

KLONDIKE MISSIONARIES

Interesting Letter Recounting the Experiences of Two Ministers.

Reached Dawson Just Before Winter Set In-Hold Church Services and Get Miners to Observe Sunday.

Two missionaries were last August sent to the Klondike by two New York women under the auspices of the Presbyterian board of home missions. The names of the women are kept a secret by the board. A letter has just been received by Mrs. D. J. McMillan, corresponding secretary of the board, from these missionaries—Rev. Hall Young and Dr. W. A. McEwen. The letter is from Dawson City and is dated December 1. It was carried from Dawson City to the nearest outpost of civilization by Jimmy Jackson, an Indian who has a record for going where no other man can go. The letter announces the establishment of the first church in Klondike and says there is food enough there to last till spring with economy. If provisions reach the miners by the 1st of April the danger of absolute want will be entirely passed.

Mr. Young writes that he and his companion are the only two missionaries who reached Klondike City, two miles from Dawson City, their destination, before the winter set in. Since then, of course, nobody has arrived there. They started at once to provide a place of worship for the miners. On this point Mr. Young writes:

"I found a newly-erected two-story house belonging to a saloon keeper, which he offered to let us have on the following terms: The large room on the first floor, one month for \$100 in advance; or the whole house (there are six eight by ten rooms in the upper story) until May 15, seven months, for \$50, giving five days to raise the money. Well, I prayed and called on several friends. First, I got the \$100, which secured the room for the next Sunday. I advertised and had a nice meeting. Attendance, 50; collection, \$40. Then I arranged to sublet the upstairs rooms at \$20 per month each. They are little, rough, cold, unfurnished boxes, but were eagerly snapped up the first day. I got the renters to advance all they could and borrowed the rest from the gold commissioner, Mr. Prescott. At the expiration of five days I paid the other \$750 and got the lease of the building."

But there were troubles ahead. On the 21st of November one of the lodgers came home filled with whisky. Although candles were worth \$1.50 each, he lighted one and then kicked it over. The building was burned to the ground. The pluck of the missionaries had aroused the enthusiasm of the miners, however, and gold was forthcoming in paying quantities. Mr. Young argued for and won the observance of Sunday in the camp, and the "opera house," which had been used for other purposes on that day, is now the church.

Somebody stole two bags of flour from the missionaries, but the thief has been forgiven. The missionaries have started a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor and a branch of the Y. M. C. A. The letter closes:

CAT DISSECTED IN SCHOOL. Children Become Ill as Result of Execution—Board to Investigate.

A cat was dissected at the morning (N. Y.) public school the other morning. The ghastly exhibition was witnessed by hundreds of pupils, from the children up to older scholars. The cat was put to death by the use of chloroform, Miss Nearing, the teacher in physiology, supervising the work, with the assistance of the school children. The organs, including the lungs and heart, were carried about the school in a pan of water and exhibited in the different departments, even in the primary department. Many children were forced to leave school on account of sickness brought on by the ghastly sight. Some of the little children who came home at dinner time were unable to eat their meals. A special meeting of the board of education will be held and an investigation will be made. There is great indignation among parents and a number of them state that if dissection is allowed they will not send their children to school.

EXPEDITION TO HAWAII. Prof. Libby, of Princeton University Will Make Scientific Investigations.

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A musical programme came first on the card, and the history of the society was told by Miss Julia Wolf, after which the audience was invited to the basement of the church, which was beautifully decorated with holly. The cake was displayed, after which the church organist took his place at the piano and played a "red-hot rag," the couples lined up, and at the word were off. It was the first church entertainment of the kind ever given in St. Louis, and was highly appreciated by the audience. It is said that Dan Washington, the hottest cake walker in the city, could have picked up a few points.

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Perspiration-Proof Gloves.

Some women with enormous incomes can never be well gloved. Why? Because their hands perspire. More women have probably lost their hope of reaching the promised land on this account than on account of any real wickedness in their make-up. A manufacturer of fashionable gloves has hit upon something that makes a glove perspiration-proof. It occurred to him to line a pair of gloves with the very thin oil silk of which fine dress shawls are made. He tried lining the inside of the palm and fingers, and found that he had a glove which perspiration could not penetrate. His customers are enthusiastic over his discovery.

A Man's Liquid Refreshment. The amount of liquid refreshment taken by a man of 70 years would equal 76,700 pints, and to hold this a pail 12 feet high, and more than 2,500 times as large as an ordinary pail would be required. The weight of the liquid would be over 42 tons.

Women Government Employees. Uncle Sam employs 6,000 women at Washington.

