

CITY HAS NO LAWYER

ALASKAN TOWN THAT CLAIMS UNIQUE DISTINCTION.

No Direct Taxes Levied on Residents of Douglas—Revenue from Saloon Licenses and Court Defray Running Expenses.

Seattle, Wash.—Although a town of 2,366 population, Douglas, Alaska, has no resident lawyer, and is perhaps the only incorporated city in the United States that has no direct taxes.

The town is orderly and peaceable and has a payroll of 1,200 men, who are employed at the Treadwell mines.

Everyone in Douglas works for the benefit of the town. When a new street was to be opened up, the town made the people an offer for the land to be used and the people accepted.

Jack McDonald, the fire marshal and chief of police, is the chief factor in the town. He was the second chief of the Seattle fire department.

Everything works in harmony in the island city, and everyone is pleased to work for the good of the town.

Douglas has doubled its population in the last four years, and among other things has improved her style of architecture from the modest cabin of the first settler to the residence of Sam Guis, which has just been completed at a cost of \$5,000.

The present officers of Douglas are: Mayor, William Stubbins; councilmen Joe Truckson, J. A. Kemmle, Charles A. Hopp, Jerry Cashen, P. H. Fry and M. J. O'Connor.

MAN MARRIES HIS STEPMOTHER - Degree Becomes Badly Mixed in His Relationship.

Baltimore, Md.—H. J. Reitz, a merchant who lives on a farm near Pikesville, has married his stepmother.

Mr. Reitz had five brothers and sisters and five half-brothers and sisters, the children of his father and stepmother. Baltimore is going to figure out just what relation he is to them.

Mr. Reitz, who comes from a prominent family of the eastern shore of Maryland, was the second wife of Mr. Reitz, who had six children by a former marriage.

Mr. Reitz had announced that he would keep open house for both branches of the family and will undertake the care and education of his stepchildren, or half-brothers and sisters.

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LAW WAS AT FAULT

INNOCENT MAN THE VICTIM OF SISTER'S SPITE.

Happening That Convinced One Lawyer of the Unreliability of Circumstantial Evidence.

"One of the strangest cases of erroneous conviction I ever heard of, and one which indicates the unreliability of circumstantial evidence," said the old lawyer, "was where a young man was hanged for the murder of his own father, and it was proven after his death that he was innocent."

The son had often said that he wished his father would die so he could come into possession of the property. And he had for a long time behaved in a very unkind way toward the old man.

The ground was covered with freshly fallen snow, the daughter of the old man ran to the home of a neighbor, and, very much excited, told them that she had been away all night, and that when she returned to her home that morning she found her father murdered in the cow barn, which stood a little way from the house.

The neighbors went with her. They found the old man dead beside his cow. His head was crushed with a hammer. There were tracks in the newly fallen snow, from the house to the barn. It was found by fitting the shoes of the murdered man to one set of tracks leading from the house to the barn, that these tracks were his.

A few of the members of the Forty-four club, on the other hand, have avowed that they will be married soon. They bow to the inevitable. Only "Billy" Burgaw is firm in his determination.

BOY IS SLAVE TO PHOSPHORUS - Wealthy Ranchman of Mexico Willing to Spend Fortune in Saving Son.

San Antonio, Tex.—A wealthy ranchman of Chihuahua, Lic. Marcos De La Torre, will spend a fortune in an effort to save his son from slavery to eating phosphorus.

De La Torre is the owner of a large match factory, and put his son at work in the establishment so that he might learn the business.

Rabbits Seek Safety - Gibbstown, N. J.—If gunners were allowed to go on the grounds of the powder company it would not take them long to fill their game bags.

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BACHELOR CLUB TAXED

SINGLE MEN IN "TAR HEEL" STATE REBEL.

Forty-Four Male Residents of Burgaw, N. C., Strongly Oppose Paying Assessment, But County Collects It.

Burgaw, N. C.—Forty-four old bachelors, citizens of this place, are up in arms against the first bachelor tax ever levied in the "Tar Heel" state, and they lay the blame on President Roosevelt.

Rev. C. H. Uley, one of the most popular preachers in this part of the state, was the first of the Forty-four club to become apprised of the new propaganda affecting their status.

"Untrammelled men ought to hang together," says "Billy" Burgaw, one of the old-time residents, who has steadfastly refused to become enmeshed by feminine wiles.

Only "Billy" Burgaw is firm in his determination. He is determined to remain single.

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IOWA'S LARGE CORN FIELD.

On Fifteen Thousand Acres Half Million Bushels Are Raised.

Webster City, Ia.—When it is considered that there are such large corn fields in Iowa as Adams' 15,000-acre ranch near Odebolt, producing 525,000 bushels every season and employing regularly 105 men, it is little wonder that the state of Iowa has a 400,000,000 bushel corn crop for 1909.

This corn field is the largest in the world. The full 15,000 acres was planted with tested seed, and is expected to yield an average of thirty-five bushels to the acre.

Thirty-seven double stalk cutters will be used to bind the corn in the field. Mules are used almost everywhere to do the heavy draft work on the farm, and there are over 200 of these animals kept constantly on the place.

With the exception of a large number of feeders, which are purchased every fall, no cattle are raised on the big farm except enough cows to keep the help supplied with milk.

FAVORITE HYMNS ARE BARRED - "Nearer, My God, to Thee," Not in Liturgical Service, Says Bishop.

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PLAN ADAMLESS EDEN

WIDOWS UNITE TO RESIST MEN'S WILES.

Union is Formed at Chicago and Application for a Charter Made—Rich Members Will Supply Building Fund.

Chicago.—The widows of Chicago, or, rather, a progressive portion of them, have organized to protect themselves from married men, triflers and the economic stress due to living the artificial life.

The object of the association is to provide a sort of a community home for widows, where they can have more freedom than in hotels and boarding houses and more congenial company than they can have in their flats or homes.

Only real widows are eligible to membership in the organization. Divorcees and grass widows are barred.

THE PARTRIDGE WAS DRUNK - Bird Had Become a Victim of Puke-Berries—Queer Antics.

One night a little after dusk as we were about to go into the house our younger boy saw something dark moving behind the dog kennel.

Suddenly our younger boy exclaimed: "Oh, I know what this is, she's drunk, she's been eating puke-berries!"

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