

GREAT SEAT OF LEARNING

TOMSK HAS THE ONLY UNIVERSITY IN ALL SIBERIA.

Difficulties of Publishing a Daily Paper There—History and Business of the Old Town.

TOMEK, Siberia, August 20.—Tomsk is the educational center of Siberia. In European Russia several universities offer educational facilities to young men and young women, but at the Asiatic portion of the empire, Tomsk is the only city which is the seat of a university.

The University of Tomsk was established in 1888, with some 20 professors and nearly 300 students in the second year after its founding. In the beginning the medical faculty only was organized, and the attendance noted was reached when the study of medicine and surgery was the only course open to pupils.

Only 30 per cent of the students of the university are Siberians, the remainder coming from the European provinces of Russia, even as far as from Caucasus.

Culture of University Town.

As a natural consequence of the presence of the university and the people attracted by it, Tomsk shows other evidence of culture and education such as we at home are accustomed to find in a college town.

GOLD NEAR TACOMA.

Placers Said to Yield One Dollar to the Pan on Carbon River.

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About 60 years old, and died in 1884, at which time the house would have been 37. There are ample proofs that he was a man of high education and familiar with life in high places.

The house where the hermit died is one of the most interesting places in Tomsk, and many of the circumstances of his life are so strange and so unusual that they have become the subject of much talk.

There are some strange things from St. Petersburg which go far to give credibility to the story. Most significant of all, it is that since the tale was related by Khromov and the papers left by the hermit, no member of the imperial Romanov family has been in Tomsk without visiting this house.

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Bicycle Sundries

We buy (for cash) in large quantities direct from the manufacturers, and don't have to make a double profit, one for ourselves and one for a parent house.

Just a Tip.

Mr. Purchaser: Any person who would pay over \$25 for a bicycle not carrying the manufacturer's name or without a National reputation, has more money than brains.

Clearance sale of all makes of second-hand bicycles. We are overcrowded with two or three hundred second-hand bicycles of all makes, which we have taken in trade for new Rambler and Ideal bicycles, and they must be sold at once.

Table listing bicycle models and prices: Ladies' DEFIANCE, AL condition... \$15.00; Ladies' ALPINE, good condition... \$11.00; Ladies' '96 Victoria, good condition... \$10.00; Ladies' '96 Ajax... \$10.00; Ladies' Westminster... \$10.00; Ladies' '97 Hartford... \$10.10; Ladies' Rambler, AL condition... \$10 to \$25.00; Gents' '97 Hartford, good condition... \$11.00; Gents' '96 Gladiator, good condition... \$7.50; Gents' '97 Reliance, good condition... \$10.00; Gents' '96 Wisconsin, good condition... \$10.00; Gents' '98 Pennix, fair condition... \$11.00; Gents' '97 Victor, good condition... \$12.00; Gents' '96 Columbia, AL condition... \$12.00; Gents' '97 World, good condition... \$12.00; Gents' '99 Clipper Chainless, AL... \$12.00; Gents' '99 White, good condition... \$12.00; Gents' '96 Crown, good condition... \$6.00; Gents' '99 Premier, good condition... \$10.00; Gents' '97 Siberia, good condition... \$10.00; Gents' '98 Victoria, good condition... \$10.00; Gents' '98 Gladiator, good condition... \$9.00; Gents' '96 Columbia, good condition... \$12.00; Gents' '96 Rambler, good condition... \$12.00; Gents' '97, '98 Rambler, good condition... \$10 to \$15.00; Gents' '99 Rambler, good as new... \$8 to \$25.00.

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