

EASY ROUTE TO THE POLE

Simple Scheme of Arctic Expedition Evolved by Two Klondikers

WILL TRAVEL ALMOST WHOLLY OVERLAND

Experience Gained Through Long Alaskan Journeys to Be Utilized—Preliminary for the Trip Well Under Way.

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Mark Rumsey and Harold Sorenson, now in Seattle, but fresh from the Klondike country, rich in Arctic enthusiasm and with abundant means acquired in gold digging, have just completed plans for a novel expedition to the far north. They reject all former plans for reaching the pole as entirely unworkable. As they express it, they propose to go back to first principles and deal with the matter along simple, practical lines. They will travel overland, using sledges drawn by dogs, and will establish stations along their route sufficiently close together to insure an open line of communication at all times. Supplies sufficient for all contingencies will be stored in the stations and some of them will be tenanted for protracted periods by one or more men each. Rumsey and Sorenson believe their scheme to be the only one that promises certain

they acquired much information which will aid them in their coming work. They visited several of the military posts and forts which the British maintain in that country. From the officers at these posts and from the surrounding Indians they secured intelligence regarding the frozen country beyond. It is part of the plan to use the British outposts as the southern bases of supplies while the explorers are pursuing their travels to the north, and the British officers, who have become greatly interested in the expedition, have promised heavy co-operation.

Supply stations and route. The more southerly stations will be built of heavy timber and each will contain large stores. Further north, of necessity, they will be built of snow and ice and will be much smaller. Structures of this character are easily erected and can be shifted if occasion demands. It is immaterial where they are built or where they are moved so long as the party ahead is informed of their whereabouts.

The route of the expedition, so far as mapped, is about as follows: From Seattle they will go by boat to Juneau, Alaska, the real starting point. Proceeding east they will avoid any hard mountain work by going to the south of Chilkoot pass, crossing the Lewis river near Katchee lake. From there they will go through the Blue mountains at the north, breaking through the range in the narrow valley where lies Lake Frances. At Fort Frances, on the banks of the lake, they will establish the first permanent station. The second station will be at Fort Simpson, which is a little more than 200 miles to the north. Here they will cross the Mackenzie

GRIM TOMB OF BURIED HOPES

Once Proud City of Dawson Laps Into Frigid Condition of Early Decay.

EXTREMELY BAD CLIMATE FOR MUSHROOMS

Interesting Letter from Former Resident of This Section Now Bound for Cape Nome with Hopes of Bettering His Condition.

From a letter received recently by H. G. Murphy, one of a party of Omaha men who went to the Klondike in 1898, from John F. Stur, one of his companions, an understanding is obtainable of the period of depression and decay that has fallen upon the once proud and promising city of Dawson. The letter is dated that city January 23 last and its receipt here with such expedition shows that the mails from the ice-bound country of the northern gold region are being delivered with commendable dispatch. "A period of eighteen months has elapsed," writes Mr. Stur, "since we shook hands and said goodbye to each other. It was on the 21 day of August, 1898, at Scaro Town Heights, or, more particularly, at the head of the Klondike rapids. You were then on your way to cross the glacier and to the country and I was buying an outfit of provisions at Dr. Barrett's sale. At that time I was full of hope and was sure of success, but today I am a much disappointed man, although, thanks to the Lord, I have been healthy all the time and have never had a sick day since I left the states."

RELIGIOUS

The Baptist May anniversary will be held at Detroit, beginning May 22.

More than 60,000 of the 120,000 have been secured for the enjoyment of the Moody schools at Northfield.

The Judson Memorial church at Mandan, N. D., has secured a new self-supporting and also contributes to foreign missions.

Gifts to Chicago university amounting to about \$100,000 will be announced at a dinner of the Alumni association of New York in March. The Rev. Dr. W. D. Howells, who recently burnt his rich agnostic library, is said to be about to be admitted to the Roman Catholic church. Four Universalist churches in Brooklyn are to have a religious revival, in which will be held strictly to business and not waste their time attacking other denominations. The Rev. chapel care of the American Baptist Publication society cost less than \$2,000. As a result of their agency churches costing \$100,000 have been built in one of the states in Texas, one in Louisiana and one in California. Bishop Ingram of London and yet, strange to say, his work is among the poor of the East Side. He has boxed, smoked and played his pipe with his own hands and played his pipe with his own hands and played his pipe with his own hands.

CHOICE--On what do you base your choice

CHEAPNESS--No. ON THE BEST--Yes.

If so, when selecting a piano for your home, call and examine the Royal Hardman Piano.

THEY ALONE POSSESS THE QUALITIES AND REQUISITES THAT MAKE THE BEST IN A PIANO.

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A Breaking Back

This is about the time of year when a man commences to wonder whether his back is going to last him the day out.

The back is the mainspring of the human system, but if the mainspring gets the tempering taken out of it, it's a mighty uncertain thing to depend upon.

