

RECORD RIDES ON HORSEBACK

President Roosevelt's Feet a Good One, but Not a Beat.

NOTABLE RIDES BY OFFICERS

One-Hundred-Mile Trips Nothing Unusual for Cavalrymen—Fast and Ready Riders on the "Army Express."

President Roosevelt's horseback ride from Washington to Warrenton, Va., and back, a distance of ninety-eight miles, in seventeen hours, is considered a notably good one for a man of 60 years. It was not so much a try for a record as a reply to army officers who criticized the president's slow recruiting officers to cover fifty miles in three days.

There are on record many rides by army officers, which show that the president's ride was not a record. Five years ago, last July, General Miles rode horseback from Fort Reno to Fort Hill, ninety miles away, in nine days and ten nights. The trip was made to prove that General Miles at the age of retirement, 62 years, was still in good physical condition. On the trip the general had nine mounts. Captain Sawyer of the Eighth cavalry made the trip with him. Forty miles after reaching Fort Hill, General Miles reviewed the troops there, and showed no signs of being tired.

Here are a few of the notable distance rides by American horsemen, mostly army officers, taken at random from the list compiled by Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Ayrault Dodge:

In 1859 several single couriers rode from Thornburg's "rat hole" with news of that officer's danger to General Merritt's column, a distance of 150 miles, which each courier covered in less than twenty-four hours.

Colonel Lawton rode from Red Cloud agency, Nebraska, to Sidney Station, Nebraska, with dispatches for General Crook in twenty-six hours. The distance was 125 miles. That was in 1876.

Captain Fountain's Feet. In 1861, Captain Fountain of the Eighth cavalry rode eighty-four miles in eight hours and 110 miles in twenty-three hours, while two troopers of the Eighth, bearing dispatches, covered 110 miles in twenty hours.

Rides of from 120 to 150 miles within the day and the night, says Colonel Dodge, have been made repeatedly by ordinary United States troop horses, when not specially prepared for the work, and over very bad ground, and, as a rule, the animals have not been injured by the feat.

Thirty-six years ago Colonel Mackenzie rode his command into Mexico after Lepan and Kickapoo Indians, defeated them in a sharp fight, and returned across the border, making 146 miles and winning a battle, all within twenty-eight hours. The following year Colonel Mackenzie rode into Mexico again, this time in pursuit of a band of horse thieves, and covered eighty-five miles in fifteen hours. In averaging these rides of regiments or troops, the fact must not be lost sight of that a large body of horsemen, carrying equipments and in column formation, cannot begin to pick over the ground so rapidly as a group of three or four riders without luggage of any sort.

Four men of Company H, First cavalry, carried dispatches from Fort Harney to Fort Warner in 1870. Their time was eighteen and a half hours, and the distance was 140 miles, twenty of it through deep sand. But the horses were in such good condition that, after one day's rest, the troopers started back and made the return trip at the rate of sixty miles a day.

Lieutenant Wood, with a troop of the same regiment, did seventy miles in twelve hours in 1870, and Captain Dodge, that same year, rode his troop eighty miles in sixteen hours.

Captain Wecht, in command of "Troops F and G" of the Eighth cavalry, left Fort Yates on a December midnight in 1880 and reached Sitting Bull's camp, forty-five miles away, at 5:30 o'clock in the morning. Then the troopers dispersed the Indians in a skirmish, rescued the captives, and returned to the country a distance of ten miles beyond, and then rode to camp at Oak Creek, covering, all told, a distance of eighty-five miles, besides fighting the Indians, in fourteen hours.

General Guy V. Henry rode 108 miles in 33 hours with four troops in 1880. The actual riding time was twenty-two hours. There were between 300 and 400 men in that column, and with the exception of one horse that fell dead at the start, all the horses, mules and animals were fit to take the return ride after a day's rest.

There are numerous cases on record of entire regiments of cavalry making long continuous marches at the rate of sixty miles a day. Colonel Henry to expert on distance riding, used to say that after a month's hardening of men and horses by daily rides of from fifteen to twenty miles a day, a cavalry command could easily cover from fifty to sixty miles a day for an indefinite period, and could, in an emergency, do 100 miles without hardship.

