

VERY LAUDABLE UNDERTAKING

Chief Kodowatt of the Klukwan Tribe Will Entertain.

A Big Potlatch at Which a Long Existing Feud Will Be Buried—History of Trouble.

A great potlatch and peace making attempt is to be held at the Indian village of Klukwan, on the Dalton trail, Sept. 10. Chief Kodowatt is to give the potlatch and to be the king pin in the other movements connected with the affair. Great stocks of white men's food classed by the aboriginals of the region as delicacies are being sent into Klukwan in preparation for the grand event, says the Alaskan.

Kodowatt will endeavor to settle, during the potlatch, a feud that has existed among the warring tribes of the Indians of the district for generations and for centuries. It is between the Wrangels and Sitkas that he will attempt to bear the olive branch. J. M. Blankenburg, a business man of Haines, tells the story as follows:

"This celebration, Kodowatt says, is to be the last of the kind. He has issued invitations to the Wrangels and the Sitkas to join, and it is his purpose to unite them after their long alienation, in bonds of love and friendship, and to have the hatchet buried forever. To this end the old fellow is bending his energies, and declares this is to be the last great potlatch, and that after it the Indians shall be good and live as the white man, and peace shall reign among the tribes.

The trouble between the Wrangels and the Sitkas began 600 years ago at a big feast held at Wrangel. The Sitkas had been invited by the Wrangels and were present. The Wrangels proceeded to give their guests a jolly time. Before long all were so jubilant that a free-for-all fight resulted, and when it was over only a few of the Sitkas had escaped alive. Then the incensed Sitkas thirsted for the blood of revenge, and they got it. Feuds resulted, and fights prevailed. At last the Sitkas showed a friendly spirit and invited the Wrangels to visit them. They foolishly accepted. The Sitkas opened the entertainment with most gracious ostentation. They got their guests into a large building and as the mirth increased and good cheer gained control the hosts began to slip out. Before the Wrangels knew it the Sitkas were all out, and had the doors barred. Then the Sitkas set fire to the building, and to make the story short, the Wrangels were cremated. That was perhaps a hundred years ago, but enough of the Wrangels had stayed at home to prolong the feud, and still the fires of enmity burn, but Kodowatt has undertaken to bring peace to his brothers."

S. Weitzmann, a Haines merchant, stated he has sold a great amount of merchandise to the Indians for their potlatch. Kodowatt is the greatest buyer. Mr. Weitzmann said:

"I have already sold and delivered 275 boxes of pilot bread or hard tack to the Indians. Pilot bread is one of their most loved food. They dip it in lard, soak it in the oil of the candle or booby-gon fish, and eat with utmost delight. I have seen a buck and his squaw sit down beside a box of crackers and eat until all were gone.

"In the coming potlatch the Indians will also eat a great deal of sugar, canned peaches, canned grapes, cakes and candies.

"I have sold 250 boxes of food supplies to George Shortridge, another chief of the tribe, who will also take a big part in the celebration. Many others of the Indians have bought as high as 25 boxes."

The Wit Beacher Kept In.

In the early days of Mr. Beecher's career, when wit was unknown in the pulpit, some of the deacons of his church asked him if he didn't think such frequent outbursts of humor were calculated to diminish his usefulness. He listened patiently, and when they finished he said: "Brethren, if you only knew how many funny things I keep in, you wouldn't complain about the few I let out."—Ladies' Home Journal.

Canadian Briefs.

Toronto, Aug. 11.—Morris Goldstein, manager of a second-hand store, at Queen street, west, died suddenly yesterday. A doctor was called in. His suspicions were aroused and on investigation found carbolic acid in the dead man's stomach. An inquest is to be held this afternoon.

Montreal, Aug. 11.—The steamship Lake-Megantic brought 163 immigrants

here today, 26 of whom were for the United States. They were not allowed to land at Quebec. Among the Lake-Megantic's cabin passengers was Dr. Attes, the celebrated Greek explorer, with his bride, who has already made a tour of the globe on foot. Dr. Attes is now on another of his famous excursions, which is to be made in a motor car, starting from this city.

