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PLURALITY TOMMYROT.

The Oregonian in its campaign for elections by purchase and graft. brings the terrible indictment against the direct primary that it allows nominations by mere plurality! Well, that is no very new thing. All over this country we have been having plurality elections for many years Several presidents have had no only a minority of the total vote, but two or three even did not stand highets in the poll. And the government at Washington still lives.

But the plurality nominations de fect, if it is a defect, can be easily remedied. The Washington plan of voting for second and third choices where there are three or more can didates, gives a perfectly just method of arriving at the wishes of the elec torate. It is similar but better than the way a convention nominates when no majority choice appears in the early balloting. Delegates whose candidates chances are hopeless go to their second choice. That is the way it is supposed to work, but the fact is money, graft, polltical favor and other chicanery influence the second choice of convention dele gates, and often the first choice, un til conventions have become a stench in all decent men's nostrils,

And that is the system the Orego nian is fighting tooth and toenail to re-establish.

CAMPAIGNING FOR CHRIST.

Every honest, earnest effort to make men feel their personal respon sibility to God, and to lead better lives, should be commended and encouraged, Good comes from such efforts even when accompanied by the theatrical furnishings of the Billy Sunday or Gypsy Smith meetlugs. The slangy sermons of a Sunday or Sam Jones are repellant to many people, but those people can stay away and there remain thous ands and tens of thousands who are attracted by the "plain speaking." and are convicted of their sins by such men when the milder, conventional preaching never feazes them. It seems the general testimony of the towns in Iowa and Illinois, where Sunday has worked for several years, that the moral tone of the communities is changed for the bet ter, and there is an uplift in all good work because of his visits.

The success of Sunday, Smith and their like, does not however alter

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FIRST ARTICLE

cause there were not enough wives for

all. By mutual agreement several men

had exchanged wives. In other cases

women had chosen other partners, and

the changes were made seemingly to

the advantage of all, for no regrets

There was an average of three fat,

clever children for each family, the

youngest, as a rule, resting in a pocket

Dwellings of the Eskimos.

which all slept. The edge of this made

a seat, and on each side were placed

stone lamps, in which blubber was

burned, with moss as a wick. Over

this was a drying rack, and there was

On board the yacht there had been

busy days of barter. Furs and ivory

had been gathered in heaps in ex-

change for guns, knives and needles.

Every seaman from cabin boy to cap-

tain had suddenly got rich in the gam-

ble of trade for prized blue fox skins

The Eskimos were equally elated

with their end of the bargain. For a

beautiful foxskin of less use to a na-

tive than a dog pelt he has secured a

pocket knife that would serve him baif

pants, worth a hundred dollars, for a

red pocket handkerchief, with which

she would decorate her head and igloo

woman had exchanged her fur

The tent had a raised platform upon

were expressed.

other furniture.

and narwhal tusks.

for years to come

a lifetime.

A

on the mother's back.

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THE expedition was equipped at Gloucester, Mass. All was ready on the evening of July 3, 1907. Ashore boys were testing their ireworks for the morrow of celebralou, but aboard, as our vessel, the John R. Bradley, withdrew from the sier, all was quiet. There were no isiting crowds of curiosity seekers. No tooting whistles signalized our denarture.

An arctic expedition had been born without the usual public bombast. l'here was, indeed, no excuse for iamor. Neither the help of the govrument nor the contributions of priale individuals had been sought. The project was quietly given life and its spenses were paid by John R. Brad-Its destiny was shaped by the 65. writer.

Mr. Bradley was interested in game mimals of the north. I was interested in the game of the polar quest. For he time being the business concerned us only. If the venture proved sucessful there would be time enough to caise the banner of victory. If it fall--d none had the privilege of heaping upon us the unmerited abuse which asually comes to the returning polar traveler.

In a brief month all had been prepared for the peculiar mission. We oad purchased a strong Gloucester fishing schooner, fitted with a motor, covered for ice and loaded down with suitable supplies for a prolonged perind.

One morning the hold cliffs of Cape York were dimly outlined in the gray inist which screened the land. A storm had carried so much ice against the oast that a near approach was impossible, and continued winds kept up i sea which made it equally a difficulty to land on the ice.

in Ice Free Polar Waters.

Though auxious to meet the natives at Cape York, we were forced to turn and set a course for the next village. at North Star bay. At noon the sooty clouds separated, and in the north through the narrow breaks we saw the steep slopes and warm color of crimson cliffs resting on the rising water.

Darting through the air were countless guillemots, gulls, little auks and elder ducks. We were in the ice free north waters, where creatures of the sea find a marine casis in midst of a polar desert.

This kind of coast extends poleward to the land's end. It is the abundant sea life which makes human habitation just possible here, though land animals are also important.

The people of the farthest north are crowded into a natural reservation by the arctic ice wall of Melville bay in the south and the stupendous line of cliffs of Humboldt glacier in the north.

Home of the Eskimos.

Widely scattered in small villages. the northerumost Eskimo finds here a and dumb Eskimo in all the land, and a thio, pale weaking of three.

