

TO THE ARCTIC.

A New Expedition about to Start for Point Barrow.

The Party to Dress and Live Like Esquimaux.

Sledge Expeditions—Great Results Expected.

San Francisco Chronicle.

The novel plan of the new Arctic expedition, now nearly ready to start from San Francisco, is attracting considerable attention, and is grounded upon such sensible and moderate ideas as to command the confidence of minds grown sceptical through the numerous and repeated failures of polar explorations.

The little homely facts about the anticipated every-day life of the party will possess an interest for the most unscientific. Point Barrow is a barren and in some respects a frightful location.

The watchword of the expedition is caution. "The first and most important thing," declares Lieutenant Ray, "is to keep the men healthy. The trouble with Arctic expeditions has hitherto been that the men have failed to become acclimated, and whole parties have been stricken by disease.

"We intend to carry on our explorations by land and sea just as far as we can with safety. We shall avail ourselves of every opportunity we perceive for pushing exploration."

"But if you undertake sledge journeys on the ice, will that not be incurring a risk contrary to our principle of only proceeding where you can do so with perfect safety?"

"In my judgment, no, if conducted with the proper caution. I intend to take no hazards; but I believe there are seasons when these journeys can be the most perfect safety. Our object is to demonstrate that the plan of gradual approach to the north pole, by means of permanent stations, is feasible.

graphical to the south—where the country still remains almost unexplored. It is characteristic of the commander to push his investigations vigorously and in every direction. The party will consist of Lieutenant P. H. Ray, commander; E. P. Herndon, sailing master; J. S. Oldmixon, surgeon; A. C. Dark, sergeant; Cassidy, Murdoch and Smith, observers; V. Randit, carpenter; A. Wright, cook, and F. Peterson, laborer. One vacancy among the observers is yet to be filled, and, despite the perils of such an undertaking, there are numerous applicants for the place.

Woman Suffrage, Juries, Office and Military Service.

The deluded would-be reformers that clamor for the political equality of the sexes, and demand the privilege of voting at political elections for women, seem to forget that political rights carry with them political duties. The right to vote carries with it the duty to serve on juries, to hold office and take up arms in defense of the country.

Even the most masculine woman does not pretend that they would submit to military service; and yet all governments necessarily rest upon bayonets. What would this government amount to if it were not able to put down riots and rebellions, and defend itself by force of arms against foreign invasion?

It is to manhood, ready at all times to spring to arms in defense of the national flag, that the republic looks as the bulwark of freedom and the guardian of liberty—and it is not only just, but absolutely necessary that man should exercise sovereign political powers and responsibilities.

As to nervous derangements, women are no more subject to them than men, and a crazy man on a jury is no better than a crazy woman. It is a significant fact that it was a man who through nervous derangement shot the candidate for the cartridge box.

As to married women often times being unable to vote on account of family cares, or business cares. Shall their right of suffrage be taken away? And not only them, but the suffrage of the entire male sex. We that want the right to vote and would exercise it ought not to be debarred because some women, as some men, would not go to the polls.

In regard to military duty, men over forty-five years of age, Quakers and ministers and men physically disqualified, are not required to fight and yet they vote.

I have seen stated, I think in the columns of The New York Tribune that out of one thousand jurists examined for military service over nine hundred were physically unfit. And of one thousand men out of each of the professions, ministerial, legal and medical, a very large majority were physically disqualified for fighting.

And is work in hospitals, caring for the wounded and sick worthy of no mention in military service. Is the man who fights less necessary to war than the man who nurses? Who bring back to life and strength hundreds of citizens? Surely if the man who fights ought to have the right to vote, the woman who nurses him when wounded ought to be allowed to walk with him to the ballot box.

fighting is the only duty of American citizens! or do those other duties, equally important, also deserve the ballot? Let me say too, that every mother gives a citizen to this republic, risks her life in doing so, and beside the brave soldier's grave who gave his life for his country, lies that same soldier's mother, who, twenty-five years before, offered up her life for him. Who, that might live, went down to death through such agony as men never know. Oh, my brother, I ask you, is motherhood worthy of no recognition from our republic? Why is it so much more meritorious to shoot a citizen down than to bear and rear through long years of pain and toil and give to our country such a man as Abraham Lincoln or President Garfield? And yet the rebel who shot down many loyal citizens, is granted the right of suffrage, and our loyal mothers of the North, who have given loyal citizens, with all their brains and grand noble manhood, are debarred. Is it fair?

