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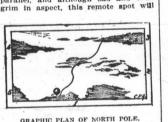
THE NORTHERN POLE.

THIS IS THE NAME OF PROF. AN-DREE'S POLAR BALLOON.

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to the North Pols—Graphic Plan of the Objective Point—Expectations and Anticipations.

Twelve months have scarcely elapsed since Mr. Andree, the Swedish balloonist, first published the details of his scheme for reaching the North Pole by the smooth and easy but crooked paths of cloudland. During this short period the clever and hardy aeronaut has had his proposals favorably received by the Swedish and French academies of sciences, and obtained the \$36,000 required for his purpose, from King Oscar, Mr. Nobel and the Baron Oscar Dickson. Mr. Andree has traveled all over Europe to consult the most competent specialists, and has completed all his preparations for the transportation of his huge balloon from Paris, where it is being constructed, to Spitzbergen early next May. The start will be made some time in July or at the beginning of August from Norskoarns, a small rockyand snowy archipelago situated on the northwestern coast of Spitzbergen, and the most accessible part of this famous territory. Norskoarna is almost under the eightieth parallel, and aithough sad and even grim in aspect, this remote spot will



prove a convenient station for the departure, as the distance to the North Pole, is only about 600 miles. Mr. Andree's balloon, which will be called the Northern Pole, is to be made of triple French varnished silk, having a resistance of 250 pounds to the linear inch. It contains 130,000 cubic feet, and has a lifting power of more than 10,000 pounds. Besides the car and its three occupants—Messrs. Andree, Ekholm and Strindberg—the balloon will be supplied with scientific apparatus and 2,000 prepared photographic plates, in charge of Dr. Strindberg. The Northern Pole will not carry sand for ballast, but use its large quantity of stores for throwing out in case of nead. At Norskoarna the balloon can be kent waiting any length of time for a favorable wind. Held in place by sixteen tackles attached to the rocky soil, and connected by a system of ropes and pulleys with the whole netting, it can laugh at all the efforts of the strongest gale, and remain there for weeks ready for immediate despatch.

Mr. Nils Ekholm, the celebrated meteorologist of Upsal University, will give the signal for the departure of this fearless expedition. The signal will not be given until Mr. Ekholm finds a northern breeze blowing briskly and with all the known signs of permanency—a frequent occurrence, however, in those regions and in such a season. As a professional aernaut, I may be allowed to say that Mr. Ek-

ever, in those regions and in such a season. As a professional aernaut, I may be allowed to say that Mr. Ekholm will not be mistaken in his prognostications, and that, once started, Mr. Andree's aerial craft will be carried away for hours in the direction of the North Pole. It would be almost unreasonable to hope that the aerial travellers will float exactly above the foremost point of our globe from the tropics. It would be enough for Mr. Andree tamake such a nearing as would enable him to bring back to civilization hundreds or thousands of photographs recording all the features of those unattainable regions. His most ambitious desires will be wholly satisfied, I am sure, if he obtains a clear view of the rocky mountains that Lleutenant Peary is said to have seen from the top of the Greenland glaciers on a far distant horizon.

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For my own part, I believe that the three aerial explorers will have no difficulty in running the greater part of the 600 miles separating Norskoarna from the North Pole. If by some unaccountable misfortune there should be a notable change in the moving paths of cloudland, it is certain that Mr. Andree will be able to direct his balloon in a suitable siding. Then he will resort to his ingenious combination of guide-rope and sailing. Since his first trial, in 1894 (which I described at the time in Harper's Round Table), he has time in Harper's Round Table), he has realized great improvements. Instead



along like a sailing craft with a stern A PRAIRIE PREMIER

along like a salling craft with a stern wind.

It must be remembered that in summer time the winds and storms of the North Pole are far less treacherous than those of the most attractive parts of the tropical, or even those of the temperate zones. The north polar regions are never visited by cyclones or thunder. The only danger to be encountered is a slight fall of snow, not more than four or five inches in the whole season. For meeting this almost trivial danger Mr. Andree has had the upper part of his balloon covered with a silk canvas, so that the meshes of the net will be free from any accumulation of falling snowflakes.