RUSSELL SAGE AS A SPORT. Dash Up Fifth Avenue in Nutty Cart and Prancing Team.

Tired of posing as a man of millions, Russell Sage has branched out into a new role—that of a sport. Those who do not believe it, says the New York correspondent of the Chicago Tribune, should see him the other day as he sped up Fifth avenue in his red-wheeled, rubber-tired, ball-bearing cart behind his prancing bays, fresh from Long Island.

In front sat the coachman. Behind was Mr. Sage, his coat collar turned up and his hands dug deep in his pockets. Mr. Sage had not purchased these horses as yet. For two months he has been "trying" them. He has had them both paced on a Long Island farm, and both have shown speed. One of them is a pacer and the other goes all the gait.

Up Fifth avenue they went, one pacing, the other doing other things. But suddenly the millionaire's attention was drawn to the horses. The pacer had flung a shoe. It went humming across the street and struck with a silvery ring, which aroused him with a sudden start. Instantly the team was stopped and the coachman told in a low voice how the animal had been wasteful of his shoe. The coachman alighted, but when he returned carrying the shoe in his hand Mr. Sage was in the front seat, reins in hand. The coachman climbed into the T cart and again the horses started, this time Mr. Sage driving.

MIRAGE SEEN IN A CITY. Reproduction of a Building in the Sky at Portland, Ore.

A curious phenomenon was presented in the northern heavens shortly before four o'clock the other afternoon, says the Portland Oregonian. Looking out of a window in the law offices of Snow & McCamant there appeared, looming skyward above the Kamm building, an exact reproduction of the Worcester block. The picture was complete in every detail, giving a wonderful presentation of the building, suspended in mid-air. Above it were a series of floating clouds, to the left Mount St. Helens could be plainly seen, while to the distant right Mount Hood, in all the glory of its new winter raiment, stood out boldly against the horizon.

There seemed to be some peculiar atmospheric conditions prevailing, and the mirage, as it seemed to be, held its place for 20 minutes, to the astonishment and delight of those who were privileged to gaze upon it. Had there been but one to see it, his story could well be taken with more than usual allowance, but the discoverer of the mirage, losing confidence in himself, called the attention of others to the phenomenon, and, much to his relief, found that he was not laboring under any form of optical illusion.

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GREAT SURGICAL FEAT.

White-Heated Platinum Wires Used to Remove a Tumor.

Terrible Disfigurement of the Right Check of a Young Girl May Be Removed Without Leaving a Scar.

The scientific world is watching with interest the progress of a thrice heroic surgical operation, which is being performed in sections, so to speak, upon a young woman, Lottie Thompson, now an inmate of the city hospital of Cincinnati, says the newspaper.

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Lottie is a beautiful girl of 17, when the left side of her face is exposed, her profile being of the pure Greek type, with a wealth of auburn tresses. But viewed from the right side she is almost hideous to behold, the right cheek being disfigured by a tumor in which all the blood vessels in that region seem to be concentrated into an enormous growth, red, glassy and seemingly ready to burst. At her birth a tiny spot appeared upon the place now involved by the tumor, so small as to be scarcely noticeable. As she grew the spot became larger and larger, until now evolved into the neoplasm it weighs at least two pounds.

She was admitted to the institution on November 22 and her case was at once found to be a remarkable one. After a careful examination the affliction was diagnosed as a "nevus"—in other words, a birthmark due to circumscribed excessive development of fibrous tissue, the latter forming a vascular tumor composed of a collection of capillaries and of tubes freely communicating. Ordinary remedies to dispel a disease of this character cannot be thought of, and heroic measures are absolutely necessary. In order to employ them, however, it was also necessary to obtain the consent of the patient, which was reluctantly given.

Platinum wires were obtained, and a dozen of them placed into a retort heated to several hundred degrees and remained there until they were at a white heat. Meanwhile the girl was anesthetized under a powerful opiate, so that not a nerve might quiver under the terrible trial. When everything was in the best condition the points of the wire were applied.

In a moment the room became impregnated with the odor of burning flesh, while tiny wreaths of smoke ascended. To the depths of the thirty-second part of an inch the scorching metal penetrated, searing the arteries and thereby preventing their bursting. The dozen wires were exhausted and a dozen more were added, and each one applied to the cheek until all the arteries had been treated in a similar manner. Nearly an hour was consumed in the tedious process, but the result of the cauterization was extremely successful.

Soothing lotions were freely used, and the young girl was brought back to consciousness. The experiment will be repeated again and again until the tumor has yielded, and the prognosis now is that it will result in no disfigurement of the face.

Trusses were to be applied.

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