STORY OF STRUGGLE IN ARCTIC ICE TOLD

Captain of Polar Bear Writes From Humphrey Point to Friend at Cecil.

ELVIRA'S LOSS DESCRIBED

Vessel Picks Up Party Stranded After Trip Toward Herschel Island, but Later Is Abandoned—Fear Expressed for Stefansson.

Captain Hullin S. Mott, of the schooner Polar Bear, one of the vessels wintering in the Arctic Ocean and mentioned by Explorer Stefansson in a letter published recently in The Oregonian, wrote the following letter to C. G. Fulton, attorney, of Cecil, Or.

HUMPHREY POINT, on the Arctic Ocean, Dec. 15, 1913.—When I came out on this trip I little thought that so much would happen in so short a time, although I'm used to things happening and happening quick when you go out on a little boat. We sure had a sporty time and here I am, captain of the little schooner Polar Bear, frozen in in the ice half a mile off the beach, with the whole Arctic Ocean out against it, and camped in a big snowdrift on a two-foot sand spit with the ice crushed in all around us.

We have a wonderful crowd, society sports, whalers, natives and a fighting French cook that we had to fire out of camp because he wanted to kill everybody. We are a typical stranded Arctic expedition. Louie Lane, our captain when we came up, left with three of the boys to mush out overland, and while I was crazy to go we both couldn't leave. Louie is married and has two little children at home, and while he offered to stay in and let me go out, and even said he would rather stay, he had tears in his eyes when he lied to me, so I said I would remain—but I'm stung. We are going whaling in the Spring, if the little boat is there yet, and if she is crushed in the ice during the Winter we are going to take to the whale boats and run a race from here to Nome, 1000 miles. Three of us will each take a whale boat and we are going to put up a couple of hundred dollars each, and the first boat into Nome takes it all, no rules, haul over the ice, sail, row, sink or swim.

Trip Is Taken.

We practically lost the little schooner two or three times this Summer, but always just managed to pull out somehow. Our first troubles started when we got stuck in the ice east of Point Barrow. After sticking three weeks Silsbee and I decided that we would like to take a trip to Herschel Island and left the schooner in Kayaks. We worked along the beach dragging our little boats over the ice when there was not enough water and managed to get 135 miles from the vessel; in fact, we got so far that we couldn't come back, as it got too cold to travel, and we had only one blanket apiece. We also ran out of grub, and stopped to visit a pleasant, generous bunch of stranded farmers from Paulsbo, Wash., who invited us to go every day or two. They only had flour and tea, but we could catch lots of fish, so we lived merrily on fish and flour for 15 days until we sighted the schooner Elvira stuck in the ice about 10 miles from there. We used to insist that we were perfectly satisfied every time we were told to go, but when we saw the Elvira, we sure beat it quick. Paterson, the captain, was an old friend of mine and gave us a fine reception, also mukluks, as ours had worn through.

By and by, Louis comes along in the Polar Bear, thinks we are lost, but finds us happy and some $75 ahead from playing poker. Then our troubles began. The Polar Bear undertook to help the Elvira out of the ice, and while towing her got into a big crush, and judging by the cracking and groaning, the little boat made, I understood she was sure pressed. Luckily the ice raised her up, and by blasting with black powder for a couple of days we got her on easy street for the time being and started to haul our stuff to the beach over the rough ice. Seven and one-half miles in, 7½ miles back, 7½ miles in and another 7½ miles back was a day's work, although I could have sworn the last 7½-mile trip was 70½ miles. Six men could drag in about 500 pounds, and as we had a great deal of stuff to take in, sails, etc., to build a house, it looked as if it would be an all Winter's job.

Finally, however, a blow started that made the ice break up.

Elvira Abandoned.

Peterson abandoned the Elvira then, with his crew of 20 men. Louie and I went on to the Elvira after they had left her and, with two natives for longshoremen, started to throw flour and grub off of her on the ice so we could get some of it if she got crushed. I handled 100-pound gunnies of flour in the hold until I couldn't lift my empty hand above my head. We got all the grub off of her and I stayed up all night watching, while Louie went to sleep.

