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The Douglas Island News.

THE LOCAL FIELD.

Items of Interest Dished Up in Brief for the Benefit of Our Readers.

BOY'S CLOTHING at Fox's.

Second Hand Furniture bought and sold at Feusi's.

For up to date shoes at low prices see C. A. Lindstrom.

Silks, Silk Waists, Silk Skirts, at Behrends, Juneau.

Have you seen the New Goods at Behrends', Juneau.

The Board of Trade looks better for a new coat of paint.

Mrs. Morrow of Juneau was visiting in the city yesterday.

An endless variety of Boys' Clothing just received at Fox's.

Miss Mary Johnson left on the Seattle for Republic, Mich.

Miss Mabel Falconer was on the sick list several days last week.

The Fire Department is agitating the question of more hydrants.

Judge Jno. R. Winn goes this week to attend court at Skagway.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank James on Thursday, May 24th.

What a pretty boy! Where did he get that suit of clothes? FOX.

Gloves of every kind nicely cleaned at the Alaska Laundry, Juneau.

Mrs. C. G. Johnson returned from the Sound on the Cottage City.

See P. H. Fox for your boys' clothing which he is selling at moderate prices.

Did anyone see the eclipse that was advertised to take place last Monday?

Call at Dr. Harrison's and have your teeth examined—free. Open day and night.

Ask for the Columbia Ladies Gloves at \$1.00 a pair, S. Blum & Co., Juneau, agents.

Our genial friend "Red" Gregory has been employed in planking a section of Front street.

Have your old summer suit cleaned by steam process. It will then do you another year.

Ladies' Tailor made skirts made up in the latest styles. Call and see them at P. H. Fox's.

The City of Seattle on her last trip north left Seattle with over three hundred passengers.

Kid Gloves, "Steinkali and Eskay," the best and always newest shades, at Behrends, Juneau.

Miss Mildred Powell, who was quite sick last week with scarletina, is reported much better.

Unique musical attraction at Ohman's Hall next Saturday night, June 2nd. See notices elsewhere.

Harry Lindig returned on the Cottage City from Seattle where he has been attending school.

Get your clothing at C. A. Lindstrom's before the best is picked out. Over 400 suits to choose from.

For up to date shirts and neck wear see Lindstrom. He has the biggest and most complete stock in the city.

Ladies: Have you seen the tailor made suits S. Blum & Co. offer at \$10. This is the best value in the market.

Vernie C. Littlefield, a young man in the employ of the Snettisham Gold Mining company, was crushed to death last Sunday morning. The body will be taken to California for burial.

Call at Dr. Harrison's and have your teeth examined—free. Open day and night.

For cigars and tobaccos go to the Douglas News Depot. They have the largest and most complete line in the city.

The lumber for the new Catholic church building on Douglas Island is on the ground and work will begin soon.

Fire broke out in the engine room of the Mexican mill last Sunday morning. It was quickly extinguished and only a slight damage was done.

Last Friday evening a blind Indian of advanced age fell from the sidewalk near the hospital and severely gashed his head and sprained his ankle.

The Topeka stopped at the Douglas wharf last Sunday and unloaded some real coal which will be gratefully received by the people of this town.

Mrs. Falconer left Monday for Eugene, Ore. Her father, who resides at that place, was recently the victim of a severe accident which may endanger his life.

Mr. John King went over last Monday morning to take a position in the stamp mill which is operated across the channel from Douglas City, on Gold creek.

John Feusi is now located in the old Yukon Hotel building on Front street, and has a large stock of second hand furniture. See him. He will save you money.

Jack Rain has resigned his position as mine foreman at the Mexican and gone into the mill to learn that branch of the business. Wm. E. Davis is his successor.

The Treadwell delegates to the democratic territorial convention at Juneau this week were D. Hutsell, R. McCormick, W. Hale, G. E. Hewett, and J. Duckworth.

If you want good stockings for your child ask for the "Black Cat" at 25c a pair. They wear well and will not crock. S. Blum & Co., Juneau, are sole agents.

Alaska Steam Laundry at Juneau is the only place in Alaska where gent's suits, overcoats, etc., and ladies jackets, waists, skirts and capes are cleaned by steam process.

We are told that an old man in Juneau recently received a severe thrashing for calling his young antagonist a "gentleman." No doubt the statement was misleading.

When the joyous Fourth of July is the topic of conversation in the home and the wife and mother announces the fact that Tommy's clothes are looking shabby, see Fox.

The Douglas Opera House is fast nearing completion and Prof. Klein and his force of men are following close upon the heels of the carpenters with paint and brush.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Shepard entertained a number of friends at their home on Second avenue last Friday evening, the occasion being the anniversary of their wedding.

The Douglas City delegates to the Juneau democratic convention as chosen at a meeting held last Thursday evening at Ohman's hall, were Judge Bach, Frank James and P. S. Early.

