HORSEMEN OF PONY EXPRESS

Courage, Daring and Romance Combined in Their Exploits.

THRILLING RIDES ON PLAINS

Splendid Examples of Speed and Endurance of Men and Animals-Recollections of Famous Pathfinders.

Tales of the overland mail and famous rides and riders are found in a little his tory of the pony express, written by Wil-'am Litghfoot Visscher and just published by Rand, McNafly & Co. of Chicago. The bunter, freighter, emigrant, telegraph, the railroad and irrigation, each in turn blazed, opened and improved the westward way, and now in this land of prosperity only memories of the pioneers are left.

It is good to recall their deeds, and Mr. Visscher, who was acquainted with many of the riders and Indian fighters, has narrated the part they played in the build-

ing of the great west. In the fall of 1859, W. M. Gwin, one of the United States senators from California. proceeded from San Francisco to Washington to take up his legislative duties, riding a horse from the Pacific ocean to the Mis river, by way of Sacramento, Salt Lake City, South Pass and down the Platte to St. Joseph-the "central route, as it was called.

CATARRH MADE LIFE

M Cincinnati, Ohio, writes:

was suggested to me.

breath.

were out of sight.

Joseph and Sacramento."

dard of integrity.

the Sierra Nevada.

thirty feet of snow.

Dayton.

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half-bred broncho, left Sacramento on

foot of the Sierra Nevada mountains, fifty

"Sam Hamilton next fell into line, and

pairsued his way to Genoa, Carson City,

Churchill, seventy-five miles. The entire

run was made in fifteen hours and twenty

minutes, the entire distance being 185 miles,

which included the crossing of the western

"Here Robert Haslam took up the trail

miles through a hostile Indian country.

From that point Jay G. Kelley rode from

Creek to Rush Valley, old Camp Floyd,

same hours. Alexander Caryle started the

seph. "The route of the riders," says

ada, Logchain, Seneca, Ash Point, Guit-

tards, Marysville, Hollenburg, up Little

Blue valley to Rock Creek, Big Sandy,

The Mormon Trail.

This was the trail taken by the Mormons

n 1847, and afterward by the gold seekers

to California in 1848-9, and by General

Albert Sidney Johnson and his army of

5,000 men, who marched from Fort Leaven-

'From Fort Kearney the trail led west-

ward 200 miles along the Platte to old

Julesburg, then across the south fork of

the Platte, northwesterly to Fort Laramie,

then over the foothills at the base of the

Rockies to South Pass, by Fort Bridger to

Rarely did a rider complete his route

without encountering danger in some form,

and the story of the Pony Express is a

record of adventure. One of the famous

was Foote, rode from Seneca to Big Sandy,

fifty miles, and doubled his route twice

a week. Don C. Rising rade for a time be-

behind schedule time.

worth to Salt Lake City in 1857-8.

express from its eastern terminus, St. Jo-

ridden by George Thacher."

Reed's station, and Fort

burden, was thrown on, and the rider

represents one average dose of Peruna.

my general health is also excellent."

give it my personal endorsement.

For part of the distance he had as com panion B. F. Flicklin, general superintendent of the pioneer freighting firm of Russell, Majors & Waddell, Between these two men, both of whom saw the necessity for closer communication between Callforms and the east, grew the idea of what afterward culminated in the pony express. The senator made a fight in congress for

a quick mail route and the reduction of time in the sending of news to the Pacific coast, but the consuming interest in political affairs, which were to lead to civil war, prevented favorable legislation. The wanted fresh news from the east, but the south's interests demanded the prevention of legislation favorable to the routes north of Mason and Dixon's line, and the south was strong in congress. A Daring Business Venture.

"Notwithstanding that it was found impossible," remarks the author, "to obtain any subsidy from congress at that time for the purpose in view, in the winter of 850-60 Senator Gwin and several capitalists of New York and Mr. Russell of the over land transportation firm of Russell, Majors & Waddell met in Washington City and the result of that meeting was the real start of one of the most romantic and daring business ventures this country or any other country ever knew. That was the

"By that the time of transmitting news across the continent was reduced from twenty-one days to ten days. It is about 2,500 miles by our most direct rallway route from New York to San Francisco and it took seven days three hours and forty-five minutes actual time to cover the distance on our fastest express trains during the first years of railroad history. In 1859 re was not a mile of railroad west of the Missouri river. St. Joseph, Mo., was the western terminus of railway communistion and between that city and the young of the Golden Gate/there intervened but one city, Salt Lake, and 3,000 miles of wild uninhabited country, infested with warilke Indians. Through this uninviting region led the trails over which it was prosed to ride the flying ponies.