The back of the man who has worked hard all winter is apt to lose a good deal of its tempering in the spring. Kidneys are affected by the cold and the hard work; they don't succeed in getting all the poisons out of the blood, and then trouble begins.

The back is never right if the kidneys are wrong. Backache is the very first sign of kidney trouble.



Backache, and lame back and urinary troubles of various sorts, are the earlier stages. Then come diabetes and Bright's disease. After that there's only one thing--Death. There's no curing Bright's Disease.

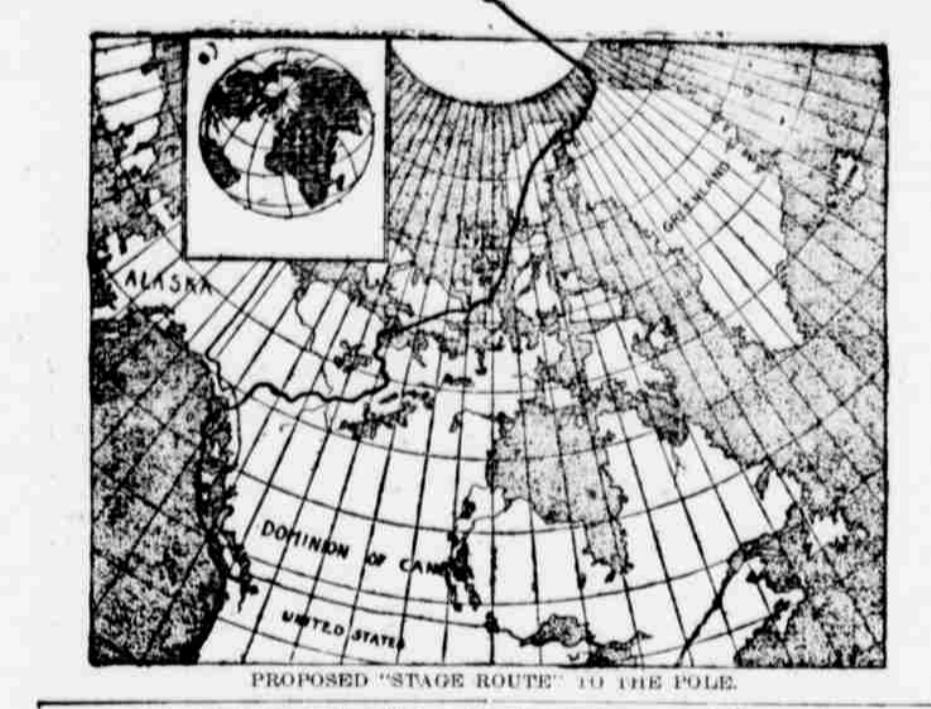
There is a cure for every other form of kidney trouble, though. An easy, absolute certain cure.

Doan's Kidney Pills

Hundreds of Omaha citizens have found it, and rejoice in health and strength that they had not known before in years. The proof of it is in their own statements. Here is just one instance.

Mr. Alfred Willets, foreman of the Silver Plating Department of the U. P. shops, living at 2110 Grand avenue, says: "For about six months a dull aching over the region of my kidneys was much more pronounced if I stooped or did anything requiring a strain on the muscles of the back. Thinking Doan's Kidney Pills might help me I procured a box at Kuhn & Co.'s drug store, corner 15th and Douglas Sts., and they did me a world of good or I never would have advised others to procure the remedy and take a course of the treatment."

Doan's Kidney Pills Are For Sale at All Drug Stores--50c a Box--Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.



PROPOSED "STAGE ROUTE" TO THE POLE.

success. One might as well endeavor to sail across the plains of our western states, says Rumsey, as to try cross the polar seas in ships. This has been proved by the signal failure of every sailing expedition to the far north. Many of the vessels have been hopelessly locked in the ice floes and many have been crushed, while the hopes of those who expected to drift northward in the pack have failed in every instance.

Though wholly unknown as explorers, Rumsey and Sorenson are by no means human endurance or a trifle better than their fellow explorers. They have journeyed hundreds of miles over the icy regions of Alaska in search of the precious metal, traversing hills, plateaus and frozen rivers, with no human companion save an Eskimau guide, with their supplies carried on dog sleds and hauled by their own hands. They have experienced snow and ice have lost their terror for these men. All they want is sufficient fresh food and a pack of good dogs.

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Mr. Rumsey may fairly be considered the leader of the expedition. He is a man of wide reading and is particularly well informed in the history of Arctic exploration. As a boy he was intensely interested in the adventures of Sir John Franklin and Dr. Kane and even then resolved to lead an expedition to the frozen north if he should ever allow him to make the attempt. He is now 45 years old and his interest in the cherished idea of his youth has grown stronger with age. Sorenson is a young man of Scandinavian descent who met Rumsey in Alaska. They were members of the same company and when the gold fever of the Klondike made their companions give up further travel they cast their fortunes together and started alone on their trip over the inhospitable country.