Ray Gale was arrested Monday by Marshal McElheny on the charge of robbing the Bears Nest. He was allowed his liberty by Judge Bach on making a promise of good behavior.

Mr. O. C. Narvestad, special agent for the Washington National Building, Loan and Investment Association, of Seattle, is in the city and will spend the summer here in the interest of the Association.

Mrs. J. M. Kade and children returned last Friday from Frontenac, Minn., where they have spent the winter visiting friends and relatives. They have had a very pleasant trip and return much improved in health.

Mrs. P. H. Fox and little daughter, Lucile, left last Monday for Seattle, where they will meet Miss Helen, who will accompany them on their return trip home. Miss Mary will remain at Oakland, Cal., for the summer.

A new business house was begun yesterday morning on D street between Second and Third. Mr. A. Murray has the matter in hand and he and Mr. Frank James—on whose property it is located—are very non-communicative in regard to it.

Prof. Klein has painted a sign on the end of the Douglas Opera House next to the channel that cannot fail to attract the attention of the navigator of those busy waters. Yea verily! he who runs, or he who rides a boat, may read.

NOTICE.

All citizens of Douglas Island are requested to meet at Ohman's Hall on Thursday evening, May 31, at 8:30 o'clock for the purpose of discussing the advisability of holding a Fourth of July celebration.

R. J. WILLIS, Chairman.

Mr. William Palo left on the City of Seattle last Monday morning for his former home in Republic, Michigan. He has been on the Island for some time and has been employed at the Mexican mines and in the Gem Restaurant.

Mr. Joe Edmonds returned last Friday from a week's outing at Fish creek. Joe reports a pleasant time but says that the sight of some monster bear tracks caused him to quit the locality with a certain amount of haste not altogether compatible with his usual dignity.

For up-to-date Clothing go to the Treadwell store. They have just received a large consignment of Men's, Youths' and Boy's Clothing of the latest styles and patterns, also a complete line of Hats in all the new shapes, at the lowest prices.

The Alaska delegates to the National Democratic convention at Kansas City are Judge Williams and Dr. Rogers, of Juneau; William Hale, of Douglas Island; Col. Crittenden, of Wrangell, and Judge Jennings and E. O. Sylvester of Skagway.

The report reaches us that Alfred Anderson, commonly known as "Circus," who left Douglas about two weeks ago for the Porcupine, became insane at Skagway from drink—or want of drink—and was sent below by the authorities in that city.

Ed. C. Russell, Jr., of the Daily Alaska Dispatch, informs us he will soon begin the publication of a weekly edition to be issued on Sundays. Juneau is sadly in need of a first-class weekly paper and no doubt the proposed venture will fill the long felt want.

A consignment of the latest instruments of torture was received by Dr. Harrison per steamer Al-Ki. He is now busy unpacking but will stop long enough to examine your teeth, free. And if you want work done will stay with you as long as a cavity is in sight.

NOTICE.—The announcement made at the "Snow Concert" last evening, that Prof. Ferguson the Violinist, would give 2 nights here—Saturday, June 2nd and Tuesday, June 5th, has been changed (as we go to press) to "one night only"—Saturday, June 2nd as far as known at present.

Mr. Ed Williams left last week for Kaltag, Alaska, a point on the Yukon river where he has some mining interests. He has some property interests in Douglas City which he considers a good investment and will make extensive improvements on it upon his return from the interior.

TO THE DEAF—A rich lady, cured of her Deafness and Noises in the Head by D. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums gave £1,000 to his Institute, so that deaf people unable to procure the Ear Drums may have them free. Apply to Department A. The Institute, 780, Eight Avenue, New York, U. S. A.

Chas. A. Fox and John Egan returned last Friday evening on the Alert from the Endicott river where they have been for a week past looking after some quartz claims. They met L. S. Keeton, Jack Bartels, Mr. Frick and Matt Harter, all Douglas people, who are camped on the Endicott. They are all well and happy and expect to return to Douglas to celebrate the 4th.

The entertainment last night by the Snow Family was the most pleasing of any yet given. Mr. and Mrs. Snow are fully appreciated as was evidenced by the applause they received. Miss Crystal Snow's singing was well received and vigorously applauded. Prof. Ferguson came in between the acts with a musical specialty that was marvelous and unique. His productions are peculiar to himself and are certainly worth hearing.

Prof. Ferguson's concert at Ohman's Hall next Saturday night (June 2nd) should be well attended. He is an artist of uncommon ability in his line, and should be awarded a recognition commensurate with his peculiar talent and genius; and we believe that if the people could but properly appreciate his true worth, that he would be greeted by a full house limited only to its seating capacity. His turn with the "Snow Company" certainly entitles him to favorable consideration.

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INDIAN WAR DANCE.