Montreal, Aug. 11.—Wm. E. Sharpley, head of the well known jewelry firm of Messrs. Rice, Sharpley & Sons, is dead.

In view of the continuous rains that threaten to do damage to the crops, Archbishop Bruchessi has authorized the priests of his diocese to make processions and public prayers for more favorable weather.

Halifax, Aug. 11.—Mrs. Richard Slattery fell from a four-story window this morning and was instantly killed. Her husband died in the hospital at Sydney, C. B., a short time ago. She leaves five children.

Hamilton, Aug. 10.—Mary Elstone, of this city, has brought an action for breach of promise of marriage against George King, a wealthy farmer, of Hickson. The plaintiff is 74 and the defendant 80 years of age.

London, Aug. 10.—Mary McFarlane, the intended wife of Joseph Sifton, was on the witness stand at the trial of Gerald Sifton and Walter Herbert, charged with the murder of old Sifton, yesterday afternoon. Her testimony was strongly against both prisoners.

The trial was resumed this morning. The cross-examination of Miss McFarlane occupied the attention of the court up to the noon adjournment. The lawyer for the defence had only succeeded in getting the witness to admit that she had been engaged to marry Martin Morden a year ago and that the engagement was still in force when she agreed to marry Joseph Sifton.

Toronto, Aug. 10.—The executive committee of the Ontario Pharmaceutical College has recommended with respect to the interchange of diplomas with the Pharmaceutical Association of British Columbia that reciprocity be restricted to members of the respective provinces who have been registered by examinations.

Mrs. Hughill, aged 72, is dead as the result of injuries received from falling over a gas stove.

Chatham, Aug. 10.—Jno. O'Neill, a former popular conductor on the Lake Erie & Detroit River railway, is lying at Ridgetown, his home, hovering between life and death, from the result of taking a dose of carbonic acid. The cause of the rash act is said to be dependency brought on by worry due to his services being temporarily dispensed with by the railway company.

New Glasgow, N. S., Aug. 10.—Hon. Geo. Foster started the political ball rolling last night in the presence of about 1200 people. He spoke at length on the history and career of the Conservative party and the great prosperity of the Dominion.

Ottawa, Aug. 10.—William Palmer, Cadet Hamilton and Cadet Kirkland, all of this city, and graduates at Kingston Military College, have received commissions in the British army in India, and leave for that country on Wednesday next.

Gleanings.

The restoration of the bloody tower in the Tower of London is now completed.

There are 5000 hotels and camps in the Adirondacks receiving guests. They have a combined capacity of 62,000.

Glycerine is a byproduct of soap and candle factories, and something like 40,000 tons of this commodity are made yearly.

Philadelphia policemen carry canes with curved handles. They are sometimes useful in reaching for escaping lawbreakers.

Recent floods in upper, central and southern Italy, which threatened the lines of railway, have brought to the attention of the government the necessity of replanting forests on the hillsides.

Recent explorations show that Brazilian resources, if pressed, could furnish 50 per cent more raw rubber than at present. Investigations in Africa have disclosed a supply which is practically limitless.

The Basutos are a tribe of Bechuanas, and they number about 250,000. They are a race of recent origin, being really an agglomeration of peoples who had been scattered during the Zulu conquests at the beginning of the present century.

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WASHINGTON STATE NEWS.

Kent is to have an electric line to Seattle inside of 18 months.

Mrs. S. S. Goff, of Independence, Ore., died at Pullman, aged 74 years.

At the close of the coming school year Prof. Elton Fulmer will leave the Agricultural college to take the management of the beet sugar factory at Waverly.

John Sands, a resident of East Clallam for the past ten years, was drowned in Clallam river. Mr. Sands had started out trout fishing.

Prosperity on the Columbia is evidenced by the unprecedented amount of freight that is being conveyed on the river steamers. Steamers do not run on time, sometimes getting a day behind.

From 10 to 15 tons of fish are received at the Warren cannery, Cathlamet, daily, and from six to seven and a half cents a pound paid. Fishermen are doing well, as the season draws to a close.

