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Beyond the poet's sweet dream lives The eternal epoch of man, He wisest is who only gives, True to himself, the best he can; Who drifting in the winds of praise, The inward monitor obeys; And with the boldness that confesses fear, Takes in the crowded sail, and lets his conscience steer. John G. Whittier.

ARCTIC EXPLORATION

Scientists and daring and hardy explorers are daily evolving more feasible and obviously more wise and nearly successful methods of reaching the North Pole, according to the opinion of a California exchange, which gives editorial sanction to a scheme set forth by one E. B. Baldwin, who has endeavored to enlist President Roosevelt in aid of his plan.

This man Baldwin, it seems, intends to utilize as a mode of travel one of the immense ice floes that drift from the Behring sea across the Arctic ocean and eventually reach the coast of Greenland, which will consume about three years and a half.

He expects to take with him a party not to exceed twenty-five men, including scientists, naturalists and artists, and designs the establishment of a portable camp and scattering of barrels of oil and logs, presumably to be used, if necessary, for fuel, over the floe. He believes that in this way it is not only possible to attain the pole, but also to ascertain scientific facts and make observations and photographs hitherto unobtainable.

Many will look upon the scheme as Quixotic and worthy only of ridicule, but two facts should be remembered before the subject is dismissed lightly. First, investigation has proved that these floes, starting south of Behring Strait, drift in a regular course across the Arctic, and it is known that portions of the wrecked Jeannette and drift ice started from that point have been picked up off the Greenland coast. Second, the idea is endorsed by Admirals Melville and Schley, both of whom are exceptionally familiar with the Arctic conditions. The first was with the Jeannette expedition and the latter rescued the survivors of the Greeley expedition. Mr. Baldwin expects to do by traveling on a drifting floe what DeLong expected to do on the Jeannette, and he will not be in danger of having his transporting means crushed. And, after all, there is nothing more wild in the idea advanced by Baldwin than there is in the many dirigible balloon or airship plans that have been proposed by a number of Polar expedition enthusiasts.

It is probable that the Baldwin plan will eventually be tried, for the lure of the pole seems to be such that when once man is attracted he in some manner is able to put his ideas into execution.

Still, to the man who has been accustomed to traveling on modern express trains and other rapid means of locomotion, the idea of sitting down on an ice floe and remaining there for three or four years to wait for it to drift along to the north pole or to some other place, real or imaginary, may seem to be a trifle humdrum and not calculated to create a great deal of excitement, yet there is not so much between that sort of thing and going up into the Polar regions to be caught in the ice and remaining there for one or more years. The whole matter of Arctic exploration seems to be somewhat of a joke to the average man and woman.

Tom Johnson, mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, has lost his fortune. The dispatches give out the information that he lost the money through his devotion to the affairs of his dead brother's estate. The real facts are that it was frittered away doing politics. Johnson is said to be an honest man, and we have no doubt of the truth of the assertion. Under present conditions the strictly honest man seems to be out of place in office, for it is always sure to result disastrously to his private affairs. He is expected to give liberally to every charity and public enterprise, and his salary is never sufficient to keep up to the steady drain. Besides all this he neglects his private business affairs for those of the public and the result is inevitable.

This morning's Oregonian says: "The citizens of Eugene have set themselves to the task of raising \$50,000 for the construction of a Y. M. C. A. building. So earnest and active have been those who have the details of the work in charge that something like \$31,000 has already been pledged and there is every reason to believe that the entire sum will be raised. The example set in this manner by Eugene is one that might be commendably followed by other prosperous-valley cities. The University town is certainly entitled to credit for the public spirit displayed in this undertaking. Without doubt the desired end will be gained."

One of the principal troubles in dealing with the man who talks too much is that you cannot make him believe it.

China has long been in need of several funerals in high official circles in the kingdom. That country has been retarded greatly by her rulers and now that most of them have died off, she may hope to take her place among the other great nations

of the world. No doubt there are many persons in the celestial kingdom competent to rule and now these will doubtless be brought forward.

The government building will be commenced at once and the \$50,000 Y. M. C. A. will follow closely. Now it would seem that a modern hotel building is about all that is left of Eugene's most pressing needs. A strong pull all together ought to assure that before many weeks roll around.

The big tobacco war has closed, with honors about even. There is not much chance for the trusts to fight long enough to work any considerable injury to themselves. They know when to quit fighting and come together for their own protection, and that is just what has happened in the present instance.

In announcing his willingness to be elected senator by the Ohio legislature, "Private" Dalzell declared he had neither gold, silver, trust nor official pull. Now the practical politicians are wondering how he can figure that he has a ghost of a chance.

Maybe the sugar trust does not put sand in its goods, but Uncle Sam has brought seven suits against it for monkeying with the scales, which seems to indicate rather strongly that the sweet bunch isn't entitled to a "good" tag.

This mix-up between Miss Elkins and a dago duke is rough on the other members of the Elkins family, but may serve a good purpose by lessening the demand for titles among American heresses.

MARRIED

At the courthouse, in Eugene, Or., Nov. 23, 1908, Norman A. Russell and Miss Carrie A. Howard, Judge G. R. Chrisman officiating.

"THIS DATE IN HISTORY."

- November 24. 1807—Thayendanegea (Joseph Bryant), a famous Indian chief, died near Burlington, Ontario. 1815—William W. Holden, governor of North Carolina, who was impeached and removed from office for his course in the "Ku-Klux" troubles, born in Orange county, N. C. Died in Raleigh, March 3, 1892. 1829—New England began the custom of celebrating the last Thursday in November as a day of Thanksgiving. 1842—Lieut. William D. Cushing, who blew up the Confederate ram "Albatross," born in Delafield, Wis. Died in Washington, D. C., Dec. 17, 1874. 1867—Execution of the "Manchester Martyrs." 1875—William Backhouse Astor, the founder of the great Astor fortune in real estate, died in New York city. Born Sept. 9, 1792. 1902—Labor riots in Havana.

