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## DR COOK ADMITS HE MAY HAVE BEEN WRONG

LIFE STORY TO BE TOLD BY NEW YORK MAGAZINE EDITOR IN NEAR FUTURE.

## COMING TO AMERICA SOON

Will Leave His Story to Geographical Society as He Does Not Know if He Reached the North Pole—May Have Been Crazed by Starvation—Doctor in London Most of the Time Since Disappearance.

New York, Nov. 30.—Dr. Fredrick Cook admits that he doesn't know whether he reached the North Pole, according to Benjamin Hampton, editor of Hampton's Magazine, who will soon publish Cook's own story. According to Hampton Cook wants to let the story before the public and allow the geographical societies to decide whether he really accomplished the feat he said he did.

In the first chapter Cook says he might have been half crazed by months of isolation and hunger, and finally came to believe he honestly reached the pole. Cook writes he does not want to be called a fakir. Most of the time he was away, Cook says he lived in London. He said it was easy to drop from sight without having to change his name or donning a disguise.

### Health Was Deplorable.

Cook said most of the time his physical health was deplorable and part of the time couldn't sleep over three hours nightly. "I've been called the greatest liar in the world," he writes, "the most monumental imposter in history and I believe that in a very undesirable way I stand the unique object of vituperation as assailed for a few men."

### Life Story is Told.

It is unknown whether Cook received the records from the north he said he did. In the story Cook tells his life story. He declares that when he had convinced himself he had reached the pole, he was half mad, having spent two and a half years in the Arctic which he calls the region of insanity, "where one cannot believe the evidence gathered by one's own eyes."

### Coming to America.

With his wife he will return to American December 22 to spend Christmas with relatives here.

### Peary Noncommittal.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Peary, who first declared Cook failed to reach the pole today read Cook's confession with interest. He displayed keen interest but at the end said, "I have absolutely no comment to make."

they are sold, being an expert feeder and judge of cattle. McKennon and Chandler expect to take all blue ribbons and premium money.

In viewing the stock market condition in this and other parts of Eastern Oregon, Mr. McKennon says that cattle and hogs are slightly off, due to the scarcity of money and banks not loaning, although his firm is looking for any good stock that is offered. He received returns on five cars of cattle this morning from the Union Stock Yards at Portland that were satisfactory under existing conditions.

### ENGLAND'S ELECTION ROUGH.

Rallies Broken Up, Candidates Egged and Speakers Misused.

London, Nov. 30.—Widespread violence at the election rallies continue throughout England and Ireland today. Scores of meetings last night were broken up and candidates and candidates egged and in some places attacked and beaten. Winston Churchill was attacked several times when he spoke at Sheffield. Two hundred police protected him. Followers of Redmond and O'Brien in Ireland clashed. The central issue of the election is virtual abolition of the House of Lords.

## AGENTS GATHER DATA FROM UNION

NON COMMITTAL BUT BOOSTERS ARE ELATED.

Spend Two Days Looking Over Proposed Sites at Union for Asylum.

Union, Nov. 30 (Special)—J. W. Cochran of Condon, G. G. McCarthy of Portland last evening completed the task of inspection, officially, the proffered site for the proposed Eastern Oregon asylum. These two men have already been to Baker City looking over the territory and after having spent two days in Union, left last evening for Pendleton where they will undertake a similar duty. The work of these two men is to gather data as to site and other matters, and they will report to the committee at Salem which has the matter in charge.

What these men recommend will not necessarily be final but it will likely go a long way toward influencing the committee.

The men were non-committal while at Union but the committee which took them in charge and introduced them to natural conditions which make Union's chances all the more consistent than any other town's are confident that the came away from Union's highly impressed with conditions.

### JEM MACE DEAD.

Greatest Boxer of the Old School England Ever Produced, is Dead.

London, Nov. 30.—Jem Mace, the greatest exponent of boxing that England produced, at one time heavyweight champion and the last link between the old and new schools of boxing, died here today. He was poverty stricken and lived on a small pension granted by the government after he had spent a fortune made in the ring. He was born April 4, 1831.

### DEFENDANTS FILE DEMURRER

Defendants Turner Oliver and Curry Deny Allegations are Sufficient.