Both had been condemned by the Eskimo inw of the survival of the fittest, the first because of insufficient senses and the second because it was under three and still on its mother's back when the father passed away, They were not to participate in the strife of life. But an unusual mother loved them

A few days before the previous winter the old father, anxious to provide warm hearskins for the prolonged night, had ventured alone far up into the mountains. His gun went off accidentally, and he never returned.

The executor of the brother of Manee's former husband was kind to her for the tong night and kept famine from her door. In the summer day she had been able to keep herself, but who could provide for her for the night to come? Her only resource was to seek the chilled heart of her former husband, and we were performing the unpleasant mission of taking her to him as wife No. 2.

When we inter saw Ikwn he did not thank us for the trouble we had taken, but we had expected no reward.

The speed of the yacht increased as the night advanced. A snow squall frosted the decks, and to escape the tcy air we sought our warm berths early. At 4 o'clock in the morning the gray gloom separated and the warm sun poured forth a sultable wealth of August rays.

At this time we passed the ice battered and storm swept cliff of Cape Parry, Beyond was Whale sound. On a sen of gold, strewn with ice islands of ultramarine and alabaster, whnles spouled and wairus shouled. The grampus was out early for a fight. Large flocks of little auks rushed over on hurried missions.

Entering Inglefield Gulf.

The wind was light, but the engines pulled us along at a pace just fast enough to allow us to enjoy the superb surroundings. In the afternoon we were well into inglefield guif, and near Ittiblu there was a strong head wind and enough lee about to engage the eye of the lookout.

We aimed here to secure Eskimo guides and with them seek caribou in Olrick's bay. While the yacht was tacking for a favorable berth in the drift off Kanga the hunch was low ered and we sought to interview the Eskimos of litiblu. There were only one woman, a few children and about a score of dogs at the place. The wo man talked quickly and explained at some length that her husband and others were away on a caribou hunt and she told us without a leading ques tion the news of the tribe for a year. After gasping for breath like a smoth

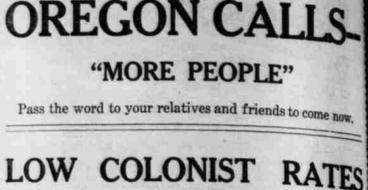
ered seal, she began with news of previous years and a history of the for gotten ages. We started back for the launch, and she invited herself to the pleasure of our company to the beach

An Eskimo Trade.

We had only gone a few steps before it occurred to her that she was in need of something. Would we not give her i few boxes of matches in exchange for a narwhal tusk? We would be de lighted, said Mr Bradley, and a hand ful of sweets went with the bargain Her boy brought down two ivory tusks, each eight feet in length. The two were worth \$150.

Had we a knife to spare? Yes, and s tin spoon was also given just to show that we were liberal. The yacht was headed northward

across inglefield guit. It is necessary for deep sea craft to give Karnah



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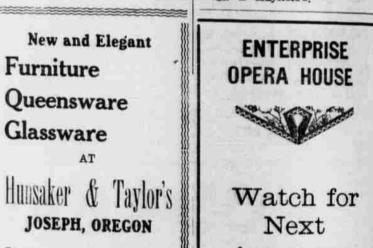
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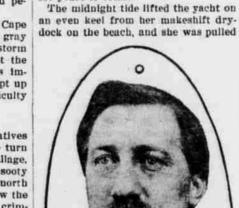
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the fact that evangelistic campaigns conducted on what may be termed ra tional lines, are more effective and more thorough. It is impossible of course to be a successful evangelist without appealing to the emotions. Christianity is not a purely intellectual process. The Father's love cannot be demonstrated by rule of three. The heart must be touched, the memory stirred and man's better nature aroused. But the use of the spectacular is not necessary to do this, with most men.

Dr. Pratt, who is conducting the meetings in this city, is preaching the plain gospel of Christ and has met with great success elsewhere and doubtless will here. If the great Bible truths and God's love do not effect conviction and repentance there is an indifference beyond the ordinary; one that it would take a Sunday to overcome.

The high price of hogs is causing an unprecedented rush of porkers to market, not only in the Northwest but all over the country, and it is predicted that there will be a great scarcity of hogs next year and consequently a continuation of the high prices. This sounds reasonable and it would be wise to raise as many hogs in this county next year as possible. Wallowa county cannot be beat for good porkers.

Kills Her Foe of 20 Years.

"The most merciless enemy I had for 20 years," declares Mrs. James Duncan, of Haynesville, Me., "was Dyspepsia. I suffered intensely after eating or drinkng and could scarcely sleep. After many remedies had falled and several doctors gave me up, I tried Electric Bitters, which cured me completely. Now I can eat anything. I am 70 years old and am overjoyed to get my health and strength back gain." For Indigestion, Loss of Appetite, Kidney Trouble, Lame Back, Female Complaints, its unequalled. Only 50c at Burnaugh & Mayfield's,

good living. A narrow band of rocky and between the land ice and the sea offers grasses upon which feed ptarmigan, have and caribous.

