

Fate of Andree Still Uncertain

The Rev. Dr. Farlies, a Church of England clergyman, arrived at New York from York Factory, Northwest Territory, and brings authentic information of the fate of the explorer Andree, and his companions.

Two years ago, eight hundred miles north of York, a party of Eskimoes, under the leadership of "Old Huskie," saw the Andree balloon alight on a plane of snow in that vicinity, which is about two hundred miles north of Fort Churchill. Three men emerged from the balloon, and some of "Huskie's" people approached them out of

covery of any portion of the outfit belonging to Andree, and though natives have gone in search of them they have never returned, believing, as the Rev. Dr. Farlies says, that they will in some way be punished, for they now understand that it was not an attack upon them, but an accident by which the gun was discharged that precipitated the massacre.

Had Andree made friends with the natives it is held he would have been safely conducted south and would eventually have reached civilization.

The Hudson Bay company has recently sent another party in search of the balloon and outfit of Andree, and hopes to have conclusive evidence of the fate of the explorer within a few months.

Solomon A. Andree, with two companions, Strindberg and Frankel, attempted in 1897 to find the North Pole with a balloon. They embarked on July 11 from one of the islands in the Spitzbergen group. Since that time, many rumors of their being found, dead or alive, have been circulated, but in every case until now these have proved false. Several of them have located the party on or near the north coast of the American continent.

The revival of an old story that Andree and his companions were murdered by Eskimoes up there raises a number of interesting questions. The first of these relates to the intelligence of the men who from time to time have passed this tale down from Hudson's Bay to civilization, and who pretend to have got it from the Eskimoes. In view of the large number of "fakes" which have been perpetrated since Andree's disappearance in regard to his fate, some doubts may exist as to the honesty of the persons who are responsible for this particular account. But, granting their perfect sincerity, it is not inconceivable that they wrongly interpret the facts.

Early last March this same story came from Winnipeg, and was attributed to a Mr. Alston, an agent of the Hudson Bay company. The officials of that organization, however, briefly discredited it.

What Andree hoped for when he started was a breeze blowing fifteen miles an hour to the northward. This would have enabled him to cover the seven hundred miles between Spitzbergen and the Pole in two days, and

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GREAT FIGHT FOR LIBERTY.

Escaped Convict Leaves Trail of Death in His Wake.

Harry Tracy, the convict who escaped from the Salem, Ore., penitentiary, killing two deputy sheriffs, a guard and a policeman, is still at large. By another maneuver of the spectacular dare-devil that has already aroused an infuriated countryside to join in his pursuit, he has once more eluded the men on his trail



and left them far behind. From Sothell, where he so successfully battled with the posse that attempted to kill him, he has made a remarkable jump to Deception Pass, near Port Madison, where he was last reported to have been seen.

His unexpected marches and countermarches, his fertility of resource, and his almost incredible endurance, have apparently enabled him to get safely away from the rifles of his hunters, and the only clues that make it possible to follow him at all are those furnished by his own reckless bravado. He is now supposed to be heading for Whatcom, where it is said he hopes to meet a friend.

His victims are as follows: Killed—Policeman E. E. Breese, Guard Neil Rawley, Deputy Sheriff Charles Raymond and Deputy Sheriff Jack Williams. Wounded—Karl Anderson.

Pioneer of Four States.
James Fergus, a Scotchman of Lewistown, Montana, called the "pioneer of four states," died at his western home a few days ago in his eighty-ninth year. He came to America in 1832. He spent some time in Chicago. In 1840 he went on to Iowa and founded the town of Sabula. In 1854 he went to Minnesota and aided in founding the town of Little Falls, building a dam across the Mississippi at that place. Then he assisted in founding Fergus Falls. In 1862 he joined an expedition to Bannock, Mont., and spent the rest of his days in that state.

MRS. H. CLAY EVANS.
Wife of Consul-General to London Leaves Washington.
The consul-general to London and Mrs. H. Clay Evans and their daughter



ters have just sailed for England. The Misses Evans will travel during the summer. The departure of the family is greatly regretted by their large circle of Washington friends, to whose pleasure they contributed during their residence there.