The habits and customs of a strange people have a peculiar fascination for one who is interested in the study of humanity. As we look at the careless, dirty habits of dress always noticeable in the Alaska Indians; their stoical expression and slanting foreheads, we are forced to believe that as a race they can only belong to the lower orders of humanity, and we expect their actions and expressions to bear us out in this belief. In this we are not deceived, for in most cases they are ignorant and superstitious; clinging to the habits of their forefathers despite the teachings of the schools and missionaries.

The beautiful evolutions of the white man's dances, executed as they are designed to be, in perfect time with perfect music, are perhaps the highest point to which this form of amusement has attained. The other extreme is reached when we see the untutored savage, jumping, twisting, whirling, and even groveling in the dirt, to the accompaniment of pounding sticks and discordant voices.

Such an exhibition it was our privilege to witness on last Thursday evening at an entertainment given by some of the Indians of Douglas Island.

Drawn thither by the announcement of an exhibition of the Thlinget war dance and the Chimsyan dances, we, in company of about 50 or 60 other curious souls, gathered in an unfinished frame building near Indian town on the evening in question. The room was lighted by two large oil lamps and furnished with rude wooden benches for seats. The audience comprised members of the Indian families from the old and decrepit to the infant in arms, about two score white men and three white women. No one was surprised because the performers did not arrive on time; that was to be expected, and the crowd waited patiently for their appearance.

Soon a sound of voices was heard chanting the tune that is sung by all the Alaska tribes; their languages may be entirely different, but they all sing the same tune. The time, or rather the lack of time, was kept by beating sticks together. The noises came nearer and nearer until we could distinguish the words that before had sounded like a college yell, but now were recognized as the language of the Thlingets. The door opened, and 12 or 15 Indian boys and girls filed in and took their positions on one side of the room. They were followed by two clownish looking figures who were to be the stars in the performance that was to follow. The one was arrayed in a large cape of some dark colored cloth, lined with a bright red. He wore a fur cap ornamented with feathers and from which an apron made of the skins of many squirrels extended down his back. His feet were bare and very dirty. The other, whose face was painted in spots of red and black, wore a tolerably clean sheet, a rope and feather wreath which fitted down over his shoulders, a pair of blue overalls and government socks.

The "music" started again and the pair began pounding their feet on the floor, seemingly regardless of time, their only ambition being to break one of the boards by the vigor of their onslaught. As they warmed up short grunts of pleasure would escape them and sudden jerkings of their bodies

would scatter showers of feathers on the floor. Around and round they whirled very much like a tipsy top until from sheer exhaustion they fell to the floor and lay panting in the dirt, but the objects of much admiration from the other Indians. We had witnessed the Thlinget war dance. The Chimsyan and other dances were so near the same that the ordinary observer could distinguish no difference. After another song that sounded like a repetition of the words Ohio-Iowa, it was announced that the show was over and the spectators wended their way back to their homes, fully convinced that the dance is a relic of barbarism.

Entertainment Extraordinary.—An

opportunity is extended to Island people of hearing something original in the musical line at Ohman's Hall next Saturday night—2nd. Prof. Ferguson in his wonderful manipulations of the violin, introduces the most novel and unique effects and tumultuous eccentricities ever heard upon that instrument.—Orchestras, Brass Bands, Piano and Saw Mills, Violoncello, Guitar, Pipe Organ, Military Bugle Call, Scotch Bagpipes, Flutes, Chickens, Calves, Crying Babies, Steamboats, etc., etc.—presenting a repertoire of exceptional excellence also, in choice selections, national airs, etc., etc., with numerous effects, otherwise, making up altogether, a splendid entertainment. You will be delighted.

Dennis Milan, proprietor of the Club saloon and the Hotel Hunter in this city, returned from a visit at Seattle and Sound points last Sunday. He says that the Nome boom in Seattle exceeds anything in the boom line he ever saw. The hotels and boarding houses are all filled with guests and signs are posted to notify prospective patrons that all the rooms are taken. At the barber shops the customers are given tickets as they enter and take their turns in the chairs as the numbers are called by the floor manager. The noise and uproar has had a depressing effect on Dennis and since his return he goes about with a pensive look on his face as if he expected at any moment to come in contact with a gang of crooks.

DON'T USE GLASSES

Unless you need them, and when you do need them, be sure they fit you. Don't guess at it. O. L. Sharick, the optician, will give you a thorough examination free of charge, and if you don't need glasses will tell you so.

O. L. Sharick, Jeweler and Optician Front street.

NOTICE.

Richard Smith, an Indian, has found in Stephen's passage, opposite Douglas Island, a gill net. The owner may have same by proving property and paying expenses incurred.

Dated May 30th, 1900.

Johnson & Harvey, the enterprising proprietors of the Douglas meat market, received on the Cottage City a shipment of live sheep which they will slaughter as the trade requires. By this means the Douglas people will be supplied with fresh meat, which is far superior to that dressed below. These gentlemen are conducting a first class market and are receiving a very flattering patronage.