

Trappers First Saw Scottsbluff 100 Years Ago

Grant Shumway Tells Story of Discovery and Naming of Nebraska Mountain Five Years Later.

Lincoln, Aug. 18.—How 100 years ago this month Scottsbluff mountain, one of the beauty spots of Nebraska, was first noted in chronicles of man and the story of the tragic death of Hiram Scott, for whom the mountain is named, was told today by Grant L. Shumway, state secretary of agriculture and formerly a resident of Scottsbluff.

"One hundred years ago, when the mountain was discovered, it was a feature of pronounced personality crowned with evergreen, and abounding in mountain sheep and other wild game," Shumway said.

Trapping in Mountains.
Hiram Scott was one of the enterprising young men with General Ashley, who in 1823, went through the Scottsbluff country, then a wilderness, into the mountains in search of beaver. After the release of the trappers under Ashley some two years later, Scott met Narcisse Le Clerc. They organized the Northwest Fur company, the original Northwest Fur company having become part of the Hudson Bay company.

"They were on their way to St. Louis in 1828 to dispose of their first collection of pelts and formerly launch their company. Just above Platte canyon, at the rock bottom Ford, Scott was taken ill and left behind with Bol, the man of the desert," and Blissette, the "squaw man," to be taken by a moose hide boat through Platte canyon and to overtake the party at the 'big bluff,' 100 miles down river, where they would tarry and trap.

Irving Tells Tale.
Washington Irving in 'Captain Bonnyville' tells the rest of the story. After a few days the boat was launched, and was upset in the canyon and all provisions and ammunition were lost.

"The three men reached the shore, however, with nothing but their hunting knives, and after some difficulty arrived at Laramie fork. While searching for food, Bol and Blissette came upon the fresh trail of LeClerc and party, and they abandoned Scott in the wilderness.

"On reaching the 'big bluff,' they found that the others had not waited as agreed, so pushed onward. Upon overtaking the party, they improvised the story that Scott had died from exposure and fever.

"The following autumn, trappers returning from civilization found a skeleton at the spring on the side of the mountain which was declared to be that of Hiram Scott. His hunting knife identified Scott. He had walked or crawled 70 miles before his resolute spirit took its flight.

"After that, the mountain in western Nebraska was called Scottsbluff, and the old trappers, when wandering by, always made it a point to visit the spring, where the remains of Hiram Scott were laid to rest, to do homage to one of their number who had perished in the wilderness. The grave is entirely obliterated in the lapse of years."

Boys Leave in Huff to See World

But Police Officers Tell of the Many Returns After One Night or So Spent in the "Great Open Spaces."

Boys will be boys, and despite the passage of time they change very little; their dreams and actions are the same as those enjoyed by their fathers. Police records show that during the year an average of one boy each day leaves home, usually in a fit of temper, to become a "Dead Shot Dick," a "Nick Carter," or a "Captain Kidd." But the records also show, like the boys of generations gone, they come quietly home again, usually after one night in the open and the indefinite postponement of two or more months.

When dad was a boy the facilities for getting a long way from the scene of domestic trouble were much more inadequate than they are today. But even so, police captains state, today the youngsters fail to travel very much farther than boys of other generations.

At the police station the officers tell of sobbing parents who come to them to ask aid in finding a son who has suddenly disappeared, and of sullen boys found who want to go home, but are too proud to say so. Then they tell of the accounts given by relieved parents of the return of the prodigal.

Girls Little Better.
Girls are little better than boys, but they do not try to run away; just forget to inform mamma that they are going to spend the night with a friend. There are almost as many girls, though, as there are boys who leave home.

One "case" that the police laughed about was of a boy who wished to leave all else to emulate "Captain Kidd." For months, he later developed, he read stories of pirates on the Spanish main. He gloried in blood-curdling stories of treasure seized and buried. Long into the night, after he had been sent to bed, he would read such tales.

As a natural result of his fascination for the life of a pirate, he learned to love the water and wanted to swim all day long during the summer months. His mother was worried about the swimming and at last parental objection to the practice was voiced. George was forbidden the privilege of swimming when older members of his family were not present. Naturally, the boy went swimming just the same and, as naturally, word of disobedience came to his father.

After a stormy interview in the garage, where a razor-strop figured actively, the burden of orders seemed to rest on George's young shoulders to hear. The next day he left. Unlike the leading figures in his favorite books, he left no note to tell of his whereabouts.

