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REV. DIVEN DEDICATES CHURCH IN NENANA

Central Alaska Is Now in Grip of King Winter; Very Interesting Letter

(Continued from Tuesday)

Every fellow who could spit on a hammer and drive nails could command a dollar an hour, and real carpenters got from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per hour. But living expenses are correspondingly high.

On the night of dedication the house was full to capacity, and an old sourdough friend who came a few minutes late had to take a front chair. In sitting down he crushed a box of matches in his pocket and thus ignited their heads, and the volume of smoke and intensity of smell which rose from his clothing were things to marvel at. For an instant I thought we might have to throw him out into the snow, but as soon as he got the measure of the situation he quickly smothered the awful smudge. Not many people saw what was transpiring, and I was glad of that; for the old man had not been in a church in 20 years, so he later told me, and he was much embarrassed. He assured me he would henceforth carry a fire extinguisher in his pocket when he comes to my church. I knew I had sometimes made it warm for my parishioners, but this is the first time I ever saw one of them actually on fire in a service.

The first social function held in the new building was "An Evening With the Sourdoughs." I felt that as they were first in the country they should be first to be entertained in my house. I had expected 100 men, but 170 came—to my great delight. We had beans, sandwiches and coffee in abundance. We had good canned music, also fresh violin and guitar solos, some recitations, and stories of old times galore. There were no "skirts" in the house, even Mrs. Diven was sent away for the evening as we expected to use the entire manse. There were no hardboiled collars and shirts allowed, either. It was a meeting of men long to be remembered, and the first meeting of the kind for many of them.

I never knew how nice winter could be till I saw it this year. There was no sloppy weather, but a steady lowering of temperature from the first of October till now. We are now having our first storm. My thermometer tells me that it is 35 below zero, which, of course, is not cold for this region. It will be 60 and 70 about the first of the year. When it gets so cold as that, the air is very calm; it seems to be frozen, too, like everything else. I am glad the wind does not blow when it is 60 below zero. When I went up town a few minutes ago, this gentle 55-mile breeze at 35 below pierced my lower garments so easily, that I was tempted to think I had lost some of them. I observed that everybody was walking just like the jerky men and women you see walking in the movies. (Surely you can find SOMEBODY around the office who can explain, and perhaps demonstrate, what I mean. Of course I know an editor never goes to the movies.) Everybody was walking like something important had been forgotten and they were afraid it would be forgotten again. We have over 200 sled dogs in this town, and they usually make a great outcry in the night. Tonight I am impressed with the silence. They have curled up for a quiet nap and will surely be content to stay that way for the night, excepting those who have wolf blood in them; it seems they just must wake up and howl occasionally—and I like to hear it.

For the past three weeks our streets have been alive with dogteams. Some teams are getting ready to haul the prospectors' outfits into the hills; some are hauling in moose, caribou and wild sheep for the people of Nenana to eat this winter; and some other teams are being driven by children and older folks just for pleasure. Some teams are very nice in both appearance and behavior, while other teams are the exact opposite. Two of Alaska's finest teams live here now. My wife and I are to have a ride behind one of those teams one of these fine days, as soon as I can convince her that the man's 11 big dogs will not eat the pair of us. Being much leaner than my wife, my arguments do not seem to be convincing; for she knows that these dogs of the frozen Northland do not often make a mistake in choosing their piece of meat, whenever they get an opportunity to make a choice. I have gone once, without injury, but my wife insists that that is no guarantee that the same dogs will not try to eat her.

Nenana will celebrate her first Thanksgiving in our church this week. Our little Sunday school is preparing

for Nenana's Christmas celebration! You see, this is a brand new town, one of the government's model towns and just a year old. But little else than first class mail is now reaching our office. All other mail, our Christmas packages with the rest, will arrive sometime between now and next June, when the river opens for the large vessels. At present the mail comes the 300 miles over the trail by auto, by horse stage and by dog team.

Wishing everybody the joys of the season, and bespeaking your interest in Alaska's behalf, I am,

Cordially,

ROBERT JOSEPH DIVEN.

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