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## Value of Great Discovery

THERE may not be anything of practical utility to be gained from the exploit of Dr. Frederick Cook in reaching the north pole; there even may be no particular contribution to science, other than the setting at rest of some ideas as to what the pole might be, but for all that the marvelous exploit of the intrepid American has been worth all that it cost; it has been the culmination of a struggle which for centuries has cost the world vast treasure and many valuable lives.

There have been many theories, some of them upon their face absurd as to what would be found at the pole. One was that at the point where all direction except south ceases would be found a continent enjoying a climate that might be termed temperate. As a basis for this wild theory scientists gravely declared that because of the fact that branches of trees bearing green leaves, had been picked up in Arctic waters, the boughs must have come from the great north continent. Another theory held that the pole was surrounded by an open sea which in some manner which no one explained, was immune to the rigors of the land of perpetual winter, and to substantiate this theory it was instanced that at certain times the ice fields were observed to move northward.

Dr. Cook found what might reasonably have been expected—that the north pole is the throne of death, the one spot upon the globe without visible signs of life in any form. The greatest of Arctic explorers has found but rugged, lifeless rocks capped by eternal ice, while in all directions stretched vast fields and mountains of ice. Not an air hole for a seal; not a single break in the awful monotony of desolation to even indicate that in the depths of the sea lying beneath the ice, even a fish which could live without air, was to be found.

If for nothing else, the great American has set at rest conjecture as to the hitherto unknown regions of the north, and even though the knowledge gained may not benefit man in extending his field of energy, still it will render unnecessary further almost superhuman endeavors to solve the great riddle of the northland.

The great value of the work of Dr. Cook is however to be found in the lesson that it gives to humanity in that it teaches the value of perseverance, indefatigable energy and devotion to the task on hand. It is a rebuke to the love of ease and of self-indulgence, and an incentive to self-sacrifice, and of unswerving and unflagging pursuit of an object even in the face of what appear to be unsurmountable obstacles.

Man has wrested from the frozen north the secret which it has so long guarded with a sword of ice, and to an American is due the credit for the great accomplishment. Our nation may have no use for the rocks and ice mountains of the pole, but for all that it will for all time be a source of pride to Americans, that "Old Glory" was the first flag to be unfurled to the icy blasts of the pole, and that the polar heavens will look down upon the Star Spangled Banner as a new constellation which, because of the indomitable courage displayed by the man who has achieved the greatest possible "Farthest north," will appear unrivaled in its glorious brilliancy.

### Marked Growth in Production

When one takes the trouble to investigate he will be surprised to find that so many things of ordinary use are manufactured in Billings. In the list are to be found Billings sugar, Billings brick and tile, Billings brooms, Billings butter, Billings packing house products, Billings

sash and doors, Billings mattresses, Billings stoves, Billings cigars and Billings candies. The day of manufacturing in the metropolis of the Yellowstone is but in its infancy, but already the city ranks in the list of manufacturing cities and when the present enterprises now in process of organization are completed, we will have Billings-made iron products and Billings flour.

The establishment of one manufacturing enterprise will lead to the coming of others, and the day is not far distant before Montana will be using all sorts of manufactured articles bearing the brand, "Made in Billings."

Chicago scientists declare that Dr. Cook could not have discovered the north pole because he has no standing in Chicago scientific circles. Hereafter before intrepid explorers set out for the unknown regions of earth, they will first take a course at the stock yards in order that they may gain a standing in Chicago's scientific circles.

While Danish explorers are acclaiming the hero of the "farthest possible north," and while English and French scientists and explorers are hastening to do honor to the great American, a few fossilized college professors in America are seeking to cast discredit upon the great achievement because Dr. Cook is a medical man and holds no scientific degrees handed to him by men whose knowledge of the world has been gained by the perusal of a few text books.

That Englishman who stopped short of the south pole by fifty miles, is now clamoring that, for the honor of Britannia, which used to rule the waves, English explorers should hasten to annex the south pole.