For the purpose of assuaging the men and their mounts, General Miles once organized a system of purges on the plains. A raiding party, so-called, consisting of about twenty men, was sent out from a fort or camp, and eighteen hours later an equal number of troopers were sent out to catch them.

SULLIVAN BECOMES PROMOTER

Former Champion Offers Big Purse for Jeffries-Johnson Mill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—An offer of \$25,000 for a match between Jeffries and Johnson has been made by John L. Sullivan, according to a statement made by the former heavy weight champion today, who is playing at a local theater here. He stated that he was willing to put up the money for a contest between these two men.

SENIORS' CAPTAIN IS CHOSEN

Classed Navies Elected by Last Year's Officers. Sam Carrier, Pull Lehmer, Harold McKinley and Claude Neavies were nominated for the senior's captain at a meeting yesterday. Neavies was elected by a large majority.

Decline to Discuss Amos Case. HOWA CITY, Ia., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—After a secret session lasting two hours the Iowa Board of Control declined to discuss any statement as to the discussion of the Amos case, either in a public statement or in interviews with the members of the board.

Prof. L. M. Myers, Iowa representative on the Missouri valley conference committee and one of the members of the local board, stated that the board simply transacted routine business. "I elected Chester Buckner, assistant basket ball coach, as 'honored' member of the meeting on February 6, but that was practically all."

Rebating in full blast

Ssh, shoosh, there's rebating in our town! Dresher is handing out rebates with his January suits and overcoats—not free rides on the street cars or the merry-go-round—but cold hard cash.

On \$30.00 and \$40.00 suits he's actually handing back ten bucks—and on \$50.00 clothes as high as \$15.00.

You know what the Dresher stock is, it's in fine shape—lots of classy patterns to pick from. And his force of experts are at their best. Not too rushed to do justice.

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not push the animals very hard for the first twenty-five miles, which distance was covered by 6 p. m. This brought us to Kincaid's camp where we halted for one hour—unsaddled, got something to eat, let the horses roll and graze, then groomed their backs and legs, added and started again at 7 p. m.

We walked for thirty minutes, trotted fifty minutes and then dismounted and rested ten minutes; mounted and went at the trot for fifty minutes, dismounted, and walked ten minutes. This rotation of fifty-minute trotting periods and ten-minute rests was kept up until midnight, when there was a twenty-minute halt, following which the same rotation until 4:30 a. m., when there was a halt for one hour's sleep. Another grooming of legs and backs followed the sleep and then the grind was resumed.

The 150-Mile Ride Completed. And so it went, until after thirty-one hours all told, the troopers reached Atkinson City, 150 miles from camp. What happened to the dishonest deserter does not appear in the record.

"At that time," continued Captain Wood, "our mounts were purchased in Missouri and in Kansas. The horses rode as if they were old; the others were a little younger. All the horses except one were in good condition on our return. That one had been made unserviceable by bad riding. The trooper who had him was a very good horseman and rode too heavily forward. I tried to correct him, but it is impossible to teach all the niceties of horsemanship on a trip like that. It was the hardest ride I ever had."

Some of the famous rides by westerners not in the army occurred in San Francisco, where N. H. Morley, with relays of many horses, did 300 miles in fourteen hours on a race track in 1888. Ten years before that J. Powers made 190 miles in six hours and forty-three minutes, and there is a tradition that a rider named Anderson covered 1,304 miles in ninety hours.

Pony Express Riders. Among the pony express riders, F. X. Aubrey undoubtedly held the record. On a wagon of \$1,000 he undertook to ride from Santa Fe to Independence, Missouri, a distance of 800 miles, inside of six days. He did it in five days and nineteen hours. He has a dozen front horses waiting for him at different points along the line, and covered most of the distance at a gallop.

Jim Moore rode a mail route from Midway to St. Joseph, a distance of 100 miles. It was his regular custom to make the round trip of 200 miles once a week. On one occasion the other rider on that route was ill, and to keep his schedule unimpaired, Moore not only did double duty, but less than half the time he usually took for his week's work. He rode the 200 miles in twenty-two hours.