Farm Wealth of Nebraska.
The census report on agriculture in Nebraska shows that on June 1, 1900, there were enumerated 121,525 farms, valued at \$557,660,020. Of this amount 16 per cent represents the value of buildings and 84 per cent land and improvements other than buildings. The value of farm implements and machinery in the state was \$24,940,450, and live stock \$145,349,587. The total value of farm property was \$747,950,057. The total value of farm products for 1899 was \$70,227,060, of which 43 per cent was in animal products and the rest in crops including forest products cut or produced on farms. This farm product value exceeds that for 1899 by 143 per cent. The gross farm income of Nebraska in 1899 was \$124,670,856 and the gross income on investment 17 per cent.

Bret Harte's Last Work.
It is stated by the Bookman that Bret Harte gave many of the last months of his life to work on an opera libretto for Emanuel Moor, a Hungarian composer. The hero is an American who, for a lark, plays cowboy in the wild west show and presently drifts across an old French chateau and falls in love with its young heiress. Bret Harte is said to have greatly enjoyed the work and some of his lyrics are charming.

DECISION IN SEPTEMBER.

The Court May Take Time in Franchise Case.

LINCOLN, July 14.—No decision may be expected in the railroad franchise case, according to the intimation of Chief Justice Sullivan, until September. The argument has been finished and the case is now before the court. The chief justice asked if any interests would be jeopardized if a decision was not given until the September term of court. Mr. Simeral, attorney for the relator, mildly intimated that he would like a decision as soon as possible, but he said he was not prepared to say that any harm would result if the case was not decided until September.

Attorney General Prout also intimated that there might be need of an early decision because taxes become due October 1, and if the writ should issue time would be required for the state board to certify to county clerks so that the levy might be extended. Mr. Harrington said this had already been done and the county clerks all over the state were probably at work on the tax books. He suggested that if the writ be allowed the tax could be added to the taxes already certified. Attorney General Prout asked when this could be added if the writ were allowed in September. No one volunteered to say whether it could be done immediately or would have to be added to the tax of the following year. It is the opinion of those who have had experience in tax matters that if the writ is issued the tax can be added this fall without a great deal of trouble to the county officers. Some believe that delay means that a writ will not be issued. The state board is required by law to meet the third Monday in July to make the state levy.

Accused of Assaulting Girl.
COLUMBUS, Neb., July 14.—Sheriff Byrnes returned from Creston in charge of D. Corcoran, for whom a warrant had been issued charging him with assault on the person of Martha Handke, the 14-year-old daughter of Herman Handke, living near Creston. The prisoner is an agent for a Chicago portrait house, and in canvassing Creston Tuesday he came to the home of Doc Palmateer, where he found no one at home but Martha, who as a domestic was engaged in caring for a baby. Finding her alone, it is alleged that the young man locked the doors, pulled down the blinds and accomplished his designs.

Prohibition State Convention.
The prohibition state convention has been called to meet at the Auditorium, Lincoln, Neb., at 10 o'clock a. m., August 7, 1902, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the following offices: Governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, treasurer, auditor, attorney general, land commissioner, superintendent of public instruction, and the election of state central committee, and to transact such other business as may properly come before it.

Thieves Steal Valuable Supplies.
NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., July 14.—Thieves visited the home of George Ramold and broke open his smoke house and took therefrom all of the supplies that he had, among which was something over 300 pounds of cured hams and bacon. Other farmers in this section report the loss of grain and supplies that they had stored in their larders for their families and the harvest hands.

Neither Ticket Nor Money.
NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., July 14.—Jo Kearns, a 12-year-old boy, arrived at the Burlington station, and after wandering about for a while he attracted the attention of Officer Horstman, who questioned him and found that he was an emigrant from Ireland on his way to Fairfield, where he has an uncle. He was put on the wrong train at Kansas City and reached Nebraska City without a ticket or money.