Numerous cliffs and islands afford a resting place in summer for myriads of marine birds that seek the small life of the icy waters. Blue and white foxes wander everywhere. Seal, walrus, narwhal and white whale sport in the summer sun, while the bear, king of the polar wilds, roams over the sea at all times.

The yacht dodged the icebergs and dangerous rocks in the fog about Cape Athol, then turned eastward to cross Wolstenholme sound.

As we neared Table mountain, which guards North Star bay, many natives came out in knyuks to meet us. Some were recognized as old triends. There was Myah, he of many wives; Oobloinh, who had executed Angoogibeah, styled the villain by Gibson at Redcliffe House, and Pincoota, husband of the queen, in whose family are to be found the only hybrid children of the tribe.

Later, Knud Rasmussen, a Danish writer, living as a native among the people, came aboard. With him we got better acquainted during the winter.

Late at night a visit was made to the town of Oomanooi. There were seven triangular sealskin tents, conveniently placed on picturesque rocks. Gathered about these in large numbers were men, women and children, shivering in the midnight chill.

They were odd looking specimens of humanity. In height the men averaged but five feet two inches and the women four feet ten inches. All had broad, fat faces, heavy trunks and well rounded limbs. Their skin was slightly bronzed. Men and women had cont black bair and brown eyes. The nose was short, and the hands and feet were short, but thick,

There was not much news to exchange. After we had gone over the list of marriages and deaths the luck of the chase became the topic of conversation.

It was a period of monogamy. Myab had exchanged a plurality of wives for a larger team of dogs, and there was but one other man in the tribe with two wives.

Women were rather scarce. Several marriageable men were forced to fore- yacht, a poy of eight, the only deaf

out into the bay and anchored for a few hours. Oomanooi was but one of six villages in which the tribe had divided its 250 people for the current season.

DR. FREDERICE A. COOK.

To study the people, to further eucourage the game of barter and to enjoy the rare sport of yachting and hunting in man's northernmost haunts we prepared to visit as many villages as possible.

In the morning the anchor was raised, and the yacht set sail to a light wind headed for more northern vilinges.

Ducks were secured in abundance. Seals were given chase, but they were able to escape our craft. Nearing Saunders island a herd of walrus was seen on a pan of drift lee far ahead of the vacht.

Two with splendid tusks were optained, and two tons of meat blubber were turned over to our Eskimo allies.

An Eskime Widow's Story.

Among the Eskimo passengers pacing the deck was a widow, who, in tears, told us the story of her life-a story which offered a peep into the comedy and trugedy of Eskimo existence. She had arranged a den under a shelter of seniskins among the anchor chains. We had offered her a large bed, with straw in it, and a place between decks as a better nest for her brood of youngsters, but she refused, saying she preferred the open air on deck.

She had come from American shores. and, as g foreign belle, her hand was sought early. At thirteen Ikwa introduced her to a wedded life not strewn with blubber. He was cruel and not always truthful.

Two girls graced their home. One was now married. When the youngest was out of her hood, ikwa took the children and invited her to leave, eaying that he had taken to wife Alitali, a plump maid and a good seamstress

Manee had neither advantage, but she knew something of human nature, and soon found another husband, a good deal older, but better than the first. Their life was a hard one, for Nordingwah was not a good hunter. but their home was peaceable, quiet and happy. Two children enlivened

wide berth. There were bergs enough about to hold the water down, though an occasional sea rose with a sickening thump.

The launch towed the dory, of which Mance and her children were the only occupants.

Karnah was to be her future home, and as we neared the shore we tried to locate lkwa, but there was not a man in town. Five women, fiftgen children and forty-five dogs came out to maet us. The men were on a hunting campaign, and their location was not exactly known.

Attablungwah, Manee's rival, a fat. unsociable creature, stood on a useful stone, where we chose to land, and did not accommodate us with footing on the same platform

A Thrifty Eskimo Camp.

There were five sealskin tents pitched among the bowiders of a glacial stream. An immense quantity of narwhat meat was placed on the racks and stones to dry. Skins were stretched on the grass, and a general air of thrift was shown about the place.

Bundles of seniskins, packages of pelts and much ivery were brought out to trade and establish friendly intercourse. We gave them sugar, tobacco and ammunition in quantities to suit their own estimate of value.

The fat woman entered her tent, and we saw no more of her during our stay, for she did not venture to trade as did the others. Mance was kindly treated by the other village folk, and a not stepping with oily meat was soon served in her hoppr. We were cordially invited to partnke of the least, out had a convenient excuse, just having finished a meal.

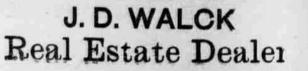
Would we not place ourselves at sase and stay for a day or two, as their husbands would soon return? We were forced to decline their hospitality, for without the harbor there was too much wind to keep the yacht waiting. Eskimos have no system of salutation except a greeting smile or a parting look of regret. We got both at the same time as we stepped into the launch and shouted goodby. Aboard, the captain was told to pro-

coed to Cape Robertson. The wind eased, a fog came over from the inland ice and blotted out the laudscope down to about a thousand fest, but under this the air was clear.

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