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NORTH POLE WAS DISCOVERED BY FREDERICK COOKE, AN AMERICAN

MARRIED YET NO MARRIAGE

ORIGINAL "AFFINITY" MAN
ADOPTS A NEW SCHEME.

Goes to Europe With Soulmated Wife

—Will be No Wedding Unless the Couple decide to Have Children—A Spiritual Wedding Only, says a Friend—Will be no Wedding Ceremony in Any Event is the Report.

NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—B. Russell Harts, editor of "Moods Magazine of Personality" and a close friend of the artist Ferdinand Pinney Earle, who left for Europe with Miss Gertrude Dunn, the writer and settlement worker, declared here today that he was in a position to state that Earle was "perfectly mated this time."

Earle is best known as the original "affinity" who startled two continents when he deserted his first wife for Miss Julia Kuttner whom he wedded and who is now suing for an annulment of the wedding.

Harts said: "This affair between Earle and Miss Dunn is entirely spiritual. It is their intention to remain soulmates and there will be no marriage unless the couple decides that they want children. At any event, there will be no wedding ceremony."

Deserted from the St. Louis.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 1.—Forty-nine men who arrived yesterday from Honolulu were arrested by the federal authorities and examined for alleged desertion from the United States cruiser St. Louis, stationed at Honolulu. Eight of the men have

been listed as "deserters" and the remainder as being held under the head of "absentees." The St. Louis reports having a hundred less men than they should have as many of the men have asked for and been granted a transfer to other vessels of the service. The men here assert that they were so poorly fed that many of them have been down ill and it was a case of desert or die any way. They claim the officers were well provisioned and the men had to live mostly on tainted fruits and salt pork. The men will be held here and an investigation ordered.

JAPANESE MOCULS VISIT SEATTLE

ANXIOUS TO ESTABLISH TRADE
RELATIONS FIRMLY.

Big Delegation of Japanese Delegates
Touring The Coast.

SEATTLE, Sept. 1.—Forty-six representatives of commercial interests in Japanese, delegated as commissioners by the Tokyo government, arrived Seattle today on the liner Minnesota from Yokohama, headed by Baron Shibuawa, President of the First National bank of Japan. They will stay at Seattle for four days, and then tour the coast and the east.

The party included 46 delegates, their wives, and two secretaries. Baron Shibuawa said: "I don't believe there exists in the family of nations, any friendly nations than Japan and the United States, increased trade relations add to this. We are commissioned to perform our part to bring it about. Our associations aboard the ship with Americans aboard ship visiting Japan have been the pleasantest."

FOREST FIRES AT SUMMERVILLE

OVER 100 ACRES BURNED
AT NOON TIME TODAY

Fire Which Started Last Evening in

Mrs. Smith's Timberland Still Burning—no Serious Danger as Smith Ranch Escaped Destruction Last Night—In Some Ways is Helpful to Cut-Over Timber.

One hundred and sixty acres of timber land, lying four miles from Summerville and owned by Mrs. Lucia Smith, a widow, is burning today with renewed vigor, after keeping a large force of men on the defense since late yesterday afternoon. Early in the night close to 100 men commenced a systematic battle to prevent a spread of the fire to houses and farm buildings that cluster close to the edge of the timber. They were successful in this respect for the fire passed within 100 yards of Mrs. Smith's home leaving the ranch buildings safe and unmolested.

There is still some danger of the wind changing to bring the Gellispie ranch and others in close proximity to the danger mark.

The air is hazy and smoke-clouded. According to best estimates 100 acres have been burned over, but as the timber had been well cut over, the fire is not doing as great damage as if the timber had been left standing. The loss is not ascertained. Late this afternoon it is still burning.

RELIEF RUSHED TO SUFFERERS

RAWHIDE STRUCK BY
CLOUDBURST LAST NIGHT

Men Dive Into Seething Waters to Secure

Helpless Women And Children In The Floods—Canned Fruit Dished Out to Survivors at Rawhide Today, Until More Relief Presents Itself—Several Dead.

