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BANQUET GIVEN TO POLE FINDER BY ARCTIC CLUB

Dr. Cook Heartily Received, and in His Address Said Credit Should be Given J. R. Bradley.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—Dr. Cook was the guest of honor at a banquet given at Waldorf-Astoria last night by the Arctic Club of America in recognition of his discovery of the North Pole. Men prominent in all walks of life were present and Dr. Cook was received with unbounded enthusiasm.

Addressing the assemblage Dr. Cook said in part:

"This is one of the highest honors I ever hope to receive. You represent most of the frigid explorers of Europe and nearly all of the Arctic explorers in America. Your welcome is the explorer's guarantee to the world—coming as it does from fellow workers, from men who know and have gone through the same experience. It is an appreciation and a victory, the highest which could fall to the lot of any returning traveler.

"With due respect to the complimentary eloquence of the chairman and others, candor compels me to say that the effort of getting to the pole is not one of physical endurance nor is it fair to call it bravery; but a proper understanding of the needs of the stomach and a knowledge of the limits of the brute force of the motive power, be it man or beast.

"The conquest was only possible with the accumulated lessons of early ages of experience. The failures of our less successful predecessors were stepping stones to ultimate success. The real pathfinders of the pole were the early Danish, the Dutch, the English and the Norse, Italian and American explorers. With these worthy forerunners we must therefore share

the good fruits which your chairman has put into my basket.

"A similar obligation is due to the wild folk, the Eskimo and the Indian, were important factors to us. To savage man, therefore, who has no flag, we are bound to give a part of this fruit.

"To John R. Bradley—the man who paid the bills—belongs at least one-half of this fruit.

Aided by Canada.

"The Canadian government sent its expedition under Captain Bernier 1,000 miles out of its course to help us to it. I gladly pass the basket. In returning, shriveled skin and withered muscles were filled out at the expense of Danish hospitality. And last but not least—the reception with open arms by fellow explorers—to you and to all belongs this basket of good things which the chairman has placed on my shoulder.

"One of the most remarkable charges brought out is that I did not seek a geographical license to start for the pole. Now, gentlemen, to the large public that may be a mystery, but you who know will appreciate that no explorer can start and say that he will reach the pole. Many good men have tried before. All have failed. All who understand the problem know that success is but barely possible when every conceivable circumstance is favorable. It is only necessary to make announcement that an expedition embarks for the pole to start an undesirable bombast and flourish of trumpets. This I chose to escape. Mr. John R. Bradley furnished the funds. I shaped the destiny

STATE PRINTING CONTRACT AWARDED TO M. A. SMITH.

TALLAHASSEE, Sept. 24.—After two days of constant work in comparing the bids sent in for the State printing, the work was awarded to Milton A. Smith, editor of The True Democrat of Tallahassee.

PEARY WILL QUIT NAVY.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Commander Robert E. Peary will resign from the United States navy in order to spend the remainder of his days in writing and lecturing. This is the information given out in naval and scientific circles in Washington.

YALE MAN TREASURER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 24.—Lee McClung, the treasurer of Yale University, has been selected as the Treasurer of the United States to succeed Charles H. Treat.

of the exposition. For the time being, the business concerned us only. I believed then, as I believe now, that if we succeeded there would be time enough to fly the banner of victory. You are here tonight—Mr. Bradley is here and I am here. We have come together to celebrate that victory.

Did Not Have to Get License.

"Now, gentlemen, I appeal to you as explorers and as men. Am I bound to appeal to anybody, to any man, to any body of men—for a license to look for the pole?

"Another criticism is the charge of our insufficient equipment. We have met this. You know that we had every possible aid to success in sledge traveling. A big ship is no advantage. An army of white men, who at best are novices, is a distinct hindrance, while a cumbersome luxury of equipment is fatal to progress. We chose to live a life as simple as that of Adam, and we forced the strands of human endurance to scientific limits. If you will reach the pole, there is no other way.

"Now, as to the excitement of the press to force things of their own picking from important records into print. In reply to this, I have taken the stand that I have already given a tangible account of our journey. It is as complete as the preliminary reports of any previous explorer.

"The data, the observations, the record, are of exactly the same character. Heretofore such evidence has been taken with faith and the complete record was not expected to appear for years, whereas we agree to deliver all within a few months.

About the Pole.

"Now, gentlemen, about the pole. We arrived April 21, 1908. We discovered new land along the 102d meridian between the 84th and the 85th parallel. Beyond this there was absolutely no life and no land. The ice was in large, heavy fields, with few pressure lines. The drift was south of east, the wind was south of west. Clear weather gave good regular observations nearly every day. These observations, combined with those at the pole on the 21st and 22nd of April, are sufficient to guarantee our claim. When taken in connection with the general record, you do not require this. I can see that, but this and all the other records will come to you in the due course of events.

"I cannot sit down without acknowledging to you, and to the living Arctic explorers, my debt of gratitude for their valuable assistance. The report of this polar success has come with a sudden force, but in the present enthusiasm we must not forget the fathers of the art of polar travel. There is glory enough for all. There is enough to go to the graves of the dead and to the heads of the living.

"Many are here tonight. The names are too numerous to mention. Special mention for honors must be made to Greeley, Schley, Melville, Peary, Flaherty, Nansen, Abuzzi, Cagni, Sverdrup, Amundsen, Nordenskjold and a number of English and other explorers."

PRESIDENT TAFT WITNESSED COW-GIRL RACE

Spent Thursday in Rocky Mountains and Made Electrical Connection of Gunnison Tunnel.

MONTROSE, Col., Sept. 24.—President Taft passed yesterday on the western slope of the Rocky Mountains and amid a succession of scenes typical of the great Western country.