In the desolate northern lands the sun is a trusty friend to the aeronaut. By constantly shining over the horizon during a number of months hedevelops almost a comfortable degree of heat, while without any intermission during the twenty-four hours of each day he supplies a sufficient quantity of light for all photographic purposes. In the mean time, owing to his moderate altitude, even when he crosses the meridian line at noon, he is never elevating the unfortunate aeronaut against his will to a dangerous distance from the more than half-frozen soil.

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The real difficulty is for the balloon, loaded with numberless preclous documents, to find its way out before winter sets in with its long cold nights and horrors. This exit must be made at any cost by directing the balloon into a wind tending to some part of the south. Mr. Andree will certainly not help attention to the segarantical posisouth. Mr. Andree will certainly not pay attention to the geographical position of the spot where he is to alight. He will not care whether he lands on land or sea. It will make no difference to him whether he sets foot on rocks or on crackling tee. He will on rocks or on crackling ice. He will trust equally to the frozen Atlantic of to the congelated Pacific if he can de the congelated above the hori-end from cloudland above the hori-



"THE NORTHERN POLE."

hours' voyage made in 1892 by M. Maurice Mallet, who has drawn the accompanying sketches), Mr. Andree is having his balloon made absolutely impermeable, of the best and most costly material, with a new varnish and exceptional sewing. He has replaced even the usual valve at the top by two others a great deal smaller and fixed to the equator of the bolloon, to be used only for ordinary maneeuvres during the prolongation of the voyage, for he is determined not to make any pause, decided to fall from cloudland pause, decided to fall from cloudland like a thunderbolt to the very spot selected by instantly opening his monstrous sphere with a tearing rope, to which will be attached a dagger for the grand and final moment.
WILFRID DE FOUVILLE.

A laborious genealogist announces, as the result of years of minute labor, that the Queen has had nine children, of whom she has lost two; forty-one grandchildren of whom salght have

that the Queen has had nine children, of whom she has lost two: forty-one grandchildren; of whom eight have died; and twenty-three great-grandchildren, all of whom are living. She has, therefore, sixty-three descendants living—seven children, thirty-three grandchildren and twenty-three of the maximum generation. Her next eldest greatgrandchild, the Princess Feodore of Saxe-Meiningen, is now nearly 17, so that in all probability Her Majesty will live to see her grand-children's grandchildren. Few English sovereigns before Queen Victoria have seen grandchildren grow out of infancy; and none ever saw a great-grandchild. Hence, Her Majesty had to determine the question of precedency in the case of the Duchess of Fife's children, and she wisely decided that they should rank only as daughters of a Duke.

This decision was in accordance with a House law, decreed earlier in the reign, by which the title of Prince and Royal Highness is limited to the children of the sovereign's sons, the children of the sovereign's sons, the children of the sovereign's sons, the children of the fathers. Thus the Princess Helena's children rank as children of Prince Christian only, while the Duke of Connaught's are Royal Highnesses, and Prince Arthur of Connaught, as an ordinary Duke, taking precedence merely by date of the creation of his dukedom. This is now the case of the Duke of Cumberland on the roff of the House of Lords though he is styled Royal Highness as a son of a King of Hanover.

Re-Married After 40 Years Wedded Bliss.
Robert W. Roberts of Wales and
Phoebe Tilson of Ireland were married
in Toronto forty years ago. They have
a grown-up family and live in a New
York flat which was robbed recently,
and the family Bible, with the record
of the marriage and the marriage certificate. They tried to get a duplicate
of the certificate from the Toronto officials, but were told that it would cost
\$50. Rather than pay this sum, they
uecided to get married over again.
So they were wed at the New York
City Hall Thursday, Ald. Parker performing the ceremony. Roberts gave Re-Married After 40 Years Wedded Bliss City Hall Thursday, Ald. Parker performing the ceremony. Roberts gave his age as 79 and that of his wife as 59. The same wedding ring was used that had been used forty years ago. The witnesses were their son, John Roberts, about 35 years old, and John Williams, an old friend of the family.

of using only one medium-sized guiderope, he will drag in the polar latitudes not less than three heavy hemplines. With the aid of these gigantic
and ponderous guide-ropes, each one
measuring 1,200 feet and weighing 600
pounds, he can set three salfs supplied
with yards and moved by rigging and
attached to the upper part of the balloon, independent of the netting, so
that they may receive their full expanse. Their total surface amounts
to more than 700 square feet, and they
will, if skillfully managed, impart a
remarkable deviating power to the balloon. So the Northern Pole will skip The Wonderful Cryptoscope.

