

CHAMPION BUSTER

THAD SOWDER, CHAMPION "ROUGH RIDER."

Says the Attendance at Buffalo Bill's Show is Falling Off in England—Cody and King Edward Not Such Cronies as Formerly.

"I hold the belt proclaiming me to be the champion broncho buster and rough rider of the world, and I'm ready to defend my title against all comers," declared Thad Sowder, late of Buffalo Bill's Wild West show, as he settled back in an easy chair at his new home, 607 Twentieth street, says the Denver Post.

"The Festival of Mountain and Plain, under whose auspices I won the belt," he went on to say, "has declared there will be no contest nor carnival next fall, but should it be decided later to hold a riding contest I'll be there to defend my laurels. I've won the belt in two contests now, and if I win it again it will become my personal property. There is some talk of Tom Minor, who came second in the last contest, challenging me next fall, and I wish he would, so I could get a chance to show the people of Colorado and all the world that there was no truth in the report that it was a put-up job for me to be declared winner last year. Minor knows I can beat him any day in the week and I told him so. Why, Harry Brenman, who was fourth last fall, is a much better rider than Minor."

"I understand charges were made after the contest last year, that Colonel Cody had arranged with some of the judges to have me declared winner before he would consent to let me leave the show. I can say positively there was no truth in such a charge. Colonel Cody did not believe I would be declared winner, even if I was entitled to the prize, and for that matter, neither did I. Colonel Cody told me I would be jobbed out of the belt even if I won, and Johnny Baker, the manager of the show, wanted to bet all kinds of money that I wouldn't be allowed to win. When he gave me a leave of absence he said he would dock me for the time I was gone if I lost, but if I won he would pay me my full salary."

According to Sowder, the show is not turning people away as it did on its former tour of England, and one reason for a falling off in the receipts may be found in the fact that King Edward is not so chummy with Colonel Cody as in former days, when his royal highness was only Prince of Wales. Many a former favorite of the prince received the icy mitt from the king and learned to his or her sorrow that the good old days before the head wore the crown had passed forever.

SUICIDE STATISTICS.

Rate is Increased Thirty-Nine Per Cent in 25 Years.

Modern civilization is being forced more and more deeply on the defensive in the matter of suicides. Statistics finding publication in England show a great increase in the rate of self-destruction in European countries during the past 25 years. Thus in France the rate has increased from 157 to 224 per million of population, and in Germany it is nearly the same. The rate has increased during the same time by 39 per million of people in Austria, 27 in Hungary, 18 in Scotland, 15 in England, and eight in Ireland. It is not those of mature age alone who are afflicted. During the 10 years from 1887 to 1897 over 400 persons under 15 years of age killed themselves, and 76 of these were girls. Russia alone shows no increase in the rate, and that is the most backward country of Europe. The civilization of the day is having some hard questions put to it, and this is one of them. "Why so much self-murder?"—Springfield Republican.

Longevity.

"The automobile suits me very well, what's the price?" "Six thousand marks." "Take it in annual payments?" "Yes, sir." "All right—I'll take it with me. I'll pay 100 marks a year—I belong to a long-lived family."—Fliegende Blätter.

Otto—"Teddy, you've been limping around for a week. Why don't you do something for your foot?" Teddy—"I am doing something." Otto—"What are you doing?" Teddy—"Limping."

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"Please send me ten 'bucks," telegraphed the slangy college boy. The old man frowned and wired back: "I don't own an Indian reservation. Apply to the Carlisle school."—Chicago News.

Andrew Carnegie is quoted by the London correspondent of the New York American, as favoring the nationalization of the railroads on the grounds of comfort and economical service.

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney and Bladder Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh, or if, when the child reaches an age when it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

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WASHINGTON.

Out through the golden sunshine of the April afternoon, I wander up the hillside where it seems like balmy June. For the air is sweet with fragrance and the breezes scarcely stir. Resinous with breath of pine tree and the scent of feathery fir. Where the everlasting granite, silent, worn and gray. Stands as witness of the ages that have come and passed away. And a pine which stood for centuries has bowed its tasseled head. And its mighty form lies prostrate, barkless, dry and dead.

Far below me in the valley I hear the Hansman roar. Where its rushing, rolling waters fret against its pebbled shore. And through the drab bough's lacing I catch a silver gleam. Where the purple hills are mirrored in the bosom of the stream. Ah, Washington, fair Washington, there is no state like thee. Although our eyes may wander over mountain, plain and sea. The white man's feet have followed where the red man's foot has trod. And found another Eden fresh from the hand of God. —Ella Brooks Bolckoom in Spokesman-Review.

