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STILL KNOCKING

The little Brady organ is making a desperate effort to make one of its knocks against Alaska stick, and in doing so, as usual, it speaks at random. It asks that those who defend Alaska against the assaults of Brady and Bradivists to say "how much Nome, St. Michael, Teller City, Valdez, Circle City, Wrangell, our own town and a score of others in the district have decreased since those good old days of 1900?"

The Daily Alaskan stated the case fairly yesterday when it said that Nome, Skagway and Dyea had lost population since 1900. A study of the census returns of that year will not disclose another town in the district that has lost. St. Michael had less than 50 inhabitants in 1900. It is estimated at 75 now. There was no Teller reported in 1900, so it could not lose. Valdez had 215 in 1900; does any one believe the statement it has lost ground? The Circle City district was given 230 by the census of 1900, and people from that section say there are 200 men at work on Massahon creek along this year. The were 865 people at Wrangell in 1900 and the population taken at the time of the incorporation of the town show it to be about the same. The combined population of Juneau, Douglas and Treadwell in 1900 was 2886. At the re-ol republican primaries there were 2000 votes cast in the three towns, and the most conservative source show a combined population in the three towns of 2000. And, as is heretofore stated, there are scores of paper and sections in Alaska that were inhabited in 1900. In fact, the population of Alaska was at a very low ebb that year. That was only a short time since the Klondike discovery and the census of the district had crossed the line into Canada. They have been coming back in a steady stream ever since. Another pointer, the economic records show that there were more than 2,500,000 more people were in Alaska and the Klondike last year than there were in those towns.

The best evidence in the checking of communities in various sections of Alaska are the population of the district in some places between 1900 and 1905.

In his own defense, the Alaska is still an Indian country. The study does some peculiar things. For instance, he contends that the census of disease (introduced by the whites, of course) is declining in the Alaskan Indians, and that in portions of the district their numbers have been almost entirely wiped out, yet in his official estimate of their numbers in Alaska, he uses the figures of the last census.

Hugh McLaughlin, for many years the democratic boss of Brooklyn and for most of the time since the civil war in full possession of the official machinery of that city, is dead. His funeral was more largely attended than that of any ever held in his city. "Old Hugh" had been deformed before his last illness by "Pat" McArren.

Last of Holiday Goods Here
We have received the last consignment of goods for the holiday trade and are prepared to make suits, pants and overcoats that are strictly up-to-date in all respects. Those who order first will of course have the largest stock of goods from which to make a selection.
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The mascot saloon sells liquors, wine, beer and case goods at wholesale prices. All the old brands always on hand.
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Deep Cut

Reduced Prices on Liquors at Seattle Saloon

- From today until January 15, 1905, the following reduced prices will apply on all American whiskeys and brandies:
Apple brandy.....\$1.00
Peach brandy.....1.00
California Grape brandy.....1.00
Peach and Honey.....1.00
Rock and Rye.....1.00
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Danish Brandy.....1.00
Kellog whiskey.....1.00
Mount Vernon Rye.....1.25
Red Top Rye.....1.25
Springfield Club.....1.25
W. H. McBrayer.....1.25
Sweet Wines, such as Port, Sherry, Muscatel, Tokay, Orange and others, per quart bottle.....50
Celero Cola, per bottle.....25
Dam-I-Ana, per bottle.....50
The above list is for quart bottles and are all case goods.
These are a few to choose from. We have a number of other brands. In a few days drinks over the bar will be changed.

Elks' Meeting
There will be a regular meeting of Skagway Lodge No. 431, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at their hall, Thursday, December 29, at 8 p. m. All visiting Elks are invited to attend.
E. A. MURPHY, Sec'y.

Christmas Presents at Commissary
There is nothing that will be appreciated as a Christmas present as well as a box of good cigars. The Commissary makes a specialty of selling them by the box. The lowest prices on the best domestic and imported goods. Cases contain 25, 50 and 100. Come and see for yourself. John Haley.

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SITKA POTLATCH GREAT SUCCESS

Chilkoot Jack, the "Big Injun" on the Skagway water front, is having the time of his life at Sitka. He sends word to his friends in this city from the ancient capital that the great potlatch that is now in progress there is the greatest affair of the kind that ever took place in the north.