Late in the afternoon Mr. Taft stood on the brink of the deepest irrigation ditch in all the West, and far out in the foothills, with not a settlement in sight, made the electrical connection which started a flow of water through the Gunnison tunnel that will reclaim 140,000 acres of arid land. It was the setting in operation of the greatest irrigation project the United States Government has ever undertaken, and the opening was made the occasion of a joyous celebration throughout the valley of Uncompahgre.

Before traveling out to the west portion of the tunnel on a little narrow gauge train the President visited the Montrose County Fair, and after some formal speechmaking in which he and the Mayor and the Governor and several others participated, he was given a real touch of Western life—relay race of cowgirls. The race was arranged especially in honor of the President and was a novel and

exciting affair. A girl of 16 was matched against two older riders, and carrying the sympathy of the crowd with her from the start, won the two-and-a-half-mile race with three quarters of a mile.

During his travels yesterday the President had ample opportunity to study the effect of irrigation. For a long time his train would run through stretches of country where as far as the eye could reach the only vegetation in sight consisted of a few grease-wood bushes or sage brush. Then out of a rocky canon the train suddenly would rush upon a veritable oasis, where waving green fields of alfalfa and miles of orchards with trees laden with fruits told of the miracle wrought by the touch of water.

At Grand Junction and here at Montrose the President visited the fruit exhibits of the county fairs and was told the almost unbelievable story of the season's yield. Enormous peaches, apples, pears, plums, vari-colored grapes and almost every other kind of fruit, as well as enormous samples of the vegetable growth of the district, were shown to the President.

Monster Rattlesnake Found Coiled in an Orange Tree

Last Monday night, after the family of Mrs. Dicy Webb had retired for the night, Mrs. Ada Manfield heard a pear fall from one of the pear trees which stands in the yard, and immediately following this noise she heard a rattling noise which appeared to be near the place where the pear fell. She called her brother, Bill Webb, who was spending the night there, and told him there was a rattlesnake in the yard, but Bill didn't want to get up and told her that it wasn't anything but a locust. She insisted, however, that it was a rattlesnake, and finally Bill got up. By this time the others were up and someone hollered

for Tom Bass, who lives nearby, to come over and help them in a snake hunt. Tom soon arrived, a search for the snakes was begun, and soon a monster rattlesnake was discovered coiled up in a cluster of orange trees near the front door steps. After killing this snake, the search was continued and soon another monster rattler was found coiled up near the corner of the house in the backyard. One of the snakes had eleven and the other twelve rattles.

Last Wednesday, Will McCullers killed a rattlesnake on the Tuten plantation, about one mile east of town, that was ornamented with seven rattles.—Jasper News.

Florida Auto Party Journey 2,194 Miles to Canada

ST. CATHERINES, Ontario, Sept. 24.—Four thousand five hundred miles in an automobile is the interesting trip which Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Painter and daughter of Jacksonville, Fla., are on. They reached this city, after an eventful trip of 2,194 miles, and pride themselves on being the first party to make the trip overland from Florida to Canada in an automobile. It took them three weeks to travel here, but nine of the twenty-one days they laid over at different points for sight-seeing. On their re-

turn journey the Painter party will go by way of Toledo, Indianapolis, Louisville, Atlanta and Chattanooga, the whole round trip covering 4,500 miles. They had one breakdown coming here, that being near Utica, where they broke an axle. Mr. Painter says that right there were the worst roads they encountered, except in crossing Blue Mountains. Mr. Painter was for twenty years editor of The Florida Fruit Grower. He was amazed at the fruit output of the Niagara, Ontario, fruit belt.

WOMAN'S BODY FOUND IN ASHES OF HER HOME.

IOLA, Kan., Sept. 24.—Mrs. Emma Oberg, whose charred body was found in the ashes of her home near Savonburg Tuesday night, met death at the hands of persons unknown, according to a coroner's jury. Robbery is believed to have prompted the

crime. Witnesses testified to seeing two strange men near the Oberg home Tuesday afternoon. Considerable money was found in an old teapot among the ashes.

Some article that is simply "in the way" at your house might, if advertised, be sold to someone who is anxiously looking for it.

Mother Divides Children; Kills One, Then Suicides

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—Dividing her two children between her husband and herself, much as a judge might do in a divorce case, and arranging the house for the use of her husband and his half of the children, Mrs. Agnes Fiala, despondent over ill health, killed herself and her baby, Adaline, by turning on the gas.

While her husband was away, Mrs. Fiala rearranged the furniture for the use of her husband and their son, Hugo, ten years old. She set the table for dinner with two covers and removed the bedding from all the beds except the one occupied by Fiala and his son.

"You are big enough to help father, aren't you?" the mother asked Hugo. "Yes, indeed," replied the sturdy boy. "I can do lots of things like a woman."

"Play out in front until your father comes home," she told him.

She kissed him and told him to kiss little Adaline, 19 months old. When the father met Hugo at the gate and went inside the house with the boy he smelled gas. He found his wife and baby in a corner of a bed room. They had been dead some time.

The lifeless mother was still holding Adaline in her arms. The child had expired, her cheek against her mother's breast.

Claude L'Engle "Butted In" On Town Political Meeting

A dispatch to The Tampa Times, dated Brooksville, Sept. 23, says: "Claude L'Engle, candidate for the nomination for United States Senator, was here yesterday in the interest of his candidacy. He 'butted in' on the town meeting called to nominate city officers, but had only a few moments to speak, as he was to leave on the afternoon train.

"Elect me United States Senator and I will get for you anything

that you want," declared Mr. L'Engle. Addressing particularly an old citizen in the audience, the candidate complacently asked, "How does that sound to you?"

"Sounds to me like a gold brick scheme," was the disconcerting reply.

The best place to buy your goods is at the store which invites you to come through an ad. in The Sun.