Parents Frantic.
George's frantic parents called the police that night. The boy might have been drowned, they said, but the missing clothes and possessions belied that belief. Police promised to help and the parents returned home.

About noon the following day George came home. He slipped on noticed to his room, replaced his extra clothing and all of his treasures, then quietly came downstairs. The first thing he searched for was "eats." When a gnawing hunger had

been satisfied he sought a couch and slept. George had learned in one attempt that soft beds and delicious meals were not to be found everywhere when one is a wanderer. He has not tried to leave home since.

Other boys that the police captains remember are those whom the police find, arrest, turn over to the juvenile authorities, who in turn send them back to their parents. One boy who came in this class was found peacefully sleeping in a freight car in the Union Pacific railroad yards not long ago. A special officer of the railroad found him while searching for a thief who had broken into a carload of merchandise. He turned him over to the police.

Couldn't Keep Dog.
The boy, the product of an excellent home, told Captain Troby, when questioned, that he had left home because his mother refused to allow him to keep a dog. The fact that the dog in question was a mongrel puppy, none too clean, made no difference. Gregory, the boy, insisted that he would not go home until he was permitted to keep a dog, any dog, just so it would be a pet.

Gregory was placed in a cell in the matron's ward of the city jail for the night. In the morning he was more than willing to go home, nor did he insist that his presence at home be purchased by the promise of a pet.

And so they go and come. Like the cat of the proverb, they always come back. Some, of course, absent themselves for longer periods than others and some manage to make the absence cover a period of years; but these are few and most of the police cases are absent from home only one night. Much as their fathers may have done before them.

Representatives of Omaha and Council Bluffs bakeries met at luncheon in the Omaha Chamber of Commerce yesterday noon to discuss how this industry can do its part in increasing the purchasing power of the farmer in the present wheat situation.

P. F. Petersen, president of the Petersen & Pegau Baking company, who presided, expressed his belief that the increased purchasing power of the farmer would be reflected through increased patronage of the bakeries and he further explained that the price of bread is affected by the volume in any particular plant.

Fred Plate of the Jay Burns Baking company asserted that the Omaha baking concerns are interested in the welfare of the farmers because Omaha is in the midst of an agricultural district, and it is to the interest of this city to promote the welfare of the farmers.

Quality Above Price.
J. J. Markey of the Markey bakery stated that the housewife is interested in a good loaf of bread more than in the price of the loaf. It was the sense of the meeting that any movement which will increase the consumption of bread will increase the demand for flour, also for wheat, and thus tend to increase the price of wheat. He stated that he believed there will be strong competition this fall among bakers to obtain supplies of flour of a quality demanded for bread baking.

Others attending the meeting were Milton Petersen, C. A. Birk, Omaha manager of the Fleischmann Yeast company; A. S. Sorenson of the Omaha Rex Baking company, Lawrence Ortmann of the Ortmann bakery; Fred Weber, manager of the Schultz

Judge Indicted in Texas
Squabble With Wobblies
Beaumont, Tex., Aug. 18.—The recent controversy of the Industrial Workers of the World with the city of Port Arthur, in which the I. W. W. threatened to flood the city with the incinerators as a protest against the alleged beating of one of their number by police, was brought into the public eye again today on announcement that Judge A. W. Dycus of the corporation court of Port Arthur, has been indicted by the grand jury here.

It is recited in the indictment that J. E. Holland and John Murray, members of the I. W. W., were falsely imprisoned. They figured in news reports from Port Arthur on June 30, when alleged mistreatment of one of them was charged against police officers. Included in the indictment with Judge Dycus was the name of H. E. McBride, Port Arthur printer.

Bible School Planned.
Red Cloud, Neb., Aug. 18.—Encouraged by the success of the vacation Bible schools held here in the past two summers, the board of religious education, a local organization composed of representatives of the various churches, has already announced another school for next year.

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Bakers Endorse Higher Price for Wheat in Meeting

Adopt Petersen Memorandum Declaring Increased Wheat Price Would Not Raise Bread Price.

Baking company, and Bert Francis, manager of the Quaker Baking company, Council Bluffs.

The following memorandum, offered by Chairman P. F. Petersen, was adopted by the meeting: "I do not believe that a material increase in the price paid to the farmer for wheat would increase the cost of bread to the consuming public. The price of bread will of course be determined by its cost of production in a highly competitive field.

"I believe, however, that an increased price for wheat will increase the purchasing power of the farmer in direct proportion to that increase. The farmer will then be in a position to buy bread from the bakers just as he did in 1920 and 1921. For example, the farmers are today buying only one-third as much bread baked by Omaha bakers as they bought in 1920 and 1921.