Appropriates Mortgaged Building.
PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., July 14.—Sheriff McBride returned from Hooper with Richard J. Williams, who while working on a farm near Weeping Water got into trouble with a young woman and found it necessary to depart. In doing so he took a horse and buggy upon which a man named Pulls held an unsatisfied mortgage.

The Fire at Beatrice.
BEATRICE, Neb., July 14.—The recent fire was the most disastrous in the history of the city. The Kleins Mercantile company's building and the Green block are total losses. The loss will exceed \$175,000. The fire originated in the stairway of the Green block and was of incendiary origin. A couple of men, were observed by a telephone girl running away from the building about the time the fire was discovered.

FARM LANDS IN BIG DEMAND.

Many Farmers from Eastern States Settling in Nebraska.

OMAHA, Neb., July 12.—Real estate men are jubilant over the great demand for lands throughout the state and every firm is busy quoting prices to eastern and some local investors. Not only has the demand materially increased, but the price of land out in the state has almost doubled during the last year. One firm that offered a small farm for \$500 last year refused \$900 for it Tuesday morning.

This increased activity in farm lands in the central and southern parts of the state, there being about the same demand in the east portion as last year. Many settlers are coming in from the east, attracted by the glowing accounts sent them by relatives and former neighbors, who came here years ago. They are a thrifty and industrious lot of people and are coming here to remain.

An agent for a large real estate firm, who has just returned from a trip throughout the state, said the increased demand for farm lands is easily explained when one sees the splendid crops. "The rain has damaged the crops very little, generally, though some individuals have been damaged. I have never seen a better stand of corn than we have this year; wheat and oats are looking fine and farmers are busy in the harvest fields. Nebraska can stand more rain than most any country on earth, and the harvest has been very little retarded on account of wet weather."

"At this time we have more sales for farm lands pending than ever before in the history of the firm. We are being offered good prices for land that one year ago we thought we would never be able to sell. In Custer county and the southwest portion of the state a year ago there was no demand at all for land, but today we are flooded with applications by eastern people who desire to settle here. Nebraska is rapidly coming to the front as an agricultural state and its farm lands are fast being bought up by a good class of people."

A FARM HAND DROWNED.
Loses His Life While Trying to Cross a Slough.

COLUMBUS, Neb., July 12.—Henry Wilcke, employed as a farm hand by August Loseke, thirteen miles north of Columbus, was drowned while trying to cross a slough into which a flood had backed up from Loseke creek, forming an island, from which it was his purpose to drive some cattle. The horse he was riding went into the water unwillingly and lost his footing as he finally plunged into it, going down three times below the surface before getting out. Wilcke, in some way, lost his balance, perhaps getting caught in the brush. His employer at a distance saw only his hands above the water at the fatal moment. The body had not been recovered when the last messenger reached town. Wilcke came from Germany twelve years ago and has no relatives in this country. He served two years in the Philippines as a private in company E, Thirty-third regiment, provisional volunteers.

Regulars at Elk City.
OMAHA, Neb., July 12.—Elaborate preparations are being made for the annual encampment and reunion of the Douglas County Veterans' association, to be held at Elk City for four days, commencing August 19. Heretofore the reunions have been held only three days. The executive committee consisting of O. A. Walcott, chairman; Frank Gelston, secretary; D. R. Baylor, Eugene Whitney and Henry Grau, has perfected arrangements. D. R. Baylor of Elk City has control of concessions on the grounds.

Among the speakers at the reunion will be General J. C. Cowin, Judge C. R. Scott and Judge W. W. Slabaugh. General Bates has granted leave for the attendance of a company of regulars from Fort Crook, and they will give a daily drill.

The Plattsmouth Bridge.
PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., July 12.—A large force of experienced bridge builders arrived from Galesburg, Ill., to begin work on the Burlington's new bridge as soon as the weather will permit.

It is believed that if Governor Taft is successful in his mission to Rome, Archbishop Ireland will be raised to the purple at the November consistency. His enemies are working to prevent this.