"In the spring of 1860 Boliver Roberts, the pony express, went to Carson City. In order to keep the weight at a miniby, to engage riders and station agents for the route across the great plains. In a few days fifty or sixty riders were engaged-men noted for their lithe, wiry physiques, bravery and coolness in monents of great personal danger and endurance under the most trying circumstances

of fatigue.

"Particularly were these requirements necessary in those who were to ride over the lonely route. It was no easy duty. Horse and human flesh were strained to the atmost of physical tension. Day or night, in sunshine or storm, under the darkest skies, in the pale moonlight and express, on April 3, 1860, at noon: with only the stars at times to guide him. the brave rider must speed on. Rain, hall, snow or sleet-there was no delay-his precious burden of letters demanded his the hazardous service; it brooked no deten- again and started for Piacerville, at the food and man. tion; on he must ride.

Sometimes his pathway led across level prairies, straight as the flight of an arrow, was oftener a zigzag trail, hugging the station, crossing the eastern summit of brink of awful precipices and dark, narrow convons infested with watchful savages, eager for the scalp of the daring man who had the temerity to enter their mountain

"The ponies employed in the service were splendid specimens of speed and endurance, They were fed and housed with the greateat care, for their mettle must never fail the test to which it was put. Ten miles distance at the limit of the animal's pace was exacted from him and he came dash-

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Theodore Raud's run was 110 miles, from entire distance at night. While the schedule was ten miles an hour, he generally averaged twelve miles. When he first twenty-five miles, but later he received a fresh horse every fifteen miles. Here is an account of a ride by Jim Moore, noted

"His route was from Midway station, half way between Fort Kearney and Cottonwood Springs, to Julesburg, a distance of 140 miles. Moore rode the round trip of 280 miles once a week. The stations were from ten to fourteen miles apart, and a or night the station men had the pony ready, so that the rider had only to dismount from one horse, saddle and mount the other, and with a dig of his spurs he was on a run again.

"A Little More Steel." "On each route there were two express riders, one going each way. As easy as it may seem to some a man to bestride horse after horse, for 140 miles, there were few men able to endure it. Upon the occasion of which I. speak, Moore's route partner had been ailing and Moore was anticipating and dreading that he might have to

made the trip to Julesburg in eleven hours. hours rest, but before he had time to dis- possible. a severe case of catarrh of the head and mount and stretch his cramped and tried muscles, the 'coyote yell' of the east-going ber of years, I am only too pleased to coffee, filled his pockets with cold meat, fensive, stomach bad, and my head stop-140-mile run. In order to be able to live the ped up so that I was usually troubled with a headache, and although I tried was in them, with the result that he armany so-called remedies, nothing gave me miles in twenty-two hours from the time place. aged with all medicines when Peruna he left there."-New York Evening Post.

SOME MOTTOES FOR HEALTH that was finished there was a marked Philadelphia Issues an Imposing and

Timely Bulletin for House-

hold Guidance. Again calling attention of the parents and caretakers of bables to its repeated warning against the fatal effects upon infants of the heated season the Department of Health and Charities of Philadelphia gives advice to the public on the importance of cleanliness and the disease dan-

gers lurking in dirt. tion, while his flanks thumped at every The bulletin says: "Clean water, clean food, clean houses, clean clothes, clean bodies keep us healthy. "Nearly 2,000 miles in eight days must "Clean water is obtainable by all by boilbe made and there was no idling for man ing drinking water in those districts a thing unknown. The signal crops is or beast. When the express rode up to the station both rider and pony were always ready. The only delay was a second or drawn.

leaped into his place, then away they on the part of the purchaser. rushed down the trail and in a momen "Clean clothes are within the reach of "The mail bags were two pouches of should be turned inside out and aired over

leather, impervious to rain, sealed and strapped to the rider's saddle before and "Clean bodies. To get the results, in adbehind. The pouches were never to condition to clean water, food, houses and tain over twenty pounds in weight. Inclothes, the body must also be kept clean. side the pouches, to further protect their The daily bath is the best treatment in the contents from the weather, the letters and

field of preventive medicine. dispatches were wrapped in oil silk and "The National Consumers' league has rethen sealed. The pockets themselves were cently issued a leaflet containing in part entire camp. This task wil be a huge one, locked and were not opened between St. the following information? which, if followed by the masses, must be productive of

