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NOTED CHARACTER

VISITS PENDLETON AND SPINS SOME YARNS.

Major John M. Burke, Buffalo Bill's Manager, a Battle-Scarred Warrior of the Old School, Tells Some Thrilling Experiences.

It has been many a day since a more jovial and whole-souled man struck Pendleton than Major John M. Burke, manager of "Buffalo Bill" Cody's Wild West show, who was in town Thursday.

The major is a large man, good natured, strong-featured, smooth-shaven face, with the mark of a knife wound across the side of the face and head and a curly thatch of grey hair above it. He is one of the most interesting men it is often the pleasure of one to meet. One must see him and look into his steady, beaming eyes and listen to him talk before he can appreciate the broad-minded, genial major, but to hear him will win anyone to like him.

The major was in a reminiscent mood while in Pendleton and the following is a part of what he said:

A Military Right.

"No," said the major, "I wasn't born a major, but I was a major in a regiment of boy Confederates back in Maryland 40 years ago, and General Sherman and General Sheridan and General Miles have sanctioned the title, and I reckon that makes it strong enough."

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better. I've been with Colonel Cody for 25 years and I have met all kinds of people in all parts of the universe.

Days of Redskins.

"The most exciting event of my life—and that is saying a good deal, for I was stabbed twice and shot twice before I was 17 years of age—was the negotiations carried on with the Sioux after the battle of Wounded Knee, when they were having their ghost dance at the Pine Ridge agency.

"General Miles was at the agency and I was there at the time organizing a band of 100 Indians for our return trip to Europe. The Ogallalas sent in word that they would talk to 'Major Burke, Buffalo Bill's scar-faced man,' and Brule Sioux intimated that they would listen to Captain Jesse M. Lee of the Ninth Cavalry—you know Brigadier-General Lee, now retired, whose command distinguished itself at Tien Tsin and later did some of the heaviest fighting in the Philippines?"

"Yes."

Pleasant Little Episode.

"Same man," said the major, "and as fine and nifty a soldier as ever swung a sword. Well, as I was saying, nothing would do the Indians but that Lee and I must have a conference with them. They would have nothing to do with anybody else. Lee was in California at the time and had to be sent for, and we had to wait seven days for his arrival. While waiting I had the pleasure of sitting around the camp-fires and being regaled with stories of the massacre of Canby, Meeker and others, which, you may understand, made me feel very cheerful, considering that Lee and I were about to put ourselves at the mercy of 7000 savage redskins.

"Lee came and we nerved ourselves up to the ordeal. I knew that Lee had acquired the friendship of the Brules and that I was quite a favorite with the Ogallalas, but I also knew that they were all boiling with fanatical hatred of every white man and—well, what's the use—I was scared pretty nearly stiff.

"The meeting was arranged on Wolf Creek, a wild sort of place with a natural amphitheater of hills. With a half dozen painted Indians, we rode down among those thousands of painted devils. To our extreme gratification, they received us with enthusiastic friendliness. Up to the moment of this pleasant demonstration a good gust of wind could have blown all the hair off my head, but afterwards the roots seemed to take a stronger hold.

Council of the Plains.

"But the sight was impressive. It was the largest audience I ever addressed and no body of civilized beings would have been so silently attentive. Captain Lee talked and I talked and then the great chiefs gave their views. We knew the grievance of which the Indians complained and, to a certain extent, sympathized with them. They saw this, and it made them tractable. After a long session it was agreed that the Indians would come to the agency and arrange a treaty. This they did and the treaty was ratified by General Miles, he taking as hostages Kicking Bear, Short Bull, Scatter, Revenge, Eagle

Star and 23 other prominent chiefs as a warrant of good behavior on the part of those left on the reservation. "General Miles took the chiefs as prisoners to Fort Sheridan, Chicago. Soon afterward it was reported at the agency by some mischievous persons that General Miles and the government authorities had caused all the 28 chiefs taken as hostages, to be hanged. This set more trouble brewing and the Indians began their ghost dance again and declared that they would go on the war path this time 'for keeps.' Things looked pretty squally, for in the territory between the British border and the Rio Grande there were 50,000 savages keen for trouble, and there would have been plenty of it—well, wait till I tell you.

"As I said, I was gathering up a band of 100 Indians for Buffalo Bill. It occurred to Colonel Cody that a good solution to the difficult situation would be found in sending back one of the Indians with me—for I had returned to Chicago with General Miles—let this Indian assure the others that the 28 prisoner chiefs were being properly treated and that I should bring 22 of the reservation Indians who, with the 28 at Fort Sheridan, would make up the 100 which we wished to take abroad. "This was agreed to by the government and I took the young chief, Eagle Star, back with me. He talked to those on the reservation and made things all right with them and came back with me and the others to Chicago."

