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SAVED AN INDIAN TRIBE

The white man's hygiene, introduced among the Indians north of the Arctic Circle by the Alaska Boundary survey party, saved a tribe of smallpox-stricken Indians at Rampart House last summer and started them back on the road to health, said a Seattle despatch, Nov. 11, to the New York Tribune.

The requirements of sanitary science, which included a bath in the cool waters of the Porcupine River, were not accepted with enthusiasm by the hapless Indians, but after being coaxed with chocolate and tea, or threatened with the white man's law, they accepted treatment. Out of seventy-one cases of smallpox at Rampart there was only one death.

The discovery of the stricken tribe of Indians was made by Mr. Riggs, Dr. Smith and M. K. Pope when the remainder of the party was in the field. Of the one hundred Indians in the village more than one-half were down with the scourge. Although the village was on Canadian soil, the Americans began their humanitarian work without hesitation.

There was a general cleaning up of the village. Healthy Indians were put to work scrubbing and filthy outfits were burned.

M. K. Pope, Princeton football player and cotillion leader, of Baltimore, was installed as the master of the bath at the river side.

Within a short time the tribe was cleaner than it had ever been, which was not a painful degree of cleanliness.

J. D. Craig, the engineer in charge of the Canadian party, was notified at once, and word was sent to Dawson for vaccine and a nurse. Within nine days a mounted trooper, wearing the uniform of the Northwest police, came into camp with a trained nurse and plenty of medical supplies.

As soon as the patients got well their clothing and outfits were burned and they were removed to the quarantine station on the island. Under the vigorous treatment of the white men the stricken Indians thrived wonderfully, and out of a total of seventy-one only one woman failed to recover. When the boundary party finished its season's work the Canadian Government engaged Dr. Smith to remain with the Indians all winter, and arranged to have supplies sent to him.—Ex.

AN ENJOYABLE EVENING.

On last Friday evening at the Brewer residence, a very enjoyable combination farewell-surprise party took place, the honored one being Miss Katie who left for Tacoma to resume studies at the High School after spending the holidays with relatives and friends at this place.

Games were played, songs were sung, stories and tales were presented until a late hour when the refreshments were served. These, as usual were delicious and abundant and were disposed of with great rapidity. Departure for quarters followed.