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EGEDE ANNIVERSARY.

When Dr. Cook returned to Copenhagen from his discovery of the North Pole, he made the trip in the good ship Egede. It is worthy of note that this vessel was named after Hans Paulsen Egede, one of the pioneers in Greenland exploration, who was born in Norway 223 years ago and died in Copenhagen in 1758.

Early in the 12th century a party of Norwegians and Icelanders went to Greenland to open up commercial relations and establish homes. They were Christians but did nothing toward teaching the Eskimos. For over 200 years they were fairly successful in selling products between Greenland and Norway. Then a change came.

The Eskimos gave them serious trouble, the scourge of the "Black Death," came and to crown their misfortunes vast seas of polar ice swept about the east coast, so that this section was inaccessible. No ships could reach the colony and they were helpless.

During a period of 200 years efforts were occasionally made to rescue those who might have survived the original colonists, but there had been no success, and finally this band of pioneers and their descendants became merely parts of history.

Hans Egede was pastor of the village church at Vaagen, Norway and he became deeply interested in the constantly repeated story of the colonist of Greenland. He began to dream of a mission among the Eskimos, and the finding of traces of the unfortunate settlers.

Realizing that there must be a material object to attract and bind followers in such an enterprise, he organized the plan for a trading company, members of which company should go with him.

His friends and the Bishop of Bergen, tried to dissuade him in his plans and only his wife, Gertrude Egede, was in sympathy with the enterprise. He pushed the matter of the trading company with such good arguments that Frederick IV, King of Denmark, took up the matter and empowered Hans Egede to sail for tidings of the lost colony, promising that ships with supplies should follow him.

He sailed on the ship, Good Hope, July 3, 1721, with his wife and two sons, and landed safely on the West coast of Greenland, at Baals river. They worked their way to the north, trying to get traces of the early colony, and waited with impatience the arrival of the relief ship from Denmark. It was after discouragement of every sort that this reached Kanzeo, and Hans Egede and his followers were urged to return to civilization.

But the fever of enthusiasm was not cooled even by the awful cold, and Hans Egede decided to remain although many of the party had died from the cruel climate. He and his family lived with the Eskimos in their huts, and after the learned to speak the native tongue they heard the fate of the first colonists.

Hans Egede made a journey with a party of natives to a valley on the east coast, where he found the ruins of Norwegian homes, churches and public buildings.

The entire community had perished and nothing but the ruins of their buildings remained. After a long period with the natives, Egede returned to Copenhagen.

WILL MAKE WORLD MAP.

S. J. Kubel and Bailey Willis, topographers of the United States Geological Survey, are the American

representatives at an international conference of topographers which opened in London today for the purpose of designing a world map.

The conference is the result of the recent international geographic congress at Geneva, Switzerland. The plan is to design a world map which will be accepted by all countries represented at the congress as official. Lieutenant C. G. Close, of the British Army, will preside over the sessions of the conference. Great Britain, Germany, France, Austria, Italy, Japan and the British colonies of Australia, Canada and India are represented.

There is certainly a taste of life in Washington that fastens upon all those who have tasted of political honors. We notice that John L. Wilson, a former United States senator from Washington, has announced his willingness to serve his state once more. Congressman Burton L. French of Idaho, who twelve hours before the last state convention thought his nomination was secure and under ordinary circumstances would have been, but a few wire pullers during the midnight hour preceding the day of the nomination fixed up a new slate which won out. Mr. French will go before the primaries of his state for renomination and in Oregon we have Senator Fulton who, it is stated, already has a legal practice which in dollars is paying him much more than a senator's salary, still it is rumored that he would like to take his former place in the senate. A witty Irishman once described the desire for office as a disease, as it is contagious and often epidemic. The definition is often applicable.

