

WEARY SEARCH FOR GOLD SUCCESSFUL

Booneville, Ark.—Money—cliff—rattlesnake—flat rock—

These five words, gasped incoherently by a dying man way back in 1889, in what is now Stigler Okla., caused M. C. Hall to abandon the ministry and come to Booneville on the thirty-five-year search for buried treasure that transformed him into an almost legendary character known as the "Wild Man of Magazine Mountain." led him into adventure as thrilling and as picturesque as any experienced by Stevenson's seekers after pirate gold—and, finally brought him into possession of a fortune after the weary span of years.

With the muttered words of his father, "Uncle Jake" Hall who died in 1889 at the age of ninety five, as the only clue, young Hall took up the search for \$20,000 in gold which the aged man was known to have hidden somewhere.

Starts His Search
The elder Hall had, a year previous to his death, been visiting a farm which he owned near Booneville and the son, believing this was where the treasure trove would be found, began his search there.

While he was out hunting with another son on Magazine Mountain, another of his sons had been accidentally wounded, while standing on a large flat rock. Years before, the father had been bitten by a rattlesnake near a cliff in the same vicinity. Piecing together the broken sentence of the father, the treasure hunter conceived the idea that it was somewhere on this mountain that the gold was buried.

So he took up the search, combing the wide expanse of the hill inch by inch, during the years that followed he virtually spent all his time on the wind-swept hill, prosecuting his search, and so intent did he become that he paid little attention to his appearance.

He grew a beard, and became almost a hermit, living alone on the mountain much of the time. Thus, he became known as the "Wild Man of the Mountain" to residents of the vicinity, and many were the wild stories told of his queer actions, most of these being the product of fanciful imaginations.

Recently Hall, almost despairing of success, now an old man of 60, stumbled unexpectedly upon his buried gold. It was buried in the face of a cliff, near a huge flat rock, at the place where the rattlesnake had bitten his father, years before. Thus, the words of the father, trying to tell

him where the treasure was hidden were explained.

The gold was in several squirrel skin bags, each labelled with the name of one of the children and one for the mother. There was one large bag of bearskin, containing \$15,000, addressed "To The Finder."

The "Wild Man of the Mountain" has purchased a fertile farm home near Stigler, Oklahoma, and has settled down to enjoy the fruits of his 35 year quest, according to W. P. Morgan of Booneville, his nephew.

INDIANA TOWN HAS DISTINCT HONORS

New Harmony Was First Town to Go "Dry" and Give Women Right to Vote.

New Harmony, Ind.—This little community which first offered to America equal political rights for women, universal elementary education, prohibition of liquor, and other reforms then regarded as communistic, is to be made accessible to tourists after a century of isolation.

Here Thomas Say, zoologist; John Audubon, ornithologist; John Chapin Smith, engraver, and Gerard Troost geologist began the works which later brought them fame.

Huddled in the Wabash valley in the far southwestern "toe" of Indiana, New Harmony has kept to itself interesting history, except when those who knew the way here penetrated the hills which hide it from the main highways. Now the Evansville Motor Club and the Hoosier Automobile Association have joined to mark and improve the trail connecting it with advertised highways.

It was in 1815 that George Rapp brought hither from Pennsylvania a group of German followers to establish in the wilderness a colony which they named "Harmonie." All the 890 settlers lived a life of strict self-denial, shared equally in property, and received the necessities of life from a community depot. The stone buildings they erected are still in use, and on an outer wall of what was a Rappist storeroom survives an old sun dial at which the peasants assembled a century ago to march to the fields.

After the Rappists had cultivated 5,000 of their 30,000 acres and built cotton, woolen and four mills, they sold the entire colony in 1824, to Robert Owen, wealthy Scotch philanthropist and special worker. Recruiting his settlers in Scotland, Owen brought many leaders in science and education. The community was named "New Harmony," and William Maclure, Scotch educator, established and ad-

vanced public school system. But slothfulness vied with culture and the experiment failed.

Equal political rights for women were demanded first by Francis Wright in a speech at New Harmony. It was the first community to declare for abolition of alcoholic liquors. It was an early center of slavery abolition. Universal elementary education at public expense without regard to sex or sect was first proclaimed here, and in later years the community introduced to the middle west compulsory education, its system being the foundation of the Indiana compulsory education system later patterned after throughout the west. The first club exclusively for women was formed here.