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FONDNESS FOR THE NORTHWEST.

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Hebellion Reminiscences.

Judged by his movements in recent years, the Canadian Premier has an intense fondness for the prairie. Five years ago he rode along the southern boundary of the North-west from Delocatine to Fort McLeod, and is the following year he completed his observations along that out of the way line of travel right through to the Crow's Nest Pass. The journey occuried something like five weeks of time, most of the days being spent in the saddle, and all the nights under canvass. In addition to this, he has crossed the continent some nine times and has made numerous bifurcations from the mainland. It was, however, his desire to know something of the northern part of that country, and, therefore, having returned from the Pscific coast, he proceeded from Calgary to Edmonton—the most northerly point reachable by railway. He had with him the Hon. T. Mayne Daly, Minter of the Interior; Mr. Hayter Reed, the recent of the Interior; Mr. Hayter Reed, the recent contents of the second of th ister of the Interior; Mr. Hayter Reed Superintendent-General of Indian Af fairs; Mr. Fred White, Comptroller of



(Who Fired the First Shot in the Rebellion) onel Herchmer, Commissioner of the

seme force.

Before reaching Edmonton a halt was made just beyond the Red Deer Ccuntry, for the purpose of visiting the Indian Reserve at Ponoka. On ighting from the train a great crowd Indians, dressed in their best holiof Indians, dressed in their best more faily outfit, welcomed the Premier. The Chief, arrayed in the plumage and paraphernalia which makes the Western Indian one of the most plo-turesque characters to be seen any Western Indian one of the most pioturesque characters to be seen anywhere, stepped forward and went
through a pantomine of great solemnity and expressiveness. For a few
mi ments he held this right hand upward to the sky. Then preming it on
his heart he pointed to the ground.
This was interpreted to mean that the
Almighty witnessed his devotion to
the country, to the Government, and
to the man before him. He followed up
this ceremony by warmly shaking the
Primier's hand, amid a chorus of guttural exclamations from the assembled warriors, intended to indicate general assent to the welcome given by eral assent to the welcome given The Premier was taken in the wagon

The Premier was taken in the wagon of the Indian Agent and driven to the Reserve. He was followed all the way by a great band of horsemen, who rode with that dash and reckless daring which characterizes the red men of the 'plain whenever' he wishes to make a particularly startling display. I had never seen such a turnout before and I do not think I shall ever forget it. The Indian riders stretched out in a long line across the prairle, ignoring all sorts of obstacles in their way as they whirled along in fantastic fashion. We had a half-breed with us, who acted as interpreter during the prairle journey, and I shall always remember the magnificent figure he presented as he rode his fiery broncho among the cloud of excited horsemen. He seemed to be a part of the animal itself, and held his head up with that proud bearing which marks a man who feels himself the superior object of attention. And yet he was doing nothing remarkable; for there are thousands of men in the North-west country who cannot be surpassed in the saddle. In due time, and still surrounded by the band of plurging ponies, the Premier's party rached the Reserve. These Indians ha I many fields of grain and over one thousand head of cattle. They had built a large dam over the stream running near the agency and had done many other things to show their rapid adaptation to the ways and circumstances of civilized life.

Bright and early on the following of the Indian Agent and driven to the Reserve. He was followed all the



FEAST HOUSE AT FORT RUPERT.

morning our party moved out from 8t. Albert, on our course to Fort Sakachewan, and in the afternoon were well under way for the long drive of five hundred miles across the prairie. As we crossed on the ferry we were all much interested in the nien who were there engaged in washing the gravel of the river bed for gold. Some two hundred sturdy fellows were engaged at various points along the Saskatchewan in making fair wages by the use of the old-fashioned rocker and pan. At almost any of the bars which form in the river from \$2\$ to \$5\$ a day can be made by washing out the gold; and the extraordinary part of the whole thing is that no one has yet discovered where this precious deposit comes from it is found along a line of nearly 300 miles; but there is nothing ts ly 300 miles; but there is nothing to

iy 300 miles; but there is nothing to indicate its source. Some day the secret will be revealed, and then there will be a rush.

