

QUAINT NORWEGIAN CUSTOM.

They Make Unique Presents on Christmas Day.

Birds Are Remembered With Plenty to Eat—Good Cheer Is the Order of the Day.

Christmas is celebrated in many ways. In this country all know what is done—the giving of presents, the dinners, the church going and the general joy diffused in every possible way. In England Christmas is celebrated with more boisterous enthusiasm than anywhere else. Every person who can read the English language knows the Christmas of Dickens, and the old English celebration of the feast has been described in detail by Washington Irving in "The Sketch Book." Feasting is characteristic of the English celebration. Eating has become such a part of the day in England that the Italians have the following proverb: "He has more business than English ovens at Christmas." The English probably do more eating Christmas than any other people.

In Norway there is a peculiar Christmas way of offering a lady a brooch or a pair of earrings in a truss of hay. The house door of the person complimented is pushed open, and there is thrown into the house a truss of hay or straw, a sheaf of corn or a bag of chaff. In some part of this "bottle of hay" envelope there is a needle of a present to be hunted for. A favorite way for a lover to send a present to his mistress is to make a large brown paper bundle, which on being opened reveals a second parcel, with a loving motto on the cover, and so on, parcel within parcel, motto within motto, until the kernel of this paper husk is arrived at, which opened, contains some delicate and valuable ornament.

One of the prettiest Norwegian customs at Christmas is the practice of giving on that day a dinner to the birds. On Christmas morning every gate, gateway or barn door is decorated with a sheaf of corn fixed on a tall pole, wherefrom it is intended that the birds shall make a Christmas dinner. Even the poorest peasant will contrive to have a handful set aside for this purpose, and what the birds do not eat on Christmas day remains for them to finish at their leisure through the winter. The caroling of these birds about these poles makes a Norwegian Christmas cheery.

On New Year's day friends and acquaintances always call upon each other, exchanging calls and good wishes. In a corner of each reception room stands a little table, which is kept furnished all day with wine, cakes and sweetmeats for the visitors, who talk, flirt, compliment and sip wine and nibble cake from house to house with great perseverance.

Christmas brings its cheer and joy year after year to the little ones of the household, but the times comes when they are supposed to be grown up beyond the desire for the Christmas tree, with its rich fruit of surprises. One of the jolliest Christmas celebrations possible, however, is to have a Christmas tree for the grown up folk.

In no country perhaps does Christmas wear so strange a garb as in the half Indian and half Spanish cities of the South American republic. Of these not one presents so singular and so interesting an aspect as Lima, the capital of Peru. Its Moorish architecture, its magnificent religious festivals, its many colored population, its picturesque costumes and its strange mixture of the customs of old Spain with those of the ancient empire of the Incas combine to form a picture of rare attractions.

On Christmas eve—noche buena, the good night, as the natives call it—the whole city is alive with preparations for the approaching festivity. The alemanas, or public walks outside the walls, are on Christmas eve crowded with pleasure seekers, and the great square is filled by a motley throng, whose faces present every shade of human color, from the aristocratic white and slender figure of the pure Spanish creole through 50 crosses and gradations to the jetty black and robust frame of the equally pure negro.

Numerous ice stills, surrounded with chairs and benches are scattered over the square and drive a busy trade, for to the Lima ice is a necessary of life, and never is it more welcome than during the sultry Christmas time. As the night deepens the crowd increases, and presently is heard above the hum of voices the wild chanting of

the Peruvian waits, bands of negroes dressed in flowing robes of red; with their black faces sometime disguised by ugly and still blacker masks and carrying in their hands calabashes filled with pebbles. To the monotonous music of the guitar and clattering castanets they sing guttural songs and dance uncouth measures, rattling the pebbles to mark time. After the negroes come groups of Indian women, loosely dressed, their long black hair, unbound, falling to their ankles, carrying long, slender wands fluttering with ribbons. In low, soft tones they sing sweet melodies and move in circles, performing the most graceful dances, waving their light wands in time to the music of a flute and harp.—Kansas City Times.

Skagway Alaskan.
The last mail brought copies of the third annual special edition of the Skagway Daily Alaskan, a 28-page, 7-column paper, filled full of writeups and illustrations descriptive of that town, its citizens and their enterprises. The paper is a mechanical gem, but is what might be expected of its enterprising proprietor, Geo. W. De Succi. The Alaskan office has lately added a Mergenthaler type-setter and is one of the best papers published north of Seattle.

Last Night's Concert.
The sacred concert given last night at the Savoy theater was deserving of much better patronage than was bestowed upon it, the program being most carefully selected and exceptionally well rendered. It was as follows:

March, "N. W. M. P." Al Hart; Miss Elaine Forrest, solo, "Dreams," Strezelki; overture, "Pique Dame," Suppe; Rannu and Evans, cornet and trombone duet; overture, "Beautiful Rhine," Kela Bela; Miss Lillian Walters, "Recessional," Kipling; overture from "Rigoletto," Verdi; Prof. Parkes' wondrouscope, a Scottish tour; Oriental Patrol, "La Caravane," Ash; Misses Walthers and Forrest, "The Miserere," Verdi; march, "Hohenzollern," Unrath; Prof. Parkes' wondrouscope, new moving pictures "God Save the Queen."

