## Wednesday, Jan. 5, 1910.

#### Cotton Seed.

Hagen's Improved Big Bolled Cotton. It a thrifty cotton; limbs well and fruits well; makes a pound to forty bolls and makes more cotton to the acre than any other cotton I have found. I can pick onethird more in it than in any other cotton. Nine out of ten that has planted this seed will not have any other cotton. No other seed is allowed in my gin house. Seed \$1.25 per bushel. For further particulars rite to W. A. Hagen, the Originator, R. F. D. No. 5. Abbeville, S. C.

Married. the afternoon of Dec. 26, 1909, the folcouples were united in marriage by P. Harkness, Magistrate. Mack Giles to Miss Redy Blanchard Ir. J. D. Banister to Miss Annie Camp-All of Abbeville County. a success is wished for the young

by a score of friends and relatives. will be a meeting of the U. V. C. Court House, Tuesday afternoon, 910, at 4 o'clock. By order of the

cian Schroder left Sunday for Ga., where he goes to take charge cendid position in the S. A. L. His many friends regret to see

Miss Nellie Hughes spent part of the blidays in Cross Hill, with relatives.

For Sale. Eggs from a fine strain of Rhode Island Red fowls: \$1.50 per setting. J. Allen Smi h, Jr.

Car of sash, blind and doors, just arrived, Acker Building and Repair Co. Several cars dressed lumber and two can hingles, just to. Acker Building and Repa the Acker Building and Repair Con-

#### Teachers Examination.

s examination will be held at the County Superintendent of Ed-Abbeville, on January 7th, 1910 nvenience of teachers who have J. Foster Hammond, Co. Supt. Ed. A. C.

## tockholders Meeting.

al meeting of the stockholders al Bank of Abbeville will be y. January the eleventh at 12 Bank building. H. G. Smith, Cashier.

for Due West Railway. Morning train leaves Due West at 10:30. Evening train leaves Due West at 4:40. These trains meet the morning and evening trains of the Southern at Donards.

Passengers can go out from Dos West of the evening freight train which leaves Duwest at two o'clock.

#### BASKET FULL OF GOOD THINGS.

#### Inmates of County Home Remembered on Christmas Day.

Mr. Editor: Please allow us space in your columns to say, that on December 25, 1909, our good Superintendent brought us a nice basket full of good things. On December 27th the Madam sent us a waiter filled with cake. On January 1, 1910, the good citizens o

Abbeville remembered us with many good things, for all of which we return our sin-

Inmates of the County Home.

## LOWNDESVILLE.

#### Happenings of a Week In and About the Seven Hill City-Personals.

Lowndesville, Jan. 3, 1910.

Mr. E. J. Huckabee went down to Sampit Monday, and is still there with friends.

Mr. R. H. Moseley went to Anderson on Tuesday in the interest of the business men of this place in connection with the cotton mill soon to be begun here.

Rev. R. W. Humphries on Wednesday was called to Mrs. Onie Rogers and united in marriage her oldest daughter, Miss May Louise Rogers and Mr. J. Crayton Myers. An up-to-date dinner was well prepared for Lowndesville, Jan. 3, 1910.

An up-to-date dinner was well prepared for and partaken of by the guests present. This gave to the preacher a bitterly cold horseback ride of about eighteen miles. ever mind the weather, it is no respector of persons or occasions. Christmas, meaning all of the holidays o

1909. is numbered among the events of the past. While it was the coldest, and in some respects the dullest in years, yet all, or nearly all, can look back upon it as a joy ous one, with fewer regrets than usual There was a coming together of many of our citizens in way of big dinners which cemented the friendships of the grown ups, and the little folk as usual were glad indeed to have another visit from their good friend Santa. The cold weather did not keep this patron Saint of the Christmas tide from making his grand rounds and distributing his gifts to make glad the hearts of the little receivers, and mementoes and keepsakes were freely passed among older ones; a reminder of the

"Christmas is a jolly old time, Brings good cheer and makes you fee

The Anderson R. E. and I. Co., Mr. E. R Horton, president, had a sale of some lots owned by it here on Thursday. While it was a very cold day, the attractive posters, promising that the occasion would be enlivened by a band of music, together with a donation of \$50,00, under certain conditions or something also brought out a conditions or something else brought out a pretty large crowd. The lots 25 or 30 brought good prices. This property is in the Northwest corner of the town limits and can be improved and made a very

pretty part of the town.