Just at this time the announcement came that the train was about due to start for Walla Walla and as the major said he had to be in Spokane Sunday, he bid the crowd goodbye in his jovial way and passed out of sight into the car which carried him out of the city.

POLITICS IN INDIANA.

Getting Warm Fully a Month Ahead of Time.

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 15.—Although the date set for the formal opening of the republican campaign in Indiana is still a month distant, Chairman Goodrich and his aides considered it wise to take time by the forelock. Consequently it has been decided to begin the real work of preparation at once by opening a speaker's bureau and arranging other details for the campaign. From now until September 20, the date set for the opening of the contest, the managers will work with their coats off in an endeavor to start the ball rolling with a boom and a hurrah such as have not been seen for a number of years. The complete list of speakers is not yet ready, but it is known that besides the Indiana senators and representatives the speakers will include Senator Mark Hanna and a number of other prominent republican leaders from other states.

Phenomenon—Popeigh—I am awfully proud of that boy of mine. Simpkins — Unusually intelligent, eh?

Popeigh—Yes. He is 13 years old and hasn't made a single bright remark.—Chicago Daily News.

CO-OPERATIVE PLANTING.

What is Being Done to Increase the Forest Area.

The system of co-operation with private land owners in forest planting, begun by the bureau of forestry three years ago, has done much to encourage tree planting and to bring about the introduction of safe and reliable methods. At the beginning of the present field season 224 planting plans had been made in 172 localities of 29 different states. In addition, 38 applications for assistance from a number of states are on file, and all will receive attention during the present field season. The majority of planting plans are for wood lots for individual land owners. In some cases, however, plans are being made for corporations, cities and even states.

In co-operation with the Fort Worth & Denver City Railway, the bureau is now making an examination of land in Northern Texas for the purpose of drawing up simple directions for the development of wood lots on the farms in that region. After the examination has been completed, planting plans will be prepared for those who desire them, and later printed instructions in regard to the development of forest plantations will be issued. In addition the species of trees best suited for successful growth and practical use in that part of Texas.

The Metropolitan Water Board of Massachusetts began planting this year according to plans prepared by the bureau of forestry on the watershed of their large reservoir situated near Clinton. This reservoir when completed will furnish the water supply for Boston and a number of other nearby cities and towns. The planting has been completed on 175 acres, and a large quantity of nursery stock is now on hand for the continuation of planting in the fall and next spring.

A planting plan is in course of preparation for the water department of the city of Woonsocket, R. I., for the protection of certain portions of the watershed of their large storage reservoir located six miles south of Woonsocket. Planting along the lines laid down in this plan will begin the last of September under the personal direction of an agent of the bureau of forestry.

The State of North Dakota has made application through Governor Frank White for planting plans for wood lots on the grounds of a number of state institutions and these plans will be prepared during August and September of this season. An examination of the grounds of the following institutions has been requested: The state capitol at Bismarck, the school for the deaf at Devil's Lake, the University of North Dakota, at Grand Forks, the Normal school at Jaysville, the Normal school at Valley City, and the Manual Training school at Ellendale.

TO SUCCEED CORRIGAN.

Right Reverend John Farley's Nomination Confirmed.

New York, Aug. 15.—Private advices received here make it appear a practical certainty that the Right Rev. John M. Farley is to succeed to the archbishopric of New York, made vacant by the death of the late Archbishop Corrigan. It is stated on the best of authority that the nomination has been confirmed at Rome and the formal announcement of the appointment may be expected any day.

Bishop Farley was nominated for the honor by the suffragans of the archdiocese, his name, it is said, being the first on the list. He has been for many years closely identified with the work of the archdiocese, and his elevation has been expected. It is said that he will be thoroughly satisfactory to both the clergy and laity of the section of the church which will be under his jurisdiction.

"WILDER BRIGADE."

Held Their Last Reunion Today in Indiana.

Lafayette, Ind., Aug. 15.—Survivors of the Seventy-second Indiana Regiment, which belonged to the famous "Wilder Brigade" today celebrated the fortieth anniversary of the regiment's muster into service by going into camp at Columbian park, this city. There is an attendance of veterans and their friends from several counties, but it is noticeable that the friends are more numerous than veterans, death having played havoc in the ranks during the last few years, and it seems not improbable that this will be the last reunion of the regiment.

Soo Now in Bismarck.

Bismarck, N. D., Aug. 15.—The laying of steel on the Bismarck extension of the Soo road was practically completed today and by the first of next week everything will be in readiness for the running of trains. It is planned to run freight trains over the new lines for 10 days or two weeks before inaugurating the passenger service, in order to test the road bed, and passenger trains therefore probably will not run into the North Dakota capital until September 1.

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