Buy food at the cleanest stores only. limited to a revolver and a knife. The 'Buy only clean, fresh goods. riders received from \$120 to \$125 a month,

"Refuse to take food handled by dirty and among their number were skillful hands. Insist upon its being well wrapped. guides, scouts and couriers-men capable Paper bags are the best. of giving a good account of themselves 'Buy only purest candies. Is the candy when they met hostile savages and "road pure and clean that your children buy from

agents." The hazardous and important nature of the business demanded the serv-"Do not buy decayed food because it is ices of men of good habits, and the procheap. prietors of the pony express sought to "Do not buy bread and cake from dirty

have their employes observe a high stanbakers. Look into the baking rooms, if possible. Are they clean? "'Examine packages of cereals for Mr. Visscher tells of the start of the worms.

"Harry Roff, mounted on a plendid milk in clean, cold places, and are they base. covered? Does he keep his candles, figs. his perilous ride, covering the first twenty dates, berries, bread, etc., exposed to flies miles, including one change, in fifty-nine or dust from the street in shop and show best efforts under the stern necessities of mintes. On reaching Folsom he changed windows? Flies carry dirt and disease to

"'Are your grocer, butcher and baker cleanly in person? Are their clerks cleanly? five miles distant. There he connected with Do they keep their goods on the sidewalks? 'Boston,' who took the route to Friday's There is danger of disease in street dirt. "'Refuse to buy food sold in open buck-

ets which stand uncovered in the store day after day. Are the flour barrels covered? Is there any decaying matter in connection with the vegetables or fruit? "The law requires all food manufac-

turers to label their products truthfully. Read these labels carefully. They are your protection from fraud. Labels must tell summit of the Sierra Nevada through what is inside the can, box or bottle. If it is a compound it must be stated. Read the small print, as it is often more important from Fort Churchill to Smith's Creek, 120 than the large, Does the label tell the truth about the weight of the package? Don't buy foods containing artificial coicr-Smith's Creek to Ruby Valley, Utah, 116 ing matter. Don't buy foods containing miles. From Ruby Valley to Deep Creek, chemical preservatives." - Philadelphia H. Richardson, 165 miles. From Deep North American.

eighty miles; from Camp Floyd to Sait PUBLIC SPIRITED BUSINESS MEN Lake City, fifty miles-the end of the weatern division. . In all, 130 mHes, was Shining Examples of Generosity to Communities Which Made On the same day, April 3, and at the Them Rich.

William Barr, for many years a leading merchant in St. Louis, died recently in the the author, "after crossing the Missouri cast. He made a large fortune, and made river, lay a little southwest, until it it all in that city. By his will be returns struck the old military road, forty-four nearly all of it to St. Louis, the larger miles out, at Kennekuk; then it turned part to the Washington University, with a little northwesterly across the Kicka- handsome gifts to various charities. Benpoo Indian reservation, by way of Gren- jamin Rose, one of the richest merchants in Cleveland, died recently. He too, made that city. By his will he leaves five milions of that fortune to help crippled per-Liberty Farm, over prairies to Platte river and due west up that valley to sons and to better the condition of those

who have been unfortunate in that city. The examples set by these men ought to be followed by other rich men. This munificent disposition of their fortunes shows that they were possessed of strong local pride, and that they felt their careers were part of the history of the cities where they were passed. They recognized that the people of the cities helped them to amass their great wealth, and that it was their duty, and a grateful duty to return a handsome share of that wealth for the

general good. Mr. Barr and Mr. Rose did not look upon St. Louis and Cleveland merely as places in which to do business, but as communities which had given them the opportunities and had done a large part of the work in piling up their possessions. They proved themselves loyal and devoted citiriders was Melville Baught. Once he had sens, and acknowledged what their cities his pony stolen. He followed the thief to had done for them by doing something Loup creek, secured his pony, and rode in return. They had helped to make their back to Fort Kearney, where he found the cities, but the cities had belped to make mail pouch and finished his trip a little them-a view of municipal obligations not often taken by wealthy men.-Chicago Tri-

bune. By using the various departments of The Bee Want Ad pase you get best results tween Big Sandy and Fort Kearney. As a at small expense.

Box Elder to Julesburg. He covered the Eleven Thousand Men Will Visit Fort Riley in August,

went on the line he rode each animal MODERN EQUIPMENT THROUGHOUT

Militiamen of Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, South Dakota and Iowa Will Attend at Different Times.