Mr. Jack Bell, of Latimer, was a visitor in this place Wednesday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Latimer, a son, on Wednesday.

Mr. J. Bruce Moseley, of Charleston,

spent several days here among kinsfolk

Miss Annie Bruce Lipscomb, of Ninety Six, spent a part of the Christmas ho!idays

Miss May Anderson, of Ninety-Six, was for several days the guest of Mr. R. H. Moseley and family.

Friday night some of our young people intent upon following an old time custom, went to the three churches, Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist, and some to the school building and as the midnight hour carried peals from the four bells ringing

arrived, peals from the four bells, ringing out the old year and ringing in the new, awaked the prevailing silence and the si-multaneous ringing also aroused as well as frightened some of the more timid ones, as they were ignorant as to the intention and

meaning of so much bell ringing.

Mr. Curtis Fennell, of Savannah, has spent the past day or two with the family of his father, Rev. H. C. Fennell.

A happy and prosperous new year to the Press and Banner and its management, all of its readers and everybody. Troupe.

## Morse's Locals.

We received last week a full line of nuts, almonds, English walnuts and Brazil nuts. We have some nice home-raised soft shell

Prunes, dried apples and peaches are now in season. We can furnish you with the best Have you made your trutt cake? If not, let

## EAST END.

What "M" Sees and Hears on His Lyon, dauligter of sheriff C. J. Lyon, so. Rounds About the City and Along well known in Abbeville society has given Route No. 3.

Good-bye old year, good-bye, with all thy joys, sorrows and blessings thou art klugh and is a young man of sterling now numbered with the past. Yes, 'twas worth He is principal in the Greenwood sad to hear the tolling of bells sounding worth. He is principal in the Greenwood thy deoth knell, but thou will not be forgotten, but thy joys and sorrows will lin- some time. ger in our memories as long as life shall

From the sad refrain, came the deafning as we welcome the year 1910, let us profit by the past, and do our best to make amends for failures, and lost opportuni-ties so that the world will be brighter and nappler for our living in it. To one and all our sincere and best wishes are a happy and prosperous New Year.

### A BEAUTIFUL HOME WEDDING.

LYON-KLUGH.

On last Wednesday evening, December 29, 1909, the beautiful suburban home of Mr. C. J. Lyon was a scene of mirth and beauty. The old Colonial home nestling amid the giant oaks with its beautiful garden of magnolias and jessamine, whose den of magnolias and jessamine, whose sweet perfume filled the air, while the graceful heads of tall cedars swayed to and froin the evening breeze, all conspiring to make a picture both sublime and picturesque. Within was a picture more beautiful and lovely to behold the happy with the property of two loving hearts, which in future union of two loving hearts which in future shall beat as "one." There stood before the altar a beautiful bride and handsome groom, only waiting beneath the marriage bell the earnest and impressive words of the man of God that would unite them in the holy bonds of wedlock. The words The words were spoken by Rev. E. B. Kennedy and the beautiful Miss Ethel Lyon and Mr. Charlie Klugh were pronounced "man and

The home was levely in its artistic decorations of smilax, ivy, ferns, palms, cedar and roses, so twined and intermingled as to form a striking contract upon the white

walls and lovely lace curtains.

The color scheme was white and green and rich Christmas colors of red and greet hroughout, alternately arranged in reception and dinning rooms as well as in he spacious hall.

The wedding supper was superb, elegant and all in all an "old time" wedding feast of good things. The spread was bountful and served in style, and was indeed fit for Kings and Princes.

The grand display of presents were daz-

zling to the eye, being elegant and costly amounting in value to several thousand dollars. A greater and more magnificent collection of wedding presents were never seen in any home in this city.

The lovely bride is the eldest daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. C. J. Lyon, and although pretty at all times, never looked half so beautiful and graceful as she did on this occasion while standing beneath the marriage bell gowned in a superb white satir elegantly and elaborately trimmed in pearl passamentarie. She was the cyno-sure of every eye, the brightest, beautiful star of the evening. Miss Lyon is one of Abbeville's fairest and most popular young ladies, cultured and refined, having a weet sunny disposition that makes it

impress upon every heart.