Grain dealers from many of the Western states are in the Indiana cañon today, attracted by the national conference to be held there this week. Discussing the purpose of the conference President Theodore G. Nelson says:

"Of the subject the grain dealers were asked to consider when we sent out the call, the matter of the establishing by the congress at its next meeting of a uniform standard by which to grade grain in all parts of the United States and the linking together of the farmers' elevators of the country into a national association for the purpose of backing the movement and the question of how best to reduce the cost of bringing out products from the producer to the consumer, seems to get most attention."

Nobody has occasion to worry much when "joy riders" "ginned up for a time," kill themselves or each other. But when they run over other people on the road, there is room for protest. The inspiration of "joy riding" is in the loose conduct of young women. Liquor is its common adjunct. Many girls and young women are so mad for the joy-ride that they seem willing to sacrifice everything for it, including reputation. The men care little for the joy ride. Their object is the woman. Can any young woman be ignorant of the purpose? If so she has been very insufficiently instructed. The automobile and the liquor beats any combination for a downfall that has ever been known before. Oregonian.

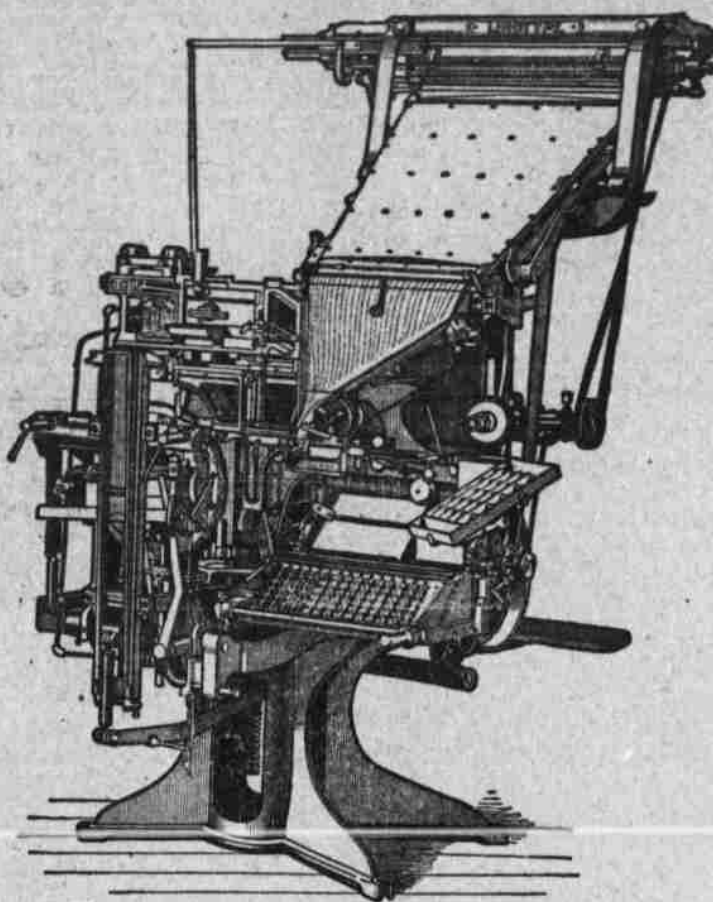
Thanksgiving preparations have already begun in many of the homes. This is one of our greatest holidays; simple, not demonstrative like our Fourth of July, but in fact more patriotic than the former owing to the closer home ties. Thanksgiving, generally speaking, is strictly a home gathering and every home building act adds just that much to the uplifting and perpetuity of our nation.

The Honorary Commercial Commissioners from Japan, who have recently visited the large cities and industrial centers of both east and West are back at San Francisco and will sail for home next Tuesday. They will spend tomorrow in Oakland, according to their schedule. All profess to be well pleased with their visit and the treatment accorded them.

San Francisco defeated Francis J. Heney and he is now coming back to Oregon to prosecute Blinger Hermann for alleged land fraud. If Mr. Heney is not careful he will send Blinger back to congress. Stranger things have happened in Oregon politics.

The flag of Brazil is floating proudly over the embassy of the great South American Republic today at Washington, and the Ambassador and his staff are celebrating in honor of the anniversary of Independence Day.

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