Harlan County's Bumper Crop.
ORLEANS, Neb., July 12.—The largest harvest ever gathered in the county is about completed. The acreage of wheat is very large and will average throughout the county not less than twenty-five bushels per acre. Many pieces, it is claimed, will make forty to forty-five bushels per acre. The only danger now is in caring for it properly. Never before has the western part of Nebraska been in as fine shape at this season of the year.

THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations from South Omaha and Kansas City.

SOUTH OMAHA.
CATTLE—There were only a few beef steers in the yards, and nothing arrived that was choice. The bulk of the offerings was made up of what would be called fair to good cattle, and on such kinds the market was slow and lower. The cattle that sell from \$7 down have taken quite a drop within the last week, and in fact are right around 50c lower than they were a week ago. Packers do not seem to want that class of stuff, but they are very anxious for choice cattle and are ready to pay strong prices for them. Strictly choice cows were active and steady. Bulls and calves and stags did not show much change. They were of good quality, but the common kinds were slow and weak. Stockers and feeders of good quality and fish commanded strong prices this morning, and everything offered was picked up in good season. There was little demand, though, for the common kinds, and on such the market was no more than steady.

HOGS—Trading was not active at any time, but still the bulk was disposed of in good season. The fact that trains were slow about arriving and that nobody knew how many would finally be on sale made buyers a little cautious, but still the market was in good shape, all things considered. Along toward the last end the feeling was a little weaker, but then most of the better hogs were picked out. The bulk of the heavy hogs sold from \$7.50 to \$8.00. Medium weights went largely from \$7.75 to \$7.85, and the lighter loads from \$7.50 down.

SHEEP—There was a liberal supply of sheep, but a large proportion of the offerings were sold to arrive. What was left the packers bought up in good shape at steady prices. They all seemed to be anxious for the better grades and the market on such kinds could safely be quoted steady and active. The common grades were, of course, neglected, the same as usual, but still nearly everything was disposed of in good season. Some Idaho wethers sold as high as \$3.40, and yearlings brought \$2.60.

KANSAS CITY.
CATTLE—Best steers daily, steady to 25c lower; cows lower; stockers steady, to 25c lower; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$8.90-\$9.40; fair to good, \$1.50-\$1.70; stockers and feeders, \$3.60-\$3.90; western fed steers, \$1.75-\$1.90; Texas and Indian steers, \$2.15-\$2.25; Texas cows, \$2.00-\$2.30; native cows, \$1.75-\$2.25; native heifers, \$3.40-\$3.70; canners, \$1.60-\$2.50; bulls, \$2.00-\$2.90; calves, \$3.40-\$3.75.
HOGS—Market steady, to 5c lower; top, \$8.10; bulk of sales, \$7.50-\$8.00; heavy, \$8.00-\$8.10; mixed packers, \$7.50-\$7.75; light, \$7.00-\$7.25; yorkers, \$1.80-\$1.90; pigs, \$7.15.
SHEEP AND LAMBS—Sheep steady, lambs 50c lower; native lambs, \$1.50-\$1.90; western lambs, \$1.30-\$1.50; native wethers, \$4.20-\$4.50; western wethers, \$3.25-\$3.45; fed ewes, \$3.20-\$3.40; Texas clipped yearlings, \$2.40-\$2.60; Texas clipped sheep, \$3.00-\$3.25; stockers and feeders, \$2.00-\$2.60.

"WATER CURE NOT A TORTURE."
Such is Argument of Counsel for Captain Ryan.

MANILA, July 12.—The court-martial of Captain James A. Ryan of the Fifteenth cavalry on the charge of unnecessary severity to natives was concluded today. It is believed that he will be acquitted. The accused during the day's proceedings made a lengthy statement defending his actions and Major Edwin F. Glenn, Fifth infantry, counsel for the captain, strongly pleaded for his exoneration.

