## SISTERS' SCHOOL EXERCISES

Teacher and Pupils Entertain and Delight Many Friends.

Christmas Festivities Enjoyed Tuesday Evening—Many Costly and Fitting Presents.

One of the most delightful entertainments of the glad Christmas season was given at St. Mary's school Tuesday evening from four until 5:30 o'clock. Extensive preparations had been made by the excellent little teacher, Sister Mary Edith and her pupils, also by the Ladies' Altar Society and other friends of the school to make the affair a success and their efforts were amply rewarded. The exercises opened with a song by the school, followed by an address of welcome, recitations, essays, songs and dialogues, the various juvenile performers showing by the almost perfect manner in which their parts were rendered the great care and pains taken by their teacher in drilling and instructing them. Messrs. Friemuth and Boyle discoursed suitable music on the violin and piano.

At the completion of the literary and musical part of the program a Santa Claus fully as large as Actor Bittner, but with Rip Vanwinkle hair and whiskers, appeared and for the next hour was busy distributing presents among the school children. The tree was laden with several hundred dollars worth of Christmas store to

say nothing of oranges, candy and nuts which Santa heaped on every child as it went forward at the call of its name by Mr. Claus. Father Gendreau came in for a fine present, an elegant black fur overcoat. Every child present received from three to six or eight costly presents and all went home with full arms and happy hearts.

The school has upwards of 40 pupils this term and is the pride of the city. Too much praise can not be bestowed on the accomplished little teacher, Sister Mary Edith, for her untiring efforts in behalf of the children.

Vacation will extend until January 7th.

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## RACE WAR IN ALABAMA

Several Killed on Both Sides—The Blacks Routed.

Andalusia, Ala., Dec. 5.—Sheriff Bradshaw returned to Andalusia today with twenty-two negroes who are accused of complicity in the killing of J. W. Dorsey, a merchant, and the fatal wounding of Fale Atkinson, city marshal, at Opp, last evening. The negroes brought to today were chased with bloodhounds and captured by the sheriff and his posse.

The sheriff landed the negroes safely in jail here, and has taken precautions to resist a mob in case one is formed.

J. W. Dorsey and Marshal Fale Atkinson went to the residence of negroes near Opp, yesterday evening, to arrest a negro who was accused of stealing a pistol from a white man. The negro was barricaded in his cabin, and fired on the men as they approached. It developed that the negro had about fifty of his fellow workmen in the house with him. A general battle ensued, in which Dorsey was killed and Atkinson fatally wounded. A white man named Fitzsimmons, who was with them, was shot twice in the leg. Two negroes were killed and several others wounded. The names of these are at present unknown.

The attempt to capture the negroes at that time was given up and Sheriff Bradshaw was sent for. He left Andalusia for Opp, with deputies and dogs, and returned today with twenty two negroes.

J. W. Dorsey, one of the white men killed, was one of the most prominent men of Opp, being a merchant, a member of the council and treasurer of the town.

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The funniest yet. See the minstrel show at A. B. hall tonight. Reserved seats at Reid's drug store.

Gunther's Allegretti, Lowney and Huyler candies at Gandolfo's.

Don't fail to see the cartoons at the Pioneer saloon.

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## THEY WENT TO JAIL

Chicago Journalists Write Up and Cartoon a Judge.

Chicago, Saturday, Dec. 7.—Andrew M. Lawrence, managing editor of Hearst's Chicago American, and H. S. Canfield, a reporter, who were sentenced recently by Judge Hancey to forty and thirty days respectively in the county jail for contempt of court, were discharged from custody by Judge Dunne today.

In granting a writ of habeas corpus to the relators the court said the case hinged on whether the case which the American commented had been disposed of by Judge Hancey or was still pending.

Judge Dunne held that the case in question had been finally disposed of by Judge Hancey when he gave his decision from the bench.