BIG TIMBER SALE.

Henry Holdings on Clearwater Change Hands.

A Spokane Review special from Wallace, Idaho, says: A sale of 31,500 acres of timber in the Clearwater country has been negotiated to the Potlach Lumber Co., which recently bought out the milling and timber interests of the Pelouse River Lumber Co. at Palouse, Wash. The timber is bought from the Wisconsin Log and Lumber Co. According to the papers just filed here for record, the price is \$136,100. This is for the timber only.

The "reindeer moss" of Alaska is not a true moss, but a lichen, Cladonia, found in Scotland and the badge of the Mackenzies.

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BRIGGSON ITEMS

SIX AND ONE-FOURTH MILES OF NEW FENCE.

Summer Term of School Begun—Property Changing Hands—Will Return From Oakesdale, Wash.—Much of the Wheat Was Winter Killed.

Briggson, Or., May 4.—George Payne, who has just returned from Crook county, is quite sick with the grip.

School commenced in district 95, April 27, with Miss Bessie Palmer as teacher.

William Dunseth, who has been visiting friends and relatives near Weston for the past three weeks, returned to his home at Northport, Wash., yesterday. Mrs. Dunseth will remain for some time yet with her parents, who are quite aged.

The fencing being done on Mr. Gillis' place is progressing quite rapidly, with James Marvin as foreman. When it is completed they will have strung three and three-quarters miles of wire fence. Mr. Gillis has 60 head of cattle which he will bring up to his place for the summer.

R. J. Boddy, who purchased 160 acres adjoining Mr. Gillis' will also do some fencing. He will build about two and one-half miles. He intends to build a house and move his family to the ranch for the summer. His health is quite poor and he will dispose of his business as soon as possible and go to the mountains for a rest, which may benefit his health.

Isaac Hagen bought 160 acres of land from Joe Rainville on Wald Horse mountain last week. There is said to be 100 acres in a high state of cultivation. The exact price paid is not known, but it will reach near \$4,000.

William Wilkison, of Athena, has a force of men at work improving his mountain ranch. He is sowing wheat and timothy now.

Mr. Molstrom, an old time resident of this place, but now of the Cold Springs country, visited here a few days last week.

Word has been received from Thomas Narkaus, who left here for Oakesdale, Wash., some time ago. He expresses his desire to dispose of his interests there and return.

The belief that the fall-sown grain in this locality was not injured by freezing, was wrong, as almost every acre is being resown. However, good crops are anticipated as the spring has been favorable for seeding and all will get through early.

Ought to Have Thought of This, "Katherine," said her distracted father, "when you play the piano so bad that a vase falls from the top of it and raises a lump on your head, I think it's time for you to stop." "Didn't President Roosevelt say," replied Katherine, "that if you get hurt while playing you should keep right on playing?" And she kept right on.—Chicago Tribune.

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Middle aged and old people and those whose blood is contaminated and tainted with the germs and poison of malaria or some previous sickness, are the chief sufferers from chronic sores and ulcers. While the blood remains in an unhealthy, polluted condition healing is impossible, and the sore will continue to grow and spread in spite of washes and salves or any superficial or surface treatment, for the sore is but the outward sign of some constitutional disorder, a bad condition of the blood and system which local remedies cannot cure. A blood purifier and tonic is what you need. Something to cleanse the blood, restore its lost properties, quicken the circulation and invigorate the constitution, and S. S. S. is just such a remedy.

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Mrs. Laura S. Webb

Vice-President of Women's Democratic Clubs of Northern Ohio.

THERE ARE MANY sickly women between the ages of 45 and 55, but there are very few invalids over 55 and 60 years of age. The change of life coming to a woman near her forty-fourth year, either makes her an invalid or gives her a new lease on life. Those who meet this change in ill health seldom live ten years afterward, while a woman who lays aside the active duties of womanhood in health seldom fails to live on in happiness, years after she has passed 60. This is truly a critical time.



Mrs. Laura S. Webb.

Mrs. Laura S. Webb, of Toledo, Ohio, recognizes the change of life as a dangerous period and she also has faith in Wine of Cardui. She writes: "As I had always been troubled more or less at the menstrual period, I dreaded the change of life which was fast approaching. While visiting with a friend I noticed that she was taking Wine of Cardui, and she was so enthusiastic about it that I decided to try a bottle. I experienced some relief the first month, so I kept on taking it for three months and now concentrate with no pain and I shall take it off and on until I have passed the climax. I do not dread it now, as I am sure that Wine of Cardui will be of great benefit at this time."

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