



LIEUT. ADOLPHUS W. GREELY.
Lost in the Arctic Regions.

At last the first vessel of the Greely Relief Expedition, the "Bear," has set sail for the Arctic regions on its humane mission of rescue. Two other vessels—the Thetis and Alert—will very soon follow, and if Lieut. Greely and party are still survivors, they may yet be rescued and returned to their country and friends.

It will be remembered that the Greely expedition set out in midsummer some three years ago, to man one of the polar stations in the north, established for scientific purposes, by the leading governments of the world. The party left the ship Proteus at Lady Franklin Bay, and proceeded northward. Nothing was heard of Greely and his followers for some time, and then reports were received at the war and navy departments that the party was in distress. An expedition was immediately sent to their relief, which was compelled to return without being able to accomplish its purpose, or even being able to obtain any reliable information in regard to the fate and whereabouts of the missing party.

The details of the organization and equipment of the present expedition by congressional action are fully known to our readers. We publish an excellent likeness of Lieutenant Greely, who was born in Massachusetts, and is about forty years of age. He is not a graduate of any of the military academies, and he entered the war as a private. His military record is highly honorable. From private he was promoted to corporal and first sergeant in Company B, of the Nineteenth Massachusetts infantry. On the 18th of March, 1863, he was made second lieutenant in the Eighty-first U. S. colored infantry, and in April, 1864, he was promoted to first lieutenant. He was brevetted major on the 18th of March, 1865, for "faithful and meritorious service." He was made captain of the Eighty-first colored infantry on the 4th of April, 1865, and on the 22d of March, 1867, he was honorably mustered out.

Upon the reorganization in 1869 he was assigned to the Fifth cavalry, and became first lieutenant in 1873, which is his present rank.

John Boyle O'Reilly.

John Boyle O'Reilly, the Irish poet, is one of the busiest men in Boston. I hear that he is engaged on a new book of poems. O'Reilly is a remarkable poet and his productions seem inspired. His best work is usually done in a few hours and is very rarely changed after the first sitting. Two of his finest poems were those written "on time" for the Boston Globe, the occasion being the deaths of Garfield and Wendell Phillips. Speaking of the last one O'Reilly said to me the other day:

"I wouldn't dare attempt such a thing again under the same circumstances. Of course I was anxious to earn the \$100 offered me by the Globe, but genius doesn't always burn when you want it to. However, I felt just in the mood to write. Every prominent point in the life of Wendell Phillips and the greatness of his sympathetic nature stood out prominently in front of me. I sat down with pen and paper, and before I knew it the poem was done. It took me just two hours, and after that I could not improve a single sentence."

As I have said, O'Reilly is one of the busiest men in Boston. He edits the Pilot, writes poetry, engages in politics, and attends every boxing match and prize fight in the city and vicinity. He is a fighter himself. Here is where his Irish crops out. He is also a fencer, canoeist, and other things too numerous to mention. Above all he is a jolly good fellow, and has hosts of friends. He is courted on all sides, and is a member of about every club in the city worth belonging to. He is in great demand as a referee at boxing matches, for he is well informed, just and decisive. O'Reilly is president of the Cribb club, and the less I say about it the more he will thank me. The club has about 300 members, for the most part made up of artists, bankers, millionaires and others, who are willing to pay a good price to see two bruisers pummel each other into shapelessness. John L., Jake Kilrain and other well known pugilists are the proteges of the club. About a year ago the negro boxer, Godfrey, nearly killed Prof. Hadley in a six-round fight at this club. But enough of the Cribb club just now. Its members dislike publicity, so I will wait awhile and then write three times as much. O'Reilly is anxious to go to Chicago as a delegate at large to the national democratic convention. If he goes he will paint the town carmine color.—Boston Correspondence.

Chicago Building an Island.

The ambitious project of constructing an island in Lake Michigan opposite Chicago is seriously to be undertaken this summer. The magnitude of this venture can be understood when it is known that the plans contemplate an area of forty acres. This island is to be guarded by a breakwater seventeen feet in height. It is to be placed one mile from the shore, where the depth of the

water averages eighteen feet. On the shore side is to be a land-locked harbor of seven acres to admit lake crafts of any size. The land is to be formed of sand and clay dredged from the lake. The face of the island is to be irregular, and the summit of the gradual swell is to be the site for a large hotel. This being the highest spot on the island, and fully fifty feet above the water line, will afford a magnificent view. The projectors number several experienced engineers, and have made their estimates on the basis of a total expenditure of \$2,000,000. It is thought that the resort would prove popular as a place for summer cottages, and would attract summering people generally, and particularly Chicagoans desiring to have an easy escape from the city in her hottest moods.

Three Men Drowned.

On Monday four persons left here in a boat for the purpose of fishing in Pen d'Oreille lake. When they encountered the Rock Island rapids the boat was capsized, and three of the party were drowned. They were James Odell, a carpenter, formerly of Memphis, Tenn.; Clem Phillips, from Marysville, Mo., formerly a member of Company C, 5th U. S. Infantry at Fort Keogh; and a one-arm youth of sixteen, named Charlie Jordan, commonly called the "Kid," who formerly had a saloon at the front of the construction of the Northern Pacific railroad. One man says he was from Quincy, Ill., and another thinks his people reside at Salem, Oregon.—Thompson's Falls Index.