We camped for the first night about 25 miles from Fort Saskatchewan, and here it may be in order to say a few words about our method of travel and general accommodation. In the first words about our method of travel and general accommodation. In the first place, the party was entirely in charge of the Mounted Police, who provided wagons, tents, cooking utensils. and rations. There was nothing pretentious, however, about the outfit. There was no escort for display of any sort. There was simply a sufficient number of teams to carry the party, the baggage and camping conveniences. But it was complete. By long experience the Mounted Police have become experts in all that appertains to camping life, and they do their work with a precision and thoroughness which is most satisfactory to see. On arriving at the camping ground—which was selected with a view to water supply and grass for the horses—every team had its place and every man his work. Within twenty minutes of time the horses were unhitched, picketed for the night, tents pitched and the meal under way.

At nine o'clock everybody was in bed, sleeping in blankets upon mother earth. Before that time, however, we would gather about the camp fire for a half hour's smoke and chat.

Two days' later the Premier's party reached Saddle Lake, and that evening the first Indian pow-wow took



planet's summer sun are almost enfirely melted. This melting of the
circumpolar snows is far more complete on Mars than on the earth, no
dcubt, chiffy because the sasons,
though similar to our own are, nevertheless, twice as long. There remains,
therefore, but one permanently frozen
point. Thus is it further transmitted
through the geometrical network or
refsinear canafs to the most desertlike steppes. The series of circular
deserved the intersections of the canals like steppes. The series of circular disos at the intersections of the canals are bases purposely created and fed by the waters.

It is known that upon the neighboring planet a man weighing on our earth 75 kilograms would weigh but 26; that the specific gravity of matter is far less than here; that the atmosphere is very thin, and that the conditions of existence vary sensibly from our own. It is very probable that humanity on that planet, such as it is, is created upon ascale vastly superior to our own—Mars being much older than the earth—and immensely higher in intelligence. Tis general unity of organization, so tos peak, confirms to the theories we have formed respecting our heavenly neighbors. ed respecting our heavenly neighbor CAMILLE FLAMMARION

That New Sleeve. "How are Miss Le Mode and you getting along, Charite?" asked Jack the other evening.
"I have given up going there."

"Oh, she's so puffed up I can't get



machine isn't hurt a bit

No Suspicion There. A minister relates an amusing story of his experience while evangelizing in the mountains. One day while pass-ing a corn field in Leslie county he was surprised to see long strings of pawsurprised to see long strings of paw-paw bark knotted together and tied to stumps. He asked his guide what it meant and was informed that it was "to bring luck."
"And does such a foolish superstition exist all over this community?'

"Oh, no," said the mountainer, "the old preacher over in the settlement yonder says pawpaw vines don't do no yonder says pawpaw vines don't do no good."

"An intelligent man!" interrupted Mr. Witherspoon. I am glad to find one man who isn't lost in ignorance."

"Yassir," the native continued, "he lows that yarn strings beats pawpaw strings all hollow when it comes to bringing luck. Fact is, he don't use nothin' but yarn strings!"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Courier-Journal.

Worth Reading Again.

Some one in Washington recalls the story of Henry Labouchere when he was an attache of the British Legation in Washington. One day he was sitting in his office when a rather noisy individual came in and asked to see the Minister. "You can't see him. He's gone out. You must see me." "I don't want to see you; I want to see him. He's of the ranch," said the noisy individual. "All right," replied Labouchere, going on with his writing, "take a chair." The visitor sat and waited for an hour. Then, with several picturesque extracts from profane history he inquired how long the boss would be gone. "I should think about six weeks," replied-Labouchere, carelessly. "You see, he has just sailed for England."

The Part He Knew.

Papa—Tommy, did you know your
le-son to-day?
Tommy (hesitatingly)—Yes; that is,
part of it.
Papa—Which part was that?
Tommy—Well, I could answer
questions the other boys had.

place around the camp-fire. Their is something fascinating about the weird and dramatic cioumstances of one of these interviews, and no one can understand their real character without having been a spectator. The Indian spokesman is always an orator, and makes his speech with much gesticulation and force of utterance. He goes straight to the point, hammers it home with sledge blows, and then subsides into the stoical silence which marked his bearing before the speaking began. His fellow-braves sit near by, and whatever may be their feelings, no human eye could read them in their faces. They are absolutely expressionless. When, however, it comes to the turn of any of these men.

