

Village Gossip

BY HILDA SHERIDAN

On Tuesday evening last, the Northland Club entertained with a very pleasant dance, at which Mrs. E. P. Harwood, Mrs. H. A. Slater and Mrs. K. G. Robinson acted as hostesses. The music was declared excellent and light refreshments were served buffet style. The members and their guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Roy De Leo, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sapiro, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Brock, Mr. and Mrs. William Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Glasbrenner, Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Council, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Slater, Dr. and Mrs. Chas. Daggett, Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gaffney, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Harwood, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Crooker, Mr. and Mrs. H. I. O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. S. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fursman, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Counts, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Walker, Mrs. Horace Leach, Mrs. W. Bjornson, Mrs. A. McLeod, Mrs. McNeer, Miss Thelma McConnell, Miss Mabel Holland, Miss Marie Yeaman, Miss Dorothy Vernon, Miss Kvangeline Church, A. J. McConnell, George McDonald, Ivan Suphellen, George Harmon, Allan Lund, Chas. Goodall, N. J. Pickle, Chas. Rogers and E. F. Medley.

A wholly original excuse and startling new conditions in Alaska are given by R. A. Fuller, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in a letter to his wife. The report runs that Mr. Fuller, who is at present 150 miles north of Juneau wrote his wife that he wouldn't be home this winter because he had just missed the train into Juneau and anyway the last boat had already left Alaska for the states this winter. In addition to missing all the boats and trains, Mr. Fuller with a companion got 60 miles away from camp and then he broke his leg and was compelled to wait a week for a physician to come and set it. But the crowning misfortune came when he couldn't catch that fast train into Juneau and the mean Alaska Steamship Co. and the Admiral Line shut down on their sailings.

An enjoyable afternoon was spent by the Ladies Aid at the home of Mrs. Al Parks last Wednesday. Assisting the hostess were Mrs. J. C. Smith and Mrs. F. A. Savell. Luncheon was served to the following guests: Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Schultz, Mrs. Keating,

Mrs. Ed. Sommers, Mrs. Fraisure, Mrs. Dyson, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Hubbert, Mrs. Vance, Mrs. Koch, Miss Mabel Vance, Mrs. Mellison, Mrs. Downing, Mrs. Waln, Mrs. Haupt, Mrs. Currier, Mrs. Beach, Mrs. Savell, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Parks. The Rev. Mr. Nickerson was present part of the afternoon. The next social meeting of the aid will be held at the home of Mrs. Hubbert.

Nearly everyone else has taken a rap at Mr. Burselson and the postoffice department so we might just as well get in line. We quote the following from the Seward Gateway: Horace B. Warrington, business manager of the Wilmington Delaware Star has just received a letter mailed to him from Philadelphia twenty-five years ago. Philadelphia is twenty-eight miles from Wilmington, so the letter has traveled more than a mile a year.

Mr. and Mrs. James Clarke are visiting in Cordova.

Mrs. J. H. Sellen pleasantly entertained a number of friends at bridge last Monday afternoon. Following the games luncheon was served to the guests.

Mrs. W. A. C. Baldwin returned to her home in Seward on the last Alameda after a month's visit with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Sellen, of Cordova.

Mrs. Dalton Barr was agreeably surprised by the Young Ladies Sodality, when a number of the members appeared Wednesday evening bearing in their midst a beautiful wedding gift. The young ladies were Mrs. J. Clarke, Miss Agnes Hudson, Miss Charlotte Bacon, Miss Elizabeth O'Loughlen, Miss Dorothy Dooley, Miss Esther Traversy, Miss Olive Audett and Miss Marie Rosswog. Luncheon was served by the hostess and a very good time had by all those present.

The Port Angeles Evening News contains an interesting account of the activities of two well-known young men of Alaska. The report reads in part as follows:

G. C. Frame and Billy Frame, brothers of Ira Frame, a well known

local boy, have decided to remain in Port Angeles for some time, and made the decision last night to construct a \$3,000 home for their mother, on 6th street, between Peabody and Vine.

Billy Frame is in business, running a mail stage from Chitina to Fairbanks, Alaska, and Grover Frame is in the transfer business in Cordova. Down for the winter, the boys became interested in the rapid building growth of this city and have decided to cast at least part of their lot here.

Mrs. Ed. O'Brien and son Edward, are expected to leave for Cordova on the next boat. Mrs. O'Brien has been visiting her mother in California and sister in Washington for several months past.

The new hospital building for the Pioneer home at Sitka has been completed. It is a wooden building, 74 by 82 feet, is two stories high and has a concrete basement to be used as a laundry. The total cost was \$22,000.

Dr. J. M. Sloan, who has been in Alaska for the past 20 years left Juneau recently with his wife and daughter for California, where he expects to remain indefinitely.

Dr. Sloan practiced for many years in Nome after which he went to Seward. He has visited in Cordova several times and is well known by the people here.

The following story has no one to vouch for it but it is thought to be the conversation of a Frenchman and an American friend. The Frenchman begins:

"You tell me vat is a polar bear."
"A polar bear. Why he's a big bear that lives up in the polar regions."

"And vat does do, ze polar bear."
"Not much of anything I guess—he sits on the ice and eats fish."

"He sits on ze ice and eat ze fish."
"Yes, why not?"

"Vy not! Because I have just been request to be a polar bear at a funeral, and if I have to sit on ze ice an eat ze fish, I vill not go."