Billings will become a city of lights during the Dry Farming congress, and the best of it is that the city will make brilliant street illumination a permanent thing. Every property owner of the business section should hasten to get into line.

### Should End Unfortunate Controversy

No matter what Secretary of the Interior Ballinger meant in his remark that he intends to kill some snakes it is to be hoped that the unfortunate controversy between the heads of different departments of government shall be brought to a speedy close.

That there is a systematic effort being made to discredit the operation of the interior department, so far at least as the general land office is concerned, cannot be questioned. Just what the motive is that underlies the insinuations and charges, has not as yet been developed but it may be taken that a great deal of it is due to the fact that the average man is ready to believe anything that is charged against a public official. In other words the average man seems to be like the newly arrived immigrant who was taken direct from the ship which brought him over, to the polls to vote. "What's the government?" he asked. "The Republicans," he was told. "Then I'm agin it," he declared positively.

No one has charged that Mr. Pinchot has any ulterior motive in withholding from the public use vast tracts of land in Montana, the only criticism being that his ideas of the importance of his position has rather unduly inflated his head until he has come to believe that his one little bureau is more important than is a department of the government.

Regardless of the merits of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy the public has grown heartily sick of it and if a congressional inquiry will be necessary to stop the unseemly wrangle, it is sincerely to be hoped that congress at the coming session, will order an investigation of the entire matter.

The Mexican manner of carrying elections through the declaration that meetings of rival parties are riotous assemblages to be suppressed by the military, does not commend itself to Americans, but for all that every American wishes that Diaz, the strong man of the southern republic, may continue to guide Mexico toward civilization for many years to come.

The Salvation Army has the right sort of an idea as to how the drifting poor should be cared for in Billings. The establishment of wood yards at which a man may earn his food and lodging would be welcome to the honest man down on his luck, and all others should be consigned to the tender mercies of the police.

Wasps, resenting the riotous conduct of spectators at a ball game in the south, made a raid upon the bleacherites and drove them from the grounds. It might be well for all baseball teams to equip their bleachers with wasp nests in order that decent people can enjoy a game undisturbed by hoodlumism.

Army officers are complaining because they are finding it difficult to secure recruits. With all sorts of enterprises eagerly snapping up every man who can work, it is not strange that Uncle Sam's little monthly wage should go begging in these piping times of peace.

Artist Earle has bobbed up with another affinity. If the people would pass up Artist Earle and his kind and would allow the ordinary courts to handle their cases it would be better for the world.

Some of the irrigationists at Spokane could not understand why there should be dry farmers at a "wet" congress. Before the Montana boosters got through with the bunch, however, all were satisfied that even irrigationists may attend the coming Billings congress.

Evelyn Nesbit Thaw declares that it is not a divorce but money that she most needs. Evidently Evelyn does not believe that courts are as disposed to be as liberal in the way of alimony as the humorists have been so fond of depicting them.

The United States supreme court has been asked to pass upon the right of Montana to tax Chinese laundries. That sort of a thing may result in some other forms of legislation affecting the Orientals and it might be wise to not open the doors to such controversies.

Greenland's icy mountains are all right to sing about, but we take it from Cook's report that the place will never become popular as a summer resort.

Those Chicago professors who are questioning Cook's achievement again demonstrate that wherever the spot light shineth, there they may be found.

Dr. Cook failed to state whether it was a totem pole or just a plain, ordinary piece of wood they fashion railroad ties from.

Uncle Sam does not lay claim to the north pole. Some telegraph company probably beat him to it.

## Another Mexican Cloudburst Kills Hundreds in Rich Valley

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 4.—A special dispatch received here from Morelia, capital of the state of Michoacan, says that floods yesterday ruined a large section of the Seamora district.

A terrible cloudburst in the mountains caused rivers and streams to overflow and miles of fertile valleys were ruined by water.

Two hundred houses and the San Juan bridge were carried away in the town of Tula, in the state of Tama-

lipais, last Saturday. Many lives were lost. The entire northeastern section of the state is said to have been laid waste.

