

SWORE BY 'TEDDY'

Yellowstone Park Rangers With Roosevelt to a Man.

Colonel's Characteristic Greeting of Down-and-Outer, Whom He Had Known in Happier Days, is Still Remembered.

Of the few out-of-season visits paid to the Yellowstone, that of Colonel Roosevelt, who, when president, spent 24 days of the late winter of 1903 there, has the most prominent page in the annals of the Spreng-Eagle rangers. He found the scouts, then serving as chaperons for luckless cavalry troopers and doing their own work besides, to be men after his own heart, and did not hesitate to say so. Before he had been in the park a week every ranger was swearing by him.

"Anybody know the whereabouts of one William Jones?" was one of the colonel's early inquiries.

Jim McBride, the present chief ranger, who was then assistant chief of the park scouts under the late Buffalo Jones, knew a Bill Jones, wood chopper and ne'er-do-well, chiefly remarkable for an insatiable thirst and a knack of ministering to it in a bonedry park. He was about the last man in the Rockies for whom a president of the United States would be expected to inquire.

"Bill put me into office once," said Roosevelt. "I want to see him, drunk or sober."

He further explained that the derelict had been sheriff during his own days as a ranchman and had made him a deputy in a horsethief posse.

"It took three days to find that old horned toad and bring him in," said McBride, in recalling the incident, "but just to listen in at the colonel's hearty greeting of that down-and-outer was pay in full."

"Well, Ted, you got a right swell job since I seen you last," Jones remarked when they had exchanged how'd'ye-do's; "but that needn't stand between friends—I got something on my hip."

"Colonel Roosevelt didn't partake, but he did spend the best part of an hour swapping yarns of the days when Bill was a 'white man' and sheriff of his county. The woodchopper tried to buck up after his talk with the president, but it wasn't to be done. The next winter we found him dead in the brush over on Bear creek."

"The colonel was enthusiastic over the sport of ski running, and was something of a performer on the slabs himself, for a novice. He strapped his feet into them as often as opportunity offered. One morning on a slide near the Canon hotel he broke one ski and came a heavy cropper."

"The government has fallen at last!" he cried with a molar showing grin, as I consoled down to help un-fangle a living president and a pair of dead sticks.

"He was looking at the wreck he had made of the hickory slabs when Capt. John Pitcher of the First cavalry then in command of the park, arrested."

"Have you plenty of these?" Teddy said.

"Only a few pairs, and they are the property of the interior department," replied the officer.

"In less than three weeks there came a rush shipment of a hundred pairs. "Next afternoon the president challenged me to a race on snow shoes from Canyon to Mammoth, a distance of thirty-one miles. Those with him decided that the trip would be an un-wise strain upon him, and began to argue against his attempting it. He got me to one side after a while and whispered:

"We'll let them talk, McBride. Just you stick around until midnight. They'll be asleep then, and we'll hit the trail!"

"It took Harry W. Child and Captain Pitcher two hours to talk him out of that. He wasn't at all pleased at having to veto his own plan for a secret departure."—Eitel and James Dorrance in Munsey's Magazine.

Bird Study of Interest.

A novel opportunity for studying the influence of extremes of climate on birds is offered by the English sparrow. This bird was introduced into New York city soon after 1860, did not reach California until 1871 or 1872, but has recently been found by Dr. Joseph Grinnell of the University of California to have settled in the heart of Death valley at Greenland ranch. This location is 178 feet below sea level, with a temperature at times exceeding 130 degrees F, and great dryness. How development will be affected is a matter of much interest.

Navy Dirigibles World's Largest.

Two superdirigibles, the largest in the world, are planned by the navy, and one of them now being built in England, will attempt a transatlantic flight next fall, Captain Craven, director of naval aviation, recently told the house naval committee. American naval officers and enlisted men who will fly the British-built ship to America are in England training. In asking \$2,700,000 for construction of a second superdirigible, Captain Craven said it would be 50 feet longer than the British-built craft, which is 644 feet.—Scientific American.

Unceasing Vigilance.