The groom is a young man of sterling worth, having the highest respect and esteen of all who know him. Professor Klugh has charge of the high school at reenwood where he is doing a fine worl le has the contratulations of hosts of friends an Abbeville and Greenwood and their best wishes for the future happiness of himself and his charming bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Klugh will be at home to

heir friends in the city of Greenwood. FRIENDS COMING AND GOING.

Mrs. Harris, after spending Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Carlton has returned to her home in Atlanta. Mr. J. M. Lawton, after a pleasant stay with relatives in Timmonsville returne home last week leaving his "better half who with children will return soon. Mr Lawton not only knows how to measure lumber by the foot, but can so measure a burning candle by his eye, as to calculate how long it will burn in days, hours and minutes. He is a close calculator and a first-class guesser and won the candle prize offered by that wide-awake and pro

ressive merchant R. L. Dargan. gressive inerchant R. L. Dargan.
The dinner given by the ladies of the Seceder Church last Monday was a great success. The dinner was fine, and was well patronized and netted a handsome sum. Think of it, a turkey or "possum tater" dinner for only 25 cents. So cheap that any man having the capacity wight hat any man having the capacity might

have taken in both.

Carriers Nos. 1 and 2 have purchase oriter" and will now drive each their own critter" and the line up now at the post office will be iour instead of two. So keep your horses and vehicles out of their way in rear of the post office building as that is post office ground and is allotted to the carriers for hitching. A word to the wise

hould be sufficient. Another accident one day last wack our little crippled son Arthur picked up a rifle which some boys had been shooting at a target in the yard and in some accidental way it was discharged while in his hands inflicting a flesh wound upon his only foot urt between the toes—a flesh wound only which we hope under the skilful manage-ment of Dr. James Hijl will soon be all

right. The little fellow is doing nicely so far as can be judged now. Misses Ada McMillan of Columbia Female College, and Alice Jones of Winthrop spent the Christmas holidays with their nome people, and were both welcomed by their many friends. Abbeville's Graded School has resumed

Abbeville's Graded School has resumed the work and teachers and scholars have settled down to business.

Miss Mary Syfan of Winthrop College, spent the holidays with her home folks.

and during her stay received a hearty welcome from her many friends. She re-turned yesterday to her studies.

Mr. Ed. Syfan spent several days of the past week in the city with relatives, all of whom were glad to see him.

whom were glad to see him.

On last Friday evening, Mrs. James A.
Hill entertained at euchre in compliment o her charming and attractive guest Miss Fretwell. During the evening delicious and dainty refeshment were served and every one enjoyed the pleasures of the evening. Mrs. Hill is n. charming and entertaining hostess always giving her guests a delightful time.

## NEWS BASKET ON ROUTE 3.

Route 3 pulled out last Monday and we think the head of every family came to the city to take in Sale Day.

Mr. Thompson Penney after a weeks

stay at home returned last Monday to his studies at Wofford College.

Misses Dotsie and Lyna Evans and Eva Mae Williams have all returned to their respective college duties.

Messrs. J. N. Hillhouse and J. E. Evans at the state of the stat

returned yesterday to Davidson College after spending the holidays with their home people at Lebanon.

Miss Annie Clark of Abbeville, spent

last week most pleasantly with friends or route 3 in the Sharon section.

Mr. Hiram Lawson spent his Christmas

ooking around in Georgia. Miss Mary Evahs accompanied by her brother Mr. J. E. Evans were among the welcome visitors in the city last Monday.

Miss Robena Gilliam is home from Asheville College and is spending a few days with friends on route 3.

with friends on route 3. Miss Carrie Cowan is now in charge o Lebanon school.

# All the schools on route 3 have settled down to hard work for another session.

Hexamethylenetetramine The above is the name of a German chem ical, which is one of the many valuable in gredients of Foley's Kidney Remidy. Hexa methylenetetramine is recognized by medica text Looks and authorities sa urle acid so vent and antiseptic for the urine. Take Fo-ley's Kidney Remedy as soon as you notice any irregularities and avoid a serious n alady. C. A. Milford & Co.

On Saturday we will receive another shipment of that good sausage. Leave your order for all kidney silments than Pineules. There is nothing so annoying or so disegree able as piles. We know of nothing so effective in case of blind, bleeding, itching piles as piles are restly excellent in any case of gild. Let us send you are send you are saleep. C. A. Millford & Co.