Judge Dunne admitted that the articles and cartoons which Judge Hancey objected to, were clearly calculated to intimidate and coerce the court, had not the court already rendered its decision. Judge Dunne admitted that the cartoon in evidence was probably libelous and the articles possibly so.

"Harsh criticisms," Judge Dunne remarked, "is one of the incidents and burdens of public life. I see no reason why a judge should be offered a different remedy for attacks in the public prints than a citizen. If a governor or a congressman. Criticism of a public official, if just, till do good; if unjust, will do no harm."

In concluding the court said:

"I am clearly of the opinion that the language used in open court by Judge Hancey amounted to a final order disposing of the case under consideration, and that being a final order, under the doctrine of 'contempt' as laid down in this state by our supreme court in Story vs. the People, that the relators had a right to comment and criticise that decision, even to the extent of libeling the honored and respected judge who rendered that opinion, without exposing themselves to prosecution for contempt of court."

Following is Judge Hancey's comment on Judge Dunne's decision:

"Judge Dunne had the power to decide, but he did not have the right. Any judge has the power to let every prisoner out of the penitentiaries, but they have not the right, nor does anybody expect that they will."

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## IS STILL IN DISPUTE

Nothing Been Done in Matter for a Year.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Apparently the negotiations to accomplish a permanent settlement of the Alaska boundary dispute are as far off as ever. President Roosevelt has given no attention to the subject since his elevation and the state department has taken no steps in the matter for more than a year. No communication on the subject of the boundary has passed between the United States government and the government of Great Britain and it cannot be learned that there are any plans for an early reopening of the subject.

The state department is unofficially informed from time to time of the bitter feeling engendered by the boundary dispute in the vicinity of Skagway, but the officials are resting on the ground that the modus vivendi established between the two governments subsequent to the meetings of the joint high commission forms a definite settlement of the question for the present, and that there is no legitimate basis on which disputes can arise along the borders of the disputed territory.

President Roosevelt has been so busy with the preparation of his message to congress ever since he was inducted into office that he has given little attention to matters not closely connected with the document. Now that the opportunity presents itself for the consideration of often matters it is possible that something may be done toward securing permanent settlement of the boundary question, but if he has any such intention he has not made it known. It can be said that up to this time he has given little or no serious thought to the subject.

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## ENGLANDS FUTURE KING

Surprises and Delights the Nation With His Oratory.

London, Dec. 7.—The evolution of the Prince of Wales from a sailor into an orator causes more comment and satisfaction than any event of the week. His Guildhall speech was perfectly free from that platitudinous element usually noticeable in royal utterances in England. His declaration that the old country must wake up if it wanted to hold its own almost took his hearers' breath away, but it has produced in all sections press praise quite untainted by servility.

It is probable that the Prince was not entirely responsible for the construction of the speech, as he used copious notes. But his delivery, earnestness and willingness to commit

himself to such sentiments have raised him higher in the estimation of the people than any previous action. Indeed, several of the papers declared that the elocution of Lord Salisbury, Lord Rosebery and Mr. Chamberlain fell quite flat after the Prince of Wales' effort.

"Unquestionably the best speech delivered at the breakfast," is the Spectator's comment.

The Saturday Review says: "He used his opportunity for saying things of distinct political import, constitutional propriety being none the less punctiliously saved."

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## BITTNER GIVEN HIS TIME

By His Company at the Auditorium Last Night.

An event not down on the bills took place at the Auditorium last night during the performance of "The Parisian Princess." Between the scenes in the third act, Alf. Layne stepped out before the footlights and announced that the company desired to present the manager, Mr. Bittner, with a slight tokens of their regard and esteem, holding to view a beautiful gold watch to which was attached a double chain made of nuggets. Mr. Bittner at the time was behind the scenes and was so taken back with surprise that he lost his usual self-possession, it requiring the combined efforts of sixteen men and a boy to force him out before the footlights. He was handed the watch by Mr. Layne and he first looked at the time piece, then at the donor, then at the audience, and then grinned like a silly child and bolted. A speech was called for, but the hero of many bloodless encounters had lost his nerve and nothing could have induced him to again face the large audience and make an impromptu talk.