At 5 in the morning she looked to me as if she were settling and I thought I saw some smoke coming out of her. I ran over the ice to take a look (she was less than a quarter of a mile from us) and found her with about two feet of water in her hold. She always had bothered them by leaking. By this time it was blowing a gale.

While I was setting a signal for help from the Polar Bear the ice broke up around her and I could feel my heart going down, down as the poor old Elvira swung around and started to roll over. There were over $00 fine white fox skins under my feet, with sacks of mink and martin and 28 polar bear skins, and they were all going down, with me standing by, unable to help them. I was working with an ax, trying to cut out a big iron hook that I wanted, but when she started to roll over I desisted and beat it for the bowsprit and did the monkey stunt out over the bow stays, where I left the boat on a nice cute little ice cake that came along.

Louie Picks Him Up.

Louie picked me up with the Polar Bear after I had run a hurdle race over various floating cakes of ice that sometimes had such jumps between them that never before had been made in the Arctic Ocean. Louie stuck the Polar Bear's bow into the cake of ice where the grub was and the whole crew pitched in and the way we slit those gunnies with our knives and passed the little sacks of flour aboard would have put to shame the best gang of longshoremen you ever saw. It was all you could do to stand against the wind and it was full of snow and ice that cut right into your heart.

Don't, don't you ever let me hear you kick against the wind again; it's warm. Here it fogs your breath into a frozen mist and freezes tears right out of your eyes. After the ice broke up Louie showed the sporty material he is made of, for he brought the little boat into shoal water near the beach where she now is and is supposed to be comparatively safe. It was enough for Louie to give the boys their pick of taking to the small boats or staying with the schooner. I was asleeep, so they packed me as freight. When I woke up he was close in shore, behind a big ridge of ice, all hands safe and sound, and only a half mile to haul our stuff instead of seven and one-half. We built our home, 14 by 24, out of sails and driftwood and went to housekeeping. I think the man who watches over fools saw to it that we got in here.

Now I'm wondering what I'm going to get next season, but I wanted a last big hunting trip and I got it. Now I can't turn it loose. I hate the sight of a polar bear, wouldn't even go out of the house the other night to kill one that was eating one of our kayaks, had to almost kick one of the fellows out of bed to get him to go after it, as it was 2 A. M. and dark as your hat. So far we have gotten five caribou, one polar bear, one sheep and about 100 ptarmigan, also wounded a polar bear that our natives are tracking on the ice.

Trip to Boston Proposed.

We have to depend on the country for our meat and have to eat polar bear and seal, whether we like it or not. So far we have eaten about 60 seal, and I don't like it. In the Spring I'm going to the eastward to try to make the northern end of Bank Land and maybe take a little run off to the supposed land that hasn't yet been discovered. I'll give these Boston fellows a sporty trip, even if I have to stick them in the ice again for another season. We are framing up a trip from here to Boston, via the Northwest Passage, if Louie doesn't want the Polar Bear back in Seattle. If we could get the boat, four others and myself would take the trip and send the rest back home from Herschel Island. I would like very much to try it, but wouldn't go with more than four fellows; in case we got stuck and had to take to a skin boat, four men and yours truly would be all that I would want to look after. We have plenty of grub to last us until October 1, 1914, then we are out. If you don't hear of us outside before that you can know I am eating Eastern sports.

Dr. Anderson, with half of the Canadian Arctic expedition, is camped 60 miles west of us; the other half of the expedition is frozen in out in the terrible ice pack with Stefansson, dashing explorer, and Captain Bartlett, famous ice man, who just didn't get to the Pole with Perry, in charge. They are learning that the ice is different than in the East. Old whalers here never expect to see any of them again.

Our days now are all dark and we will not see the sun again until the middle of January. It is very gloomy and awfully cold. I wear skin sox, skin pants, shirt and parky and when I go out have no store clothes on at all, straight skins from head to foot; it is the only way you can dress to keep from freezing. So far I have frozen my nose four times, my toes once and my cheeks twice. The wind just seems to blister you in a few seconds' time and when it really does blow it brings a fog of snow along with it that you can't see a foot in. Oh, for Seattle; why, I could be contented in Portland.

