

Buffalo Bill's Cousin Tells Narrow Escape

Barney Cody, sexton of Jacksonville cemetery and well known in this city, this week related one of the most thrilling experiences any boy of tender age could boast. Cody, whose father was first cousin of the famous "Buffalo Bill" Cody, lived in Washington among the

Blue mountains in his early youth and it was east of Walla Walla that the following story took place.

Barney's father, a rancher of that section, had an ox team which was allowed to graze at large. Once an oxen failed to come in for the day's activities and an older boy was sent to look for the animal. The brief search failed and another son was dispatched—with the same result. Mr. Cody directed Barney, then less than 10 years of age, to carry on the hunt for the tardy beast of burden.

Young Cody struck for the hills where he had known the stray to wander. After tramping through accustomed haunts Barney struck off up a road leading higher and toward a spring. After following this pathway for a mile or so he came upon tracks of the large oxen and continued his search. A little farther into the forest other tracks joined those of the beast—prints unmistakably belonging to the much-hunted and highly touted Reelfoot, a huge, vicious cinnamon bear so named because of a peculiar limp in one paw caused by a trap injury. Both ox and bear tracks wandered back and forth across the road, heading in the general direction of the water hole.

Barney was unable to determine whether the cinnamon or domestic animal had traveled in the lead and evil forebodings filled his mind. Retreat was considered but, after thinking the matter over, the youth reasoned that if he should turn back now, his father would see the prints, along with his own, and know his son was afraid. The tracking continued to the spring, where ox trail veered off toward a nearby huckleberry patch. Bear prints were lost at this point but

Barney was fully aware of the fondness Reelfoot had for huckleberries. Nevertheless the nervous boy went to the berry patch, located the oxen, drove it near a stump and climbed aboard, expecting the bear to appear at any moment. Free rein and prodding encouragement were given the animal and Barney kept a close rear watch till well out of the field of danger. And, as an added thrill several years later, Barney Cody had the pleasure of meeting Reelfoot face to face in Portland—after the cinnamon montser had been stuffed and started on its way to the world's fair at Chicago.

An Abe Lincoln Yarn

By BARNEY CODY

One morning, as Mr Lincoln was walking toward the president's mansion, a friend approached him and stopped to talk. It seems this friend liked to carry tales and mentioned to the man from the backwoods that a certain general, who was supposed to be with his forces, was in New York City drunk.

Abraham Lincoln, eyeing the man, told him of a previous experience. Said the cabinet chief: "One morning as I was going to my office I came upon a small colored boy who had a coon tied with a string. The young fellow was bareheaded and barefooted. Scratches were bleeding and marks indicated the coon had put up quite a fight. I said 'I see you have a pet coon.' The little darky replied, in a guarded tone, 'Sh-h. The coon is chewing his rope and I am going to let him get away.' Well, my friend, the general is chewing his rope."

And with this Mr. Lincoln was on his way.

SECRETARY STIMSON OVERRIDES THE SENATE

On the floor of the United States senate, and at the polls, the American people have said that they want nothing to do with the League of Nations, yet Secretary of State Stimson, by executive action, disregarded and overrode this deliberately expressed mandate of the nation and aroused Japan's resentment by sending to Geneva an "unofficial observer" to cooperate with the league in its actions in respect to the Chinese-Japanese troubles in Manchuria. Uncle Sam has trouble, and only trouble, to expect from entanglements of this kind. The United States has absolutely no right to have a representative at the table of the council of the League of Nations until the United States senate has given its consent. The position is well taken that if the United States is to join with the League of Nations in giving orders to Japan to keep out of Manchuria, it may not be long before Japan and the League of Nations will be giving orders to the United States to keep out of Hayti

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