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### May Go to Jail.

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—What the judgment of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals will be in the matter of the contempt proceedings against United States District Judge Arthur H. Noyes, United States District Attorney Joseph K. Wood, and Attorneys O. A. S. Frost and Thos. J. Geary is a question that is causing considerable speculation. It is expected that the court will announce its decision within a day or two.

It is the opinion of those who have attended the trial, and heard all of the testimony, that Noyes, Wood, Frost and Geary will be found guilty and sentenced to terms in prison. Noyes, some believe, will be sent to jail for a year. Thomas J. Geary may be purged of contempt, however, as the evidence against him did not conclusively prove him guilty of contempt of court.

In the cases of Noyes, Wood and Frost, testimony strongly supporting charges of contempt and conspiracy was brought out by Amicus Curiae E. S. Pillsbury and if current predictions are correct the home federal trio will be severely dealt with.

An attempt was made Wednesday by the attorneys of the respondents to throw discredit on the manner in which Attorney Metson conducted the cases in Nome in which Noyes and Wood are accused of acting illegally and unfairly, but the United States Court of Appeals put its stamp of disapproval upon the attempt much to the discomfiture of Attorney Heney who represented Noyes.

Heney introduced an affidavit made by H. L. Blake, an irresponsible party, in which Blake made wild and unfruitful statements. It was accepted by the court without knowledge of its contents, but when the nature of the affidavit became known the court made an order striking it from the records and declaring that the affiant was irresponsible.

Attorney Heney appeared before the court Wednesday and apologized for having offered the affidavit, saying that he did not know its contents. Action on the part of the court in seeing that Heney promptly apologized indicates that the judges feel that the contempt charges against the federal ring were well established during the trial of their cases and that attempts to reflect on the opposing counsel are unwarranted.

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### Mr. Searelle Remembered.

In behalf of the congregation Rev. Dr. Grant presented to Mr. Ernest Searelle a good-sized check at the Presbyterian Christmas tree festivities Tuesday night as a token of appreciation of his untiring efforts as choir leader in that church.

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The stage that leaves L. & C. dock for White Horse Saturday will be driven by R. E. West, the fastest and most careful driver on the Yukon. Fare only $50.

Toys of all descriptions at Gandolfo's.

Special power of attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

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## THE PROTESTANT CHURCHES

Had the Usual Christmas for the Children.

Cantata at St. Andrews—Speeches, Dialogues and Essays by the Methodists.

The Christmas cantata given at the St. Andrew's Presbyterian church by the children of the Sunday school on Tuesday evening was a very pleasing entertainment, fully in harmony with the joyous Christmas time.

The little folks, who had been drilled hard for several weeks under the direction of Mrs. Brady, had their parts well learned and their little speeches and songs were rendered in a clear, distinct manner and without hesitation.

The opening chorus composed of 14 children of the infant class was followed by the entrance of Mr. ... who represented the president of the occasion. The president was called upon to announce the program but became confused and it was necessary to call upon Mother McClure, represented by Marie Thompson, who sang and recited very nicely, as did also Eliza McLennan as Ada, another character of the dialogue.

The "poet" represented by little Hugh McDonald was the star of the evening and his remarks always greeted by continuous applause.

Allie Beede represented the reporter and with his pencil and notebook took a full report of the proceedings. Other characters in the dialogue were represented by Nellie Mutch, Ray Te Roller, Oswold Grant and Jamie Grant. Lucille McRae, Aileen Bell and May McDonald represented Miss Frost, Miss Sleet and Miss Snow, and Margaret and Lucille Thompson represented fairies and each sang a song appropriate to the character.

The minstrel troupe, composed of Constance McDonald, Margaret Wissel, Mamie Te Roller, Madeline Shuman, Myrtle Turner and Clyde Morse, sang very nicely "The Vesper Song" and "The Music of the Bells."