There is nothing so annoying or so disegree able as piles. We know of nothing so effective in case of blind, bleeding, itching piles as our casendars. We look out for you while dey trouble. For weak hack or backsche, they are unequalled.

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#### KLUGH-LYON.

Abbeville has lost one of her most beautiful and attractive daughters. Miss Ethel herself away to Mr. Charles Klugh of Greenwood.

of bells sounding worth. He is principal in the Greenwood

The ceremony was performed in the stately old Calhoun mansion, the present whistles of engines, and the merry ringing home of sheriff Lyon. The house is an of bells ushing in the happy New Year ideal one for such a ceremony. The three with long and merry jubilee. The dawnwith long and merry jubilee. The dawn-ing of the New Year was beautiful, bright front rooms all of which are very large and balmy es the days of spring, and now ones, were thrown into one which made ample accommodation for the many people who were present to witness the nuptials.

Of course the bride was beautifully dressed, but who sees the setting in the irridescent sparkle of such a diamond? It is doing one of the most laudable The bride was gay, lovely, beautiful and things in the world for its race. It is prowithal serene. The groom was no less who leave children, wives and other mem-handsome than the bride was beautiful. It is doing a business

They make a splendid pair. The ceremony was performed by the pastor of the bride, Rev. E. B. Kenned who in an impressive ceremony pronounced them man and wife.

The time of the old wedding supper has about passed and now-a-days you are fed at the wedding supper on a few kunck kancks, salads, punch etc. but on the occassion the old time costem was rejuvinated and such a supper as was served and every last one of the work of development and advancement. The business last year juvinated and such a supper as was served and advancement. The business last year would do for a patern to mould others by. would do for a patern to mould others by.

Every thing was to be had in super abundance from the turkey to the sweets.

The tables literaly ground beneath the lot in Florence, S. C., upon which it will be the form the sweets. loads of good things hiled upon them. Accommodation were ample and the guest were many all were served in elegance

# BLOCKADED

Every Household in Abbeville Should Know How to Resist It.

The back aches because the kidneys are blockaded.

Help the kidneys with their work. The back will ache no more. Lots of proof that Doan's Kidney

Pills do this. It's the best proof, for it comes from this vicinity.

W. P. Dean, Sr., 308 Magnolia St., Greenwood, S. C., says: "come time ago I was feeling quite miserable as the result of kidney trouble. I had a dull ache through the small of my back, felt languid and often noticed that my kidneys did not act properly. I finally decided to try Doan's Kidney Pills and procured a box. I have not finished the contents, but can say that they did me more good than any other remedy I had previously used. The pain in my back has disappeared and I now feel better in every way."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name-Doan's-and take no other.

## CAUSE FOR ALARM,

Loss of Appetite or Distress After Eating Symptoms that Should Not be Disregarded.

Appetite is just a natural desire of the system for food necessary to replace natural body waste. Loss of appetite or stom-ach distress after eating indicates indiges-tion or dyspepsia. Over-eating is a habit very dangerous to a person's good general health, and insatiable appetite is a common symptom of diabetes

some of the strongest, heaviest and health iest persons are moderate eaters.

There is nothing that will create sickness or cause more trouble than a disordered stomach, and many people daily contract

serious maladies simply through disregar or abuse of the stomach.

We urge every one suffering from any stomach derangement, indigestion or dyspepsia, whether acute or chronic, to try Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets, with the distinct understanding that we will refund their money without question or formality, if after reasonable use of this medicine they are not satisfied with the results. We rec

ommend them to our customers every day and have yet to hear of any one who has not been benefited by them. not been benefited by them.

We honestly believe Rexall Dyspepsia. Tablets to be without equal. They are made from the prescription of a physician who devoted his time to the study and treatment of stomach troubles. They give very prempt relief, stimulating the secretion of gastric juices, strengthen the digestive organs, aid to good digestion and assimilation, regulate the bowels, and promote nutrition.

mote nutrition. We urge you to try a 25-cent box of Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets, which give 15 days' treatment. At the end of that time your money will be returned to you if you are not satisfied. Of course, in chronic cases length of atment varies. For such cases we have t arger sizes, which sell for 50 cents and \$1................................ Remember you can obtain Rexall Remedies in Abbeville only at our store,—The Rexall Store. C. A. Milford & Co

# About Hyomei

Hyomei is a simple, anti-eptic medicine, that you breathe through a small pocket inhaler over the parts

affected. It is made of Australian eucalyptus mixed with other germ killing and membrane soothing antiseptics. Get a complete outfit to-day. only costs \$1.00, and contains every-

thing necessary to cure any ordinary case of catarrh. Extra bottles, if needed, 50c. Hyomei is the best remedy in the world for sore throat, coughs and colds, croup and bronchitis. It gives wonderful relief in two minutes. sale by druggists everywhere and by C. A. Milford & Co.