The case of Vanwycke v. the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, an action for damages for injuries to a child received in a collision at a level crossing, resulted in a judgment for the plaintiff, who resides at Owen Sound, for \$700 and costs.

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Writs have issued at Osgoode Hall by Heiena I. Barriay to recover \$10,000 damages for injuries received in \$1 all-upon a slippery sidewalk. In 10 on the and by the Methodist Chain to the feredost of a mortgage for \$30,507 against Andrew and Cecilia Jeffery and J. Jenkins.

J. Jenkins.

An interesting ceremony was that witnessed in the Divisional Court at Osgoode Hall Friday, when Hon. A. R. Dickey, Minister of Justice, was admitted to the Ontario Bar by Chief Justice Meredith. The Minister, who has been a member of the Nova Scotia Bar for 18 years, was represented by Mr. Aemillus Irving, Q.C., a Bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada.

POLITICS.-DOMINION.

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Mr. Filint has moved a resolution in Perliament to prohibit the liquor traffic in Canada.

Hon. L. H. Davies, Mr.J. Israel Tarte, and Hon. A. S. Hardy addressed the Teronto Young Liberals at their annual banquet, last week.

The Young Liberals of the Province will hold a big gathering at Ottawa on Thursday, March 19, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Ontario Federation of Liberal Clubs.

A deputation of Mennonites from Emerson applied to the Manitoba Government for relief from taxation for public schools as they had a school of public schools as they had a school of their own. The Government replied that the Manitoba School Act made such a concession impossible.

The County Councils of Bruce and Simcoe have petitioned the Dominion Parliament not to bonus the immigration of pauper children, and to compel philanthropic societies to support their own criminal and useless immigrants.

Senator Adams, in the Senate Frischer of their own criminal and useless immigrants.

grants.
Senator Adams, in the Senate Friday, strongly opposed Mr. Woods' bill permitting New Brunswick Judges to sentence young Roman Catholic women to terms in a Reformatory conducted by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, instead of the jail. The bill, however, was read a second time.
UNCLASSIFIED.

An entire family at Brights, Ala., has ten swept from life by measles. The Canadian Kennel Club has de-cided to abolish the cropping of dogs'

It is expected that the Chicago Fair medals will be all distributed in less medals will be all distributed than a month.

All the prize-fights arranged in New Mexico have been declared off except the Maher-Fitzsimmons affair, and that will probably be declared off also. A report by way of Siberia states that Dr. Nansen reached the North Pole and is now on his return journey. It is not credited by his London agent.

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ROTHER GARDINER LAYS DOWN

THE LAW TO VARIOUS MEMBERS HARDWARE dent, Seems to Cover the Only Point MAN

said makes the proced with many or the state of a feeling The state of the point, it was a process of the state of the sta When I got threw waitopin an sammin deir lifeless remains could not be identified by delr own wives. If, dar' was any mo' obstructionists. hangin' rround arter I had finished wid de pussons named—any mo' fillbusters who war' determined to hev deir own way

or ruin de kentry—I should begin again an' make 'em wish dey had nebber bin "Pat's de programme, gem'len," con-tiued the president, as his excited breathing was heard all over the hall, "an' it will be follered right threw in case of necessity. We gather here in de-interests of de kentry at large. While rule. If Mr. Cushin's manual will kiver a case, all right; if it won't sen de presidin' officer must sail in. While I sincerely hope an' trust no sich la-mentable occashun may arise, Ize liftin' dumb-bells an' punchin' de bag ebery

ceed to attack de reg'lar bizness of meetin'." M. QUAD



"caller" has just cried "Swing

your partners!"

h "I might as well plead guilty,
Judge," owned up the penitent prisoner
at the bar. "If it had been a boit of
lace or a besket of diamonds you
might have called it kleptomania and
let me go, but I don't reckon that would
work in this case. I stole the hog,
Judge."



She—Goodness me, what happened? Why, ah, he had one of these collahs n, and sneezed, don't cher know.

St. dch as a Winter Port. Governor Fraser of New Brunswick, in his speech from the throne to the Legislature on Thursday, mentions the success attending making St. John the winter port, and stated that a measure will be introduced providing for giving assistance to private enterprises for the establishment of cold storage warehouses at different points.



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