He contended that the water cure was not torture and asserted that its use had saved more American and Filipino lives than other expedients of the campaign. The major scored Judge Rhode for making a report that he was unable to substantiate and quoted a score of orders for the execution of guerrillas during the civil war to justify Captain Ryan.

CARING FOR IOWA'S INSANE.
New Hospital Must Be Built Every Eight Years.

DES MOINES, Ia., July 12.—Figures were given out by the state board of control today, showing the total number of insane persons in the state July 30 to be 4,526, an increase of 126 over the previous year. The average increase for the past three years has been about 125, and at this rate it will be necessary for the state to build another hospital accommodating 1,000 patients every eight years.

The new hospital at Cherokee is just being completed and is badly needed, as the others are overcrowded. Following were the number of insane in the state June 30 of each year, as shown by the reports of the board: In 1889, 4,149; 1900, 4,294; 1901, 4,390; 1902, 4,526.

Condition of the Treasury.
WASHINGTON, July 12.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, \$200,037,632; gold, \$104,349,828.

Death of Mrs. Vaile.
DENVER, Colo., July 12.—Mrs. Joel E. Vaile, the author who wrote books and short stories for children, is dead at her home in this city after a long illness.

Rhodes Clay Dies of Wounds.
MEXICO, Mo., July 12.—Rhodes Clay, representative in the Missouri assembly and recently nominated for a second term, is dead as the result of pistol wounds inflicted by C. A. Barnes, a young attorney. Five shots were fired during the fight, which took place in front of the postoffice. Clay being shot through the shoulder and Barnes having his wrist shattered by a ball from his opponent's revolver. Barnes is under arrest.



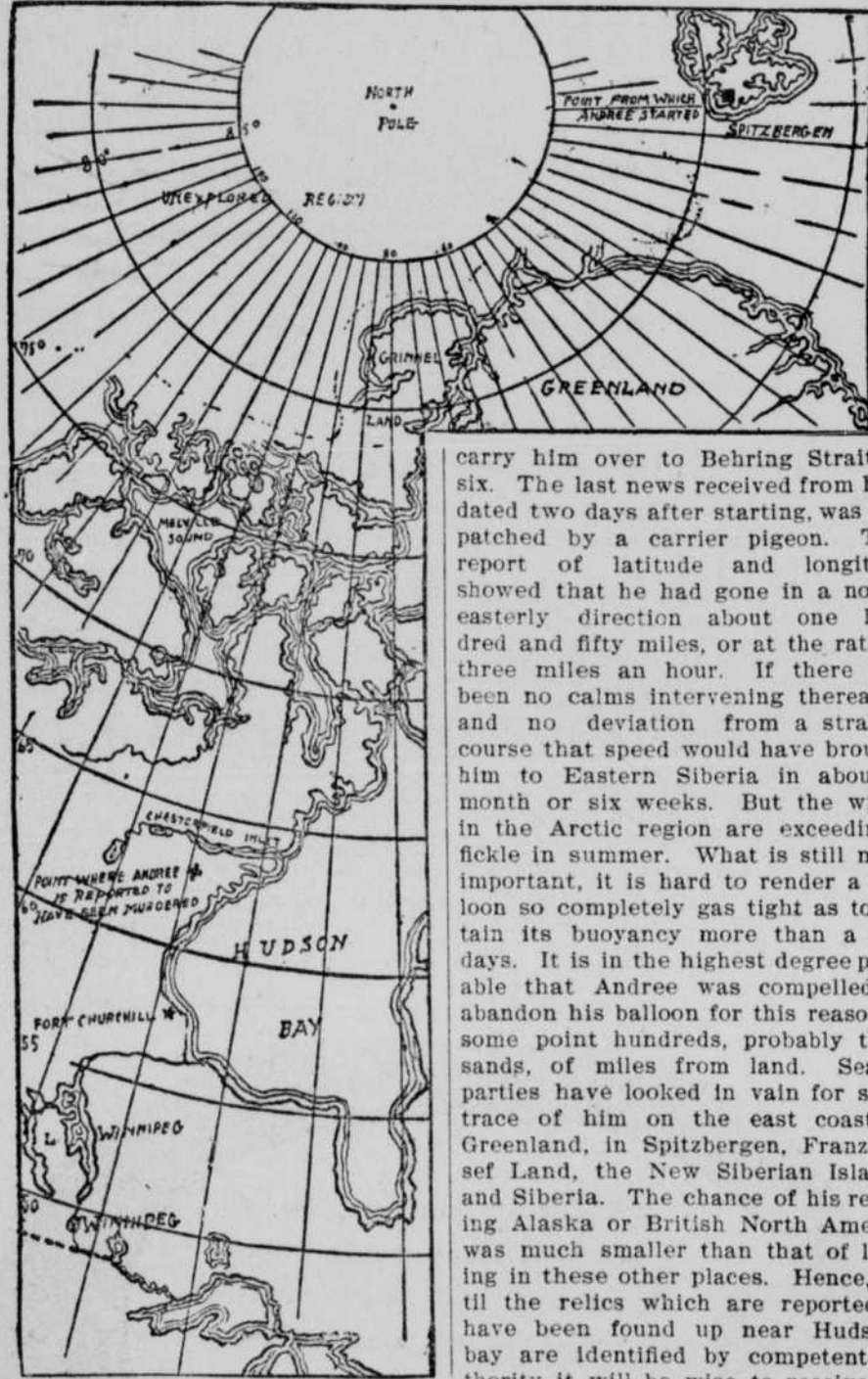
Samuel M. Andree, Commander of the Expedition.