The Anchorageites have at last broken into moving pictures. The five reel feature, "The Girl Alaska," which was filmed at Anchorage has recently been shown at Ketchikan. The entire cast except the leads is made up of citizens of Anchorage and it is claimed that many of them could find a future in the silent drama if they wished.

A man at Sitka comes to the defense of the Alaskan brown bear and

pronounces him a kind and docile creature. It has been suggested that he be turned loose with his pets on Admiralty Island and be allowed to associate with them; for he has a strange idea of docility.

French dancing masters refuse to teach the shimmy for they declare that it is one of the "decadent, savage" and exotic dances resembling Saint Vitus dance.

A recent report says that the United States is rapidly becoming the national center of the world; for the women are coming here 350,000 a year strong in search of that wary prize, a husband.

A number of Ketchikan men have formed a social organization, the purpose of which is to entertain their wives. The idea, we think, is a good one.

A lot of new members have been initiated by the mumps.

The pupils of the fifth grade had an enjoyable party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Greenig last Thursday when the losing team in a spelling contest entertained the visitors. Lively games were played till the serving of refreshments, and such a good time had that the winners are willing to again spell down their opponents. Among those present were Alice O'Neill, Mary Scott, Phyllis Downing, Sadie Pratt, Betty Foster, Naomi Robinson, Margaret Thorenston, Veila Greenig, Buster Sherman, George Dooley, Raymond Johnson and Miss Spence.

Mrs. Griff Ellis has recovered from her recent illness of the past week.

So many Pittsburg women are taxpayers and so many of them carry their money in their stockings, that Joseph C. Armstrong, county treasurer, has arranged a room adjacent to the cashier's office to which they may retire, retrieve the bills from their hiding place and then make settlement with the county.

The practice of women carrying money in their stockings received a pronounced impetus during a recent epidemic of robberies in the shopping district when the director of public safety advised them to discard pocketbooks and bags and use their hosiery.

The Woman's Auxiliary, Pioneers of Alaska, will, in the future, meet on every second and fourth Monday of the month instead of on Tuesday as they have been doing in the past. This will make the meetings on the same night as the men's rgloo but the ses-

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A. J. McCONNELL,
President

BREEZY NEWS ABOUT DOINGS NEARBY CAMP

(From McCarthy News)

The recent interview given by Col. Gotwals to the Cordova Daily Times regarding the plans of the coming season for road work in this division is very gratifying, for it is seen that this vicinity will get its share. The estimate for the bridge alone is one hundred thousand dollars, the department evidently being aware that in order to develop the vast amount of mineral on the other side of that treacherous river, a vast amount must be allowed. We have repeatedly mentioned this subject in our columns, and now that at last a real honest to good bridge is on the estimates it seems too good to be true. The future of our town depends on the building of trails and bridges, and because of this we are always optimistic even in these dark days, when there isn't enough income from the paper to pay the printer's wages and buy the material.

The Heney building was purchased this week by George Andersen. He is having it thoroughly renovated as it was badly damaged at the time of the Faddis and McLellan fire in July 1918.

The demand for Alaska grown hay has been the cause of the importation of a baler by Oscar Anderson of Long Lake. He has grown nearly twenty tons of very superior hay.

The biggest snowfall this winter fell during last Sunday night, eighteen inches of new beautiful snow greeted the eyes of early risers on Monday morning.

As the weather is much too cold for dog mushers, it has been decided by the judges that the race will be postponed till the weather breaks.

The Cope Building, which is one of the best locations and buildings in town, has been purchased by Mrs. Kennedy.

Frank Iverson, having purchased another cow, is now prepared to supply the town with fresh milk.

Saun Sellenrich has purchased Al Doze's gasoline saw for use on his ranch this summer.

John Barrett has purchased the Sullivan cabin.

sions will be held in separate rooms. The next meeting will be held on Monday, the 24.

It is rumored that Valdez is on the point of losing two more of its school teachers to bidders in the matrimonial market. Valdez surely does have a hard time keeping its school teachers on the job, but then they shouldn't get such pretty ones.

Harold and Hugo Johnson left on the Alameda today for Juneau.

Mr. and Mrs. Hannon and child, who have been stationed at Mile 7 for the past year were outgoing passengers on the Alameda for an indefinite stay in the states.

Geo. Flynn was a passenger aboard the Alameda bound for Portland.

Charles Agnetti and wife, who was Zenia Swanson, a former Valdez girl, have returned to Valdez from New York. Mr. Agnetti expects to again enter the signal corps services.

A triple Alliance was formed when Ophelia Howard, Edith Wilson and Harry O'Neill decided to celebrate their birthdays by entertaining a number of young friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. I. O'Neill, Friday evening. The usual fun producing games, were played after which light refreshments were served. Making up the party, were: Waldo Walker, Louise Tibbs, Ruth Donohoe, Alice Daggett, Headley Lamprey, Billy Fields, Matthew O'Loughlen, Donald Foster, Barth O'Loughlen, Harry O'Neill, Ophelia Howard, Edith Wilson, William O'Neill, Genevieve Dyson, Helen Pratt, Alice O'Neill, Helen Downing, George Dooley, Edith Catherine Smith, and Bryan Lamprey.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA, THIRD DIVISION, CORDOVA PRECINCT, AT CORDOVA.

In the Matter of the Estate of Michael Shannon, Sometimes known as M. S. Shannon, Deceased. No. 145.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, as administrator of the estate of Michael Shannon, sometimes known as M. S. Shannon, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against said decedent, to present them, with the proper vouchers, within six months from the date of this notice, to the undersigned, at his office in Cordova, Alaska.

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