Senator Turner Oliver and George H. Curry, the real estate dealer, who with Governor-elect West are defendants in a libel suit brought by E. D. Gaines, have filed a demurrer to the bill. The defendants claim the grounds set forth are insufficient and that in no particular is there sufficient allegation in the complaint to warrant trial.

## CHIHUAHUA IS FORTIFIED FOR FIGHT

SUDDEN COLLAPSE OF TELEGRAPH WIRES MAY INDICATE FIGHT HAS STARTED.

## OTHER TOWNS IN DANGER

At the Time Details of Prospective Attack on Chihuahua Were Being Flashed Over Government Wires Services are Crippled—Federal Troops Under Various Generals Hurrying to Reinforce the Town.

El Paso, Nov. 30.—The city of Chihuahua is being fortified today in anticipation of an attack by a small band of insurrectionists, lead it is said, by Madero personally. The city is garrisoned by troops under General Navarro and General Terrazas, General Villar, commanding the Mexican army of the north is reported hurrying with reinforcements to Chihuahua.

### Interior Continually Harassed.

Later advices today say that a traveler feels that the fall of Puebla will be announced soon. They assert that federal troops from Ciudad and Porfirio Diaz along the Northern boundary and south through the state of Chihuahua, Coahuila into Durango are being harassed by revolutionists.

It is reported a concerted attack on Matamoros and the city of Chihuahua has begun.

### Fighting is Under Way.

Laredo, Texas, Nov. 30.—While the government messages indicate that General Villar, commanding reinforcements for Chihuahua was being sent from Matamoros today, wires were severed and it is believed the insurgent forces are either attacking Matamoros or possibly have captured the city. Mexican authorities at Nuevo and Laredo are endeavoring to regain communication. In the meantime alarm is prevalent.

## NORRIS OUTLINES SALT LAKE BANK STATE RIGHTS TO HEARERS

SLAPS EASTERN POLICY OF TRYING TO RUN THE WEST.

Same People Who Made the Great West Possible Can Control it.

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 30.—Speaking before the conference of governors on uniform laws and other matters today, Governor Norris of Montana, outlined his ideas on conservation.

He said, "It seems to us in the west that our brethren of the east have been rereading the story of the prodigal son, having consumed their own substance in riotous use and abuse, they want the paternal government to make another division and assign them a part of our patrimony. People of the northwest enthusiastically advocate the strictest conservation of natural resources. They don't differ from the most ardent nationalist in the principle but they do differ radically in the method that should be adopted. Those who made development of the great west possible believe themselves capable of protecting their territory as well as people of other sections can do it for them. This is the sum and substance of so called state rights." His speech was well received.

## INTEREST IN CHICAGO LAND SHOW.

Chicago, Nov. 30 (Special)—Chicago is looking forward with anxious expectancy for a word from James J. Hill, the Western Empire Builder, who promises to be the one big attraction of the day to share honors with the country that his indomitable energy has made a reality.

Mr. Hill is scheduled to be in Chicago today and to tell the effects Easters something about the resources of Washington and also Oregon. The Washington and Oregon delegations to the big land show have carried out vigorous program leading up to the climax, which is Washington and Oregon day. Four booths represent these two states.

Their displays covered everything from Spokane to Medford, Oregon, and the manner in which they have prosecuted their program promises to bring as results many new tax payers to the western states—that even now are new to the east, merely because of the pitiable ignorance of easterners of the wonderful possibilities of the western country.

In no other display is greater taste or greater volume shown than in those that exploit Washington and Oregon. The standard of these states was raised on high in forecast and maintained there by action of the determined forces of the two states.

## PLAN BANQUET TO VISITING DELEGATES

SOME TWO HUNDRED WILL BE HERE NEXT MONTH.

Plans Not Definitely Outlined but Include Something Worth While.

Plans for an elaborate banquet to be tendered the 200 threshermen of the state who are coming to La Grande December 8, 9, and 10 to attend the annual state convention, are now under formulation by President Collier and Secretary Church of the Commercial club here is looking after the banquet which will be attended by the guests from out of town. Union county threshermen and several from this city. Over 200 will no doubt be seated. The exact date of the banquet has not been made known but it will be probably Friday evening, the ninth.

