

HUNT NORTH POLE

Walter Wellman Commissioned to Go for a Newspaper Fake Ad

Announcement was made recently that the proprietor of the Chicago Record-Herald had commissioned Walter Wellman to seek the North Pole, with the aid of an airship.

The possibility of reaching the long-sought goal by balloon has been discussed for many years, and it has heretofore been deemed an impossible feat by reason of the fact that a balloon has been an altogether unmanageable vessel, taking whatever course it pleased.

When Santos-Dumont came to the front with his dirigible balloon, or airship, the unapproachable pole seemed to draw nearer, and new projects were discussed by venturesome explorers. The discussions have at last crystallized into a definite proposition. Mr. Lawson of Chicago has agreed to furnish the money if Mr. Wellman will provide the nerve for an aerial flight to the undiscovered pole. Incidentally, Santos-Dumont is to construct the airship. But is the plan feasible? Can such a journey be made in an airship?

We have in Dayton two gentlemen who have made a study of aerial navigation, and they think they have solved the problem, and all who have had the privilege of witnessing the performances of their flying machines are of the same opinion. To these gentlemen, Messrs. Orville and Wilbur Wright, went a representative of the News seeking for light.

"Can it be done?" asked the News man.

"Not with any airship that has yet been constructed. Probably not with any that can be constructed. The best performance of a dirigible balloon, or airship, was that of the Le Baudy brothers in July last, when they made a trip with their dirigible balloon from Orléans-Mendon, France, to a military campment 120 miles east.

"The journey was made in three stages, occupying three days. On the

first day they covered 91 kilometers, a little over 56 miles. On the second day they made only a short jump of 11 miles. On the third day they sailed 55 kilometers, about 34 miles, and that is the world's record for an airship. Even if Mr. Wellman could convey his airship to the farthest point north ever reached by man, he would still have a round trip journey of over 400 miles to make. But he will probably not be able to carry his apparatus to any such latitude. The 'farthest north' stake was driven by Captain Cagni of the Duke of Abruzzi expedition in 1900. The latitude at that point is 84.33. That is 207 miles from the pole. To reach this spot or any of the other stakes driven in the eternal ice one must repeat the experiences of the explorers who placed them there. There is no highway leading to the 'farthest north.'

"If he begins his flight from any habitable spot his nearest approach to the pole would be the northern coast of Greenland or Spitzbergen. These are not habitable, but they are approachable, and men of heroic mold can exist there for a time. The northern coast of Spitzbergen is 600 miles from the pole. That of Greenland about 500. Any man who starts in a balloon from either of these points will never come back. The flight of a balloon must be counted in hours. The record is 40, but that has not been approached by others. If one could procure an impervious balloon bag its buoyancy could be maintained indefinitely, but not in the same degree. When the sun shines on your balloon the gas expands and up you go. Then you must open the valve and allow gas to escape. Otherwise you would keep on going up. Again, a cloud will obscure the sun. Then the gas contracts, the buoyancy decreases, and downward you go. Then you must throw out ballast, or you will sink to earth. One or the other of these conditions is always present, and as a result your gas is soon exhausted and your ballast all heaved overboard. Then down you come, wherever you are. With any balloon bag that has ever been made the flight of the balloon must be brief.

"The finest silk is not impervious. The gas escapes through it when it expands, and gradually weakens the power that keeps you aloft. Where there is a vent in the bag below, as there generally is, the gas is forced out when it expands, and is drawn in when the gas contracts, thus gradually bringing it nearer and nearer to the gravity of the surrounding atmosphere.

"It is safe to say that Mr. Wellman will not reach the pole by aerial voyage until a better balloon has been invented and perfected."

"What would be the chances if he were to use your flying machine?"

"We are not yet ready for such a trip."

"Our machine has been successfully operated, however?"

"Oh, yes. It has responded to every demand we have made, but we are not ready to send it to the North Pole."

Mr. Orville Wright drew a paper from his desk and consulted it.

"On September 26, at Huffman's Prairie, we drove the machine 17,961 meters (about 11 miles) in 18 minutes and 9 seconds. September 29, 19,370 meters (12 1/2 miles) in 18 minutes and 55 seconds. On October 3 24,535 meters (about 15 1/2 miles) in 25 minutes 5 seconds. October 4, 35,456 meters (about 24 1/4 miles) in 35 minutes 3 seconds. The speed in all these flights was in the neighborhood of 38 miles an hour, the last named flight exceeding that speed slightly."

"Do you consider this the limit of your speed?"

"By no means. In all these tests we flew in a circle about one mile in circumference. Flying in a straight line, much higher speed could be attained with the same power."

