

abilities do not, or are not expected to mistake their situation as "servants" for that of "masters") ability in political sciences, economy, finance, social order, oratory, etc.—a green and fresh upstart, youthful, inexperienced and hopeful, but raw in the science of statesmanship—sets out as an aspirant to political prominence, as a general and expected outcome, he gains influence over the unthinking and easily led, of what may be called a more or less civilized rabble. If the tribunal finds the effects to be prejudicial to the welfare and safety of the republic, he is called up before the tribunal; he is crowned with a wreath of laurels, in acknowledgment of his merit in obtaining the admiration of Greece. But as this his greatness has become dangerous to the safety of the republic (this term and condition being well understood in those days, as a popular axiom), on account of his greatness he is exiled to the colonies. And he endures his exile, as a man of greatness. Ye Grecian gods! why did ye put such a mountain of irony on your aspiring and vain striplings? Where did your terrible rebuke fall? Did you not thereby give a telling admonition to the oracles, wise men and teachers of Greece, to beware of letting inexperience run wild, by neglecting them in not giving timely, impressive instructions, in the duties of life, both public and private?

But how do we learn from the classics in our days to prescribe remedy, for a disease that upstarts in modern aristocracy as a suffering under? Religiously, no better cure is known for students, after having gone through our high schools and university, than a three years' faithful mission to the world, according to the faith and discipline of our young Elders of the Mormon Church. Ethically those who may be so unfortunate as not to possess the necessary qualifications to fill such a mission as above mentioned, we may take the liberty to prescribe a modern remedy of another kind. That is, to be ostracised from the political platform of able servants of the public, and be given over to temporal forgetfulness on the political arena. Having proven themselves too light, they better remain in private life, until they have learned how to behave as humble servants and not as masters of the people.

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"POLE NORD."

Scientific circles in Europe at present are quite interested in S. A. Andree's proposed expedition to the North Pole next summer in a specially constructed balloon, and that he has succeeded in convincing geographical authorities of the plausibility of the plan may be judged from the liberal contributions to cover the expenses of the undertaking.

The balloon is now being constructed at one of the suburbs of Paris, and will be completed in time for the start in May or early in June. It has already been named "Pole Nord." The calculation is that it will be perfectly gas-proof and consequently retain its buoyancy until the explorers have crossed the Pole and landed somewhere in the most northern regions of the American continent.

A special feature of the balloon is a

guide-rope of cocoanut fibre, weighing 1,000 kilogrammes, a weight sufficient to maintain the balloon at a height of about 600 feet, at which elevation the explorers can study the regions over which they pass, and enable M. Strindberg, the photographer, to picture them.

According to the plan Mr. Andree will start from Gotheoburg on a specially chartered steamer and go to Spitzbergen. At a convenient place near the balloon will be filled with gas. Everything will be ready for the voyage in July. There will be only three passengers, Andree, Gustav Ekholm, the scientific observer, and Strindberg, the physician and photographer. It is not calculated what time the air voyage will take, but provisions are carried for three weeks, and it is thought three thousand miles will be covered in that period. The steamer will be followed to Spitzbergen by a large flotilla of vessels, carrying tourists anxious to witness the ascension and departure of the Pole Nord.

The question whether a traveler in a balloon can ascertain whether he actually passes over the North Pole or not, has been asked, and Dr. Ekholm therefore explains that an accurate calculation can be made. During the long polar day the stars are not visible except through the astronomical instruments, and the observations must therefore be confined chiefly to the sun. Latitude and longitude can be obtained, however, by observing the altitude of the heavenly luminary, provided the direction of the nautical compass is known.

That circumstance, Dr. Ekholm says, that the magnetic pole does not coincide with the geographic pole, makes the magnetic compass serviceable and the magnetic points completely known at the North Pole. With the assistance of the compass we are able to make an immediate indication at the very pole in what direction, for instance, Sweden is situated. Consequently Mr. Andree should thus be able to know for certain whether he has touched at the North Pole, or not, during his expedition.

Swedes have often been fortunate in Arctic explorations, and Andree's proposed attempt is therefore by his own countrymen looked forward to with confidence.

NOTES.

There is some talk of a telephone line being constructed between Wilcox and the Pearce mine, Arizona, in the near future.

Up to March let less rain had fallen in Los Angeles, Cal., than for any season since the government record has been kept there.

The small boy with the slingshot is getting to be a great nuisance in Kingman, A. T., on account of the great damage done to window glass.

The government plant for the improvement of the Snake river between Huntington and the Seven Devils country, Ore., was sold to Huntington recently.

Twenty-one hundred ounces of strychnine have been distributed by

the commissioners of Walla Walla county, Wash., to the farmers of that county for use in trying to abate the plague of squirrels.

The Santa Fe railroad company has issued orders to its New Mexico and Texas depot agents and conductors to allow no men to board the trains with guns. They must leave their arsenals in the baggage cars while en route.

A brood mare belonging to J. C. Tyler, of Red Bluff, Cal., gave birth to three colts, two of which were male and one female. Two of them were stillborn and the other lived about twenty minutes. All three of the colts were perfectly formed.

The payroll of the United Verde Copper company at Jerome, Arizona, last month for men employed at the mines is said to have been \$42,000. In addition to this, the company expends many thousands of dollars monthly for timbers, supplies, etc.

A surveying party from Phoenix, Arizona, have recently been making a reconnaissance for a road to the Box Canyon of Salt river for the Hudson Reservoir and Canal company, in order to haul in material for the construction of a dam at that point.

A landslide west of Portland, Oregon, on Sunday morning completely buried the house of Donald S. McDonald, at the bottom of a ravine. His daughter, Isabelle McDonald, aged 18, and Daniel Campbell, aged 42, were buried in the ruins and killed.

A young man named Andrew Francis was riding on a load of hay near Visalia, Cal., on Sunday, and had a 22 caliber rifle between his knees. The weapon was discharged and the ball entered under his chin, ranged upward and lodged in his head. The wound is pronounced fatal.

William W. Main, a California pioneer, died in San Francisco last Thursday, in consequence of an accident. Monday he ascended a ladder to fasten a hook in the wall in the store of Main & Winchester. The ladder slipped and he fell to the floor, sustaining concussion of the brain.

An article published in the Two Republics in the City of Mexico states, that information has been received there that the money for the construction of the Deming-Mexico railroad had all been subscribed, several contracts made and that work will without doubt be begun within the next ninety days.

A farmer in Umatilla county, Or., who has eight cats, reports gophers quite scarce on his premises. Twenty squirrels a day, he says, is no unusual catch for his cats. Coyotes live largely on squirrels, but owing to their fondness for mutton and fowl, their numbers have been largely reduced by scalp hunters.

The mining industry offers a field of operation for the new woman. It is said that one of the best mining experts in Arizona is a woman, and the best posted person on mines on the Klamath river, Oregon, is Mrs. Clara Wood. She can give the history of every mine on the river from the mouth of Cottonwood creek to the Salmon river.

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