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A LETTER FROM ALASKA

A FORMER STUDENT WRITES OF HIS EXPERIENCE.

Letter Written Aug. 2, '94, Reaches Lincoln May 11, Gives Details of a Trip Through the Land of Cold.

The following letter from P. J. Jewell, a former university student, written August 2, 1894, was received May 11, 1895. Being in the very heart of frozen Alaska, his letter will no doubt prove very interesting to your readers.

C. C. G.

FT. CUDAHY, N. W. T., CANADA.

August 2 1894.

My DEAR FRIEND:—It is with great pleasure that, in compliance with your request, I write you this letter. No doubt the card I wrote you from Juneau reached its destination in due time.

As every moment is precious at this time of the year, and it is absolutely necessary to make good use of time, I shall make this letter brief, giving only a brief outline of trip in this frozen country and my doings since arriving here.

At one p.m. April 4th, in company with twenty-seven other "Yukoners," I went aboard the steamer Rustler, and a few minutes later we were steaming up the coast leaving Juneau out of sight in no time. At noon the next day we were landed at Dyea, the head of navigation.

At this point the real hardships of the journey begin. Loading our outfit, which weighed about 1,200 pounds, on two hand sleds my three partners and myself started up the canon on the ice. It required two days of very hard work to drag our loads to Sheep camp, distant twelve miles from the landing. The trail was rough, slippery, and in many places very steep; blinding snow storms, accompanied by fierce and bitterly cold winds, swept down the canon chilling us completely. At noon of the sixth day after reaching Sheep camp, we arrived at the summit of the Chicook mountains, the elevation of the pass is about 4,500. From Sheep camp to the summit it is three miles; in that distance the trail rises over 3,000 feet. Just before reaching the summit a snow drift said to be 300 feet deep was crossed.

At the head of Lake Bennett, fifteen miles east of the summit, we decided to go into camp, saw lumber, and build boats. We were in camp here from April 23d to June 7th. The time was passed in getting out lumber, building boats, and hunting. Small game was so plentiful that we had fresh meat nearly every day. The mountain slopes and the forests swarmed with snowshoe rabbits, ptarmigans, blue grouse, spruce hens; moose, car-

bou, mountain sheep and goats were too many for us. I took a shot at a large lynx; two of the boys killed a large silver-tip bear. Sixteen men were in camp with us. The snow was from three to six feet deep, and so soft that it was necessary to use snow shoes when outside the beaten trail. Several high mountains rise abruptly from the shores of Lake Bennett. While encamped here I had the pleasure of seeing a number of huge avalanches and snow slides come plunging and thundering down the precipitous mountain slopes, carrying everything before them.

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TENNIS BOOMING.

The animated appearance of the tennis courts these days shows how that sport is holding the attention of the association members. The club is now in the best condition it has ever been. The list of active members numbers thirty-six, and more are joining every day. The regular spring tournament is now being held, and some hotly contested games can be witnessed. Next week the tournament of doubles will be held, which is expected to be very interesting.

Some matches with members of the Lincoln Tennis association have been arranged, some to be played on the university grounds and some on opposition's. The state contest is to be held in Lincoln this year, and as the University Association has joined, it will be represented by four or six players.

GLEE AND BANJO CONCERT

Next Monday Night at the New Funke Opera House.

The University Glee and Banjo clubs will give their second annual concert at the Funke on Monday, May 20th. As everyone knows the two clubs went to Seward last Saturday night in a special car and returned late the same night with flying colors and an addition to the royal treasury.

To say they were successful is of course unnecessary. They realize the reputation it has to hold and its work is always good. Tonight they take a special train to Wahoo with the ball team, where they will give their last concert before their appearance in Lincoln. According to the statement of those lucky enough to see the performance at Seward, the concert the clubs give this year is better than that of last year. Harry Reese promises that this concert at Lincoln will be a rouser of a kind that has never been heard in the city. There will be a number of songs which are arranged especially for this concert.