The entrance of Santa Clause ended the program and an adjournment was taken to the lecture hall where a large tree, beautifully decorated and loaded with gifts for the children was revealed. It is needless to add that the entertainment was a complete success and did great credit to those who assisted in the arrangement and also to all who took part.

The Methodist church was crowded to its fullest capacity and shortly after the program commenced it was necessary to lock the door and many were unable to gain admittance watched the proceedings through the windows.

The program, consisting of songs, dialogues and recitations, was one of excellence and was fully appreciated by the large audience in attendance.

The large tree was overloaded with presents and the larger part of an hour and a half was consumed in the distribution of the gifts after the program was finished.

The little ones were all made happy by the receipt of their presents and many of the older ones were also made the recipients of gifts which had been placed on the tree by their friends. Santa Claus was very liberal this year and his generosity will not be forgotten for a long time to come.

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### Terms for Boers.

London, Nov. 28.—In the course of an important speech at Croydon last night, the Right Hon. C. T. Ritchie, secretary of state for home affairs, declared that Premier Salisbury's statement that "No shred of independence should be left to the republics" had been twisted and contorted in a way Lord Salisbury never intended.

"It was not intended," said the Secretary, "that the Boers should not have a representative in the government, or that we insisted upon unconditional surrender, except in the sense that we could not again offer the te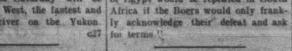rms which had been reje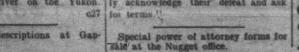cted." If any general representing the Boers in arms, said the speaker, had made a proposition of peace on the conditions that the Boers should, in the course of time, have a representative in the government, he was satisfied such a proposition would be referred more to by Lord Kitchener, and would form a basis for the conclusion of peace.

"We desired a termination of hostilities," concluded Mr. Ritchie, "so that the Boer and British could live together in peace and amity, and the same extraordinary success which has attended the British administration of Egypt would be repeated in South Africa if the Boers would only frankly acknowledge their defeat and ask for terms."

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## THE POLICE INTERFERED

And Stopped Glove Contest at the Gymnasium.

Christmas eve a large crowd of people gathered at the club gymnasium to witness what was advertised as a 20 round boxing contest between two French Canadians, Joe Befrancoise and Joe Beauregard. The go was changed by the management to a ten round contest which lasted not quite two rounds, owing to the interference of Corporal Piper of the N. W. M. P., who stepped into the ring and ordered the contest stopped for reasons which were not apparent to the onlookers as the contest between the two men, while lacking the skilled effectiveness of champions, was in no manner brutal—neither of the men showing the result of punishment or even suffering from a bloody nose. Many French Canadian friends of the contestants were present and they, as the go progressed encouraged the men with French equivalents for "go at it Joe," "swing up," "look out for your wind," etc.

Befrancoise showed to the better advantage in landing some effective blows on his opponent's wind which in all probability would have placed the man on the ex list if the go proceeded. Upon Piper entering the ring and stopping the go he was assailed with the choicest expletives to be found in two languages as the people considered he had overstepped his authority and interfered in a harmless pastime which in any other British country on the face of the earth is allowed to be practised when brutality is not indulged in by the participants. Dr. La Chappelle made a fiery speech at the conclusion of the contest, condemning the police for interfering and stating that it was time the people took away from the police the power to interfere in their affairs and that end could be accomplished by incorporation, with police appointed by the council.

At the conclusion of La Chappelle's remarks the wildest enthusiasm was manifested and if there were any present who hesitated as to which side they will vote on in the coming election the doctor certainly made some votes for an elective council.

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### Gross Ingratitude.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton used to tell the story of a band of good women who furnished the means for educating a poor young man for the ministry, who rewarded their kindness and self sacrifice by preaching his first sermon from the text, "Let your women keep silence in the churches."