The program to be carried out has not been announced definitely but enough has been said to confirm the statement that the leading threshermen and good roads men of the state will be here.

### MONEY MEN FLYED.

Bishop Williams Attacks Dual Practices of Morgan and Rockefeller.

Chicago, Nov. 30.—Men of the stamp of John D. Rockefeller and J. Pierpont Morgan are models of personal and religious side of life while virtually thieves and brigands and tyrants on the secular and social sides, was the charge of Bishop Charles Williams of the Episcopal diocese of Michigan today before the Methodist federation on social service.

He branded them as men of "Dual conscience" who sit in front pews of churches in unctuous piety and skin their fellow men out of millions the next day. He said, "When it comes to making money they feel that combining their business and God's business is out of the question."

### CONTRACT CASE POSTPONED.

Absence of Attorney in Case Necessitates Delay in Hearing.

The alleged breach of contract case slated to be heard in justice of the Peace court today was postponed because Turner Oliver, one of the attorneys in the case, was called from town last evening on account of the serious illness of his brother in Washington. Charles Tall is suing E. D. Davis, the contractor to build the

## TAFT HAMPERED AND MEASURES IN DANGER

APPROPRIATION BILLS ABOUT ALL THAT WILL BE PASSED THIS TERM.

## SCHEDULE KNOCKED AWRY

Cannon, Hale and Others Tell Him

Use of Plan for a Ship Subsidy Bill and Other Provisions of the President's Now Appropriation Bills Will Pass and That is About All is Belief.

Washington, Nov. 30.—President Taft is meeting difficulties in endeavoring to complete his annual message to congress. The president, it is said, desires to pass a number of important measures before the Democrats took control of the house but Cannon and Senator Hale and others told him there was no chance of success and probably only appropriation bills could be passed.

During the recent visit to Panama Taft prepared his program which included such measures as a ship subsidy bill, federal licensing of corporations and pensioning of superannuated government employes. Now it is believed the President won't try to force through these lengthy bills. The president spent the day working on his message and the cabinet meeting was again postponed today to allow him further time.

### 'Frisco Taxi's Strike.

San Francisco, Nov. 30.—Although there are not over 100 men involved in the taxicab drivers' strike which began Monday night, already a half dozen arrests have been made and one shot fired. President Carl Dreyer of the chauffeur's union and five other union men were today admitted to bail following their arrest for alleged stoning of a non-union cab. The police are investigating the shooting affray early today at the same place where Richard Kemp, a non-union driver, emptied a revolver into a crowd of union sympathizers.

### GAYNOR'S ASSAILANT ARRAIGNED

Pleads Not Guilty to Assaulting Street Commissioner Edwards.

Jersey City, Nov. 30.—James J. Gallagher, who shot and wounded Mayor Gaynor of New York City, today pleaded not guilty to indictments charging him with assaulting William Edwards, street commissioner and with carrying concealed weapons.

## SCORES SEEKING LOCATIONS

STRANGERS APPLY AT LAND OFFICE FOR HOMESTEADS.

More Applications of General Type Now Than Earlier in the Fall.

Homeseekers, primarily such as are anxious to pick up government land, have been making their appearances at the land office with greater frequency during the past few days than any time during the fall excursion rates. Officials of the land office say that from five to ten appear at the counter every day, seeking information as to how they can locate on a homestead. Not all are after government land, but a majority are. The peculiar part of this is that during the excursion period similar conditions did not exist to a marked degree.

Applications for homesteads and timber and stone claims under the recent stimulations continue to come in.

## SHOW STOCK TO ENTER ARENA

PORTLAND SHOW WILL HAVE EXHIBITS FROM LA GRANDE.

Two Carloads of Stock Will be Especially Fattened for Show.

Geo. Chandler of Elgin has accepted a position with McKennon & Chandler and will feed two cars of premium Union county cattle for the Portland stock show, March 20th. J. D. McKennon, in speaking of the handling of the two cars of cattle said that the very pick of their feeders were selected and that no pains would be spared to put before the stock show the best that can be had. He said the stock in the valley can be turned out good best. Mr. Chandler will have twelve cars of these cattle in every detail.