Hunting here has been wonderful. Great flocks of ducks and geese, sometimes thousands in a bunch, pass by on their way in the Spring and Fall, and, judging by the number of elders that went by here this Fall every one in the world was east of here last Summer. I wonder what fool notion brought them in.

Would like very much to hear from you, and remember if you ever want to go on a real hunting trip, go with me.

FIRST POSTMASTER OF GOLDENDALE DIES.

W. H. Oldham.

W. H. Oldham, a pioneer of Washington and Oregon since 1875, passed away April 7 in this city. He was born near Lafayette, Wis., August 9, 1837.

The family came West and settled at Goldendale, Wash., where he was first postmaster and a charter member of the Masonic Lodge. Mr. Oldham is survived by six children—Mrs. F. W. Blagden, of Hood River, Or.; Mrs. William Lawrence, of Vancouver, Wash.; Leroy Oldham, of North Yakima, Wash.; G. W. Oldham, of Cle Elum, Wash.; Mrs. Alfred Burge and Mrs. L. C. Darland, of this city.

The body was taken to Cle Elum for interment.

MORE OUT OF RACE

Checking Shows Aspirants in State Number 252.

ALL PETITIONS CORRECT

Multnomah County Candidates for Legislator Cut to 43—Secretary of State Busy Preparing Material for Pamphlet.

SALEM, Or., April 11.—(Special.)—Secretary of State Olcott today, after checking over the petitions and declarations, announced that 252 aspirants for public office were eligible for the primary office. The petitions of all were found to conform to the law, but 10 persons who had announced for office failed to file completed petitions, which cut the number of aspirants from 262 to 252.

Those who filed declarations but not completed petitions are:

Tom Kay, of Portland, Republican, for State Treasurer; W. L. Robb, Portland, Republican, for National Committeeman; James E. Appleby, Portland, Republican, Representative in the Legislature; R. C. E. Basil, Republican, Representative in the Legislature, Eighteenth district; Ed D. Ulrich, Portland, Republican, Representative in the Legislature; George A. Johnston, Portland, Republican, Representative in the Legislature; John Osterman, Taft, Democrat, Representative in Congress First district; Fred Harrison, Brownsville, Democrat, Representative in the Legislature; S. J. Sullivan, Portland, Progressive, Representative in the Legislature; Alfred L. Parkhurst, Portland, Republican, Representative in the Legislature.

In Multnomah County there are 36 Republican, four Democratic and three Progressive aspirants for nominations for Representative in the Legislature.

Secretary of State Olcott and his corps of assistants worked today and will probably work all tomorrow getting the campaign material of the aspirants ready for the pamphlet. About 75 have engaged space. The law provides that the Secretary of State shall supply the material to the State Printer on or before April 12. The Printer has until April 28 to complete delivery of the pamphlets to the Secretary of State.

RIDGEFIELD PLANTS BUSY

New Factory Building and Hotel Are Being Erected.

RIDGEFIELD, Wash., April 11.—(Special.)—With the H. J. Potter saw mill and the shingle mill of J. L. Brattlie running full blast every day, together with the operation of the tie-plant of the Lewis River Boom & Logging Company at Ridgefield, there seems to be an era of prosperity and the prospects for increased business all around were never better.

The Ridgefield creamery and cheese factory is rushed to its fullest capacity. Additional machinery is being installed. A large additional building which will be used in connection with the factory is nearing completion.

The new Ridgefield Hotel will soon be ready for business, as the finishing touches are now being made. This is a large frame structure with modern furnishings, and will fill a long-felt want in Ridgefield. The residence of Mrs. Virginia Fales has been remodeled entirely and all modern improvements have been installed.

MINERAL TO INCORPORATE

Lewis County Commissioners Award Contract for Grading Highway.