"Were there any accidents, any mishaps, of any sort?"

"None."

"How far could you go in a single flight with your present machine?"

"Over 500 miles. It is only a question of power. We can carry 200 lbs. of gasoline and that will carry us from 400 to 500 miles, according to conditions."

"The machine will soon be leaving us, I presume?"

"Perhaps. We have named our terms to the French gentlemen who seek to purchase it. They have not seen the machine, and will not unless they accept our offer. They are to deposit a certain sum of money to our credit, conditionally. The condition being that we are to demonstrate the practical character of our machine by duplicating the performances above mentioned."

"Was your French visitor convinced?"

"Practically, yes. He was a believer before he came. You see they take more interest in such matters in France than in the United States. We have been in correspondence with Frenchmen ever since we began our experiments, and we have often been visited by people commissioned by Frenchmen to inquire into our flying machine. We have a letter here from a friend in Paris."

"The letter was produced and Mr. Wright read: 'I met Santos-Dumont this morning and talked to him about your experiments. He does not believe it. He says you cannot do the things you have announced.'

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"They will soon be convinced of the practical character of your invention?"

"We hope so. The tests made at Huffman's Prairie were witnessed by a number of our friends and by the hundreds of passersby. We refer you to Torrance Huffman of the Fourth National bank; E. W. Ellis of the city auditing office; W. C. Fouts, druggist; William Weber, plumber; Mr. Hamburger, the hardware man in our block, and C. H. Billman of the West Side Loan company. They were all present."

Coming back to the subject of Mr. Wellman's polar expedition, Wilbur Wright said: "If they can construct an airship that will make good speed for 24 hours, a machine that is entirely obedient to the will of its master, they may reach the pole and get safely back. But with any airship that has ever been constructed the feat has been impossible. If Mr. Wellman starts from any point now attainable in any airship that is not infinitely better than those now known, he will not be likely to return."

Several Witnesses.

Mr. Weber said he had witnessed the tests and he had been filled with amazement at the performances of the wonderful machine. "It just sailed right up off the ground like a bird and sailed round and round until they got ready to come down. This it did like a duck on the water."

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Huffman's Prairie half expecting to see somebody's neck broken. What I did see was a machine weighing 900 pounds soar away like an eagle. When they were about 60 or 70 feet in the air they pointed its nose on a horizontal line and sailed around like a great bird. No wavering. No ducking up and down. It just sailed around that ring as if it had been running in a groove. I told a friend about it that night and he acted as if he thought I had gone daft or joined the liars' club. I got permission from the Wright boys, and next day I took him out with me. He groaned and shook his head when he saw the machine, but when it flew up in the air and began to circle gracefully around like an eagle his grin turned to a look of amazement. He rubbed his eyes and pinched himself to see if he were awake.

When we were coming home he said he would believe anything the Wright boys might say hereafter. Yes, sir, the flying machine has arrived. It was born in Dayton. Not a balloon, you know. No gas bag or any other lift. Just a machine that flies like a bird, and say, it's the simplest thing when you see it, you'll wonder you never thought of it yourself. It starts along the ground on a little truck running on a single race for 50 or 60 feet, then up it soars, and when it has attained the proper height it maintains just that elevation and never wavers. It is the wonder of wonders. Within a year Wilbur and Orville Wright will be active or honorary members of all the scientific societies of the world. Today you think the flying machine a fake, maybe. But tomorrow you must take off your hat to it as an accomplished fact."—Dayton News.

The Good of Medicine.

People insisting that medicine does no good, have one stubborn fact to contend with, that is, the people who do believe are greatly in the majority. We have been so fortunate during the past 20 years as to convince thousands of sufferers with weak, watery blood, who had all the symptoms of a general breaking down of the system that one medicine, at least, does good. Nervous and unsteady people, weak, fleshless people, pimply, pale or sallow people, can have strong, steady nerves and solid healthy flesh by the use of Dr. Gunn's Blood and Nerve Tonic. A tablet to take at meal time, it turns the food you eat into rich, red blood, making solid flesh at the rate of 1 to 3 lbs. per week. Sold by all druggists for 75c per box, or 2 boxes for \$2. This medicine saves doctor bills and insures health, giving the very best treatment possible.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CANDIDATES Before the Direct Primary, April 20

POLITICAL COLUMN

Announcements of candidates for office will be published in this column at reasonable rates for men of all parties.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE

The undersigned hereby announces himself a candidate for representative for Marion county, on the Republican ticket, subject to the choice of the Republican voters at the primaries.