## The North Carolina Mutual and Provident Association.

Mr. Klugh is a Nephew of Judge J. C. The Largest and Wealthiest Negro Insurance Company in the World-Do Over \$200,000 Business Annually—Owns Handsome Buildings.

(Durham, N. C., Daily Sun.)

Durham has many big things to boast of, and she moves along lines that accomplish something. The Sun has frequently men-tioned the North Carolina Mutual and Provident Association of this city—the largest Negro insurance company in the world—of which John Merrick is the founder and President; Dr. A. M. Moore, Secretary and Treasurer, and C. C. Spaulding, Vice-President and General Manager. What is it doing?

of more than \$200,000 annually. With its assets and profits it is a potent Durham builder, which is a credit to Durham negro minds and citizenship. It is a force of ex-cellent example and progress, which commends itself to the negro race in every State, and not only the negroes, but it is an example the white people of Durham spirit of saving and providing, and self-respect, and this spirit always improves the negro's condition when he gets hold of

It is the oldest negro company doing the old line business, as well as the largest and wealthiest company in the world. The re-port for the year of 1908 on the business of all insurance companies both white and black on the total to protect contracts was \$70,335.27. Of this amount the N. C. Mutual and Provident Association, of this city is put down at \$61,950.19. Here you have something of its business and its standing. It is a source of satisfaction to all Durhamites to know that a negro Durham institution stands well in South Carolina. The fol lowing report has just been made, by the Commissioner of Insurance, of that State, based on the legal roserve whose agent has been here and examined the business thor-

oughly, and inspected the block of hand-some buildings: Columbia, S. C., Dec. 16th, 1909. The North Carolina Mutual and Provident Association, Durham, N. C.: Association, Durham, N. C.:

Gentlemen—I take this opportunity of saying to you that I was highly gratified by the report which Mr. Phillippi brings to me of your company and its management, I can but feel that if all other companies are put on the same basis as yours that it will mean a great deal to industrial insurance in North and South Carolina, and especially great benefit to the negro race.

Very truly,
F. H. McMaster,

Insurance Commissioner. Our own Insurance Commissioner, Hon. James R. Young, in a letter to the editor of Sun, considers the N.C. Mutual and Provident Association "one of the best conducted associations operated by and for negroes. I have always found the officers of this society to do what is right and to continuously the beautiful to the confidence of the society to do what is right and to continuously the beautiful to the confidence of the

form with the law."

This association has the highest endorsement of all classes of our white business men, and in face of the splendid record it is making, it should inspire the negro race everywhere with new zeal for their better-ment and high purpose to help themselves as well as their race builders.

OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FROM FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15th UNTIL FRIDAY, DE-CEMBER 31st, 1909.

It is not what you eat but what you digest and assimilate that does you good. and Special Tax, Including One Dollar Poll Tax, One Dollar polar seas through eyes which had Commutation Tax.

IN ACCORDANCE VITH AN ACT TO raise supplies for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 1908, notice is bereby given that the office of County Treasurer for Abbeville County will be open for the collection of taxes for said fiscal year from Friday, October 15th until Eritay. December 31st. with 15th, until Friday, December 81st, with

ber 15th, until Friday, December 31st, with out penalty. There will be added—
A penalty of one per cent, on all taxes not paid on January 1st, 1910.
A penalty of two per cent, on all taxes not paid on February 1st, 1910.
A penalty of seven per cent, on all taxes not paid on March 1st, 1910.
Rates per cent, of taxation are as follows:

... 5¼ mills. . 23/4 ... Total.. .34 In addition to the above, a special tax we collected for school purposes as follows: Abbeville Special School .......... 5 mills Abbeville Special R. R. Bonus 13/4 " Abbeville High School ........... 11/4 " Antreville. Due West

Due West
Keowee
Lebanon
Sharon
Bethel
Lowndesvilie
Mt. Carmel
Willington
McCormick
Buffalo
Fondville
Warrenton
Cold Springs

A poli tax of One Doliar per capita on all male citizens between the age of 21 and 60 years, except such as are exempt by law, with be collected.

