

LOSES TOSS, DIES IN DEATH VALLEY

Illinois Man and Companion Stake Their Lives on Flip of Coin in the Desert

RATTLESNAKE KID WON BURRO

Son of a Rich Man Wagered His Existence with a Desert Rat, or Tramp in California's Grim Sinkhole of Death.

Greenwater, Cal.—David Eldridge, son of B. Eldridge, President of the National Sewing Machine and Bicycle Company of Belvidere, Ill., perished in Death Valley after having staked his life on the toss of a coin with a "desert rat" known as the "Rattlesnake Kid" when the two were lost in the arid desert.

The "Kid," who insists that he has no other name, and says that he has not slept under a roof for thirty years, reached Greenwater Monday in a delirious condition and told of the two men having tossed a coin to see which should take the burro and one of the five quarts of water. He won the burro and escaped. Searching parties immediately went out from here, but the wall of the Panamints, guarding the valley of the West, still holds the secret of the fate of the missing man. It is through this but-tress of rock that Eldridge must have made his way to Telescope Peak, and as no trace of him could be found in any of the passes leading out from the West, it is regarded as certain that he is lost.

The men went forty miles across Death Valley a month ago from Greenwater to Telescope Peak to investigate a proposed power site for the Brockington Company of Boston. On the return trip one of the burros gave out. The possession of the remaining beast was the issue upon which the two men staked their lives when they realized that both could not escape. They were 250 feet below sea level at the bottom of the valley when they separated.

Hollow-eyed and emaciated, the "Kid" gave an account of his adventure at Greenwater to-day. Although two days have passed since his return, he is still barely able to speak and told his story between long lapses into silence.

"We were lost down there," he said, "and the whole place looked like she was belched up out of the bottom of hell. Dave was so thirsty he couldn't talk. He could just squeak, and finally he could only whisper. One of the burros was gone. One night I lay face down on the sand and I felt Dave's boot against mine. 'Well, toss to see who gets the burro and one quart of water,' he whimpers. I got upon all fours, and he watched me throw it up. 'Heads,' I say, 'and she come heads.' We split up the water and I crawl on the burro. I got out but I had to walk most of the next day. There was always a lot of steam and mist down there at night, and I could see Dave following me away and then I lost him."

COMET'S SWEEP ACROSS SKY.

Astronomer Corrects Calculations on Neighbor.

Providence, R. I.—Frank E. Seagrave, the Providence astronomer, whose calculations relative to Halley's comet have attracted world-wide attention, announces that the correction of a slight error in his calculations has developed the discovery that on May 19, 1910, the comet will reach the same plane as the earth in its orbit.

It is thereby determined that the tail of the comet will sweep across this plane instead of clearing it. The earth and comet will meet on the same plane, but not on the same path. There will be a distance at the nearest point of 13,000,000 miles between the two.

Mr. Seagrave said the earth would not be endangered, but that it will be swept by "star dust" similar to the display of June 30, 1861, when the tail of the comet of 1861 caused some apprehension among the superstitious shortly after the beginning of the Civil War.

CHIEF BANISHES BRANDY.

Head of Chicago Police Substitutes Ammonia for Ambulance Emergencies. Chicago.—An order was issued by Chief of Police Steward decreeing that henceforth ambulances and patrol wagons shall carry spirits of ammonia for reviving victims of accidents, instead of brandy.

"I think the ammonia will last longer than the brandy," explained Chief Steward, with the flicker of a smile. "The brandy is sometimes gone by the time an ambulance crew reaches its destination. Also, ammonia is cheaper and just as effective."

Reasons for Names Given Calves. Washington, N. J.—Edward J. Vosler's farm near here has been visited within the last six days by thousands of people who have heard that on Wednesday one of his Holstein cows gave birth to triplet calves. They are sturdy little youngsters and bid fair to thrive. Mr. Vosler has named the calves Cook, Peary and Bryan. One of them is always first to dinner, the other is invariably second, and the third is sure to be left if somebody does not help him.

COUNTY OF A THOUSAND KEYS.