Today the village contains a scant thousand persons. The descendants of its founders have scattered or their blood has become intermingled with that of subsequent settlers.

Halt Is Called On Leg Pictures On Windshields

Greensboro, — Determination to stop the activities of people who paste picture of women's legs on automobiles is expressed here, with the tax authorities taking formal legal action. G. M. Ross, of the tax department, has sworn out a warrant against the Greensboro Nehi Bottling Company, agents of which stuck many leg pictures on the windshield of automobiles when they were parked. The charge is engaging in advertising without a license. The city will endeavor to establish the right to demand a license tax for advertising. The case is slated to come up for trial this week. A. D. Cone, manager of the Nehi company, is the defendant in the case.

City authorities had their attention brought to the case when T. D. Dupuy private citizen, secured a warrant charging Nehi concern with defacing his personal property by gluing one of the stickers to his automobile windshield without securing his permission. The Nehi Company was fined \$50 for doing that it was pointed out anybody else whose car had been so defaced could secure a like warrant.

Marriage isn't a failure. The shoe business isn't a failure just because somebody gets shoes that don't fit.

Even if chemists should perfect synthetic food, it would be necessary to raise enough wheat to gamble with. Doubtless the only thing that keeps

employers from settling in the Arctic regions is the low grade of publicity up there.

Words Of Next Governor

(From Charlotte News)

Max Gardner was the orator at the Armistice Day ceremonies in Greensboro Wednesday and after paying tribute to the fallen soldiery in the World War and in spurring the living to renewed endeavor to justify their sacrifice, with the usual picturesque Gardner force of thought and beauty of diction, he said some other things that are of especial significance because they will be construed and interpreted as the sentiments of the next Governor of North Carolina.

The headline writers on the newspapers that have somewhat copiously reported the Gardner message found, in their judgment, a place to lay the emphasis upon what he said in reference to the adoption of the Australian ballot system in the State.

Perhaps that was daring enough to compel attention, especially from the lips of one who, The Greensboro News keeps on saying lost the election to Mr. Morrison because he had the courage and audacity and untimely zeal to champion woman suffrage before his party had progressed so far in its thought with him.

Concerning the elimination of the present balloting methods in the State and the inauguration of the Australian ballot system, Mr. Gardner was emphatic, to be sure and in so being displayed that type of line-plunging manhood which has always been so admirable in him. His words concerning this subject have a militant ring about them. They are these:

On a modern democracy the life of a people is expressed, at the ballot box. The boasted scepter and crown of a free people is an untrammelled ballot. Our elections have been as free from corruption and injustice as human nature and partisan feeling will permit, but I am convinced that the time has come in our State when we should stand abreast of our sister Commonwealths and offer to the electorate of North Carolina a secret ballot in conformity to the Australian law.

My feelings are that we should maintain an election law so fair and free that it will secure beyond the shadow of a doubt an unchallenged expression of popular will. I therefore urge the American Legion to throw the weight of its powerful influence to the enactment by our next General Assembly of the Australian ballot.

There is no evasion or equivocation in these expressions and the people of the State will unquestionably find in the Gardner who is later to become the more active candidate for

their ballots for the gubernatorial honors a man who will be found on one side of the fence or the other, never straddling or dodging an issue, as flat-footed and emphatic on other issues as he has dared to be on this, whatever the consequences.

But the more important declarations of the Gardner speech were not centered, in the judgement of this newspaper, upon the Australian ballot, but upon his attitude to the great issue of Commonwealth progress and what he had to say about this constitutes what we may reasonably interpret as a prototype of his forthcoming platform.

And of this more anon.

Another way to have an exciting adventure is to say "Hello, Sweetie" to the stout spinster in mannish garb.

If only the umpire would begin a little while before the game and warm up his eye.

MARRIAGE

The Iowa Bureau of child welfare lists 100,000 Iowans who are ineligible to marry. These include the inmates of insane asylum and all other whom the board knows to be unfit for marriage.

If the last classification means what it says, perhaps; but humanly.

Who is fit for marriage? Certainly not the selfish, the inconsiderate, the stupid, the lazy, the moody or the unclean.

Not those who can not have a difference of opinion without quarrelling over it. Not those who stand too rigidly for their own way, or yield too weakly to the other's.

Not the too intense or the too placid; those who measure marriage wholly by happiness or wholly by duty; those who are too alike or too unlike—not, in fact, most of us.