CHEHALIS, Wash., April 11.—(Special.)—Lewis County Commissioners have awarded a contract to James and John Hendricks to build a grade on the Pacific Highway north of Forest, from the foot of the hill to the Phillips bridge across the Newaukum River, to replace a worn-out and dangerous trestle. The half-mile grade will be surfaced with gravel.

All telephone companies operating on Lewis County roads without franchises are to be ousted by order of the board, and 90 days' time has been granted in which applications may be made for franchises. The board plans to compel common-user restrictions in the use of poles.

Mineral, a live sawmill town in Northeastern Lewis County, has applied to be incorporated under the laws of the state. The hearing on the petition was set for May 4.

Ashland Girls Leave for Hawaii.

ASHLAND, Or., April 11.—(Special.)—Young people turned out en masse at the depot this evening to bid farewell to the Misses Frances Hamlin and Kathryn Miller, of the Ashland High School, who are leaving for Honolulu to accept positions as teachers in St. Andrew's Priory, an Episcopal school for girls. They will sail from San Francisco next Tuesday on the "Manoa," of the Hawaiian line.

LARGE CLASS CONFIRMED AT SHERWOOD GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

CLASS AND MINISTER CAUGHT BY CAMERA.

SHERWOOD, Or., April 11.—(Special.)—The confirmation class this week of the German Lutheran Church here was one of the largest in the history of the parish, of which Rev. C. Schink is pastor. Those in the class are Eddie Gohl, John Bremmer, Henry Adolf, Clara Hanke, Charlotte Meier, Helen Oberst, Martha Adolf, Martha Schuh, Rosalia Wohlgemuth and Louise Kruger. In the background is seen Mr. Schink.

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POWER LURES FACTORIES

EASTERN MANUFACTURERS CONSIDER WESTERN BRANCHES.

Seven Million Population Needed for Coast Before All Goods Can Be Manufactured Locally.

EUGENE, Or., April 11.—(Special.)—Manufacturers all over the East are looking to the Pacific Coast with a view to locating branch factories, and the Willamette Valley is today able to offer manufacturers electrical energy for less than power of any sort now costs them in the East, according to Elmer Dover, of Tacoma, president of the Oregon Power Company, and director in the H. M. Byllesby Company, of Chicago, who has just returned from a three months' trip in the East and in California. He declares manufacturers have set 7,000,000 as the population the eight Pacific Coast states must have before virtually everything used on the Coast can be manufactured here cheaper than to be shipped across the continent.

He declares that the move taken by the promotion department of the Eugene Commercial Club to substitute a factory campaign and use the $7000 promotion fund toward bringing industries instead of printing gold-embossed literature and working for people alone, is timely.

"While I was in the East I found that manufacturers in general are looking forward to the Pacific Coast market," said Mr. Dover.

"A factor to favor the Willamette Valley is that any Eastern manufacturer will find his rates for power cheaper when he moves his plant to the Pacific Coast. The Willamette Valley, the entire Pacific Coast, in fact, can sell, and is selling power cheaper than it can be had anywhere else in the United States. It can underbid Eastern coal in the coal districts."

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Laundry at Bandon Burns.

BANDON, Or., April 11.—(Special.)—A new steam laundry recently built at Bandon by A. F. Derringer at a cost of $7000 was tonight destroyed by fire. Much of the small machinery was saved and $3600 insurance was carried on the plant and building.

FOSSIL MEN GROW CORN

JAMES S. STEWART TAKES LEAD IN WHEELER COUNTY.

Acclimated Seed Supplied Through Co-operation with O.-W. R. & N. Official—Good Harvests Reported.

FOSSIL, Or., April 11.—(Special.)—Much interest in corn growing is being manifested in the Fossil country this Spring. James S. Stewart is preparing ground for the planting of ten acres of different varieties, with a view to determining the kinds that will mature best in that locality, and he is having good success in inducing quite a number of his neighbors to plant smaller tracts of corn. Co-operating with Farmer Smith, of the O.-W. R. & N., Mr. Stewart has agreed to supply acclimated seed to all farmers who request it and who will agree properly to cultivate it and report the results of their efforts.

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