News has been received at North Yakima that Frank La Vergne, who killed "Tex" Bagwell, a gambler, about five years ago, has been paroled, and is now at work in a logging camp on the Sound.

The burial of James Harpool, of North Yakima, took place at Tahoma cemetery. The deceased was bitten by a dog last week and taken to the Sisters' hospital, where he died of blood poisoning.

The salmon are running in very large schools near Friday harbor, and the traps on the salmon banks are catching more than can be handled at this cannery, and large numbers are being sent to the big cannery at Fairhaven.

Mr. R. Jackson, an old man living alone near Roche Harbor, aged 86, was found dead, lying on his bed tully dressed. He left his place of working some five days previous, saying that he was going home to have two or three days' rest.

Tax Adjuster Jay Sedgwick, of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, was in North Yakima seeking a reduction of the railway taxes. He asked that the taxes should be lowered from \$6600 to \$5280 per mile. The county commissioners refused to make the reduction.

The Parker fruit growers at North Yakima began to pick and pack the Italian prune crop. There will be a shortage this year over last. The entire crop there will not exceed 20 car loads. This season's crop of pears is also light. Some shipments have already been made at \$1.65 a box.

Mrs. John Green, of Chelan, met with a serious accident while on an outing to Horseshoe Basin. While returning to Stehekin her horse got frightened at a bear that jumped up at the side of the trail. This threw Mrs. Green, but her foot became fastened in the stirrup, and she was not dangerously injured, and is recovering from her injuries at her home in Chelan.

The condenser at Kent is soon to build a large addition in which more powerful engines will be placed and other machinery added, including a complete cheese factory. The electric plant is much improved with a new addition, a new engine and other improvements, which give better service, and still the end is not, as new dynamos will be put in soon.

Female Law Firm.

A remarkable family is that of Mrs. Kate Pier and her three handsome daughters, all lawyers. The admission of Miss Kate H. Pier and Miss Harriet Pier on the application of Mrs. Kate Pier, their mother, to practice in the supreme court of the United States brought out the remarkable place which this interesting family has come to occupy in the business world of Wisconsin, their home, and of the country in general. Besides Mrs. Pier and the daughters named above, another daughter, Mrs. Caroline H. Pier-Roemer, is also a lawyer in regular practice in the Wisconsin courts.

The Piers are of Puritan stock. The husband and father was also a lawyer. He was the late Col. C. K. Pier, who went to the civil war from Fond du Lac as a private in a Wisconsin regiment and came out again with the eagles of a colonel on his shoulders. He was wounded and his health was never very good after the war came to an end. But he returned to the city of his enlistment and there for some years carried on a leading business. In later life reverses led him to take up the practice of law, and he moved to Milwaukee, where he died in 1895.

In the meantime Mrs. Kate Pier had been called upon to handle the estate, and it was then that she learned the advantage of some legal knowledge to a woman, and particularly to one who has to deal with business affairs. Her eldest daughter, Kate, on graduating from the high school at Fond du Lac, took up the study of law. The family moved to Milwaukee in 1895. The year previous both mother and daughter had been graduated from the law school of the University of Wisconsin, where they took a two year course in one year and acquitted themselves with the highest of honors.

When the family removed from Fond du Lac to Milwaukee, a law office was opened as soon as a home. Miss Kate H. Pier went into general civil practice, and her mother devoted herself entirely to work in the office. Through the efforts of Miss Pier, who, by the way, is not entirely without knowledge

of political wiles, the legislature passed a law which permits women to hold the office of court commissioner. Mrs. Pier was appointed by Judge Johnson and has the distinction of being the first woman in the country to hold that position.

The law fever was catching, and Mrs. Pier's two younger daughters, Caroline H. Pier and Harriet Pier, followed the footsteps of their mother and sister, took the law course at the University of Wisconsin and were graduated with honors.

They opened offices in Milwaukee, where they still conduct their business. They met with about the usual success which young men of the legal profession have until Miss Kate had her first case before the supreme court of Wisconsin in 1899. This was a small railroad case and was easily won. After this success was assured.—Ex.

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