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PENDLETON, CENTER OF ALL

Across the hills lies Pendleton and it is the central figure this week of all the west. It is interesting to read of the amount of public interest, of the number of prominent range men and cowboys gathering there. The Pendleton East Oregonian remarks of the day's developments leading up to the big Roundup:

Already Roundup park is the scene of accidents which are disabling horses and riders. Two horses have already been killed and two riders more or less injured during the practices which are being held all hours of the day. "Doc," the handsome animal owned by Carl Power, and an Indian

cayuse are the two equine victims, while Lee Caldwell, 18-year-old buckaroo, and Bert Kelly, winner of the bucking contest last year, are the two riders to suffer before the opening of the Roundup.

Powers' horse was shot Saturday evening after it had broken an ankle. It was a very fast animal and long of legs and in hitting the turn at the west end at breakneck speed, one of its ankles snapped and it fell to the ground. Young Caldwell was riding it at the time and he was thrown with such force that his left shoulder was badly bruised and it was feared for a time that his collar bone was broken. He is wearing his arm in a sling but thinks he will be in shape to ride for the prizes in the Roundup.

"Doc" was a very valuable animal and his death is mourned by his owner. He was generally credited with being the fastest horse on the track last year and won handsily in the cowpony race and was one of the winners of the cowboy's relay race. He was to have been one of the string of a relay team this year and it was during practice for this event that the accident which ended his career happened.

The Indian cayuse broke its shoulder while bucking Saturday evening. It had ditched two redskin riders in succession after which both braves sought to ride it at the same time. It was out on the hard road at the time and although it succeeded in dumping its double load, the force with which it hit the hard ground, fractured its shoulder and in mercy it was shot.

The accident to Kelly occurred this morning but it was not serious enough to incapacitate him. He is entering a pony express string this year and was accustomed his horses to the track. In the rapid change of the saddle from one horse to another, he did not get the elastic cinch tight enough to hold the saddle from slipping back. This started the animal to bucking and Kelly, seeing he had no chance on an unsteady saddle, jumped but his momentum rolled him about thirty feet and he was badly bruised. The horse bucked twice around the track and was well on the road to town before it was caught.

Young Caldwell was badly shaken up again yesterday evening when a horse broke loose from a buckaroo, ran into him, bowled him over and stepped on him as it continued its way. There seems to be a hoodoo following this young rider as last year he was injured in the pileup of the cowpony race and was handicapped in riding for the championship saddle.

Pendleton is today the mecca of the cowboys. For the last week buckaroos from every range in the northwest and many from sections farther away have been coming into the city in order to participate in the annual Roundup. Yesterday one train brought in seventeen cowboys from points eastward and still they are coming and will be until the day of the opening of the show.

The office of Secretary Gwinn has been crowded all day with picturesque cowboys in wide sombreros, gaudy shirts and handkerchiefs, shaggy chaps and jingling spurs and names after name is being inscribed upon the entry books. Before 10 o'clock half a hundred different entries had

been made for the various events and there were many who had not yet signed up.

Among the mounted men dashing up and down the streets and to and from the park may be noticed many of the best known characters of the frontier. Of course, Buffalo Vernon, renowned "bulldogger" and champion roper, is to be seen for he has been here for over a week, but with him can be remarked another man today, a man who bears a striking resemblance to him although he is lighter in weight and wears a mustache. This man is Dick Vernon, a brother of "Buff," and a well known sheepman of Harney county. He arrived in the city this morning and brings the news that the whole of Harney county is moving to Pendleton for the Roundup. Dick Vernon used to be in the show business with his brother but settled down to ranching several years ago and lost sight of "Buff" until last year when the Roundup scattered his name over the state. He is a rider and roper and his big brothers declares he is going to make him enter the contests just to show that cowboy skills "runs in the family."

Arriving on the early train from Portland this morning were four very noted wild west character, Dell Blancett, defender of the "bulldogging" title and fancy rider, his wife, Bertha Blancett, champion lady bronco buster of the world, Jason Stanley, a brother of the late Dick Stanley and the only man who "puts on" the famous "drunken ride," and Brisco, a "bulldogger" of established reputation.

Among other noted buckaroos already here are Bert Kelly, present holder of the title of northwest champion, his brother, Roy Kelly, who won the pony express race last year, John Spain, wild horse race champion last year; his brother, Fred Spain, Ernest Cannon and Dove Anderson, winner of the second and third prizes in last year's bucking contests, respectively. Roy Moss and Guy Hayes, winners of the steer roping contests, C. E. Runyan, who rode "Dynamite" so beautifully last year but who was vanquished by "Blue Blazes," Glen Cox, known sometimes as Fergie, and who was barred from a prize last Roundup only by the terrific pitching of "Hat," "Professor" McCoy, a "bulldogger" and fancy roper of reputation, Jasper McCarty, who has ridden bronchos for the past twenty years and who has captured many prizes in contests, Sid Seale, a hippodrome rider, and his brother, Walter, Colorado Ben Corbett, a fancy rope twirler, Charles Rhinehart, one of Wyoming's best products, not to mention many local celebrities among the best known of whom are Lee Caldwell, the boy buckaroo, George Fletcher, the colored cowboy and one of the most sensational riders in the business, and Clarence Adams, a good stickler and a showy rider.

