

Dawson Society

When Christmas bells across the snow,
Ring out their merry chime,
Our hearts turn back along the track
To youthful days sublime.

When life was new, when love was sweet,
When hope was ours, and faith complete,
Ere lines of care, and silver hair
Had come our daily life to share.

And though our hearts may ache the while,
We teach our faces how to smile,
That youthful hearts may feel the glow
That Christmas brought us long ago.

Years ago I stood on a street corner
In the little coast town of Santa Cruz.

It was Christmas time, and through the thick, gray fog people were hurrying to and fro, laughing and chatting of the happy times they would have; their arms were full of bundles, and they whispered and nodded about the surprises in store for their loved ones. I, too, was buying presents for loved ones, but my heart was reaching out for the absent loved ones who were many miles away, whose dear faces I had not seen for years, might never see again, and I some way wondered how others could be so light-hearted and happy and I listened for the minor key in their laughing voices but heard it not.

A group of men were discussing Christmas times. One of their number, a grown boy, was looking towards the beach where he waves made a low, bobbing sound, his hat was pushed back from his face, hand hands were deep in his pockets.

"I have never had a Christmas since mother died," he said. The utter loneliness in his voice caught my ear, our eyes met, and we understood as do two people of the same nationality when meeting in a foreign land. There was fellowship in the look. I, too, had boys, and though we spoke no word,

he understood the wave of sympathy that passed between us.

I often wonder if Christmas ever brings to the human heart unalloyed happiness after once we have passed from beneath the roof of our childhood home.

The society editor is thinking of starting a query column. For instance, how is a true account to be given in these columns of the free library concerts if the wrong program is furnished the editor, and she is unable to find even standing room on the crowded floor?

How is an account to be given of all the dinners, teas, socials and card parties given by Dawson's four hundred unless the charming hostess sends a little note to the society editor telling the names of her guests, the manner of their entertainment, and any other matter that she may wish to appear in the society column? This is the custom the world over, and the society editor knows of no other satisfactory way in which the matter may be managed.

On Tuesday evening Mrs. Capt. Olson, assisted by her husband, entertained at dinner Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McPherson. The dinner as prepared and served after the most approved style by the fair young bride who bids fair to excel as a dainty hostess. On New Year's eve Mrs. Olson will entertain in her elegant home the fair young brides of Dawson and their husbands. Hearts will be the game of the evening, the room decorations will be floating fairy strings of hearts. The food will be prepared in heart-shapes, and hearts—happy hearts—will watch the old year out and the new year in.

During the week Mrs. Perkins gave a delightful dinner to her friends Mr.

and Mrs. Schooling, Miss Emma Allen and Mr. P. R. Ritchie.

Last Thursday evening occurred the regular weekly hop of the Bon Ami Club, which was a very enjoyable affair, attended by the following named people:

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Brimston, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kline, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hume; Mesdames Barnes, Orr, Smith; Misses Burt, Ethel Beede, Bense, May Jennings, Blanche Johnson, Millicent Latimer, Marchia Latimer, Edythe McMillan, Alice McAndrews, Metcalf, O'Brien, Smith; Messrs. F. A. Asan, R. P. Berry, G. A. Coleman, J. E. Daniels, J. Chisholm, R. J. Dillon, W. H. Glunz, R. A. Grimes, A. H. Jones, R. E. McCormick, J. A. Mullen, Burne Pollock, J. H. Patten, G. B. Parsons, R. H. Prichard, S. Spring, J. H. Scott, P. Steil, C. E. Taylor, E. M. Whalley.

Baldwin apples at Meeker's.

Just in Time.—Diamonds galore at Soggs & Vesco. Who wants fine stones?

Mr. E. A. Cochrane, formerly watchmaker for Gorham & Co., wishes to inform his friends that he is now located with Biff & Co., on Second street, opposite the bank of B. N. A., where he is prepared to do all kinds of first-class watch making and repairing at reasonable prices. All work guaranteed. c26

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Goetzman makes the crack photos of dog teams.

Hay and oats at Meeker's.

Notice to Eagles.

All members of the Eagles are earnestly requested to be present at the meeting of the order which occurs on Sunday night at McDonald hall. Business of particular interest will be transacted. A special invitation is given to visiting members to attend.

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A NEW INDUSTRY COMING

Wm. Bradley Wants Job to Prepare Fuel for Local Market.

He Will Cut the Material From the Bogs of the Klondike Above Rock Creek.

There have been a great many permits, covering almost everything from the manufacture and sale of liquor to exclusive townsite ownership, applied for at the hands of the government here, but the one asked for a few days since by Wm. Bradley, R. N. R., is something new. Mr. Bradley wants to cut peat from the bog lands of the Klondike above Rock creek and turn the same into fuel.

A letter addressed to the commissioner sets forth that the writer has had much experience in the preparation of this fuel in Europe, and points out the fact that timber for the purpose is rapidly disappearing except in remote districts, and will become more difficult to obtain, and on that account more expensive with each succeeding year, while, on the other hand peat is to be had from an almost inexhaustible supply, as the bog, or marsh lands of the Klondike are very extensive. The letter, bearing the stamp of approval has been sent to the office of Mr. Gosselin, the crown lands and timber agent, and there is every indication that Mr. Bradley will be given an opportunity to compete with the producers of other fuel.

It must not be supposed that it is proposed to offer to the consumer the peat as it is cut from the ground, for such is far from the case.

In Europe, some years since, the peat bog lands of different localities were turned to account as fuel producers by an American invention which cuts, dries and otherwise prepares the material for use, and later long accounts were published of the advent of the industry into the great peat land districts of Canada, and now it has come to Dawson.

It is Mr. Bradley's intention, as set forth in his letter of application for the permit, to interest English capital in the scheme, and import the necessary machinery.

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