President Lincoln's first inaugural message was carried from St. Joseph, Mo., to Sacramento, Cal., a distance of 1,300 miles, in seven days and seventeen hours. The news of the firing on Fort Sumter was carried from St. Joseph to Denver, about 875 miles, in sixty-nine hours; the riders riding night and day, stopping only to change ponies, the time allowance for which diversion was about two minutes.

That was in the days of the old "pony express," some of the riders of which made records that still stand. Jack Keely, for instance, has a record of 200 miles, without rest or sleep, in thirty-one hours and Jim Moor has a record of 200 miles in fourteen hours and forty-six seconds.

Bill James had a 40-mile route and made the round trip, 130 miles, in twelve hours, and seldom came in more than a few seconds off schedule time. The schedule of the old "pony express" called for making any statement as to the discussion of the Amos case, either in a public statement or in interviews with the members of the board.

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COSSIP OF THE STOVE LEAGUE

Tom McVittie Tells How Jack Haskell Met King.

TWO YEARS PRIOR LATTER'S KICK

Jack Patterson Put One Over to Show Pop Wallace is the Goods with Manager Chance.

"What's the name, please?" "Such was the question Jack Haskell, chief of the umpires of the Western League, staff, put to King when he first began to show signs of being a real ball player," said Tom McVittie, former owner of the Omaha team.

"The thing was quite comical and shows that Haskell not only can size up the qualities of a ball player, but more than that, it shows that King was beginning to feel at home. For two seasons he had cavorted for the Omaha team, playing his part as he was told and as best he could, but showing none of that pugnacity which characterizes a real ball player. One day Haskell called a strike on Welch at a critical stage of the game and King was on his feet in a minute. Rushing to Haskell, he protested against the call, but when he was told that King was a real ball player, he was usually, was not pleased, but stood with folded arms and surveyed little King from top to bottom.

"What's the name, please?" he asked with disdain. "This is the first time I ever saw you in this league."

"King may not be as boisterous as some of the players, but give me seven kings and I will promise to get you more runs than any team in the league would be able to pick up," said Frank Moriarty, the South Omaha banker, who had strolled in and had heard McVittie's anecdote. "His little fellow's first sign of pugnacity. 'He is a future star of the first quality, with his noodle always with him, and I don't know a man in the league more ready to grasp an opportunity."

"He is a heady player in the field, too, and I have often noticed when a steady pitcher like Sanders was in control was at work King could size up just about where the ball would be hit, and with a regular Keeler instinct was in the right place. He is not as brilliant a player as Graham, but I think he will make a splendid fielder, and his hitting record shows that he is a valuable asset to the team this year."

It was a peculiar incident that King was under discussion the same night around Brother Dave's glowing fire of cornucopia when Tom McVittie, the composite opinion was that King was the goods.

"I like his judgment in hitting," said Ike Hall, as he ordered Brother Dave to bring him some "Heidelberg." "I have often watched that boy at it, and I can tell you about what he is going to do by watching the fielders. If the infield comes in close he is going to hit the ball hard right on the nose, and if the infield stays out he will try to bunt. Other players may think they try to do that, but they only think they do."

"You may think that Stove league gossip about Dad Wallace and Frank Chance was hot air, but I know it was not," said Jack Patterson at the Stove league gathering Wednesday night. "I know what Chance thinks of Pop. I was over to Chicago with Colonel Wallace and we figured on going on a day when Pfeister was to pitch. When we reached the West Side park we saw the name of Overall posted. Pop volunteered to find Chance and I can tell you what he went to the Cubs' bench and, calling Chance to one side, said, 'Frank, I brought some Omaha fellows over today on purpose to see Pfeister pitch.'"

"Well, then, Pfeister will pitch," was Chance's reply as he ordered the big south-paw to warm up.

EVENTS ON RUNNING TRACKS

Colonel Jack Wins McGibbon Handicap at Emeryville.

