

ESKIMOS HAVE ODD CUSTOM

Tribe Lived In Ideal Condition of Communism Until Christianity And Civilization Came.

Washington, Oct. 26.—A special to the Washington Herald says:

Trial marriage among the eskimos of Alaska and in the region of the Mackenzie river is a complete success, and the life and morals of these people excel those of any civilized country, in the opinion of V. Stefansson, ethnologist of the Leffingwell-Miggelson polar expedition, who has just returned from the Far North.

Mr. Stefansson went through some exciting experiences, and the results of his ethnological studies of the Eskimos will probably delight the heart of Mrs. Parsons, the wife of Representative Parsons, who wrote "The Family," which book caused much discussion at the time of its publication.

This entire problem, he says, is worked out to perfection, divorce and family jars among this race being practically unknown.

In every instance, declares Mr. Stefansson, he found that those farthest away from religion and civilization as exemplified by the white man, had a much higher moral and physical standards than those who have been Christianized and civilized.

This conviction, he says, is borne out by almost unanimous testimony of the traders and the Canadian mounted police, who penetrate this country. Their exemplification of the family, he asserts, is superb, and cannot be qualified anywhere.

They Marry Young.
"When a boy reaches the age of 15 or 16 years he marries a girl of about the same age or a year younger," says Mr. Stefansson. "There is no ceremony in this union, and it is seldom a permanent one. Cases are rare where couples first united have remained together. It is sometimes the second, and generally the third union, which proves lasting."

"This last marriage usually takes place when the couple reaches young manhood and womanhood, and its ties are rarely, if ever, broken. If a couple, upon first mating, for any reason proves uncongenial, the one wishing to do so simply marries someone else."

"There are no hard feelings, and there is no complaint, as it is considered that neither party has cause for complaint."

"A peculiar feature of these matches is the fact that the young couples are, as a rule, not very affectionate, which is a peculiar contrast, as when permanently settled, and reaching the age of from 25 to 35, they become affectionate and loving in the extreme, and never unnecessarily leave one another's side."

Children Well Cared For.
"Naturally, you ask what becomes of the children springing from the trial marriages, but this is also easily disposed of, and in a most satisfactory way."

"Children are few in this region from various physiological reasons. In some instances they remain with the mother, in others with the father, but a majority are adopted by other and settled couples."

"Their care is no burden or expense, as these people are communists in every sense."

—Chicken dinner? Alright. Melrose Coffee House Sunday.

—Four dollars for the first hour and reduced rates for a longer time. See Mr. Andrews at the Coos Bay Transportation office, A street dock. His automobile is for hire.

THOUSANDS COME WEST

Colonist Rush to Pacific Northwest Breaks All Previous October Records.

The third week of October has produced another eye-opening record in colonial work for the Pacific Northwest. The results were 1,624 colonists through the Washington gateway alone, as compared with 823 for the same week a year ago. The Empire Pacific system in the fall making the record of its entire system for movement of colonists for the Pacific northwest.

Of the total received through this gateway 316 came to Portland, 103 to Coos Bay, 12 to Eugene, 17 to Bend, 12 to Elgin, 19 to Baker City, 13 to Walla Walla and the remainder to other points in Oregon and eastern Washington.

The colonist movement will continue throughout the month. The last day on which eastern people can buy tickets and start for Oregon on the colonist rate will be October 31. They may, if they start on that day, continue on the journey continuously to the destination without paying additional fare. It is expected that a large number will continue to arrive at Oregon points as late as November 4th.

The rate from Missouri river points is \$25, and from St. Louis and Mississippi river points, \$30. From Chicago it is \$33. Oregon people will have time to write and wire their eastern friends and relatives to come to Oregon on the low rates.

MILLINERY SALE

—Mrs. Elrod will close out her entire stock of hats at greatly reduced prices, to make room for a large stock of holiday goods, to arrive in the near future. This is an opportunity to secure a nice hat at a very low price. Call early while the stock is complete.

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A SUCCESSFUL CONCERT.

The concert given at Baumgartner's hall, foot of Coas street, last week at 2 a. m. was a very successful and prettily arranged affair, and its managers were highly gratified at its outcome. The affair was given in the honor of the fifteenth anniversary of the Marine Engineers' Association and was largely attended, and the program was very entertaining.