A commutation road tax of One Doliar with be collected that the collected the collected that the collected each twenty years old, had been chosen

A Bottle Costs Only 50 Cents—

A Complete Outfit Including
Inhaler \$1.00.

When C. A. Milford & Co. will guarantee Hyomei to cure catarrh or give you your money back, what is your answer?

Are you satisfied with your condition, or do you want to rid yourself forever of vile catarrh, with its humiliating symptoms, such as hawking, spitting, blowing and bad breath?

Hyomei is a simple, antiseptic med—

A Bottle Costs Only 50 Cents—

A Commutation road tax of One Dollar will be collected the same time as other taxes from all male citizens between the ages of land 50 years, except such as are exempted by land 50 years, except such as are exempted by and 50 years, except such as are exempted by and 50 years, except such as are exempted by ways will be required under an overseer, if so much be necessary.

Taxes are payable only in gold and silver coin, United States currency, National Bank Notes and Coupons of State Bonds which become payable during the year 1900. A tax of 50 cents will be coilected.

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A commutation road tax is paid by first of March 1910, eight days work upon the public high ways will be required under an overseer, if so much be necessary.

Taxes are payable only in gold and silver coin, United States currency, National Bank Notes and Coupons of State Bonds which become payable during the year 1900. A tax of 50 cents will be coilected.

J. F. BRADLEY, County Treasurer.

We have a large and well selected line of Christmas goods that we are going to sell a ROCK BOTTOM prices. See them before you make your purchase. C. A. Milford & Co. For colds and grippe take 73611 at Milford' For colds and grippe take (3011 at Millord's drug store,

It will soon be time to paint your house be sure to use the paint that goes the further and lasts the longest—DeVoe's. For sale only by Speed's Drug Store.

Oct. 1909.

For de say, pleasant, safe, sure, prompt pills, are Rings Little Liver Pills. In any emergency, Pinesaive Carbolized is the saive to use, it soothes pains. It heals bruises. Sold by C. A. Millora & Co. Hot chocolate and all the hot and cold irinks at Milford's drug store.

# \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* The Conquest of the Pole

By Dr. FREDERICK A. COOK

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ARLY in January of 1908 the campaign opened. A few sleds were sent to the American shores to explore a route and to advance supplies. Clouds and storms made the moon

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light days dark, and therefore these advance expeditions were only partly successful. On Feb. 19, 1908, the main expedi-

tion started for the pole. Eleven men, driving 103 dogs and moving 11 heavily loaded sleds, left the Greenland shore and pushed westward over the troublesome ice of Smith sound to Cane Sabine.

Passing through a valley between Ellesmere Land and Grinnell Land from the head of Flagler bay, in crossing to the Pacific slopes, the temperature fell to 83 degrees F. below zero. In Baj flord many musk oxen were secured, and, though the winter frost Eighty-Three Degrees Below-Willing Savage Hands.

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Marching Over the Polar

absolute control and ease of adaptability to a changing environment must be assured.

It is impossible to adequately conness, but the two Eskimo boys could sleds, and quickly we slipped around be trusted to follow to the limit of my own endeavors, and our sleds were burdened only with absolute necessi-

Cutting Down Weight. Because of the importance of a light and efficient equipment much care was taken to eliminate every ounce of weight. The sleds were made of hickory, the lightest wood consistent with great endurance, but every needless fiber was gouged out. The iron shoes were ground thin, and in every way the weight of nearly everything was reduced even after leaving headquar-

The little train, therefore, which followed me into the farther mystery was composed of two sleds, each carrying 600 pounds, drawn by 13

dogs, under the lash of an expert

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ESKIMO BELLES ON THE JOHN R. PRADLEY.

was at its lowest, there was little wind, driver. The combined freight was as

and with an abundance of fresh meat follows: Pemmican, 805 pounds; musk

snow house proved fairly comfortable. pounds; tea, 2 pounds; coffee, 1 pound;

sounds proved fairly smooth, and long pounds; milk biscuits, 60 pounds; pea

marches were made. With an abun- soup, powdered and compressed, 10

dance of game-musk oxen, bears and pounds; surprises, 5 pounds; petro-

hares-we found it quite unnecessary leum, 40 pounds; wood alcohol, 2

to use the supplies taken from Green- pounds; candles, a pounds; matches, 1

pound.

bags.