OAKLAND, Jan. 21.—Colonel Jack, the medium of a heavy plunge yesterday, rewarded his followers at Emeryville today, when he won the McGibbon handicap in four days and nineteen hours. His horse was favored through all the betting and the result was never in doubt. Favorites and well played horses were successful. A heavy rain fell all afternoon and the track was heavy. Summaries:

First race, mile and a half, selling: Tom Smith (11), C. Miller, 15 to 10 won, Dargin (10), Gilford, 15 to 1 second, Duke of York (10), K. H. Miller, 15 to 1 third, 1:16. Concessor, Colonel White. And Hocho and Pio Pico also ran.

Second race, mile and twenty yards, selling: Mitre (107), J. Carroll, 15 to 5 won, Prince of Orange (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, Duke of York (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, 1:28. Lorenzo Salinas, Englishman, Wicket, Tubo Rose, Fairmont also ran.

Third race, mile and twenty yards, selling: Standover (10), McIntyre, 14 to 5 won, West Road (10), K. H. Miller, 15 to 1 second, 1:14. Concessor, Colonel White. And Hocho and Pio Pico also ran.

Fourth race, mile and twenty yards, selling: Mitre (107), J. Carroll, 15 to 5 won, Prince of Orange (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, Duke of York (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, 1:28. Lorenzo Salinas, Englishman, Wicket, Tubo Rose, Fairmont also ran.

Fifth race, mile and twenty yards, selling: Mitre (107), J. Carroll, 15 to 5 won, Prince of Orange (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, Duke of York (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, 1:28. Lorenzo Salinas, Englishman, Wicket, Tubo Rose, Fairmont also ran.

Sixth race, mile and twenty yards, selling: Mitre (107), J. Carroll, 15 to 5 won, Prince of Orange (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, Duke of York (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, 1:28. Lorenzo Salinas, Englishman, Wicket, Tubo Rose, Fairmont also ran.

Seventh race, mile and twenty yards, selling: Mitre (107), J. Carroll, 15 to 5 won, Prince of Orange (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, Duke of York (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, 1:28. Lorenzo Salinas, Englishman, Wicket, Tubo Rose, Fairmont also ran.

Eighth race, mile and twenty yards, selling: Mitre (107), J. Carroll, 15 to 5 won, Prince of Orange (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, Duke of York (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, 1:28. Lorenzo Salinas, Englishman, Wicket, Tubo Rose, Fairmont also ran.

Ninth race, mile and twenty yards, selling: Mitre (107), J. Carroll, 15 to 5 won, Prince of Orange (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, Duke of York (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, 1:28. Lorenzo Salinas, Englishman, Wicket, Tubo Rose, Fairmont also ran.

Tenth race, mile and twenty yards, selling: Mitre (107), J. Carroll, 15 to 5 won, Prince of Orange (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, Duke of York (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, 1:28. Lorenzo Salinas, Englishman, Wicket, Tubo Rose, Fairmont also ran.

Eleventh race, mile and twenty yards, selling: Mitre (107), J. Carroll, 15 to 5 won, Prince of Orange (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, Duke of York (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, 1:28. Lorenzo Salinas, Englishman, Wicket, Tubo Rose, Fairmont also ran.

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Seventeenth race, mile and twenty yards, selling: Mitre (107), J. Carroll, 15 to 5 won, Prince of Orange (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, Duke of York (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, 1:28. Lorenzo Salinas, Englishman, Wicket, Tubo Rose, Fairmont also ran.

Eighteenth race, mile and twenty yards, selling: Mitre (107), J. Carroll, 15 to 5 won, Prince of Orange (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, Duke of York (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, 1:28. Lorenzo Salinas, Englishman, Wicket, Tubo Rose, Fairmont also ran.

Nineteenth race, mile and twenty yards, selling: Mitre (107), J. Carroll, 15 to 5 won, Prince of Orange (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, Duke of York (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, 1:28. Lorenzo Salinas, Englishman, Wicket, Tubo Rose, Fairmont also ran.

Twentieth race, mile and twenty yards, selling: Mitre (107), J. Carroll, 15 to 5 won, Prince of Orange (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, Duke of York (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, 1:28. Lorenzo Salinas, Englishman, Wicket, Tubo Rose, Fairmont also ran.

Twenty-first race, mile and twenty yards, selling: Mitre (107), J. Carroll, 15 to 5 won, Prince of Orange (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, Duke of York (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, 1:28. Lorenzo Salinas, Englishman, Wicket, Tubo Rose, Fairmont also ran.