RAWHIDE, Neb., Sept. 1.—Provisions are being rushed by special trains into this city today for the relief of the sufferers from last night's flood, when 500 families were made homeless by the destruction of 30 buildings. Rescuers who comprise mostly the entire male population, are searching the ruins for bodies. It is believed that the loss of life will be confined to five men, two women and four children, who are known to have perished.

Special trains began arriving prior to noon, and people ate breakfast, consisting of canned goods. Nevada street, the principal thoroughfare, is in ruins. Hardly a house withstood the water.

That the loss of life was not greater is a miracle. The cloudburst started a wall of water 12 feet high, sweeping through the canyon in which lies Rawhide. Bravery of the men prevented a greater loss of life.

Many of the men dove into the torrent and rescued the women and children, helpless in the seething waters.

the case as it has been known for some time that large numbers of Chinese were being sent into the country in some way unknown to the federal authorities. The discovery of the car of Chinks was made by the weighmaster who weighed the car and found the weight so short from the billing that an investigation followed and the car was found to contain Chinese subjects instead of cases of fruit as billed.

A salmon caught at Bayocean Park and brought to the Sheridan cannery was 43-4 feet long and weighed 96 pounds.

SURVIVOR OF WRECK AT HOME

ROUND HOUSE FOREMAN THOMAS
BROUGHT HOME TODAY.

Will be Several Months Before he is
Able to Resume His Duties.

Ed Thomas, former foreman of the round house at this place, who was seriously injured in the wreck on the Spokane-Coeur d'Alene electric railroad some time ago, and who has since the wreck, been confined in the Sacred Heart hospital at Spokane, was brought to his home in this city this morning.

He is still suffering severe pain from the many bruises and cuts he received in the fatal wreck, but is improved greatly. It was thought at first that he would be unable to survive the injuries received, but in the last week his improvement has been in rapid strides, although it will probably be three or four months before he is able to resume his duties in the round house.

At present he is not able to either walk or lay on his side. His legs are seriously injured caused by several splinters piercing his limbs. His back is also badly sprained. The wounds on the legs are healing up rapidly, and it is thought that he will soon be able to at least walk around.

AFTER 7,000 GRAIN SACKS.

W. G. Sawyer Will Start Threshing Tomorrow—Big Crop Sure.

Seven thousand grain sacks were this morning purchased and taken out to the W. G. Sawyer ranch where threshing starts tomorrow. H. Eichenger was in the city today to make the purchase, and affirms that the Sawyer ranch will have an extraordinarily large yield this year, and that all sections in that district of the valley are in the same happy state.

WILSON IS COMING WESTWARD.

BOISE, Idaho, Sept. 1.—Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson, after an inspection of the Carey Act Irrigation project on Lost River, which will be opened in September, held a meeting with the stockmen at Mackay today, and heard complaints regarding the restrictions placed on the use of the national forests. Wilson praised Pinchot, and said the service is endeavoring to work in harmony with the stockmen.

Wilson is slated to pass through La Grande on a late train tonight or tomorrow some time.

Echo is going some, says the Register. Irrigation enterprises all around and in between east, west, north and south.

"Hoppickers Wanted," is now a frequent add to be seen in the valley papers.

EXACT DAY WAS APRIL 21, 1908

HERO NOW HOMEWARD BOUND
ACCORDING TO REPORTS

Missing American Explorer Suddenly

Looms Into View Having Actually Sailed on The North Pole His Fate Recorded by Inspector in Greenland in Report to Denmark—Connected With Peary.

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Sept. 1.—The North Pole has been reached. Dr. Frederick Cook, an American, is the man to accomplish the long trip and feat, and win the glory of being the first to stand where every direction points south. He reached the North Pole on April 21, 1908. Dr. Cook is now aboard the Danish government steamer "Hans Egede" now en route to Denmark.

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK, Sept. 1.—Dr. F. A. Cook, the explorer, of Brooklyn, N. Y., discovered the North Pole on April 21, 1908, according to official reports of the inspector of Greenland, to the Danish government today. The inspector made the report from Lorwick, Shetland Islands. Since discovering the Pole Dr. Cook has been endeavoring to fight his way back to civilization. The exploring was practically done alone by Dr. Cook as last year his only surviving white companion was taken sick and made his way back to civilization for medical treatment. Cook was accompanied only by Eskimos on his trip north.