Ella Lazinka, winner of the cowgirl's relay cup last year and her sister both came into town this morning on the backs of their steeds and are ready for the Roundup to begin.

Before Thursday many other equally celebrated riders and ropers will be at hand for the greatest cowboy carnival in the world.

DIFFICULT PROBLEM TO SOLVE

The makers and framers of the prospective good roads measure who meet in Portland tomorrow, have a "hard row to hoe." The question is a complex, difficult and knotty problem and the men who are on the committee will have their hands full. Still the committee members are almost invariably men who are thinkers, taxpayers and of such a calibre that the resolutions and suggestions made will be well nigh as near perfection as it is possible to make.

The fair is and should absorb the greatest attention of all public questions from now on until the last minute of the annual event.

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WHEEL PROBLEMS.

Does the Edge of the Wheel Revolve Around the Axle?

"The wheel that turns under the locomotive or the car has a long and queer history," says a writer in the Railroad Man's Magazine, "but the mystery is still with us and whisks its hundred question marks before our eyes every minute of the day."

"Of course every one believes that the edge of the wheel goes around the axle. But does it? Take the end of any spoke near the tire or any part of the tire and on a still, windless night fasten a candle to it; then back off it nothing can be seen but that candle flame."

"Let the wheel revolve slowly, free from the ground. The candle flame makes a circle of fire all right and goes around the axle. Now lower the wheel until it rests on the ground and start ahead. The flame suddenly stops going in a circle and begins to make a wavy line, first high and then low. It goes around nothing at all."

"Men with clear minds can perform the experiment satisfactorily by tying a handkerchief around the tire in daylight, but to do this takes a keen mathematical imagination, because the eye is confused by other moving objects and is not able to see the handkerchief free from these other influences."

"At night the candle flame alone can be seen, so that is perhaps the best time to try the matter out. Tie a torch to a locomotive driver and then send the engine slowly back and forth while the observer is off some hundred feet distant in the dark. The torch does not move in a circle. It simply

goes ahead somewhat like a flying machine rising and falling in the wind, coming to a dead stop at its lowest point and going twice as fast as the engine when at its highest point."

"The fact that the bottom of an engine wheel always stands still is more easy to learn than the fact that the top of the wheel moves just twice as fast as the train, but this can be proved easily with a piece of board."

"Take a piece of board, say, ten feet long and lay one end on top of the wheel. Now move the engine forward two feet and you will find that the board has gone ahead four feet, just twice as far as the engine. Lay down the board and tie two pieces of string to the wheel, one at the top and the other at the bottom, where it rests on the ground. Now run your engine forward two feet and see what happens. The bottom string has moved forward, too, but not nearly so far as has the top piece of string, although the ends were even at the start."

Plants Breaking Up an Island.

The layman would scarcely associate great strength with so delicate and fragile a thing as maidenhair fern, yet if its roots have not sufficient room they will break the pot in which the plant grows. Blades of grass will force the curbstones between which they spring up out of their place, and in a single night a crop of small mudrooms has been known to lift a large stone. Indeed, plants are on record as having broken the hardest rocks. The island of Aldabra, to the northwest of Madagascar, is becoming smaller through the action of the mangroves that grow along the foot of the cliffs. They eat their way into the rock in

all directions, and into the gaps thus formed the waves force their way. In time they will probably reduce the island to pieces.—Scientific American.

Bathrooms in Paris.

An observant English journalist in Paris has—as a hot weather amusement—made a private census of bathrooms. He calculates that in all the flats and private houses of Paris there are about 2,800 bathrooms. And this writer, lying in his own bath and making another calculation, will get a bathful of water that he could get up and pitch a cricket ball from the garden about his modest flat this way and that over as many bathrooms. It is a curious little difference of national architecture. And the quaintness of the difference comes with the fact that you see more people in London who look—yes—dirty than in Paris. Even the beggar in Paris is clean in face, finger nails and clothes.—London Chronicle.

Tongue Could Tell.

"Last night, George, you told me you loved me more than tongue could tell, and, oh, George, that wasn't true!" "Why, darling, what do you mean?" "I mean that it wasn't more than my little brother's tongue could tell. He heard it all!"

All patterns are sure to be followed more than good rules.—Locke.

Dangers are light if they once seem light, and more dangers have deceived men than forced them.—Bacon.

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