Although unexpectedly called upon, Mr. Harry Skinner, well known purser of the S. S. Alliance, told a few very good stories and sang with great success "Sweet Alice Ben Holt." Having a well trained voice, the vibrations of which reached every eardrum and crook of the hair. His back and wing dance also brought forth great applause.

Mr. Joe P. Mann, the popular chief engineer of the Alliance, told of his many experiences in the Orient up to the time of the Boxer uprising, where he was engaged in missionary work. He was fittingly costumed in a Chinese officer's uniform, which was both interesting and entertaining. Possessing a rich tenor voice, Mr. Mann made a decided hit with his Chinese songs and dances. The other folks as well as the audience showed their appreciation by their repeated curtain calls.

Mr. Schubert, the veteran chief steward of the Alliance, in his impersonation of "Foxy Grandpa" and his comical song entitled "You Think So" brought forth loud bursts of laughter and was well received. This number was especially pleasing to the young people and as he made his bow to the audience he said: "You, one more, that's all. \$1.00 apiece."

Numerous other performers went to fill up the evening's program.

Another feature of the evening was the three-act farce comedy entitled: "The Flory Untamed Wheat of the Sea."

Synopsis. A jolly party leaves Marshfield in the Wildcat, losing the propeller, they drift helplessly about in Coos Bay until rescued by the Breakwater and taken to Empire City, where they were heartily received. Balaam is in love with Peaches and Cream—J. Boerpump, Culmbucker woods and wine Peaches and Cream—they elope—Balaam

and Gluck in hot pursuit up Coos River—Biograph scenes of the chase—Pursuers outwitted—The couple reach Marshfield, are happily wedded and return to Empire City and are forgiven by Col. Mapelson Mullberry, the late father.

Mr. Thos. Kehoe, attired in his costume as a Toreador, gave a very interesting exhibition of his skill and how he offsets the vicious rushes of the bull. His footwork was one of the fine features of the evening.

Bob Mc-Lay sang one of his favorite songs, entitled: "Peaches and Cream," the chorus of which was joined in by the entire company.

The Cast:
Col. Mapelson, Master of the Wildcat—Mr. Harry Skinner.
Coos Bay, Chinese Cook—Mr. Joe P. Mann.
Bogie Clements, Prosecuting Attorney of Empire City—Mr. Schubert.
Old Bartoli, a crab fisherman—Mr. Daniel Hogan.
J. Boerpump, Culmbucker, Toreador Kehoe.

Peaches and Cream, Blushing Belle of Empire City—Miss Sachs-Wilson.
Col. Mapelson Mullberry—A Retired Wool Merchant—Mr. Henry Young.
Balaam, Man-About-Town—Mr. Julius Ojevansen.
Gluck, A Detective—Mr. Bob Mc-Lay.

Time—The present. Place—Hall of Justice, Empire City.

—You can get waited on quick at the Melrose Coffee House.

POLICE AND CARMEN MIX IN BAY CITY

Result: Conductor Percy Has Bullet In His Side—Policeman Clubbed With His Own BB's.

San Francisco, Oct. 25.—United Railroad employees and the police clashed this evening with the result that a conductor was shot and an officer beaten and three arrests made for inciting riots and other offenses. Conductor Percy quarreled with a passenger over payment of a fare, and when the conductor was menaced by friends of the passenger he fired a shot. There was much con-

fusion and in the rush to leave the car, Mrs. Marian McMullen was hurled into the street and badly bruised. The trouble continued and at Third and Folsom streets four shots were fired. Policeman Heitinger boarded the disturbance and tried to quell the disturbance and tried to arrest Percy. The conductor seized the policeman's club and beat him over the head. Motorman William Carlston also took part and administered the same treatment to Heitinger. The officer drew his revolver and fired, the bullet entering Percy's side.

—Heating stoves at Milner's.

Notice.
—Notice is hereby given that all terra cotta, earthenware and sheet iron pipes or chimneys within the corporate limits of the city of Marshfield must be removed on or before the first day of November, 1907, and brick or cement chimneys approved by the fire warden substituted therefor.

Any and all persons using terra cotta, earthenware or sheet iron pipes or chimneys after said date will be prosecuted therefor.

Any person knowing of any failure to comply with the terms of this notice kindly report the same to me. Dated this 15th day of October, 1907.

J. W. Carter,
Fire Warden.

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