Cook has been exploring for a number of years. Hitherto he attempted only to reach the South Pole. He has written a number of polar books and was surgeon on the Peary exploring party in 1891. He gained extensive knowledge of the northland then. He was born at Callicoon, Sullivan county, New York, and like his father, studied medicine. He graduated from the University of New York.

His expedition left Halifax, N. S., in May, 1907. He was last heard from in March 1, 1908, at Cape Thomas, Hubbard Junior, the farthest point north.

His friends believe that he has miscalculated time of return and run short of provisions.

A cablegram announcing the discovery reads:

"Cook, the American explorer was at the North Pole on April 21, 1908. He is now aboard the Hans Egede, bound for Copenhagen. Eskimos confirm the truth of his statement regarding the reported discovery of the geographical pole."

It is noticed the officials emphasize the discovery of the geographical, not magnetic pole. The magnetic pole has been discovered long ago.

When Cook left on a hunting trip north, he had no intention of making the pole.

Cablegram From Cook.

Brooklyn, Sept. 1.—Mrs. Robert Davidson, a friend of the Cook family, today received the following cablegram from the explorer:

"Successful and well, cable address to Copenhagen."

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Mrs. Cook, wife of the explorer and her children are now at South Haverhill Island, Maine. Mrs. Davidson forwarded the contents of the cablegram to her.

A recent shipment of 21 tons of ore from the Buzpard mine on Elk Creek has netted the owners of the mine \$2642.00.

CLEAN SWEEP SALE

Of Seasonable Merchandise

Wash Suits 1-2 Price

Parasols 1-2 Price

Wash Dresses Now 1-2 Price

An elegant line of Wash Dresses with separate Waists and Skirts in white and colors. Values to \$7.50, This week for \$2.47

THIS WEEK ONLY

The Fair

Watch Our Windows

REPLY TO CHARGES

(Editor, La Grande Evening Observer.) In your issue of August 30, we find the following language, purporting to be the words of Rev. W. H. Gibson, "Men of the order of Elks, in the name of decency look! You have taken your stand with the things and prostitutes." The writer is an Elk and proud of the name and of the members of this great brotherhood, men who pay value received for all they get, and endeavor to cheer and comfort their fellow men through the short journey of life, and then to point to something better in the "Great Beyond."

This order was bulidled for noble men, men of wisdom, generous men, and men of integrity, for lawyers, doctors, judges, governors, presidents, and all men who hold high the standard of honor, "the unwritten law," as well as the "written law." Such men as Mr. Gibson never could be admitted within the sacred walls of the lodge room of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, nor be initiated into the exalted teachings and obligations of this order, for the reason that it was never organized for parasites and defamers of good men's characters in society. We know where of we speak, or this statement would not be made. For instance, Mr. Gibson has taken unto himself much credit for the bulidling of the beautiful Baptist church. It is probable that the good people who advanced the

necessary funds to build this structure, believe that it is all paid for, but it is not. The writer furnished material in the foundation two years ago. The contractor failed and could not pay. Mr. Gibson being aware that the law will not permit a lein on church property, although there was ample time for protection by lein had it been private property, would not pay either and it never has been paid, and there is more. "The men of the Order of Elks" need no defender from such would-be defamers of character as the Rev. Gibson, but these facts and statements have been made that others may not be deceived by the man who attempts to slander our officers lodge and local citizens.

Note—There is no word used herein that refers to any other minister, as we honor all men who are honest in this calling the same as in other walks of life.

O. F. COOLIDGE.

Find Smuggled Chinks.

TECUMCARI, N. M., Sept. 1.—Fourteen Chinese are in jail here awaiting deportation, following their discovery in a box car in which they had been smuggled across the border from Mexico. The car was consigned to a firm in Kansas City and was well provisioned and provided with bunks, etc., for the accommodations of the chinks while on the trip. There is undoubtedly a regular organized band behind