

SKELETON FOUND OF MAN MISSING FOR FOUR YEARS

Mysterious Disappearance of John McCarthy from Tenakee Is Solved.

The mysterious disappearance more than four years ago of John McCarthy from Tenakee was solved last week when a human skeleton was found in the woods back of that town and was identified to be the remains of the missing man. He had not been seen since late in the summer of 1922 and was generally believed to have left the Territory to avoid prosecution for a charge of violating the liquor laws.

McCarthy, it was said here, conducted a restaurant business in Tenakee. In August, 1922, he was arrested on a charge of possessing intoxicating liquor and was bound over to the Federal grand jury here, being admitted to bail in the sum of \$800. He was indicted by the grand jury on October 5, and a bench warrant issued.

He did not show up here nor could he be located at Tenakee. Officers reported it was believed he had jumped bail and fled from the Territory. The bond was forfeited by court order.

The information received here regarding the discovery of McCarthy's remains did not indicate the probable cause or manner of his death. He was identified by a watch bearing the engraved letters "J. M.", an automatic pistol found near the skeleton, and parts of the clothing. A coronor's jury decided the skeleton was that of McCarthy. He is reported to be survived by a brother, William McCarthy, a resident of Bel-Ingham, Wash.

CHRISTMAS TREE ERECTED ON FRONT

With individual decorating of places of business making a good Christmas showing, and the Chamber of Commerce and the City Council already having adopted plans for public decorations, it is plain the merry Yuletide will be amply symbolized in Juneau.

The committee decided that a Christmas tree should be placed on Front and Franklin streets and it is being erected today by the city street employees. The Juneau Chamber of Commerce has arranged for decorating the tree, consisting of the usual Christmas novelties and small lights.

This is the first time in about eight years that Juneau has had a community Christmas tree and it is certain that the amount of interest displayed cannot but result in a merry exemplification of the Christmas spirit.

MIDNIGHT MASS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Midnight Mass will begin promptly at 12 o'clock tomorrow night at the Catholic Church. Right Rev. Bishop Raphael Crimont will pontificate assisted by Rev. Augustus Coudeyre, S.J., as deacon and Rev. John Hayes as sub-deacon.

A Mass of Thanksgiving will follow the solemn Midnight Mass.

On Christmas Day masses will be said at 8, 8:30 and 9 o'clock. There will be a high Mass celebrated at 11 o'clock followed by benediction. There will be no evening services.

The sermon at the Midnight Mass and at the High Mass will be preached by the Rev. Augustus Coudeyre, S.J., principal of the High

Collegians Will Be Guests of Local Chamber Friday Noon

Dr. C. E. Bunnell, President of the Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines, Coach W. K. Abell and the College basketball squad will be guests of the Chamber of Commerce at its regular noon lunch at the Gastineau Cafe Annex tomorrow. It was announced today.

Owing to the fact that it will be Christmas Eve, and a busy day for the merchants, little business will be transacted in order that members may return to their stores and offices without unusual delay.

School Department of Gonzaga University, Spokane, Wash.

Confessions will be heard Friday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock and again from 7 o'clock.

On Sunday, Masses will be as usual at 8 and 10:30 o'clock.

MAKING HELIUM FROM HYDROGEN

New Field Is Open by Tests—May Revolutionize Costly Methods.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—What scientists regard as the first step in the building up of matter by human effort is the result of the announcement of Drs. Kurt Peters and Jacob Paneth, University of Berlin chemists, that they succeeded in making helium out of hydrogen.

The discovery, if adapted to commercial purposes, will revolutionize the costly method of extracting the rare helium gas from natural gas wells for use in inflating the gas bags of dirigibles, it is believed.

The experiments of the scientists are among the first authenticated instances in the struggle of scientists to unveil the mysteries of atoms and electrons in which bigger atoms have been made out of little ones, instead of smaller ones out of big ones. When Professor Meitne and others said they produced gold from mercury, they broke down an element; but since the atomic weight of helium is almost four times that of hydrogen, the Berlin savants claim actually to have built up an element.

Drs. Peters and Paneth said they placed a quantity of palladium sponge in a sealed test tube of chemically pure hydrogen. Heated to a high temperature for 48 hours, the palladium acted as a catalytic agent, producing, they said, as much as one-tenth of a thousandth of a cubic centimeter of helium from the hydrogen in every succeeding 24 hours. A spectroscopic analysis confirmed the presence of helium, which in a number of other experiments they said they ran for and separated in another tube. The process is not expensive. The time and labor element is the only thing, they claim, which so far mitigates against the usefulness of the process for commercial helium manufacture.

FLIERS IN MEXICO

TAMPICO, Mexico, Dec. 23.—The Pan-American fliers reached here last night after hopping off late yesterday afternoon from Brownsville, Texas, where they had been delayed by fog.

Women's Coat, Dress and Hat Sale continues until Dec. 31st at Goldstein's Emporium. adv.

MIRACLE PLAYS STILL FLOURISH IN OLD MEXICO

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 23.—Miracle Plays, the religious spectacles of the early church which were the forerunners of modern drama, still flourish in this vicinity and in parts of old Mexico.

The plays, usually given by the Mexican or Indian residents, were brought to the southwest by Spanish priests hundreds of years ago and have been kept alive since that time, almost in their original state.

Miracle plays were introduced in the medieval days after the church had banned Greek and Roman drama. Usually they are merely illustrative tableaux of biblical stories, but in time they developed speaking parts and comedy, and eventually the modern play was evolved.

"Los Pastores" a Favorite

"Los Pastores" or The Shepherds, is one of the most common. It is a play said to have been written by a Franciscan missionary and it is most common in communities settled by the franciscan fathers. Usually it is given at Christmas time.

The play opens with a chorus, reminiscent of the Greek theater. The choristers sometimes take part in the action, but usually they merely interpret the action to the audience. The play opens with a meeting of the patriarchs to select a husband for the Virgin Mary. Joseph is selected and the scenes depict the biblical story of the visitation and the birth of Christ.

A Villain Is Added

The medieval author, however, added a villain to the play. Lucifer, leader of the angels that were expelled from heaven, holds frequent

conferences with his confederates, Satan, Sin and Leviathan and seek to block the coming of the Messiah, but they are circumvented each time by the angel Michael.

Lucifer, in some versions of the play, offers comedy relief because of his long tail, which is sometimes made of firecrackers. As his plans are finally frustrated a stagehand touches a match to his tale and he vanishes in a cloud of sulphurous and thunderous smoke. The old miracle play stage frequently had a hole to one side of it, a trap door, or a large fiendish head, into which the defeated villain vanished. Many of the presentations of "Los Pastores" preserve this by dropping Lucifer through a trap door through which red smoke rises.

BERG-MICHAELSON

Nels Berg and Elizabeth Michaelson, both of Petersburg, were married yesterday in the office of U. S. Commissioner, Judge Frank A. Boyle, performing the ceremony.

SULLY HERE FOR HOLIDAYS

W. K. Sully, who operates a large carpenter shop in Ketchikan, and brother of the late H. V. Sully, arrived on the Northwestern, and will spend the holidays in Juneau.

to sell anything, the best way is through a classified in The Empire.

Of 15,151 graduates of the various colleges and universities in Japan last year, only 8,953 had recently found city jobs. Many graduates aspire to "white collar" jobs, which are growing fewer.

Old papers for sale at The Empire.

The "Apache" motor trail, Maricopa County, Arizona, follows approximately the route used by "The Apache Kid" and his band of warriors in raids on white settlements in the early 80's.

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Basketball

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