curiosity. As they did so, one of Andree's companions fired a gun. This is a signal to uncivilized natives for a general battle. It is regarded as a challenge, and also instantly the natives fell upon the three explorers and massacred them.

Everything pertaining to their outfit was carried away to the homes of the natives on the north borders of the Arctic region.

"Old Huskie" himself gave this information to Ralph Alstine, agent for the Hudson Bay company, and after being investigated by the Rev. Mr. Farlies, was told by him. He says there is little room for doubt, as frequent reports have since come of the strange implements which the north natives have in their possession, the telescope being particularly described.

The Hudson Bay company has repeatedly offered a reward for the re-



Region Where Andree is Supposed to Have Been.

Life of President Kruger.
A Utrecht correspondent tells this story of the way ex-President Paul Kruger spends his nights: He retires at 8 p. m., but gets up at 1 a. m., "does a dressing gown and a pair of slippers and sits down to read his Bible, smoke and drink tea. The teapot is set over a little spirit lamp and he brews it strong. And thus he sits from 1 until 2 o'clock, reading and commenting aloud on the Bible texts. At 3 o'clock he returns to his bed to finish the night's rest until 5, when he rises for a fresh day's labors."

One Serious Cause for Regret.
A former Virginian who migrated to Australia twenty-four years ago is making a visit to this country after his long absence, and in conversation with a gentleman in Washington regretfully said: "Though I am a British subject now, I must confess to the superiority of some of the social customs of my native land. For instance, though mint is grown in Victoria, somehow or other the people have never learned the old Virginia way of making a julep."

Tact of French Statesman.
Leon Bourgeois, the new president of the French chamber of deputies, represented France at the peace congress at The Hague, and gained there a reputation as a diplomat. He has been minister of public instruction. He is an orator and possesses all the arts of the trained parliamentary speaker. To M. Deschanel, whom he had beaten in his new office, he said: "I succeeded you; I shall never replace you." That was a delicate way of softening defeat which is not habitual at the Palais Bourbon.

Peculiar Philippine Fish.
In the Philippines is to be found the smallest vertebrate animal in the world. It is a fish, which is known to the natives as sinaparan, and has been baptized by the United States Fish Commission "Mistichthys Luzonensis." It is almost transparent. The Filipinos consider it a delicacy and use it with sauces and with rice. Hundreds of the tiny creatures are required to make a good dish, but fortunately the fish is found in many places and in large numbers.