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THE GAZETTE HEPPNER, OREGON

Willie Hoppe, the American billiard expert, has won the international championship at Paris, defeating Vingeaux and Sanchez.

The banking firm of Stephen Leuhrman & Son, of Bremen, has failed with liabilities of \$1,500,000. Several New York firms are affected.

The four principal baseball organizations of the United States incorporate 168 clubs, employing

in the aggregate 2,500 first class players.

Insurance rates on vessels flying the Japanese flag have raised 10 per cent on all Pacific coast ports.

Governor McBride, of Washington, has commuted the death sentence of John Reynolds, to imprisonment for life. Reynolds killed a man in Kings county two years ago, and the case has been in the supreme court ever since.

UNIQUE BALLOONING

Views of the Antarctic Regions from Overhead.

Important Results of Expedition to Southern Polar Seas Unique in the Annals of Aeronautics.

Balloon ascents for military reconnaissance are common enough. Some day they will be extensively employed for geographical exploration, perhaps. There is talk of using captive airships for enabling tourists to view Alpine scenery easily. But for polar research they have thus far been practically neglected. Poor Andree hoped that in a free balloon he might drift steadily northward from Spitzbergen several hundred miles, but he paid for that error with his life. The trial which was made in the Antarctic seas from the British ship Discovery is practically unique in the annals of aeronautics. Never before was a successful ascent made under similar conditions, says the New York Tribune.

Leaving Lyttleton, New Zealand, just before the close of 1901, the British expedition pushed steadily southward, heading for Cape Adair. The ice barrier which skirts the Antarctic continent extends almost continuously along the sixty-fifth or sixty-sixth parallel of south latitude. By far the most remarkable break in the coast line occurs to the southeastward of Australia. There is an enormous recess, 500 or 600 miles deep, and fully as wide, called McMurdo bay. Along its western shore lies Victoria Land. Its eastern boundary is poorly defined, and is represented only vaguely by ice. The southern side is almost straight and extends eastward and westward fairly close to the seventy-eighth parallel of latitude.

Touching first at Cape Adair, of the northwestern corner of the bay, Capt. Scott skirted Victoria Land and reached the southwestern corner, near the volcanoes Erebus and Terror, turning eastward on January 22, 1902, he worked his way slowly along the ice barrier, which for more than 500 miles has a height of from 50 to 280 feet. Apparently the ice had receded somewhat from the limits noted by Sir James Ross, who explored the region in 1845. During the next few days Capt. Scott saw land off to the eastward of him which has never before been chartered, and also observed that the ice barrier itself practically disappeared, and was replaced by sloping ice, which doubtless covered land. The barrier proper is a frozen pack, is generally level in spite of its roughness, and is thought to overlie sea.

It was just after turning back after these observations toward Mount Erebus that the balloon ascent was made. The ship was still under control, the season corresponding to mid-summer. An inlet through the ice, which reached further southward than any other to which the Discovery could penetrate, was now utilized to study the land. Hydrogen, compressed in cylinders and brought from home, was used to inflate the gas bag. Owing to the low temperature of this region, a much greater quantity was required than would have been needed in temperate climates. The cable which held this floating observatory captive was 750 feet long. No satisfactory landing place was discovered, but an admirable view of the region was had. This occurred February 4, 1902. Then the Discovery pushed on westward, found a satisfactory anchorage in McMurdo strait, close to Mount Erebus, and on March 24 (just after the autumnal equinox) she was frozen in. Subsequently Capt. Scott organized sledge parties which explored the vicinity.

The most important results of the expedition up to the time the relief ship, Morning, left it last winter, were as follows:

First—Discovery of new land east of McMurdo bay.

Second—Discovery that Mounts Erebus and Terror are on a small island and not the mainland.

Third—Finding good winter quarters for a ship in south latitude 77:50, east longitude 166:42, with land close by for a magnetic observatory.

Fourth—A record of 92 degrees below zero Fahrenheit.

Fifth—A sledge journey to 82:17 south latitude, and observations of land as far off as 82:30, including peaks and mountain ranges 14,000 feet high.

Sixth—Evidence that the vast ice covered plateau which reaches westward from McMurdo bay is in some places 9,000 feet high.

Seventh—A large amount of magnetic and biological and deep sea sounding.

Buenos Ayres a Big City.

Buenos Ayres, the capital of the Argentine Republic, is the largest city in South America. It is also the largest city in the southern hemisphere, and the largest city in the western hemisphere south of Philadelphia, says St. Nicholas. It is, moreover, the largest Spanish-speaking city in the world. Its population probably exceeds 900,000, and is increasing rapidly.

LOCAL MARKETS.

Heppner Quotations on Staples Bought and Sold Here.

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administratrix of the estate of Joseph F. Oxley, deceased, will make final settlement of his accounts with said estate as such administratrix, at the March term of the County Court of Morrow County, Oregon, to be held at Heppner, in said County, on the 7th day of March, 1904 at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day.

MARGARET OXLEY,
Administratrix.

Land Office Rush.

La Grande, Feb. 11.—Since the opening of the land office here, there has been one continuous chain of applicants for homestead filings, proofs and other land routine and the office force has been worked to fullest capacity.

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