Railroad and telegraphic communication was destroyed and the population of Tula, some 7,000, was cut off from the rest of the nation for days. It will be six or eight months before the highways can be restored.

Thirty bodies have already been recovered and many bodies of sheepherders and mountaineers are being washed into the valley below.

## New York Prepared to Handle All the Crooks of the Country

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—It is expected that more than 2,000,000 people will come to New York to attend the Hudson-Fulton celebration, and in anticipation of the intended visit of many criminals requests have been sent to all cities throughout the country to assign the best detectives to co-operate with the New York detective bureau. The police are expecting a large influx of the thieving gang during the next few weeks and are planning a fitting reception for them. Other cities, besides being asked

to send detectives to arrest and identify their own crooks, have been requested to send pictures and descriptions of all such known criminals who are now out of prison.

A general cleaning up of the city of all suspected persons will occur a week before the celebration begins. All known criminals and those who are known as the associates of such criminals, will be arrested as vagrants and either be sent to the Blackwell Island jail or shipped out of town.

## POST DESIGN IS APPROVED

Business Men of This City Put O. K. on Drawings Prepared by Billings Foundry.

### WILL BE 13 FEET HIGH

Posts Will Be of Different Design From Stock Posts in Use in Miles City and Other Eastern Towns and Slightly Higher.

From Saturday's Daily.

At a meeting of the business men and property owners who have declared their willingness to stand the expense of the installation of the new lighting system by street posts held yesterday morning, the design submitted by the Billings foundry was approved and the foundry given orders to proceed with the work as soon as possible.

The design submitted by the local foundry calls for a post which, from sidewalk to the top of the upper globe, will be exactly 13 feet high. The post has a base two feet square which will be mounted on a concrete foundation and fastened to the concrete with set screws. For about four feet the post is square in design, the sides of the rectangles being neatly paneled; this is surmounted by a column of Corinthian design, slightly fluted, which is in turn surmounted by a bracket from which will be suspended four lamps in glass shades. Another lamp in a globe-shaped shade will top the post.

The four lamps which will hang from the bracket will each be of 40 candle power while the top light, which is intended to burn all night, will be of 60 candle power. Tungsten lamps will be used and the light company has agreed to keep the lights burning and to renew all broken lamps and globes at the small cost of 6 cents per kilowatt.

The matter of what color the posts will be painted has not as yet been decided. Some favor white, others black, but this will be left for decision at a later meeting.

The foundry, which will be ready to begin work within a week, has promised to have 20 of the posts completed by October 1, and it is thought that these can be installed and ready for lighting by the time of the meetings of the Dry Farming congress. The first posts manufactured will be placed along Twenty-eighth street and the upper portion of Montana avenue, while later orders will be placed for posts to illuminate Twenty-seventh street and First avenue north. Each post will weigh 800 pounds.

## BIG SHEEP COMPANY FILES ITS ARTICLES

Controls Vast Acreage of Open Range and Will Be Well Stocked.

(Special to The Gazette.)

HELENA, Sept. 3.—Articles of incorporation of the Fergus County Sheep company of Helena, were filed today with Secretary of State Yoder by Lewis Perwell, P. T. McDermott and Matthias Stak. The company has an authorized capital of \$150,000, while in addition to the incorporators H. H. Pigott, Rudolph Horskay, F. W. Sharpe and E. B. Witter, are named as directors. The company is authorized to engage in the general business of raising, buying and selling cattle, horses and sheep, as well as in realty operations.

In an interview with a local newspaper man, one of the incorporators outlined the plans of the company and described its holdings.

"The land holdings of the company," said he, "amount to 4,200 acres, situated about 60 miles northeast of Lewistown, and is in what might properly be termed one of the virgin or pioneer sections of the state. In addition to its own bumper hay yield annually, this body of land controls fully 250 square miles of open range, which will be available for 10 years at least, thus making it particularly valuable for the stock business.

This 4,200 acres is situated along Box Elder and Break creeks and is all meadow land. The larger portion is irrigated while the remainder is thus susceptible at slight expense. The improvements are in first-class condition. The sheep sheds alone have a capacity of 20,000 head. The company will begin with 11,800 head."

