



establishing its "pony express" across the American continent. On account of his experience in the west as an employe of the government the express company gave him a route which ran through the wildest parts of Kansas and Nebraska. This was in 1860 and 1861.

Following this, the Indians, especially the Sioux, became troublesome and Cody was employed at Fort Leavenworth as a scout for the various regiments which were sent against the warring Indians. During the period which followed he participated in many of the important Indian campaigns.

In 1867 and 1868 he was employed by the Kansas Pacific railroad, now the Union Pacific, to furnish the employes of the road, who were laying the track across Kansas, with food. During 18 months it is said that he killed over 4,200 buffaloes. It was then that he was named "Buffalo Bill." On account of his military activities during the civil war and the Indian campaigns, he was given the title of "colonel."

In Nebraska Legislature.

Cody was a member of the Nebraska legislature in 1872. He also won prominence when, during the Indian battle of Wounded Knee, he killed Yellow Hand, a Cheyenne chief, in a hand to hand fight. In 1890-91 he was a general in the Nebraska national guard.

Wild West Show in 1883.

In 1883, Cody organized his "Buffalo Bill Wild West Show."

He toured the United States and on two occasions he visited England and the continent. Ten years ago he became associated with "Pawnee Bill" Willie, a noted Oklahoma and southwestern scout. The attraction was known as "The Two Bill Show." In 1914 Buffalo Bill went "broke" in Colorado Springs. His show was taken from him and since then he has been an individual attraction with a circus.

"Buffalo Bill" has made, it is estimated, over \$1,000,000 in the show business, but his fortune gradually dwindled. In the spring he had planned to present to the public one of the greatest wild west shows ever produced. He was to engage over 1,700 persons and use about 2,000 horses in his "farewell" presentation of the west as it was.