FORT RILEY, Kan., August 1 .- (Special.)-The preparation of the big maneuver fresh horse. Spanish blood, was obtained and instruction camp on this reservation at each station. There was little delay in is being pushed every day in the week by these changes of horses, as the rider gave a large force of mechanics and laborers, the 'coyote yell' half a mile away, and day and at the present rate everything will be in readiness for the reception of the 11,000 odd officers and enlisted men, both regulars and national guardsmen, who will be assembled here next month

Major Thomas Cruse, quartermaster's department, ordered here from Boston, is in charge of this work, with First Lieutenant Gilbert C. Smith, Second cavalry and second Lieutenant Lewis Brown, fr. Seventh cavalry, as assistants.

About fifty corpenters are employed in the building of almost 300 bath houses and latrices. The cost of this work alone will aggregate in the neighbrhood of \$10,000. double the route. In this anticipation he An incinerator for the burning of refuse realized that there is a time limit to en- and garbage has been contracted for and durance, and therefore he gave the bron- will be in place before the troops put in chos a little more steel than usual and an appearance. Every precaution known to modern military science is being taken "Arriving at Julesburg, he had his fears to make the Immense camp as sanitary as

As there will be in the neighborhood of 5,000 animals in camp-horses and mules, rider was heard. He drank some cold their watering twice daily will be no small task. To facilitate this and in the interand was in the saddle again for another est of veterinary hygiene motal troughs have been contracted for to replace the route out, he sent his ponies for all there old wooden idea. A total of sixty-five. circular in shape, similar to a stock tank rived at Midway after having ridden 280 have been peccived and will be put in

To feed these animals will require about 2,000,000 pounds of hay, or 1,000 tons of hay, A gang of men is stacking up this hay in hugh piles ready for use, close by the field quartermaster's depot, which is located near the many side tracks where troops, horses and supplies will be detrained. It is at this point that Major Cruse has already established his headquarters and where a force of clerks is busy at all hours. A Union Pacific trainmaster from Kansas City has arrived on the scene, his head-

quarters have been established and from now until the close of the maneuvers he will direct the handling of the hundreds of cars, passenger, freight and stock. The entire plan of the camp has been arranged and as soon as troops arrive they will be assigned locations, supplies of all sorts will be issued and confusion will be

supplied with filtered water and keep- already running its field telephone lines ing it free from contamination after it is and as soon as the headquarters of the different organizations are established fol-"Clean food may be obtained as cheaply lowing their arrivals, telephones will be as an inferior quality by close observation installed and within a few minutes time they will be in communication with the headquarters of the commanding general. everyone. Colthes worn next to the skin The water system that has been in use for previous encampments, has been extended several hundred, to accommodate the increased number of troops to be assembled and there will be a standpipe for every company detachment and headquarters,

A new departure will be the establishing of field bakerles for the baking of bread which will be supplied on the ground to the and shifts will be running night and day to keep up the supply. Under the direction of the enlisted men of the state organizations will be instructed in baking and cooking in the field. Supplies, other than those furnished in the regular army ration, which, by the way, is very liberal, it having been changed for the better since May 1, will be sold at two large sales departments, under the direction of the commissary.

Each regiment will have a dispensary for the distribution of medicines and for the treatment of minor cases. A large division hospital will treat more serious cases. Those cases that require more careful attention will be cared for at the large "Does your grocer keep his butter and post hospital which will be considered as a

The engineer corps will arrive with a full pontoon train and the Kaw will be spanned by a bridge before the combined field man-

General Kerr's headguarters will be a camp in itself. It will be peopled by his staff which will include about twenty officers, a large force of umpires and observers and visiting officers. It is expected that several military attaches will be here at different periods.

All of the regular troops will arrive in camp, some by train and some by march- trash heap of a machine. ing on August 9. On August 10, the Kan-19. On August 20 the Oklahoma and Mis- years congressmen have been making his These troops will entrain for home August September 3.

left the post Saturday and Battery B left old, honest, futile speech. Monday, both going over the same route. turn journey, the batteries will go by way of Wymore and Marysville. The total he would be president some day. march will cover 255 miles.

regiment will march over the same route, arriving at Beatrice, September 19, where a stop of two days will be made. All of the organizations have some fast

ball teams, and as camp is generally a large fortune, and made it all in reached by noon or shortly after that hour, ball games will doubtless be played with the local teams along the line of march.

MAN'S LONG FAST Sixty-One Days Without Food and Still Persisting in Starving Himself.