Challenge.
The Civil Service hockey team hereby challenges the A. C. Company's amalgamated team, or any seven players in the territory, to a game of hockey to be played on Saturday evening, February 2, at 8:30, in the Dawson skating rink.

L. G. BENNET, Capt.
T. H. HINTON, Act'g Sec.

Information Wanted.
Editor Daily Nugget:
Dear Sir—To decide a wager, will you kindly state what city in the world has the greatest number of lines of railroad.
B. F. GERMAIN.

(Until within recent years Indianapolis, Ind., had more railway lines running into it than any city in the world; but Toledo, Ohio, is now said to have two more lines than Indianapolis. We would be obliged to have any information that may be given on the subject by any person having reliable information concerning it.—ED.)

That Prize Story.
Dawson, Jan. 25, 1901.
Editor Klondike Nugget:
Dear Sir—Will you kindly publish in your daily edition your Christmas prize story, as I and several of my friends have been unable to procure copies of your special number. If too long for one edition, will you kindly publish it in continued form, so as not to crowd news items. Hoping you will comply to my request, I remain yours truly
A LADY READER.

Dawson, Jan. 22, 1901.
Editor Nugget:
Dear Sir—I noticed in your edition of the 18th a reply to "Constant Reader." Is it not possible to publish the prize story referred to in different issues to be continued; then it will not take up too much space in a separate issue and will also create a desire to have the next. Hoping you will try and meet our request in this way, I remain yours faithfully,
G. W. ELDERKIN.

(To the above requests we can only make the reply made regarding the same thing a short time ago, namely, that the length of the prize story forbids its being reproduced on account of the limited space in the Daily Nugget. However, if our correspondents will call we will be pleased to present them with a copy of the special Christmas edition of the paper containing the prize story.—ED.)

Hay and grain at Meeker's.
The fire never touched us. We are doing more business than ever. Murphy Bros., butchers.
Fine fresh meats at Murphy Bros., Third street.

COMING AND GOING.

Many new fire escapes, mostly of iron, were put up about town today.

It is said that in compliance with a recent order all aliens now filling positions in official offices must take the oath of allegiance or be turned out. As a result of this several will take the oath today.

Territorial Clerk McDonald was seen musing a dog team last Chauceward Saturday afternoon, and from the way he was measuring off the distance it is safe to say he will get there before Dan McKinnon can make another trip to Dominion.

The postoffice has been closed today and will be closed tomorrow in consideration of the death of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. The mail for the outside will close according to notice posted, on Friday, the 1st day of February.

Beyond His Comprehension.
An Indian's respect for women increases a hundredfold after his visit to England. But he finds it difficult to reconcile himself to the low necked dress which society imposes upon women, nor does he understand the ethics of an English dance which affords a friend or stranger an opportunity to place his arm around the waist of a fair lady who happens to be the wife of another. And he finds neither rhyme nor reason in the rule of society which, while permitting a lady to drink with male friends, denies her the privilege of smoking. Above all, the Indian has a horror of the new woman. She has very properly been described as the "third sex."—A Hindoo in Universal Magazine.

Trees and Land.
Do not buy land on which the trees are small and of not very thick growth. You will see that men who are experienced in buying farming land always go on this principle. Land thickly covered with timber indicates good land where the trees are scattered and not very tall indicates poor land.

A stray chimpanzee from Central Africa sometimes goes as far north as Morocco, where it is looked on as "a hairy man with four hands."

Queen's Memorial Service.
There will be memorial services conducted at St. Paul's church Tuesday afternoon at 3 p. m. Special music will be furnished.

Public Notice.
The Commissioner of the Yukon territory directs that all public offices be closed during Monday and Tuesday, 28th and 29th of January, and respectfully asks the public to observe these two days as days of mourning for the death of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, as far as business necessities will permit.
I. N. E. BROWN,
Territorial Secretary.

Ben Cockrill, the produce merchant, will leave for the outside Saturday to attend to early shipments for the spring trade.

At the present rate of consumption, the white fish the Pacific Cold Storage Co. brought in for the winter season will all be gone long before Easter.

When in want of laundry work call up 'phone 52. Cascade Laundry.

Goods sold on commission at Meeker's.

Hay and oats 10 cents, job lots that must be sold. Brien & Clemmets, Second avenue.

Special Power of Attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

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\$25 reward for one black malamute dog, with white tips; name Jack. Return to Sam Means, No. 20 above Bonanza.

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The Nugget

The Nugget reaches the people in town and out of town; on every creek and every claim, in season and out of season. If you wish to reach the public you will do well to bear this in mind.

Our circulation is general; we cater to no class—unless it be the one that demands a live, unprejudiced and readable newspaper

Yea, Yea, Yea.

The grand sacred concert under the auspices of the Fraternal Order of Eagles to be given next Sunday in the Savoy theater promises to be the event of the season. The very best professional talent in Dawson has volunteered for the event, and no effort is being spared to make this concert surpass anything ever attempted north of Victoria.

The plan will open tomorrow (Tuesday) at Reid's drug store, at 4 p. m., and all boxes and reserved seats will be sold. First come, first served.

All boxes will be sold according to the number of seats each seat in the boxes being \$5. Balcony, \$2.50, and down stairs reserved, \$2; general admission \$1.

Fresh Eastern oysters at Meeker's.

Linen and official envelopes, at Zaccarelli's Bank Cafe corner.

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