"THIS IS MY 83rd BIRTHDAY."

John W. Stewart, United States senator and former governor of Vermont, was born in Middlebury, Vt., November 24, 1825, and graduated from Middlebury College in 1846. He read law in the office of United States Senator Horatio Seymour, and was admitted to the bar in 1850. In 1856 Mr. Stewart was elected a member of the Vermont legislature. He served as State senator in 1862, and in 1864 returned to the house to become its speaker. In 1870 he was elected governor of Vermont for a term of two years, and after another short term as speaker of the house he was elected to Congress from the First Vermont district in 1882. He was re-elected to Congress for three successive terms. Upon the death of Senator Redfield Proctor last March Mr. Stewart was appointed by Governor Fletcher Proctor to fill out the unexpired term of the latter's father in the United States senate.

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WATTS FOR WATCHES

BOY'S CONFERENCE TO BE HELD HERE THIS WEEK

Third Annual Meeting of the Oregon-Idaho Conference —The Program

The third annual Oregon-Idaho Boys' Conference, held under the supervision of the state committee of the Y. M. C. A. will be held in Eugene on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 27, 28 and 29. Following is the program:

- Friday, Nov. 27. 2:30-4:00 p. m.—Sign seeing. A trip of inspection to the University of Oregon. 4:00-5:00—Preliminary meeting. 5:00-6:00—Assignment of delegates to places of entertainment. 7:30—The Boys' Club, J. B. Rhodes, presiding. Five five-minute papers with discussion. (1) Why should we have one.—Salmon. (2) How to start it.—Albany. (3) What should happen as a result of it.—Corvallis. (4) Methods that would make things happen.—Eugene. (5) Who should make them happen.—Portland. Saturday, Nov. 28. 9:00 a. m.—Getting Ready for the Day.—Gale Seamen. 9:30—The Boys' Club and: 1. The Individual Boy—What should it do for him.—Hood River. 2. The Home—Should it take a boy away from home, and how can it help in the home life.—Portland. 3. The School—What should and what should not be the influence of the Club group in the school.—Boise. 4. The Church and Sunday School—How can it serve the Club.—Salmon. 5. The Town or City—Can the boys take any part in the life of the town or city.—Eugene. Saturday, November 28. 2:00 p. m.—A Good Sing. 2:15—How much Social Life there should be in the Club.—McMinnville. 2:30—Boys' Camps. Can They be Held and How to Run Them.—Portland. 3:15—Shall we study the Bible as

we would History, Algebra or English Literature.—Eugene. What should be the features of a class session.—Sheridan. What should we have in mind as we prepare our lesson.—Salmon. How to lead a class.—Portland. 7:30 p. m.—What it means to be a member of the Young Men's Christian Association.—J. C. Clark. Sunday, November 29. 9:00 a. m.—A quiet time together. Led by Dr. Pratt of Portland. 9:45-10:30—Group Bible classes. 10:30—Church services.

Politics and Politicians Zapata is the banner Republican county of Texas. The official returns of the recent election show that Taft received 424 votes and Bryan none. W. D. Jamison, who defeated William P. Hepburn for congress in the Eighth Iowa district, is a comparatively young man, who has been engaged in the business of making both ends meet on a weekly newspaper. According to a report circulated in Washington friends of John Hays Hammond, the millionaire mining man, and publisher of Massachusetts, will ask Mr. Taft to make him a member of his cabinet. Thomas R. Marshall, whom the Democrats have elected governor of Indiana, is a noted story teller and public speaker. He is a lawyer by profession and for several years was on the bench. In all probability before the close of President-elect Taft's administration there will be four vacancies on the United States supreme court bench, and close friends of Mr. Taft are of the opinion that he is likely to appoint to these vacancies three Republicans and one Democrat. President-elect Taft will go to New York early in December to attend a banquet of the North Carolina Society. He will remain in New York about a week as the guest of his brother and will then go south to remain until near the date of his inauguration. Five Democrats in Indiana have announced themselves for the seat of United States Senator Hemenway, with a strong probability of others to follow. The entries to date are: John W. Kern, defeated candidate for vice president; John E. Lamb, of Terre Haute; Benjamin F. Shively, of South Bend; G. V. Menzies, of Mount Vernon, and L. E. Slack, of Franklin. Five Democratic governors-elect are to be feted by the Iroquois Club, of Chicago, at its Jackson day banquet in January. The governors-elect who have accepted the invitations to the banquet are John Burke, of North Dakota; John A. Johnson, of Minnesota; Judson Harmon, of Ohio; Thomas Marshall, of Indiana, and Ashton C. Shallenberger, of Nebraska. Some of the leading Democratic politicians are of the opinion that Thomas R. Marshall, Democratic governor-elect of Indiana, will have some advantage as a Democratic presidential possibility in 1912 over Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, three times elected as a Democrat, and Judson Harmon, the Democratic governor-elect of Ohio. Their judgment is based chiefly upon the fact that the terms of both Johnson and Harmon will expire two years hence and they will be compelled to be re-elected to retain their prestige. The temporary roll call of the house of representatives for the sixty-first congress has been completed and published. It shows that the next house will consist of 219 Republicans and 172 Democrats, a total of 391, as against a total of 359 in the house during the last session, of whom 223 were Republicans and 136 Democrats. The result is a net loss of four from the Republican side and a net gain of six on the Democratic side, the discrepancy being due to present vacancies. All told, the Republicans gained twelve districts, and the Democrats seven.

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