"When the Man in the Moon Goes to Sleep" is a bright, topical

song which has been arranged for the Glee club, and will be sung to words of local nature, a thing which the Glee club has never attempted before. The Banjo club, which is already a great favorite here, has a fine array of marches, waltzes, and two steps which will be played as only a banjo club can play them. There are a great many box parties and theatre parties being arranged for that night and the many friends of the club are turning out in a body to make this concert the most successful one ever held in the town. Tickets are sold at 50 cents all over the house. See that you do your share in filling the Funke from the orchestra to the chandeliers.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK PROGRAM.

The program for commencement week is as follows:

Sunday, June 3d, will be the annual address before the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A.

Saturday evening, June 8th, the Chancellor's reception to the senior class and the joint program of the literary societies.

Sunday evening, June 9th, the baccalaureate sermon, to be given by Bishop Vincent.

Monday evening will be the conservatory concert.

Tuesday morning, the 11th, the class day exercises will take place, and in the evening the Cadet band and Glee club, open air concert on the university campus.

Wednesday, the 12th, will be commencement. The address is to be given by Dr. Gunsaulus, of Chicago.

At 5 o'clock p.m. Tuesday, will be the usual alumni banquet.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

Whereas, It has pleased an All-Wise Providence to remove by death one so near and dear, a loving father, from the home of our classmate, Miss Jessie Willis; and,

Whereas, A face among us always smiling and pleasant, is today sad under an affliction so great; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, members of the class of '99, U. of N., do hereby join in extending our heartfelt sympathy to our esteemed classmate in this, her hour of bereavement, and may an omnipotent God heal the bleeding hearts of the stricken home.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our classmate, that they be placed upon the class records and also that a copy be presented to the college papers and the daily State Journal for publication.

F. W. BROWN,
M. W. BEDELL,
G. E. HALL,
Committee.

THE FIELD-DAY EXHIBITION

TO BE HELD AT FAIR GROUNDS TOMORROW.

Much Interest Shown by Contestants—Some Hard Training Being Done—Program of Events and Entries.

The great and only field day exhibition is to take place to-morrow afternoon at the fair grounds. Much interest has been shown and some hard training indulged in by some of the contestants, making it safe to say that the best field day exercises ever held will be witnessed to-morrow. The program of events, in their order, and contestants follow:

1. One hundred yard dash—H. N. Jones, C. E. Tefft, H. A. McComb, I. Rogers.

2. Eight hundred and eighty yard race—E. B. Sawyer, J. E. Shue.

3. Shot put—L. B. Cornell, W. W. Wilson.

4. Two hundred and twenty yard dash—H. N. Jones, C. E. Tefft, R. M. Cushman, J. A. Sargent.

5. Mile bicycle race—Jerry Rebmann, C. M. Carter, C. C. McDowell, Louis Westermann.

6. Standing high jump—Mapes, Will Westermann, C. R. Spooner.

7. Four hundred and forty yard race—H. N. Jones, C. E. Tefft, J. A. Sargent, J. E. Shue, E. B. Sawyer.

8. Hammer throw—W. W. Wilson, W. W. Votaw.

9. Standing broad jump—H. A. McComb, P. W. Jewett.

10. One-fourth mile bicycle race—C. M. Carter, C. E. Tefft, Tom Mallalieu, C. C. McDowell, Louis Westermann.

11. Running broad jump—P. W. Jewett, Mapes.

12. Pole vault—E. B. Sawyer, C. R. Spooner.

13. One-half mile bicycle race—C. M. Carter, C. E. Tefft, Tom Mallalieu, C. C. McDowell, Louis Westermann.

14. Hurdle race—H. N. Jones, H. A. McComb, E. B. Sawyer, E. B. Jewett, Mapes.

15. Foot ball punt—No entries.

16. Running high jump—H. A. McComb, P. W. Jewett, Louis Westermann, C. R. Spooner.

17. One mile race—J. E. Shue, E. B. Sawyer, Mapes.

18. Two mile bicycle race—Jerry Rebmann, C. M. Carter, C. Curtis McDowell, L. H. Robbins.

Professor Bates says he has found a place which civilization has not yet spoiled. It is a remote island somewhere in Lake Michigan, wild and unmolested as yet by summer tourists. Mr. and Mrs. Bates will start soon after school closes and spend the summer there. Mr. Bates may enjoy the rugged scenery and bracing lake breeze to his heart's content.