## CONGREGATIONALISTS TO BUILD AT ROUNDUP

Plans Being Prepared for a Church Which Will Seat About Seven Hundred.

G. McAllister of this city, is preparing plans for a new church building which will be erected in Roundup by the Congregational church of that city. The church has already raised a large building fund and it is expected that work on the building will begin this fall. It is the hope of the congregation to occupy its new quarters by the first of the coming year.

The building will be modern in every detail, steam heating being one of the features which are not usually found in the smaller church buildings. The total seating capacity will be between 600 and 700, there will be a separate room for the use of the Sunday school, and a study for the pastor will be provided. The building will represent an expenditure of over \$10,000.

## ELABORATE BANQUET IS EXTENDED TO EXPLORER

### Hero of Frozen North the Guest of the Most Distinguished Men of Den- mark's Capital---Big Ovation

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 4.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook stepped from the steamer Hans Egede in Copenhagen harbor on the arm of the crown prince of Denmark at 10 o'clock this morning, unshorn and looking like a sailor before the mast. He sat down to dinner at 8 o'clock this evening in the city hall, the guest of a brilliant company of the capital's most distinguished men and women, arrayed in evening dress, provided by the king's tailor.

The hours between these events were the busiest of his life. Polar exploration never afforded anything half so crowded with variety and excitement. They were hours of speech-making, handshaking, bowing to clamoring crowds, and then after addressing the people who almost tore him to pieces in their eagerness to see the discoverer of the pole, Dr. Cook was the recipient of formal welcomes at the hotel where he is the government's guest. There he passed through the hands of tailors, outfitters and barbers. Later he lunched with Dr. Maurice F. Egan, the American minister, being pined incessantly for an hour with questions. He went through hundreds of telegrams, including congratulations from geographical societies of several nations, explorers and friends, offers of exploitation ranging from books to music hall engagements, and then hurried to the palace and gave the king and other members of the royal family a long account of his adventures.

Returning to his hotel he received a battalion of correspondents who subjected him for another hour to a merciless cross-examination demanding explanations of criticisms that have been leveled against his claims. These questions Dr. Cook answered frankly and fully.

The banquet this evening was held in the magnificent municipal building, four hundred persons, many of them ladies, attending, while thousands congregated in the streets in a drenching rainstorm to catch a glimpse of the explorer as he entered. There was a preliminary reception in the lofty and spacious entrance hall.

The company marched upstairs to the air of the Star Spangled Banner. After all had been seated, the minister of commerce, Johan Hansen, escorted Dr. Cook to the chair of honor amid a demonstration which caused him to color deeply.

Speeches were made by Minister Egan, the minister of commerce and Commodore Hovgaard.

Dr. Cook spoke briefly. A telegram conveying the congratulations of the king of Sweden was read.

Toasts were drunk. Two hundred students in uniform marched in when the company returned to the grand hall, and gave Dr. Cook a rousing cheer. They insisted upon a speech and sang songs. A noteworthy feature of the banquet, after Dr. Cook's acceptance in the morning, was that applications for seats reached into the thousands.

### WOULD RECOVER CASH.

From Saturday's Daily. The P. B. Merrill Packing Co. vs. Lew Quock is the title of a suit brought in the district court yesterday for the recovery of \$571.33 due on a promissory note. The defendant is the proprietor of a Chinese restaurant on Minnesota avenue.

# COME TO BILLINGS

WE HAVE a bargain for you at the right price and on easy terms. Things are moving again, more sales in the past ten days than in six months before. This means an advance in values very soon and you cannot afford to delay. Let us sell you some town lots, acre tracts, a home, business building or a farm. We are buying and selling real estate for everybody all the time, adding value to your property and would like to have your business. Come in.

## NORTH REAL ESTATE COMPANY

Opposite Court House

Billings, Montana

## APPLE GROWERS ATTENTION!

We have just received a car load of APPLE BOXES. Place your order before they are all gone—PRICES RIGHT.

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