Twenty-second race, mile and twenty yards, selling: Mitre (107), J. Carroll, 15 to 5 won, Prince of Orange (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, Duke of York (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, 1:28. Lorenzo Salinas, Englishman, Wicket, Tubo Rose, Fairmont also ran.

Twenty-third race, mile and twenty yards, selling: Mitre (107), J. Carroll, 15 to 5 won, Prince of Orange (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, Duke of York (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, 1:28. Lorenzo Salinas, Englishman, Wicket, Tubo Rose, Fairmont also ran.

Twenty-fourth race, mile and twenty yards, selling: Mitre (107), J. Carroll, 15 to 5 won, Prince of Orange (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, Duke of York (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, 1:28. Lorenzo Salinas, Englishman, Wicket, Tubo Rose, Fairmont also ran.

Twenty-fifth race, mile and twenty yards, selling: Mitre (107), J. Carroll, 15 to 5 won, Prince of Orange (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, Duke of York (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, 1:28. Lorenzo Salinas, Englishman, Wicket, Tubo Rose, Fairmont also ran.

Twenty-sixth race, mile and twenty yards, selling: Mitre (107), J. Carroll, 15 to 5 won, Prince of Orange (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, Duke of York (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, 1:28. Lorenzo Salinas, Englishman, Wicket, Tubo Rose, Fairmont also ran.

Twenty-seventh race, mile and twenty yards, selling: Mitre (107), J. Carroll, 15 to 5 won, Prince of Orange (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, Duke of York (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, 1:28. Lorenzo Salinas, Englishman, Wicket, Tubo Rose, Fairmont also ran.

Twenty-eighth race, mile and twenty yards, selling: Mitre (107), J. Carroll, 15 to 5 won, Prince of Orange (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, Duke of York (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, 1:28. Lorenzo Salinas, Englishman, Wicket, Tubo Rose, Fairmont also ran.

Twenty-ninth race, mile and twenty yards, selling: Mitre (107), J. Carroll, 15 to 5 won, Prince of Orange (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, Duke of York (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, 1:28. Lorenzo Salinas, Englishman, Wicket, Tubo Rose, Fairmont also ran.

Thirtieth race, mile and twenty yards, selling: Mitre (107), J. Carroll, 15 to 5 won, Prince of Orange (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, Duke of York (10), Keogh, 15 to 1 second, 1:28. Lorenzo Salinas, Englishman, Wicket, Tubo Rose, Fairmont also ran.

TRAINING TABLE TO STAY

Nebraska Athletic Board Reverses Action of Its Representatives.

MEN CAN PLAY SUMMER BASEBALL

Board is Unanimous on This Point. Being Unwilling to Put Further Restrictions on Its Athletes.

LINCOLN, Jan. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—At a stormy meeting this evening the University of Nebraska athletic board took a decisive stand in favor of retaining the training table in foot ball and declared in favor of allowing university athletes to play summer base ball. The action of the Nebraska board was brought about by the work of the Missouri valley conference at its recent meeting in Kansas City in voting six to one to abolish the training table and in bringing up the question of summer base ball for discussion.

Eight of the eleven members of the Nebraska board were present tonight. On the training table question the vote stood six to two and on the summer base ball resolution it was unanimous.

Some heated words were passed between members of the board in the discussion of the training table. A few of the members criticized Dr. Clapp for his attitude at the Kansas City meeting in voting to abolish the table. They told the Nebraska representative what they thought about his attitude. Dr. Clapp and the question of choosing a delegate were discussed.

Nebraska's action on summer base ball will result in a more lenient attitude being taken toward the problem at Des Moines. The Nebraska board will not stand for any more restrictions on its athletes. Ames brought the question up at the Kansas City meeting and wanted athletes kept from playing with professional teams.

The stand taken by the Nebraska board for foot ball training table means that the Missouri Valley conference will have a big fight on its hands to abolish the table, Kansas and Nebraska will be fighting to keep it now, and it is believed will be able to swing enough votes to rescind the action of the Association at its meeting in Des Moines.

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