Indeed, it is doubtful if anybody is fit for marriage but the angels—and they don't.

For us, we must get along as best we can. And considering the unpromising nature most of the material, we do surprisingly well.

Your Boy And Girl

(Yorkville Enquirer.)

"I want my boy and girl to have an easier time in life than I have." You have often heard that remark, and it sounds very pleasant; but is it logical? Just when did your boy and your girl become entitled to better things in this world than you have? Is your endeavor to do better by your boy or girl, beyond certain

limits, fair to your boy and girl?

And then just what do you mean by making things easier for your boy and girl? Do you mean that you are going to save them from some of the hard knocks of the world or all of them? Does it mean that your boy and girl are going to be given such an easy time in this world that by the time they are twenty-one years of age, or older they will have absolutely no knowledge of what work is, what the value of time and a dollar may be?

Well if you are raising your boy or girl on this line, you are doing them a grave injustice. No matter how much wealth you may have acquired; no matter how easy you may make their lot in life, you are making a mistake, if you do not teach your girl and boy something of the value of the dollar—what it takes to get a dollar by work, and that after all money earned is worth more money that is given them—and you are making another mistake if your boy and girl are not taught to do some honest work in return for honest pay. The time can easily come to your boy and girl, as it has come to thousands of other rich men's sons and daughters, when they will not have father's money and prestige to help them over the rugged path of life, and if such should happen after you are gone, if you could look back from the spirit world and see your offspring up against a hard, cruel world, such as the misfits and useless usually find, perhaps you would realize that your idea of making things easy in this world for your children was a terrible mistake.

Yes, every parent should do his very best to educate and train his children for useful, producing lives, but don't make the mistake of thinking that your children are entitled to be raised on an ambrosia diet. It doesn't pay.

Football and Accidents.

Charlotte Observer.

Death as the result of accident is not sufficient reason for the condemnation of a great sport. Accidents occur in all walks of life, and for many reasons and for no reason at all. To condemn football because a deplorable accident has occurred would be to say that all athletics should be barred. Men have been killed playing baseball. Men have been killed playing polo. Strong swimmers have been drowned when taken with a sudden cramp. All athletic games carry with them a certain possibility for accident.

The death of young Gillian, of Le-noir-Rhine, will be deplored by all people. Nothing could be more unfortunate than the sudden end of this gallant youth. His death was an accident, and should not be charged against the game in which he was indulging at

the time. The fact that the victim was playing football is a mere circumstance. More people are killed in automobile accidents in one day than ever have been killed while playing football.

But it is probable that a great hue and cry will be raised over the death of young Gillian on the football field. The game will be denounced as brutalizing and will be condemned in toto. Football is a game that none but a brave lad play, and strong men require rough sport. A game is not brutalizing because it is rough, and it is not necessarily dangerous because of an untoward accident. Such things happen to people who are not taking part in any form of sport.

Football has its place in the sports curriculum. It teaches men the lesson of discipline and obedience. It is a game that develops the utmost of both mental and physical activity. A man must not only think fast, but he must move with the speed of his thought. He must outguess and out-general his opponent, and he must use the strength of his body to defend and make possible his play. It teaches the lesson of the value of co-operation and coalition—the submergence of self that the goal may be reached. It is a game that none but a brave lad may play.

Breaks Neck In Fall From Tree

Winston-Salem, Nov. 16.—While descending from the top of a tall spruce pine where he had climbed to catch an opossum, William McKinley Reid, aged 29, a farmer residing about ten miles northwest of this city on the Box Mountain Road, fell for a distance of something like 40 feet when a limb broke, landing on his head and breaking his neck. He died about an hour after the accident.

The young farmer and several of his neighbors had gone hunting and the opossum sought refuge in a tall pine and Reid had climbed to the top of the tree and caught the opossum and was beginning to descend when a limb he was holding to suddenly broke and he fell. The comrades of Reid carried him to his home, a mile distant and a physician was hastily summoned but the young fellow died within less than an hour. He was not rendered entirely unconscious by the fall but was in a semi-conscious condition and kept saying up to a few minutes before he died, "I am coming down, I am coming down."

He was a son of Henry H. Reid and is survived by his parents ten brothers and one sister. The funeral was held this afternoon from St. Mark's Methodist Church on the Box Mountain road.

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