Not So Fair As He Thought.

A tale is told of a London draper's assistant who was in the habit, with his master's cognizance, of attending workmen's socialistic meetings. Last month the young man neglected for a week or two to attend the meetings, and the following dialogue took place between master and man: "Well, John, and how is it that you have not kept up your attendance at the socialistic meetings?" John (rather confusedly): "Well, sir, I don't think I shall go any more." Master: "But how is that, John?" John: "I have found out, sir, that the scheme is not quite so fair as I thought it was. At the last meeting I attended we calculated how much there would be for everyone when everything was divided up, and we found it would only be \$500 each, and you know, sir, I have got \$750 in the bank!"

Smuggling Saints.

One of the elders who returned to Ogden with the last lot of imported Saints brought several articles of wearing apparel for his family from the old country, among them being a fine silk dress pattern for his wife. In order to avoid the payment of duty on the goods, he had to smuggle them through in various ways. He induced a young Saintess to wear the silk dress pattern as a bustle, and he succeeded in avoiding the payment of duty on the whole lot of goods in various other ways, such as are commonly resorted to by smugglers. It is said that large quantities of dutiable goods are frequently brought through by returning missionaries. It would, perhaps, be a good idea for the custom officers at New York to examine all the bustles of Saintesses in the next importation.

St. Paul Railroad Items.

St. Paul, May 3.—The Northern Pacific road takes out to-day and tomorrow 6,000 head of live stock for Miles City, Billings, and other points.

The earnings of the Northern Pacific for April were \$1,438,000.

During the past week the Manitoba road has taken out one thousand emigrants for the northwest.

Vice President and General manager Oakes, of the Northern Pacific, leaves New York tonight for St. Louis. He will there attend, on the 6th, the meeting of the Transcontinental association. Mr. Hannaford, general freight agent of the road, leaves St. Paul tonight to attend the same meeting.

During the period from the middle of January to May 1st the land department of the Manitoba railroad company has received 8,000 letters of inquiry relating to lands in the Red River valley and in the Devil's Lake country. This number is three times greater than that of last year in the same months. The letters were almost exclusively from people in the United States. The majority indicated a purpose to move into the Northwest as soon as the circumstances of the writers would admit of their immigrating. Many of them stated that after personal examination of other localities they are satisfied that the northwest offers better inducements than any other part of the United States now open to settlement.

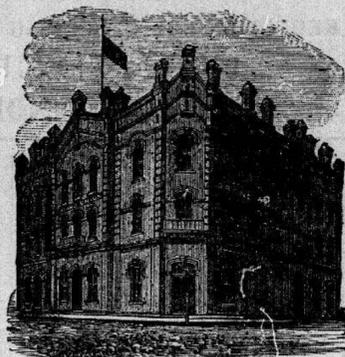
Trials of Newspaper Men.

One of the greatest trials of the newspaper profession is that its members are compelled to see more of the shames of the world than any other profession. Through every newspaper office, day after day, go all the weaknesses of the world; all vanities that want to be puffed, all the revenges that want to be reaped, all the mistakes that want to be corrected, all the dull speakers who want to be thought eloquent, all the meanness that want to get its waves noticed gratis in the editorial columns in order to save the tax of the advertising columns, all the men who want to be set right who were never right, all the cracked brained philosophers with stories as long as their hair, and as gloomy as their fingernails in mourning bereft of soap—all the bores who come to stay five minutes, but take five hours.

Through the editorial and reportorial rooms all the follies and shams of the world are seen day after day, and the temptation is to believe in neither God, man nor women. It is no surprise to me that in this profession there are some skeptical men, I only wonder that journalists believe anything.—De Witt Talmage.

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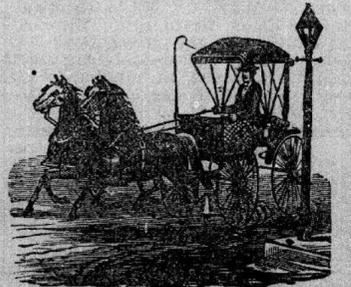
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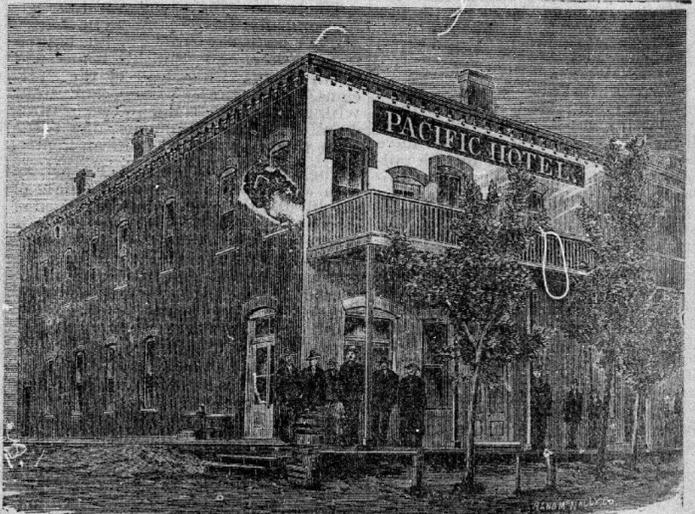
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