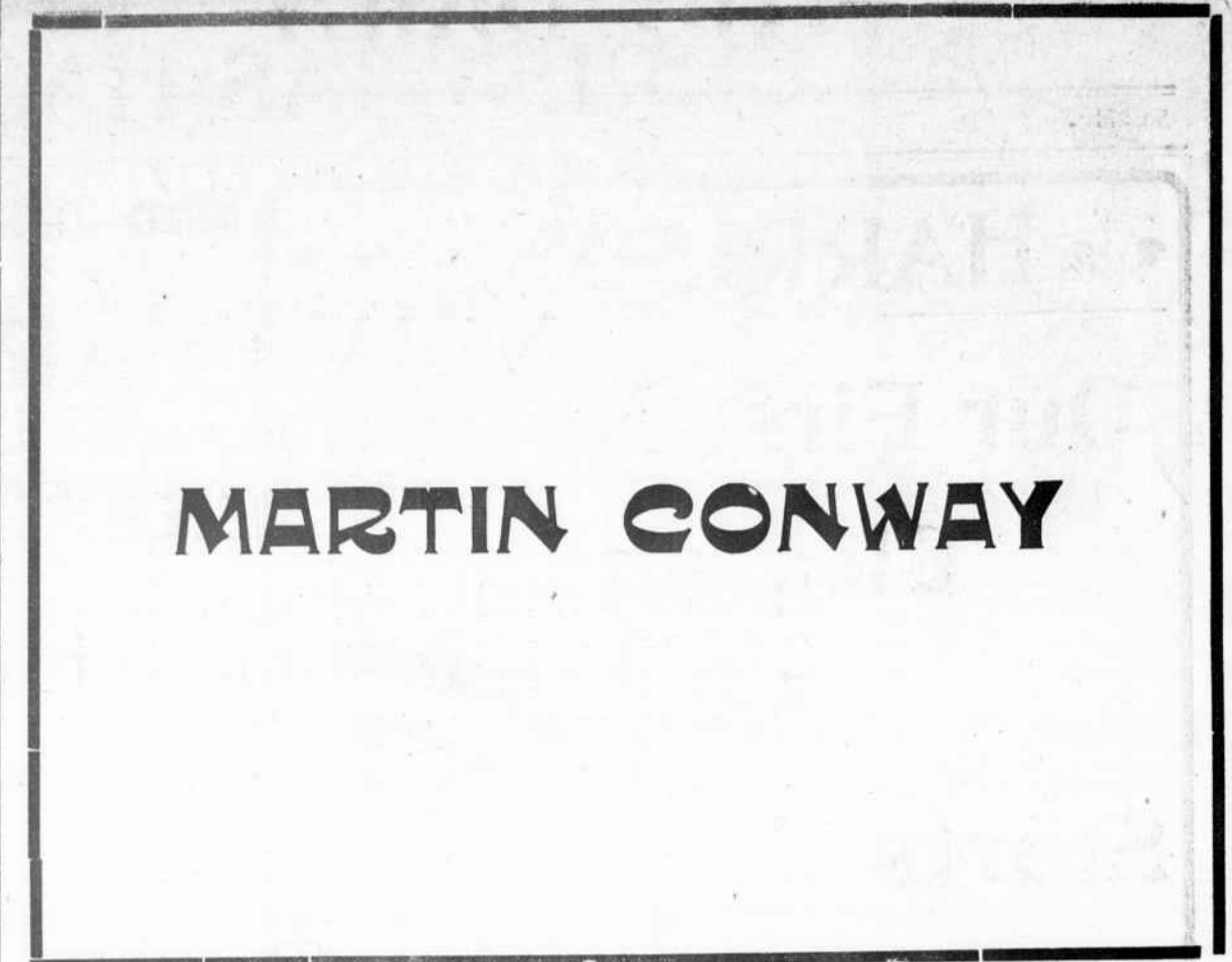
The potlatch began more than three weeks ago and is being given by Jackson, or Annihootz, the head chief of the Sitka Indians, and three other chiefs, whose Boston names are Ben, Davis and Paddy. It will probably continue until after the holidays.
The potlatch has been a complete success from every standpoint deemed worthy of consideration by a Thinget brave. All the old tribal differences have been settled and the atmosphere of good feeling prevails among the natives. The Indians have had one or two prosperous seasons, and great quantities of money and merchandise are being given away.

The program is one of alternating feasts and dancing. Every morning and afternoon there is a great feast and only one article is served. One day it is one kind of food that is consumed and the next day it is another.
At the feasts the man or woman who can eat the most is regarded as the special hero of the occasion, and he receives an extra allowance of the good things it is within the power of the hosts to bestow.

W. H. Case recently returned from Sitka, and up to the time of his departure, the greatest feat that had been performed was the drinking of three gallons of herring oil by a Chilkat brave. He received \$100 in money and blankets as a reward for his extraordinary performance. He demanded \$150 and retained the sacred vessel from which he drank as security for its payment, but the matter was arbitrated and \$100 was agreed upon as ample compensation. Fifteen barrels of herring oil were consumed on the day when it furnished the food for the feast.

One of the results of the potlatch has been to create enthusiasm among those Indians who still profess faith in the beliefs, superstitions, traditions and customs of the natives, as opposed to those who have forsaken them for the Christian faith. The church societies at Sitka did all within their power to prevent the potlatch from taking place. The Salvation Army, the Presbyterian and the Greek missions all frowned upon the preparations, and some of the organizations drop all those who take part in the dancing and feasting from the roll of their membership. However, when the "show down" came, a large majority of the Sitka Indians participated with their tribal chiefs in the potlatch, and all the ancient customs and legends have been acted out and explained anew to the rising generations. The old Indians who never took kindly to the white man's religion are happy, and they are using the opportunity to impress upon the younger members of the tribe what they regard as the necessity of maintaining their old customs and traditions.

Among the visitors at Sitka, the Chilkats are most numerous, though there are representatives of the Killisnoo, Hoonah, Yakutat and other tribes there. The Chilkat braves were awarded the prize for the best dancing by men and by women mixed. The Killisnoo women won out over other female competitors.



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