"This loss of business naturally increased the overhead cost of producing the decreased volume of bread. It is safe to predict that the farmer will be paid a higher price for his wheat and that with this increase in his revenue, he will in turn furnish a better market for bread baked from wheat flour.

"This increased volume of bakery business will probably lower the overhead operating costs of baking bread so that the price of bread may remain stable even though flour prices increase."

Indians Sail for England to Work in Movie Picture
New York, Aug. 18.—Twenty-eight Arapahoe Indians from the tribal reservation in Wind River, Wyo., with one exception attired in native costume and with their faces smeared with paint, sailed for England today on the Baltic, where they will take part in the prologue of a motion picture depicting western pioneer life.

The oldest of the Indians was Left Hand, one of the two men living who witnessed the Custer massacre. "Left Hand," alone was dressed in the conventional garb of the paleface. A papoose strapped in a basket on a squaw's back attracted much attention as the Indians stood in the ship's stern.

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Blair Resident Seeks Divorce

Children of Realty Dealer Unable to Bear Stepmother, Claimed.

Another case in which the children of a widower refused to tolerate a stepmother and persuaded the father to file divorce papers, came to light when Mrs. Cella Rodgers of Blair, Neb., was handed a summons in Hotel Castle Thursday afternoon, a few hours after she was released from Jennie Edmundson Memorial hospital in Council Bluffs. Her husband asks absolute divorce.

She met her husband, she said, about the first of the year in Omaha and May 26 they were married in Kansas City, Mo.

John J. Rodgers, the husband, is real estate and insurance dealer at Blair has left her "stranded" several times in Omaha, she declared, because of the persuasion of a son, Thomas Rodgers. He refused to pay for the hospital expenses and would not permit her to have visitors, she told her attorney, A. L. Sutton.

The cross-petition will be filed by Sutton in the near future, asking separate maintenance.

Men Exploring Canyon Ahead of Schedule
Flagstaff, Ariz., Aug. 17.—Government surveyors and explorers who left Lee's Ferry, Ariz., August 1, in four specially constructed boats for a 300-mile trip through the canyon of the Colorado river made a landing Friday night at Grand View on Hance trail, east of Grand canyon, according to information received here today.

The surveyors were traveling eight days ahead of schedule and expected to pass Bright Angel trail in the Grand canyon in four or five days.

High and rough water was encountered during the first leg of the trip, according to the report and one boat was stove in but was able to continue after repairs. All members of the expedition were well, the report said.

Hammond Hopeful of Hard Coal Settlement

Coal Crisis Over, Coolidge Told

Washington, Aug. 18.—Chairman John Hays Hammond of the United States coal commission told President Coolidge he was hopeful that the anthracite operators and miners would reach an agreement at their joint wage conference to be resumed Monday at Atlantic City.

The chairman declared it would be suicidal for either party to be responsible for a suspension of the anthracite industry at this time. He added he had too high regard for both operators and miners to believe either would take such a responsibility.

But in case an emergency does arise, the chairman told newspaper correspondents, the government will be forced to take other steps to protect the public against a fuel crisis.

Man Freed of Murder Charge
Sues County for \$82,400
Denver, Aug. 18.—George Griffith, youth, whose home is near Carthage, Ill., and who was held in the Arapahoe county jail from December 24, 1922, until July 20, last, as a suspect in the killing in Deertrail of Howard Hamilton, a world war veteran, and the wounding of Hamilton's companion, Pearl Cosur, today filed suit for \$82,400 in United States district court against Arapahoe county officials.

Griffith alleges unjust imprisonment. He was freed by a grand jury last month. He charges that he lost \$200 a month in salary as a result of being in jail.

Norfolk Legion Elects.
Norfolk, Neb., Aug. 18.—Guy Parish, private in the infantry during the world war, has been elected commander of the Norfolk American Legion post.

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Coal Crisis Over, Coolidge Told

Operators and Miners to Negotiate on New Wage Scale.

By International News Service
Washington, Aug. 18.—President Coolidge this afternoon was formally advised by John Hays Hammond and George Otis Smith, members of the United States coal commission, that the deadlock between the anthracite operators and miners had been broken through conferences at New York and negotiations looking to the establishment of a new wage scale would be reopened at Atlantic City on Monday.

The coal commissioners arrived in Washington shortly after 3 o'clock and were received by the president in his residential quarters at the New Willard hotel.

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