WHERE LINCOLN RESTS.

The Picturesque Springfield Cemetery and its Thousands of Visitors.

Springfield Letter to Leavenworth Times. It would be difficult to imagine a lovelier spot at this season of the year than Oak Ridge, the last resting place of Abraham Lincoln. During the month of June perhaps the throng of visitors to the tomb is greater than at any other time of the year. The cemetery is now easily reached from almost any portion of the city by street cars.

Visitors taking the cars at the new capital building reach the cemetery in less than 20 minutes. Almost any day during the summer months the number of visitors at the tomb will average from two to five hundred persons. Excursionists from every part of the west visit the capital, the one great object of their pilgrimage being to gaze upon the monument of the illustrious dead.

After leaving the park the ridge is reached by a short walk, in which the visitor is compelled to descend a number of wooden steps, with here and there a level piece of ground and which affords short intervals of rest when ascending the steps from the ravine below, after returning from a visit to the tomb.

The visitor to the tomb of Lincoln lingers as if in a dream. From the tomb most beautiful landscape is spread before the visitor, and through the rich foliage of the magnificent trees here and there are dotted the tombstones of many Lincoln's earliest friends who lived in his youth as a struggling young lawyer with nothing before him but an honest ambition and the natural talents. Grand, gloomy and sublime is the sight before us, with nothing to mar the loveliness of the spot except in the very near distance, where is to be seen the immense volumes of ugly black smoke, puffing and escaping from the high smoke-stack a large new brewery into the cemetery.

The custodian of the monument is John W. Powell, a nice-looking old gentleman, who, it will be remembered, wrote a most graphic description of Lincoln's funeral cortege from the national capital to the last resting place beneath the shades of Oak Ridge. Mr. Powell takes a sheet copy of the room known as the Lincoln Memorial, located in the base of the monument. Here upon the stone walls hangs the official condolence from the various crowned heads of Europe forwarded at the time when a thrill of horror ran through the land at the terrible tragedy enacted. In glass cases are contained other mementoes of Lincoln's earlier life, in shape of surveying instruments, axes, rings and rail split by the president when a young man in Illinois. The tools used by the desperado who attempted to rob the tomb a few years ago, copies of the president's biography, written by himself, photographs of the lamented dead, of his old home in Springfield and his tomb are what mostly interest the visitor.

Among the visitors at the tomb all seasons of the year are members of the colored race, who seem to flock in almost continuous numbers from all parts of the country, to kneel at the shrine of the man who did so much for their own race.

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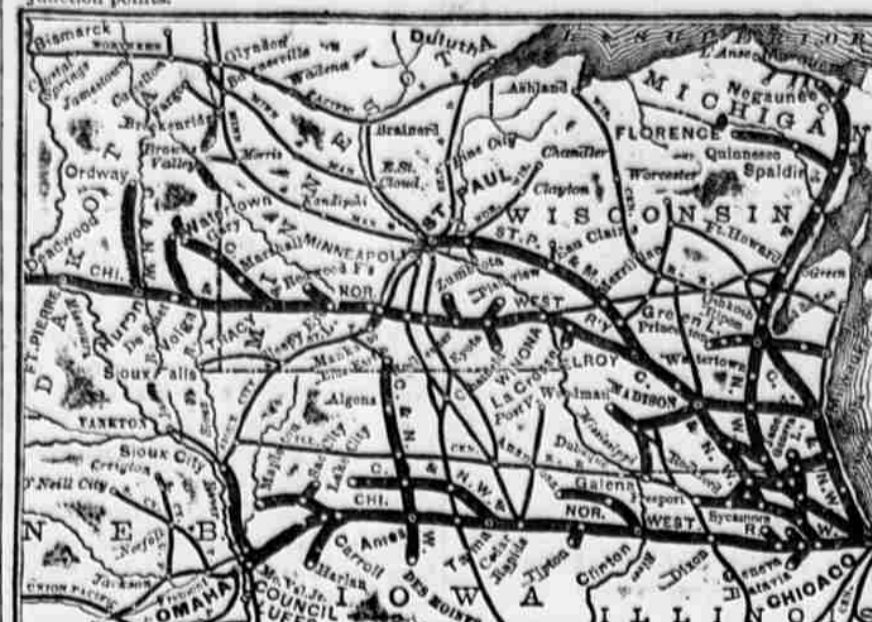
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