, 1898 and completed Jan. 11th, 1899, and is to be dedicated Feb. 12th.

The cost is far from being represented by the above figures as will be seen by this sketch and it is doubtful whether this amount of money would actually erect so beautiful a building anywhere in the states.

This is the first fruits of the Congregational Home Missionary Society in Alaska. Rev. Loyal L. Wirt reached Juneau May 7th, 1898; May 22nd a Sunday School was organized on Douglas Island with 6 present. Dec. 11th the membership was 95, with 81 present. July 14th, Y. P. S. C. E. organized; 15 members. August 14th, Church organized; 16 members. December 24th, Christmas tree in the new edifice.

The lot, 100x200 feet, was given by the Tye Consolidated Mining Company—R. F. Lewis, Agent.

The building is placed equi-distant between Treadwell and Douglas City, because it would be hard to tell which end of the town has been most interested or most helpful in its erection.

Without the generosity of the Treadwell management and the company's extension of courtesies in many ways the enterprise would not have been possible.

The trustees are

R. J. WILIS,  
FRANK BACH,  
F. W. HOYT.

The church is a modern edifice in every respect. The auditorium is 36x50 feet and seats 200 people comfortably. The chapel or Sunday School room opens by sliding doors into the audience room, thus adding 100 additional sittings when necessary.

The chapel, which occupies the L of the church is a model of beauty and convenience. Here the decorators have exhibited their art to perfection; unite dado frieze and paneling with ingrain paper, "pinch work" and silver moulding, the room, as indeed does the decorating of the whole church, throws great credit upon Messrs. Hall and Rosenburgh who certainly put much more work and skill upon the finishing of the church than their contract called for.

A visiting clergyman was heard by the pastor to remark, after he had inspected the new building, "Why, this church is too good for Douglas."

"Not by any means," was Mr. Wirt's indignant reply, "and you would not say so if you knew the people as well as I do."

Great credit is due Mr. I. A. Boynton who not only designed and drew the plans for the church, but superintended its construction with conscientious economy and the skill of a master mechanic. In addition to all this he contributed \$70 to the building fund.

Messrs. Kerry & Howell furnished the lumber at an extremely low figure—and the quality was of the very best.

A Boynton & Richardson furnace costing \$250 was installed by Messrs. Phelps and Morrison and gives entire satisfaction.

The pews were made in Juneau by J. G. Jargenson. They are a handsome seat finished in natural wood and we

never wish to sit in a more comfortable pew.

Opening both into the chapel and the auditorium is as cozy and convenient a kitchen as any ladies' society could wish.

But that of which perhaps the pastor is proudest of all is the office or study, which is in the tower and is reached by a handsome flight of stairs leading up from the vestibule.

To the ladies of the church and congregation, to the management and employees of mill and mine, to the dealers in material who have liberally discounted their bills, to the workmen who have given days of labor, to the many who have given good coin of the realm in sums ranging from ten cents to \$150, to the Ferry Co. for courtesies rendered, to one and all who have given material assistance or kind words of encouragement, which have often been the help most needed, Mr. Wirt desires to extend, in the name of the First Congregational Church of Douglas City, his profound and heart felt gratitude.

This sketch would be incomplete were it concluded without mentioning the pastor, Rev. Loyal L. Wirt, the source of the inspiration resulting in this church building. To say that he is an eloquent, cultured, christian gentleman would not give the reader a true picture of the man. He is a man outside the pulpit; a fine scholar and close student, extensively traveled and a close observer, something of an art critic, and passionately fond of music; of broad, liberal views, up-to-date on all subjects, especially religious. A man who recognizes the fact that it is not absolutely necessary for a person to belong to his church or, even a protestant church, or any church in order to be a christian. When at Christmas he extended a hearty invitation to the Catholic children to join in the Christmas tree festivities it was in no proselyting spirit, but one of brotherly kindness and impulse. We judge men by their little acts and every day life. As Territorial Superintendent his church has not one minister in a thousand and as well qualified for the work in Alaska as Mr. Wirt.

The Canadians will cling to their Atlin exclusion law until all the good claims are taken. What a nasty, dirty, sneaking trick to exclude Americans, but how much meaner to defraud those who located claims but were unable to have them recorded. Uncle Sam ought to shut up the ports and teach the dishonest element of British Columbia a lesson in honesty.

Grand old united republicanism is no more forever we fear. Many of the once noble leaders of the party that "was always right," are in the democratic camp yelling, "haul down Old Glory." God pity them—God pity the country when the republican party is destroyed.

The six weeks old child of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas died in this city last Thursday. Mr. Douglas was away in the Ketchikan country when the sad event occurred. Mrs. Douglas has the sympathy of all our people in her bereavement.

### THE FOUR HUNDRED.

The Swell Club of Juneau Gives a Grand Ball.  
Large Attendance. A Man Fell Down.

You often hear it said by people in Alaska that they are not here for health and really it seems that the people of Juneau are all in the same frame of mind, but while they are not viewing this great country as a health resort, they seem inclined to the idea that this is a place where one may have a good time. Many apparently are here for fun and they have it. Our sister city as everybody knows puts on considerable style. It has a fine lot of business men, the best class of clerks and salesmen, and women that for beauty and intelligence cannot be surpassed, and the society has advanced to that state where it supports a "400" club, of which we have heretofore made mention. This high toned organization gave a ball last Thursday night and it is reported to have been a very pleasant gathering, with just enough white costumes to maintain the correct temperature in the room, and one low necked dress that contrasted pleasingly with those worn by others, and which aided in maintaining in the young men that modesty and reserve which the more advanced in age seek to observe.

This club meets in its own hall and the floor is well waxed, which, however, is a source of embarrassment to many, for every dance seems to have its mishaps, and the one we are speaking of is no exception, for a man fell down while dancing and at the time he was thinking that he was having more fun than anyone. Otherwise everything passed off smoothly. Of course a lunch was served in the hall about midnight, which, by the way, is becoming popular and leaving the hall for something to eat will soon be a thing of the past at an Alaska ball.

### THE HARD TIMES PARTY.

All Right As a Dance, But It Did Not Represent Hard Times.

Mrs. Mathias, J. G. Zimmerman and D. K. Deitrick conceived the idea of having a "Hard Times" dance in Juneau and arrangements were accordingly made for the affair to take place on last Wednesday evening in the Opera House. The attendance was good, the music fair, and everybody seemed to be having a good time. The ladies brought baskets filled with eatables and at 12 o'clock these were auctioned off to the highest bidder. Each basket contained the name of the lady who brought it and the purchaser ate the lunch with her. It was the intention of the management for all those attending to wear some old cast off clothing, but the scheme was not adhered to and with two or three exceptions the apparel was the regular ball room dress.

Nothing special occurred to attract attention with the exception that a clerk in one of the stores while swinging another man's partner wouldn't let go. The other man wanted to use his own partner and it was the same old story of two men wanting the same woman. The fellow was finally pried loose and the dance went on in all its glory the same as though nothing had happened.

Seattle is connected with San Francisco by telephone.