Do you suppose you would be himgry if you hadn't had anything to eat for sixtytwo days? W. R. Trachsel, a pioneer druggist, who for years conducted the drug store at Elighteenth and Arapahoe streets, Denver,

is not, and it is sixty-two days since he

touched food. He really though he ought to eat a piece of toast this morning, but it did not taste good, so after consuming a slice about the size of a dollar, he told his wife he guessed he would go to the drug store and walked over to the Lawrence street

His fast is well authenticated and was not done for the purpose of notoriety. For years he has been a chronic sufferer from stomach trouble. His health falled so rapidly that several months ago he was obliged to sell his drug store and retire

Sixty-two days ago he started in to try fasting for a cure. The first week he took



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nothing but water. The second, third and fourth weeks he occasionally at night took teaspoonful of olive oil and the juice of half a lemon, but nothing more than this This continued until the forty-sixth day, with frequent intervals of three days, in which even the taste of oil and lemon were cut out.

Every day he rode downtown and spent an hour or two at the drug store. During this time he says his health constantly improved, although he gradually lost weight, He did not keep a daily or weekly record of this, but on the forty-sixth day he had ost about twenty or twenty-five pounds. Since then he has been picking up, and now considers that is a far better man physically than when he started in.

The forty-sixth day he tried to eat a slice of an onion with the lemon fuice spread on it, but it did not taste good. Since that time he has occasionally tried o break the fast by drinking water from boiled beef, but has never craved either this nourishment or solid food. He is not hungry and sees no reason why he cannot continue to live with office oil and lemon juice in teaspoonful meals for some time to come.-Denver Post.

NEW MEMBER'S FIRST SPEIL Congressman, Big at Home, Shrivels Up in Frigid Washington.

The article entitled "A Congressman's First Speech," by Congressman Murdock of Kansas, in the August American Magazine, is a great human document. It is a complete revelation of the means by which Speaker Cannon and the republican machine rule the house of representatives. It shows how the new country congressman, big at home, shrivels up into nothing wh he encounters frigid Washington.

Of a congressman's first speech Mr. Mur-

dock says, in part: "Then the new member makes his first speech. The desks whirl and rise into his face when he gains his feet, and he has the sensation that he is bellowing, and he soon discovers that he has three audiences. The nearest audience is the house itself, cold, critical and politely curious. The next is the audience in the gallery, and with this audience the orator seems to feel at moments in touch. Possibly these visitors, sightseers in the capitol mostly, believe in him. The third audience is a single reporter in the press gallery. The men of the press do not listen to first speeches, and presently this single reporter departs. The new member watches him go with a

esentment against all of his craft. "The orator looks back upon the house. Clearly he is not interesting its membership. He is speaking passionately for his folks out home, the folks who met him with brass bands, who had applauded his speeches, the folks who had believed in him, the folks who did not know that he had been dumped as negligible into the

"And as he continues there comes to him sas troops arrive and remain until August the impeaching sense that for a hundred souri contigents put in their appearance. speech; the Jefferson heard it in his day, and Clay and Webeter and Lincoln and 29. On September 1 the Iowa and South Blaine and McKinley in theirs. And he Dakota troops arrive and remain until catches a cynical smile on the face of an old member like Grosvenor of Ohio, a Batteries B and D of the Sixth Field ar- smile that means plainly that he, Grosveillery, are on a practice march with their nor, has heard the speech over and over objective point, Beatrice, Neb. Battery D again during his long service, the same

"The color has gone from the orator's On the northwest journey camps will be cheek, his hands are visibly shaking, his made at Hanover and O'Neill in Nebraska, voice is thin and in high treble-and then before their destination is reached. A stay somewhere back in his consciousness comes of two days will be made in Beatrice. The the concept of home-of the figure of an old daily average for the entire march will be woman in his neighborhood, a good old soul eighteen and a quarter miles. On the re- who met him occasionally on the street, patted him on the back and told him that comes. Through the bitterness and help-On September II, following the close of lessness and humiliation of it all, her the maneuvers, three batteries of the same kindly face smiles at him. And with returning color and deepening voice, the orator plunges ahead, pouring out his belief in the people, in his people, in their honesty and wisdom and patriotism above he honesty and wisdom and patriotism of any man or any set of men on God's footstool. "There is some applause when he con-

cludes. It is perfunctory. He knows that; but as he turns up the aisle to the cloakroom and hears one of the powerful chairmen call him a demagogue, he does not care."

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