LAND AT THE NORTH POLE.

An Interesting Theory Developed by the Wild Geese.

The Virginia City (Nev) *Enterprise* says: About four years ago a farmer of Surprise Valley found in the crop of a wild goose a quantity of wild grain, the like of which he had never before seen. He planted this grain and it grew and flourished, producing more than a hundred fold. The straw and beardless head are said to resemble wheat, while the grain looks like rye, but twice as large. The farmer has now many bushels of this cereal, and has sent samples of it to be planted in various places in California, where food for cattle is not easily obtained at some seasons, as the stalk of the new grain, when it is thoroughly ripe, makes excellent hay.

An old sailor, of this city, after reading an item which has been going the rounds of the papers in regard to the new cereal, the substance of which item is given above, finds his memory refreshed. It brings to his recollection a circumstance he had almost forgotten, and has set him to thinking. He has thought it all out, and is now firmly of the opinion that there is an inhabitable land at the north pole.

The old man says he was one of the crew of the Investigator, Captain McClure, which sailed from England in 1850, in company with the Enterprise, Commander Collison, in search of Sir John Franklin, and he certainly has in his possession one of the Arctic medals given by the English admiralty to all persons engaged in these Polar expeditions from 1818 to 1855. In September of that year the Investigator reached a land which Captain McClure named Baring's Land, and three days after other land, which he named after Prince Albert, where about the last of the month they were frozen in.

While in the last named land, the explorers observed many wild geese and water-fowl flying southward. Some of the geese stopped at the place where the ship lay and several were killed by members of the crew. In the crops of some of these geese he recollects to have seen, and marveled at seeing, a considerable quantity of a grain such as the new cereal of Surprise Valley is said to be. As no such grain is known in the temperate zone, and as we have no account of a grain of the kind being found in any known region of the world, he is of the opinion that the geese obtained it in a region lying about the open polar sea.

He says no man has yet gone so far north but he has found wild geese and other water-fowl flying still further to the northward. As the geese are undoubtedly wending their way to a well known stopping place far to the north, there must be something for them to feed upon at the point where they stop. As wild geese no more live on fish than do tame ones, there must be, in the country to which they go, grass and vegetation similar to that found in the temperate regions. The wild geese that halt on the Pacific coast make the grain fields their feeding place, and it is not likely that in the land about the Pole their nature is so changed that they feed upon mosses or fish.

Speak Gently.

A loud boisterous tone shows a want of good breeding. The first principle of politeness is to make those about you feel pleasant, and a rude coarse manner of speaking is annoying to most persons. A good anecdote is related of man, who went by the name of "Whispering John," which was given to him in ridicule. People said he talked as though he were brought up in a mill. One cold morning he walked into a public house, and called out in his thundering voice:

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"Very well, how are you?"

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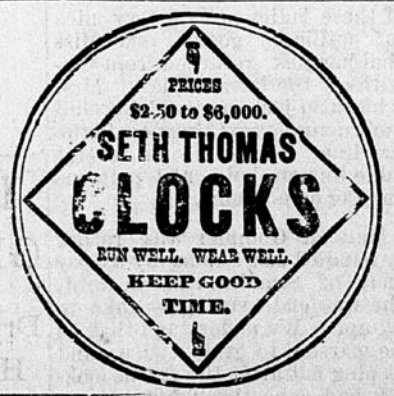

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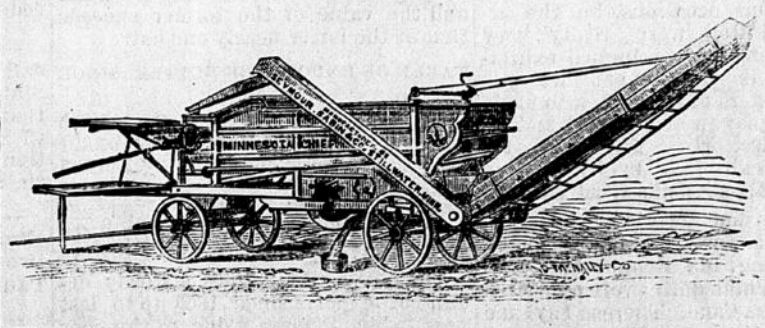

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