"Why was it that the prohibition deaths raided the Binghangers?" "Bingbanger happened to remark in the hearing of one of them that 'hairs was a bottle baby.'"

KOH-I-NOR'S STORY ENDLESS

Complete Tale of Matchless Diamond, Now One of British Crown Jewels, Was Never Told.

All the world has heard of the Koh-i-nor, or, as it has been sometimes called, the Great Mogul diamond, and it would seem that there was nothing more to be said about it, remarks Eleanor Maddock in Asia Magazine. Yet, in point of fact, not a tenth part of its history has ever been traced, so far does it extend back into the vistas of the past.

Perhaps one of the strangest things about it is that it cannot be lost to the world indefinitely. It was bricked and plastered up in a wall and miraculously

found after its former owner had been murdered. It was twice thrown away as a bit of glass and once went to the washerwoman in the pocket of an Englishman's drill suit.

This matchless gem is called in India the "Mountain of Light" and the "Talisman of Kings;" the latter because it was said to bring sovereignty to its possessor. Strangely enough, after it fell into the hands of a Turkish slave of illegitimate origin, a line known as the "Slave Kings" sat on the throne of Delhi for eighty years, during which period the desire to possess the talisman amounted to a frenzied obsession. Suddenly it disappeared in the chaos that brought the slave dynasty to an end in 1290.

The Koh-i-nor later scintillated without bloodshed through the reign of Shah Jahan down to his son Aurangzeb, who exhibited it to a number of Europeans whom he was entertaining at his court. Among them was Tavernier, the French jeweler, who later wrote a descriptive account of it for the delectation of Europe. After being tossed like a shuttlecock in the Delhi loot, and remaining for a period of years with the Sikhs in the Punjab, this most celebrated diamond in the world now rests on a purple velvet cushion among Britain's crown jewels in the grim old Tower of London.

How Wit Helps Legislation.

It is sometimes said that a reputation for wit is fatal to a serious legislative career. But the statement is not altogether true, for more than once a bit of wit has prevented legislative folly.

It is a tradition in Philadelphia that during the constitutional convention it was proposed to incorporate in the Constitution a provision that the United States army should never exceed 3,000 men. According to the tradition the debate, which was possibly informal and outside the regular sitting, was abruptly cut short when Benjamin Franklin solemnly suggested that there be incorporated another clause making it part of the organic law of the land that no foreign nation should ever invade the country with an army of more than 3,000.

A somewhat similar point was scored in the state legislature a few years ago when, during a discussion not over well based, it was proposed by a shrewd Yankee from the hills of Sunderland, F. L. Whitmore, that a law should be enacted providing that no one should be obliged to work between meals.—Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

Tasmania Has Rare Mineral.

Tasmania now promises to become the world's chief producer for some time to come of the rare mineral osmiridium. The various osmiridium yielding centers of this extensive serpentine belt on the west coast are already giving profitable employment to 200 men, and it is an easy matter for an industrious digger to earn up to \$10 a week, while many are making double that and more. A complete bulletin on this highly interesting mineral occurrence is in course of preparation, and its publication, it is expected, will attract the attention of the whole mining world to Tasmania. Last year 1,670 ounces of osmiridium was produced in Tasmania, the value being

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

U. S. Land Office, Fort Sumner, N. M., May 27, 1926.

Notice is hereby given that James Antle, of Clovis, N. M., who, on May 14, 1918 made Additional Homestead entry No. 015963, for W 1/2 Section 29, Township 1 N., Range 36 E., N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final three year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before C. V. Steed, Probate Judge, in his office at Clovis, N. M., on the 6th day of July, 1926.

Claimant names as witnesses,

Adolph Amborn, John S. Martin, J. D. Trobaugh, and Henry Wiggins, all of Clovis, N. M.

W. R. McGILL, Register.

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ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

All persons are notified that the undersigned was appointed the administratrix of the estate of J. L.

Downing, deceased, by the Probate Court of Curry County, New Mexico, on the 18th day of May, 1926, and all claims must be legally presented for payment within one year from this 1st day of June, 1926, or same will be forever barred.

6-3-4tc ELIZA DOWNING, Administratrix.

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