The Camp Equipment.

The camp equipment included the

following articles: One blow fire lamp

(Jeuel), 3 aluminium pails, 3 alumini-

um cups, 3 aluminium teaspoons, 1 ta-

blespoon, 3 tin plates, 6 pocketknives,

2 butcher knives (10 inches), 1 saw

knife (13 inches), 1 long knife (15 inch-

es), 1 rifle (Sharpe), 1 rifle (Winchester,

22), 110 cartridges, 1 batchet, 1 Alpine

ax, extra line and lashings, 3 personal

The sled equipment was 2 sleds

weighing 52 pounds each, 12 foot fold-

ing canvas boat, 34 pounds; 1 silk tent,

2 canvas sled covers, 2 sleeping bags

(reindeer skin), floor furs, extra wood

for sled repairs, screws, nails and riv-

The instruments were as follows

Three compasses, 1 sextant, 1 artificial

horizon (glass), 1 pedometer, 3 pocket

chronometers, 1 watch, charts, map-

making material and instruments, 3

thermometers, 1 aneroid barometer, 1

camera and films, notebooks and pen-

The personal bags contained four ex-

tra pairs of kamiks, with fur stockings,

a woolen shirt, three pairs of sealskin

mittens, two pairs of fur mittens, a

piece of blanket, a sealskin coat (net-

sha), a repair kit for mending clothing

Helping the Advance.

tions were made to divide the party.

The advance must be helped over the

rough ice of the pack edge, and for

this purpose Koolootingwah and Inu-

gito were selected. The other six Es-

kimos prepared to return. One sled

was left with the cache to assure a

good vehicle for our return in case the

two sleds were badly broken en route.

A half gale was blowing into Nan-

sen sound from the northwest, but this

did not interfere with the starting of

those home going Eskimos.

and dog harness, :tra fox tails.

knee and about the waist.

land. Caches of food and ammunition

were left along Heiberg island for the

Willing Savage Hands.

Thus we managed to keep in game

trails and in excellent fighting trim to

the end of known lands. Camping in

the chill of the frowning cliffs of the

porthernmost coast (Svartevog), we

looked out over the heavy ice of the

been hardened to the worst of polar

There was at hand an abundance of

supplies, with willing savage hands

and a superabundance of brute force

in overfed pelts, but for a greater cer-

tainty of action over the unknown re-

gions beyond I resolved to reduce the

force to the smallest numbers con-

We had traveled nearly 400 miles in

twenty-eight days. There remained a

line of 520 miles of unknowable trou-

ble to be overcome before our goal

could be reached. For this final task

we were provided with every conceiv-

able device to ease this hard lot; but,

in addition to a rduced party, I now

definitely resolved to simplify the en-

tire equipment. At Svartevog a big

cache was made. In this cache fresh

meat, todnu, pemmican and much oth-

er food, together with all discarded

In the northward advance every

factor of the dog train had been care-

fully watched and studied to provide

a perfect working force for the final

reach over the polar sea. Etukishuk

and Ahwelah, two young Eskimos,

as best fitted to be my sole compan-

ions in the long run of destiny. Twen-

ty-six dogs were picked; and upon two

sleds were loaded all our needs for a

All For Progress.

To have increased this party would

not have enabled us to carry supplies

for a greater number of days. The

sleds might have been loaded more

heavily, but this would reduce the im-

With the character of ice which we

portant progress of the first days.

stay of eighty days.

articles of equipment, were left.

sistent with the execution of the prob-

environments.

lem in hand.

were spanned with a jump. Soon they disappeared in the rush of driving snow. The crack of the whips and the rebound of cheering voices, were the last which we heard of the faithful savage supporters. They had followed not for pay, but for a real desire to be helpful, from the dark days of the ending of night to the bright nights of the coming double days, and their parting enforced a pang of loneliness. Another Sleep Before the Start:

With a snow charged blast in our fuces it was quite impossible for us to start, so we withdrew to the snow Igloo, entered our bags and slept a few hours longer. At noon the horizon cleared. The wind veered to the south west and came with an endurable force. The dogs had been doubly fed the night before. They were not to trol the complex human temperament be fed again for two days. The 1,200 of unknown men in the polar wilder- pounds of freight were packed on our

> floes. The snow had been swept from the ice by the force of the preceding storms, and the speed attained by the dogs through even rough ice was such that it was difficult to keep far enough

> deep grooves in the great poliocrystic

ahead to get a good course. The crevasses and pressure lines gave little trouble at first, but the hard ir regularity of the bared ice offered a dangerous surface for the life of our sleds, passing through blue gorge among miniature mountains of sea ice. On a course slightly west of north we soon sank the bold headland which raises the northern point of

Heiberg island. Camp Is Pitche

After a run of twenty-s. miles we pitched camp on a floe berg of unusual height. There were many big hummocks about, to the lee of which were great banks of hardened snow. Away from land it is always more difficult to find snow suitable for cutting building blocks, but here was an abundance conveniently placed. In the ourse of an hour a comfortable palace of crystal was erected, and into it we crept out of the piercing wind. The first day's march over the circumpolar sea

was closed with a good-record. The dogs curled up and went to sleep without a call, as if they knew there would be no food until the morrow. My wild companions covered their faces with their convenient long bair and sank quietly into a comfortable slumber, but for me sleep was quite impossible. Letters must be written. The whole problem of our campaign must be again carefully studied and final plans must be made not only to reach our ultimate destination, but for the returning parties and for the security of the things at Annootok.

Impossible to Foretell Return. It was difficult at this time to even guess at the probable line of our return to land. Much depended upon conditions encountered in the northward route. Though we had left caches of supplies, with the object of returning along Nansen sound into Cannon flord and over Arthur Land. I entertained grave doubts of our ability to return this way. If the ice drifted strongly to the east we might not be given the choice of working out our own return. In that event we would be carried perhaps helplessly to and also fat for fuel the life in the ox tenderloin, 50 pounds; todnu, 25 Greenland and must seek a return either along the east coast or the west The ice in Eureka and Nansen sugar, 25 pounds; condensed milk, 40

coast This drift did not offer a dangerous hardship, for the musk oxen would keep us alive to the west, and to the east it seemed possible to reach Shannon island, where the Baldwin-Ziegler expedition had abandoned a large cache of supplies. It appeared not improbable also that a large land extension might offer a safe return much

farther west. Francke's Instructions. Because of this uncertainty Francke was instructed to wait until June 5, 1908, and if we did not return he was told to place Koolootingwah in charge and go home either by the whalers or

No relief which he could offer would

by the Danish ships to the south.

help us, and to wait for an indefinite time alone would have inflicted a needless hardship. This and many other instructions were prepared for Koolootingwah and Inugito to take back. In the morning the frost in crystals had been swept from the air, but there remained a humid chill which pierced to the bones. The temperature was minus 56 F. A light air came from

the west, and the sun burned in a

freezing blue. After a few hours' march the ice changed in character. The extensive thick fields gave place to moderate sized floes. The floes were separated by zones of troublesome crushed ice thrown into high pressure lines, which offered serious barriers, but with the ice ax and Eskimo ingenuity we managed to make fair progress.

The second run on the polar sea was On the march we wore snow goggles, with twenty-one miles to our credit. blue fox coats (kapitahs), birdskin I had expected to send the supporting shirts, woolen drawers, bearskin pants. party back from here, but progress kamiks and hareskin stockings. We had not been as good as expected. We fastened a band of fox tails under the could hardly spare the food to feed their dogs, so they volunteered to push along another day without dog food. On the morning of March 18 prepara-

Return of the Helpers. On the next day, with increasing difficulties in some troublesome ice. we camped after making only sixteen miles. Here a small snow house was built, and from here, after disposing of a pot of steaming musk ox loins and broth, followed by a dcuble brew of

tea, our last helpers returned. With empty sleds and hungry dogs they hoped to reach land in one long day's travel. But this would make the fourth day without food for their dogs, and in case of storm or moving ice other days of famine might easily fall to their lot. . They had, however, an abundance of dogs and might sacrifice a few for the benefit of the others, as we must often do.

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