At first their search for gold met with little success, so they resolved to go on further, where few white men had ever set foot, and finally found the yellow metal in sufficient quantities to make them independently rich. Their experiences quickened their desire for further explorations and they made up their minds to travel northward to the utmost limit. Finding that they could not accomplish all they desired single-handed they retraced their steps, resolved to return to civilization and prepare for an expedition to the pole along the lines they had personally found practical. During their travels in the far northwest

PRATTLE OF THE YOUNGSTERS.

"Mamma," said 11-year-old Frances, "I love you dearly--dearly."

"Yes, indeed, mamma. Though you know all my faults, I love you still."

"Where were you born, Thomas?" asked the teacher, eyeing the new pupil over his glasses.

"Born in Asia," answered the frightened little boy, falling back upon his recollections of the catechism.

The Guest--Isn't your little boy rather nervous, Mrs. Bimm?

Mrs. Bimm--No; I think not.

Little Boy--Yes, am, mamma, when people who come here stay too long it makes me wriggle around and kick my chair.

Teacher--What in the world do you mean by writing in your history paper that "cessation of hostilities was welcomed by the participants?"

Tommy--W'y, I thought you told us last week to always say "trousers" instead of "pants."

"Now, boys," said the teacher in the juvenile class in history, "who can tell me why while crossing the Delaware amid the floating ice?"

"I can," replied the youngster at the foot of the class.

"Well, Tommy, what did he say?" queried the teacher.

"He said, 'How'd you like to be the team?'" replied the incorrigible Tommy.

A little lady of the west side, Chicago, asked her mother some trivial question regarding her father. The mother answered, "The question is then Miss Elsie all regarding her mother with profound thoughtfulness for some time. Presently she remarked in a tone of distinct commiseration:

"You know papa pretty well, mamma. But you don't know him as well as I do, do you?"

"Gaugo you see, you have only known him a few years and I have known him all my life!"

Banker Rout a Robber. J. R. Garrison, cashier of the bank of Thornville, Ohio, has been robbed of \$150 by a serious lung trouble until he tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption.

He wrote: "It is the best medicine I ever used for a severe cold or a bad case of lung trouble. I always keep a bottle on hand." Don't suffer with coughs, colds or any throat or lung trouble when you can be cured so easily. Only 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Kuhn & Co.'s drug store.

LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

Ohio has thirty-three clerks' unions. China is to have an American sawmill.

In every cash, door and blind factory in Chicago eight hours constitute a day's work.

The state of Washington furnished over 60,000 tons of coal to California last year.

Last year 1,200,000 cubic yards of material was dredged out of the Duluth-Superior harbor.

In New York City 150 retail druggists have formed an association to compete with department stores.

A union label for carpenters' trimmed work in New York has been adopted and registered with the secretary of state.

A bill is before the New York senate which provides for the employment of firemen in New York cities of the first-class.

Three years ago there was practically no steel car industry, which today there are 1,000 men and boys earning their living at.

Massachusetts has 116 street railway companies, controlling 1,400 miles of track.

The increase in mileage in the state was thirty-five.

From Philadelphia last week a cargo containing \$1,000,000 worth of farm implements was shipped to Russia. It was the largest shipment of the kind ever made from the United States.

The fishing industry of North Carolina yields an annual product worth over \$1,000,000 at no cost to the state, but the fishermen pay its own expenses and turn from \$200 to \$100,000 to the state treasury every year.

Since last fall the influx of labor to the iron and copper regions of upper Michigan has abated. The reason is that the Mining Journal now acknowledges that wages are rapidly going downward. For a time unskilled labor found ready employment at \$2 per day, in some cases even \$2.50; but the employers were worked, with the usual effect, it is another probable that the surplus will eventually involve the various retail labor troubles, such as preceded the boom.

The merchant tailors of Denver, in the belief that their profession does not occupy a position in public estimation to which it is entitled, have formed an organization to raise it to that position. The formal statement of the purpose of the organization is as follows: "To elevate and ennoble the moral and intellectual position in our great city which its importance as an ancient and honorable art entitles it to occupy."

A Boston retail grocer's trust is talked of. Leaders intend to combine into one great trust the low grade grocers now doing business in that city. The whole city would be organized into districts and portions of the various retail stores might be called "the trust." Employment would be bought in the district, and a greater part of the retailers who had merged their businesses. Goods could be bought cheaper, handled cheaper and delivered cheaper than by the present method.

Reflections of a Bachelor.

New England. Being in the world is a woman who thinks she is. The marriage of convenience has no love in it, but the love is generally waiting just around the corner.

A woman generally keeps her ideals till she makes up her mind that she will wait till she gets to heaven to get married.

When the women of a town make up their minds that two people ought to get engaged, they get around that they have "an understanding."

Free to the Ruptured

Dr. W. S. Rice the Well Known Authority, Sends a Trial of His Famous Method Free To All.

Out of the chaos of old-time failure comes a new and starting cure for rupture. Dr. W. S. Rice, 312 N. Main St., Adams, N. Y.

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