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**Gone on Before.**

A few days ago the press dispatches announced that Gov. Walter E. Clark, of Alaska, had gone down to Portland, Ore., to visit the institution which has the contract for the care of the Alaska insane. Certain reports have circulated and, no doubt, ere this have reached official ears, that some of the practices engaged in at this institution are of the most inhuman kind. Calculated to plunge the poor inmates into still deeper darkness rather than to effect a healing of their malady.

The lonesome darkness of the North, the excitement of the stampede, the cold, the icy trail, the privations of the pioneer, all combine to unseat the mind, and many each year complete a life of energy by losing their hold upon their mental lever. As a Dawson nigger on his way South once said: "This hear all night climate and home-made 'hootch' makes 'em crazy; I feels kinder queer sometimes myself and I's nigger git outen hear 'for it strikes me."

Alaskans will unite in the hope that the investigation will be most thorough, and should it reveal a single ground for the charges made, that justice will be measured out to the guilty ones, sure and swift.

The insane of Alaska are cared for at Mount Tabor, Portland, Ore., under a contract made April 28, 1909, at the rate of \$330 per annum per capita. In his annual report for 1910, Governor Clark says that, in his opinion, this arrangement is much more satisfactory than the plan proposed of constructing an asylum in Alaska for the care of insane, and their treatment is much more likely to be successful in a climate milder in winter than the interior of Alaska, and less cloudy and rainy than the Alaska coast.

The people of Alaska may perhaps be called rough, but it is very seldom that they allow those who are unfortunate or afflicted to suffer for the want of such help as money can give them. Every camp has its little charities of this kind constantly under way. The incorporated towns also do their part. During the past year the town of Douglas has spent more than a thousand dollars for the help of indigent persons. This may not seem much to cities like Seattle and Tacoma, but it is no small part of the revenues of a town like Douglas.

The only case in which the Federal government helps bear the burdens of Alaska, outside of the punishment of crime, is in the care of the insane, and we can expect no less than that our governor shall see that this is done carefully and well; and that the poor unfortunates who are taken to Mount Tabor shall not be mistreated.

The two show companies that went down the Yukon as far as Fairbanks, are back in Southeastern Alaska on their way to the States. The May Roberts company is showing in Juneau this week, and promise to hit Douglas about Sunday night. The Sherman-Cleveland Musical Comedy Co., with the dancing girls, is at Skagway this week for three nights.

Albin Baritello, Mark Smith, James Daniels, John Richards, Dan Popovich and Otto Wilde, who have been hunting at Pybus bay for the past two weeks, returned last evening. They encountered some rough weather that made traveling risky even in so safe a boat as the City of Rome. However, they found ducks and geese plentiful, and with now and then a bit of venison their lived high.

Our old townsman, Andy Johnson, has decided to stay with us. He has bought back from Mr. L. S. Ferris a half interest in the Douglas Steam Laundry and will remain as manager of the institution. The boys will make extensive improvements to the building and machinery, until the plant is second to none in Alaska. Mr. E. L. Mahoney, an expert laundryman, will be foreman in the mechanical department.

**TREADWELL TOPICS**

There will be a dance at the Club tonight, to which all are invited.

There will soon be a billiard and pool tournament start at the Club for Club members.

Monday night was the first pay day to come under the new system. The next pay day will not be till November 16th.

Assistant Superintendent Kennedy's house is being raised about four feet and several other alterations are being made to it.

Owing to so many officers of the fire department being out of town the fire meeting to have been held on Wednesday night was postponed until October 25th.

The large bed plates for the new 700 hoist have been taken up the hill into the concrete house prepared for them and the balance of the machinery will soon follow and be also placed in position.

At a band meeting held last week Roy Norlin was elected vice president, in place of W. Casey, resigned, and John Gillam elected secretary in place of Charles Swihart, resigned. Several matters of importance were disposed of.

E. A. McHamilton, who had the misfortune some time ago to have his eyes injured, returned on Saturday from Seattle where he has been under the care of an eye specialist. He reports that he is improving very rapidly and will soon be able to return to work.

The oil steamer Lansing arrived at Treadwell on Friday afternoon with a cargo of 42,000 barrels of crude oil. This is the first steamer of the United Oil company to make this port, as the contract of the Treadwell company with the Associated Oil company has expired and a new contract made with the United company. The boat is 395 feet long and is ten feet longer than the Porter. She formerly was an army transport. She will arrive back in this port in about twelve days with another cargo.

The show at the Club on Saturday night was largely attended despite the bad weather. The manager was disappointed at the last minute by the non-arrival of three people who were to help make fun for the evening, and he was forced to go on himself and give a monologue, which convulsed the audience with laughter. The illustrated song was sung by Max Pitzman, and was received with much applause. The pictures were about the best ever shown in the Club. The concert this week will consist of four pieces by the band, an illustrated song and three reels of pictures.

The swimming races at the Club on Monday night were very good. The first race was between Bell and Thomas and was very exciting, being won by Bell by about six inches. The second speed race was won by J. Gillam. The egg and spoon race by Jack Wilson (of checker fame), the fancy diving by Stephens, Lindsay and Jacobson was loudly applauded. The tub race was a disappointment, as the tubs were too small. The affair wound up with a polo match between teams captained by Thomas and Wilson. While neither team scored a goal still there were some very close calls on goal, and the match was declared a draw. The game will soon become very popular and, no doubt, the ladies will soon be taking it up as a pastime on Friday nights.

There will be the usual services at the Congregational church next Sunday. Sunday school at 1:30 Mr. Harvey Tingley will act as superintendent, Mr. Wm. DeLong, secretary and treasurer. In the evening Mr. H. G. Nevill will conduct a service at 8 o'clock. Future arrangements will be announced at this time. The Ladies' League meets Thursday afternoon at 2:30. Choir rehearsal at 7:30.

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