

PEARY'S LATEST PLAN.

Hopes to Reach the North Pole with Dog Sledges.

PREMIER Established Supply Stations along the Route and Place His Nine Couples in Charge—Confident of Success.

Lieut. Peary recently laid a plan for arctic research before the council of the American Geographical Society. The plan includes the reaching of the north pole. It was heartily endorsed by the council and a subscription toward its accomplishment promised. Should either plan succeed the United States will reap the glory.

Lieut. Peary's plan, as now matured, is considered by arctic explorers one of the most feasible yet advocated. First of all, it is not to be an expedition in the usual sense of the term. It will, however, be a scientific and a subscription toward its accomplishment promised. Should either plan succeed the United States will reap the glory.

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WHIPPING POST IN MISSOURI.

Used for Refractory Convicts and Said to be Efficient.

The whipping post, which has been reestablished in the state penitentiary at Jefferson City, Mo., after four years of disuse, had, before that, been in use so long that no one remembers when it was first established. It is simply one of the pillars of the stairway to the dark cellhouse. When a prisoner is to be whipped he is handcuffed and fastened with chains to the pillar, stripped, and the whip so applied that for days he remembers it because of the pain.

Under the present management Deputy Warden Tom Bradbury does the whipping, using a large rawhide, which would raise "welts" on the back of a male. Sometimes there is no fixed number of blows, but sometimes the lashes are numbered.

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HELD THE BABY FOR BOARD.

Mother Trying to Secure Possession of Her Three-Year-Old Boy.

Mrs. Ella O. Warren, of Piedmont, Cal., has appealed to the courts that her baby boy, three years old, may be released from bondage as security for a board bill. She made the charge before District Attorney Snook that Mr. and Mrs. Chris Warren, of Berkeley, have refused to give her the infant, claiming a \$20 balance due on account of the little one's care. The mother declares that she has made a score of futile attempts to recover the child. A writ of habeas corpus was issued by Judge Odgen, directing the child's custodian to produce him.

"We will live like the Eskimos," said Lieut. Peary. "We will take no houses with us, and as little other incumbrances as possible. Perhaps our snow houses will be kept dry and cleaner than theirs, but that is all."

As soon as the ice conditions are propitious an attempt will be made to reach the pole. The Eskimos and their dog sledges will be used if possible, but in any case the white explorers will pack up until the stars and stripes will have been planted near, if not on, the pole itself.

Lieut. Peary, while hoping, does not expect that the favorable moment for making this venture will come from his colony will come at once. He says it may be two, three or even five years before the conditions are just right. If necessary, he wants to be prepared to wait ten years, but he firmly believes from his own experience that the time will come within three years.

VANDERBILT'S STATUE.

Effigies Likeness to Be Placed on Campus of University at Nashville.

Moretti, the noted Italian sculptor, has just completed a magnificent bronze statue of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt for the campus of Vanderbilt university at Nashville, of which institution he was the founder. It shows Vanderbilt standing erect in a favorite pose, with one hand hanging loosely at his side and the other partially tucked in the front of his waistcoat. Except for the stock collar and loosely-knotted neck scarf he is garbed as a well-dressed man of to-day. The strong, handsome face with its deep and firm lines has been carefully preserved.

Frederick W. and William K. Vanderbilt, grandsons of the commodore, have examined the statue, as has also Dr. Chasney M. Depew, and all are united in deciding that the bronze is a most handsome likeness.

A handsome pedestal of light granite, designed in classic style and bearing an appropriate inscription, will support the statue. The pedestal is 9 feet in height with a base six feet six inches square. This statue is the only figure of Commodore Vanderbilt in existence. To obtain the likeness which everyone who knew Mr. Vanderbilt, and who has seen the statue, pronounces perfect, Sculptor Moretti had examined all of the best portraits of the commodore in existence. The statue will be unveiled at Nashville in May.

What College Women Are Doing.

Out of 450 college women recently interrogated, 169 are teachers, 47 librarians, 23 nurses, 19 journalists and 19 clerks, while the remainder are distributed around in various unclassified positions. The majority of a given number of women asked in regard to the matter, said they received less pay than men for the same kind of work. A small number were found who got the same pay, and a very tiny fraction of a number received more money than men in similar positions.

Came for Doctors.

A novel device for generating electricity consists of a hollow case in which a long, slim battery is placed, the induction coil being placed close to the handle and surrounded by two removable bands attached by wires to the coils for use as poles in giving electric treatment.

Malta's Language.

The island of Malta has a language of its own, derived from the Latin and the Island speaks Italian.

Malta's—Wade Duplicate Statutes.

A machine has just been invented for the production of duplicate statutory, the mechanism consisting of a system of revolving cutters attached to frames operated by a tracer running over the pedestal.

MOVING TO GET TALMAGE BACK.

New York Men Plan to Build a Temple for Him There.

A movement has been started by a few influential men, mostly of New York, for Rev. Dr. Talmage to return from Washington to that city. Ex-United States Marshal Charles M. Staford, who was a member of the board of trustees of the old Brooklyn Tabernacle and a close personal friend of Dr. Talmage, said that one man was ready to contribute \$10,000 to get Dr. Talmage back, and added: "If a proper syndicate be formed for the purpose of the erection of a temple for all the people-rich and poor alike—and the edifice be one that will be creditable to Greater New York, the money necessary to erect a building will be subscribed just as soon as the union of the cities is an accomplished fact. The proposition is to erect one of the greatest edifices for worship on this continent."

"I have not spoken to Dr. Talmage, but I believe he would consider the call of such a popular movement."

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A NEW ANTI-TOXINE.

Serum Secured to Fight the Dread Bubonic Plague.

Dr. Alvah H. Doty visits Egypt and India and Then Develops the Trick Which Experiment Proves Efficient.

Dr. Alvah H. Doty, health officer of the port of New York, was sent to President Wilson, of the health board, a report as to the experiments recently made with the view of finding an anti-toxin for the bubonic plague. He visited Egypt and India some months ago, and made some study of the plague while in those countries. In his report he says:

"During the early part of February a temporary laboratory was established on Swallowburn Island for the purpose of investigating the plague bacteria, and, if possible, producing a plague anti-toxin. Work began February 7 and the laboratory was stocked with animals for the purpose of examination.

On February 26 a horse was inoculated with the culture of plague bacilli. This was repeated on March 6. In order to determine how early the serum might have acquired antitoxic properties, about one pint of blood was drawn from the horse March 16, for experimental purposes, and from the other pint of serum was secured.

About one cubic centimeter was injected into white mice. After 24 hours these mice were inoculated with a culture of the plague bacilli which experiments had proved to be fatal to the mice within 48 hours, showing its efficiency. The animals which had been previously injected with serum remained alive. Tests made to ascertain the curative powers of this serum have not been so satisfactory, although in most of the cases it prolonged life, and in one a cure was effected."

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