LLOYD T. REYNOLDS

FOR GOVERNOR

Republicans of Oregon are hereby informed that I am a candidate for the nomination of governor at the primaries to be held April 20th.

JAMES WITCOMBE

FOR GOVERNOR

The undersigned is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor at the direct primary on a law enforcement platform.

HARVEY K. BROWN, Sheriff Baker County, Oregon.

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of secretary of state, and ask the support of all Republican voters.

F. T. WRIGHTMAN.

FOR STATE TREASURER

The undersigned announces himself as a candidate for the office of state treasurer, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the forthcoming primaries.

J. H. AITKEN.

FOR STATE TREASURER

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for State Treasurer, and solicit the votes of all Republicans April 20. The only Grand Army man candidate for a state office, and the only announced candidate recognizing the 1905 salary law as binding without amendment.

3-31-d-w. A. C. JENNINGS.

FOR STATE TREASURER

Ralph W. Hoyt, candidate for state treasurer, is now conceded to be the strong man for the office. This is accounted for by the fact that the people throughout the state appreciate fully his policy in holding state funds on deposit in the counties wherein they are collected, instead of drawing them to one common center, which has been the custom heretofore.—adv.

FOR STATE PRINTER

The undersigned announces himself as a Republican candidate for renomination for state printer, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primary election April 20.

Now serving first term. The same courtesy that has been accorded to state officers generally, that of a renomination, would be greatly appreciated.

J. H. WHITNEY, Albany, Oregon.

FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for renomination for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and solicit the support of all Republicans at the primaries April 20th.

J. H. ACKERMAN.

FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL

The undersigned hereby announces himself as a candidate for re-election to the office of attorney-general, subject to the approval of Republican voters at the primaries.

A. M. CRAWFORD.

FOR STATE SENATOR

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for state senator of this district, subject to the nomination at the hands of the Republican voters of Marion county at the forthcoming primary election.

ALEX. LA FOLLETT.

FOR JOINT SENATOR

The undersigned would respectfully announce himself as a Republican candidate for joint senator from the Linn-Marion senatorial district, subject to the direct primary nominating law.

FRANK J. MILLER, Albany, Oregon.

FOR STATE SENATOR

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for state senator for this district, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the coming primary election.

J. N. SMITH.

FOR STATE SENATOR

The undersigned is a Republican candidate for state senator, subject to the primary election, April 20th.

WM. H. HOBSON, Stayton, Ore.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Wm. H. Goulet, of Woodburn precinct is Republican candidate for county commissioner, subject to direct primary held April 20th.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE

The undersigned hereby announces himself a candidate for representative for Marion county, on the Republican ticket, subject to the choice of the Republican voters at the primaries.

LLOYD T. REYNOLDS

FOR REPRESENTATIVE

I wish to announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for Marion county, at the primaries, April 20. Am in favor of economical, progressive, business administration.

J. W. MCKENNA, Turkey Creek.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE

The undersigned is a candidate for the Republican nomination for representative in Marion county, on labor for following reforms:

1. Hold all necessary appropriations down to the lowest limit.
2. No squandering money on clerkships and investigations.
3. No new commissions or salaries.
4. Support choice of people for Senators.
5. Abolish all but one Normal and confine to professional work.
6. Enact indirect taxation laws to abolish direct state tax.
7. Cut out every dollar of cost to the state government.

E. BURN

FOR REPRESENTATIVE

I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination as representative on the Republican ticket.

JAMES MOY, Motta.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE

I wish to announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for Marion county, at the primary April 20th.

GEO. F. BODGER, d-w-tf

FOR REPRESENTATIVE

For Republican voters: If elected before, I shall support the Republican choice for United States senator, favor indirect taxation; fewer soldiers, and an economical budget session.

ED. T. JUDY

FOR COUNTY CLERK

The undersigned hereby announces himself a candidate for county clerk of Marion county, and asks the vote of Republicans for that position at forthcoming primaries.

R. D. ALLEN

FOR COUNTY CLERK

The undersigned will be a candidate for County Clerk of Marion county at the Republican primary April 20.

ROBT. A. CHOS

FOR COUNTY RECORDER

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination as county recorder on the Republican ticket at coming primaries.

DAVID G. BRADY

FOR COUNTY RECORDER

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of county recorder and solicit the support of Republican voters for that nomination at the coming primary election.

W. L. JOSE

FOR COUNTY TREASURER

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J. N. WITCOMBE

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W. Y. RICHARDS

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

The undersigned is a candidate for county commissioner, subject to the Republican primaries April 20th. I am going to thank my friends for the past, I will do my duty if elected.

WM. MILBY, Astoria.

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE