

Alaska: The Great and Rich.  
November Metropolitan Magazine.

"Alaska's extreme breadth from east to west is 2,200 miles in an air line. According to Professor Guyot, a recognized authority on all geographic matters, the island of Attu, in Alaska, is as far west of San Francisco as the coast of Maine is east of that city; or, in other words, San Francisco is the great middle city between the extreme east and west of the United States, a fact which is very difficult for the eastern mind to grasp. The breadth of Alaska from north to south, is 1,140 miles.

Now, about the coast line: According to the United States coast survey the shore line of Alaska, up and down the bays and around the islands, measures 25,000 miles, or two and one-half times that of the Atlantic and Pacific coast line of the remaining portion of the United States. The coast of Alaska, if extended in a straight line, would belt the globe.

Nearly forty years ago, when Secretary of State Seward proposed that the United States should purchase this vast tract of land, the people throughout the length and breadth of the Union shouted, "Folly! folly! \$7,200,000 for an iceberg!" Nevertheless Secretary Seward was wiser than his day and generation. He introduced the bill before congress; and there, after stormy and lengthy debates, he secured its passage, and the United States received from Russia the greatest of all her possessions."

We often wonder why the writers of fancy magazine articles do not go to the bottom of things and tell the truth.

Secretary Seward was not wiser than his day and generation, and here is the proof:

During the civil war the north needed some war vessels. It and Russia violated all international law when Russia furnished those vessels and the north received them. They had to be paid for.

Alaska was looked upon by Russia and the world as being worthless, so she gave it to the North and accepted \$7,200,000 in payment, not for Alaska, but for those war vessels.

#### Catholics Hit Liquor.

Washington, Nov. 21.—The executive council of the Catholic Total Abstinence order met here with Archbishop John J. Keane, of Dubuque, Ia., president of the union, presiding. He urged more active work in local centers and holding of another conference of national officers in April.

Bishop Canevin, of Pittsburg, submitted a manuscript of a temperance primer adapted to American schools. The primer was adopted and an effort was made by the national union to have it introduced into all the Catholic schools of the country. Prizes will be offered by the union to Catholic colleges for the education of American priests for the best essay on subjects covering the living questions of the drink evil.

Timely thought voiced by the Springfield Register: Do not worry because your competitor has a larger store window than you. When he uses larger advertising space, then worry.

#### Stop It.

Here is a ducedly queer condition of affairs and it is taken from the government report, we believe it correct: "The government revenue from Prohibition

Kansas is greater than from Nebraska. There are many more retail dealers in Kansas than in Nebraska. There is one and only one way to stop the sale of liquor and that is, make it a crime to manufacture or import it."

#### Reform by Fiat

Here is a good lay sermon—worthy in times like these of even Sabbath day reflection. Its author is Charles F. Meilen of New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad. Read it once and then read it once more: Don't deceive yourselves that Wall street suffers alone nor that patriotism is only to be learned from those who hold office; that bravery is only to be found among those who risk their lives; that knowledge is only acquired from the study of books; that honesty is to be found only where preached the most vigorously; that homely virtue only exists where most advertised. Wall street distributes its burden quickly and you cannot escape your share.

When the western banks cease to use the Wall street banks who back the gamblers on change, thereby making the gamble their own, then the troubles of Wall street will cease to be the troubles of the western banks and their depositors.

#### Big Well

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William Hunerwadel  
John Hays  
E. E. Delashmutt  
Walter Hagan  
Frank McGarthland.

#### Hard Fall.

A few days since while at work on a scaffold at Stouts-ville, James Fields took a tumble and broke his collar bone. He is now in the city with his parents.

The undersigned member who was so kindly and generously remembered in time of affliction and distress wishes to express her heartfelt gratitude to the Committee and Members of Court of Honor Lodge No. 467, who were true friends in time of need.

Yours Fraternally,  
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