Somewhat similar was the experience of Editor Cadby of the Whangville Patriot. He tells it in this wise:

"I gave that boy of mine a college education. I had to economize, but I did it. Through my acquaintance with a friend in the big city I got him a job on a first-class city newspaper. I could have made good use of him in my own office, but I wanted to do better for him than that. How do you suppose he repaid me? The first thing he did after he got his chair warm in his new job, by George," I was to write a two column burlesque on country printing offices."

Best jewelry at the lowest prices at L. Schuman.

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## SUSPENDED ANIMATION

Is Present Condition of Government Telegraph Line.

Not only was the through telegraph line in operation on and for several days before Christmas, but the morning communication with White Horse and Skagway was stopped by the wire going down at some point south of Big Salmon. It is thought the break will be repaired this evening and there is a possibility that the through wire will be in operation in the very near future.

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### Scotch Concert.

Judging by a glimpse of the programme which has been prepared for the Scotch concert on the night of January 1st at St. Andrew's Church, a musical treat of very high order is in store for those attending it. When it is stated that the concert will open with a bagpipe solo, and will conclude with "Auld Lang Syne" arranged as a solo and chorus, it will be seen to appeal to all who own the "land of the thistle" as their fatherland. The programme is entirely "Scotch," and from beginning to end is filled with bright and sparkling numbers. The concert has been arranged and organized by Mr. Ernest Searelle, and judging by his previous success in this line, the fact alone is a guarantee of the excellence of the "bill of fare" to be presented.

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### Handkerchief Contest.

The guessing contest for children's prizes closed Christmas eve at the N. C. Co.'s store and Ellen Cranston won the handsome doll, she guessing within nine of the exact number of handkerchiefs in the big window. The count was completed this morning and showed 730 to be the exact number, Master Fred Heath, however, guessed 721, missing the number by but one. He gets the skates and hockey sticks. Some 250 children participated in the contest.

Send a copy of Goetzman's Souvenir to outside friends. A complete pictorial history of Klondike. For sale at all news stands. Price $2.50.

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## DARK BROWNS PREVAILED

But no Fines Were Imposed in Police Court Today.

It was an array of dark brown post-Christmas tastes that were on the lonesome bench in the Police Magistrate's court this morning, and all of the dark brown's in Dawson been crowded as a Sunday school the Saturday before Christmas.

Dr. J. Q. La Chappelle pleaded guilty to having used profane and abusive language at St. Mary's church Tuesday night, but said in extenuation that he had a great grievance in that he had paid for a seat in the church and it was being taken, hence his rage. He was dismissed without fine.

August Rocco was the next occupant of the box. August had poured frequently and deeply of some wild, possibly the raisin brand, of home made hootch with his hair and caused him to become obstreperous. He "loosed up," but owing to the occasion being glad Christmas time when all nature is supposed to take a turn he was dismissed with a warning.

Phillip Miller had crawled out through or under the barbed wire fence that separates the garden of respectable intoxication from the briar patch of beastly drunkenness. Phillip likewise acknowledged the corn, although it might have been raisins. He said, and there was that depth of tone in his voice that carries with it conviction "I came to town to celebrate Christmas and took too much."

Again was justice tempered with mercy by his honor and Philip was told to go his way, but to be more circumspect in the misty future.

The juvenile end men will astonish you with their clever bad hits. J. R. hall. Tickets to the minstrel show at Reid's drug store.

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## Of Interest to Miners!

Mr. G. P. Wells, who is in charge of the Machinery Department of the N. C. Co., leaves for the outside about January 8th for the purpose of ordering Boilers, Hoists, Engines, Pumps, and a full line of all necessary supplies for next season's shipment. We intend to bring in the largest and most complete stock ever carried in the Yukon district, our past experience making it possible for us to order just what is needed and what has proven most successful in working the mines of the Klondike.

Mr. Wells can be found at his office at our Hardware department, No. 215 Front st., and will be pleased to impart any information relative to the goods we expect to bring in for next season, or take any special orders that are to be executed while he is outside.

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