Made Up of Groups of Islands and South End of the United States. Monroe County is the most unique county in Florida, if not in the United States. The larger portion of the county is made up of a group of islands, or, as they are called, keys, both on the east and west coasts. The only part of Monroe County on the mainland is the Cape Sable country, the extreme south end of the United States on the mainland.

The larger portion of this land is what is known as the Everglades, and but a limited number of acres are now under cultivation. What effect the proposed drainage of the Everglades will have in Monroe County is not known, but it is doubtful if any large areas will be drained because of the flatness of the country and being so near sea level. In the vicinity of Cape Sable there are large bodies of rich alluvial land and a considerable quantity has been under cultivation for several years past.

All kinds of tropical and semi-tropical fruit trees grow luxuriantly on the keys and bear full crops of fruit each year. Every key is surrounded with water and the great portion of them have clean white sand beaches with bluffs varying in height above high water mark. All of these building sites are in full view of either the ocean, gulf or bays.

Man 6,000 Years Old.

At a recent meeting of scientists in Dublin Prof. G. Elliott Smith, the Egyptologist, said that the earliest known human remains found in the Nile valley, when compared with those of later times, demonstrated the fact that at a very remote period Egypt and Nubia were inhabited by the same race, which had persisted in Egypt with little or no change in physical characteristics throughout the intervening 6,000 years until the present day. They had been and still were a small people, the average height of the men being about five feet three inches at every period of their history.

Their hair was very dark brown or black, usually wavy, but not "woolly" or in any sense negroid; their heads were long and narrow, usually ovoid or pentagonal or "coffin-shaped," as the result of a frequent pressure of a protuberant occiput. On the whole, they shared those characteristics which distinguished the majority of the peoples fringing the Mediterranean.

As would be expected in a group of people that had lived from the dawn of history on the fringe of the negro territory, there was some slight evidence of an infusion of black blood, but this was very small in amount.

Wickedness of Clothes.

There is a great truth underlying the fact which the governor of Uganda has just proclaimed, namely, that the more clothes the *Sakasid* women wear the less moral they are. Among all the unclothed Nilotic tribes, he says, a notable degree of morality exists; whereas those who have always been greatly addicted to wearing apparel are of notoriously lax habits. It is the same everywhere. Clothes, of course, have their uses in such weather, as we are enduring here and now, but who has not envied and admired the wisdom of Walt Whitman, who in summer days was wont to assume the sartorial economy of Nebuchadnezzar when he ran at grass and march along in his neighboring wood in unity with nature?

Physical Prowess of Outfit.

The city man wonders at the weight his Maine or New Brunswick guide will carry. The "pieces" of the fur trade, whether of furs or supplies, was about ninety pounds in weight. The man who could not pack three "pieces" on his tump line over the average portage ranked low around the campfire. A Chippewa has been known to carry a barrel of pork two miles, with frequent rests, of course; and one smilingly led a 160-pound man that he could carry him five miles over a logging trail and not get him down once. Some of these men would pack 300 pounds, and it is said sometimes 500, but they were unusually powerful men and working under keen rivalry—the only rivalry which could bring any honor in their country—that of physical prowess.

The French Postoffice.

The French postal system was inaugurated in the reign of Louis XI, but the first director general was appointed by Louis XIV. He summed the office, paying 1,000,000 francs a year for the privilege. This method continued until the revolution, when the farmer was abolished and the control was given to ten managers elected by universal suffrage. That plan did not work very satisfactorily and the office of director-general was revived under the consulate. The office of under secretary for posts and telegraphs, held by M. Simy, was first created in 1877, abolished in 1878, and revived again ten years later.

British Terminal Unit.

"British Terminal Unit" is used in measuring the quantity of coal, after analyzing the composition of sulphur, hydrogen and other elements contained. The unit is used by many local experts.

Parson (visiting prison)—Why are you here, my misguided friend? Prisoner—I'm the victim of the unlucky No. 13. Parson—Indeed! How's that? Prisoner—Twelve jurors and one judge.

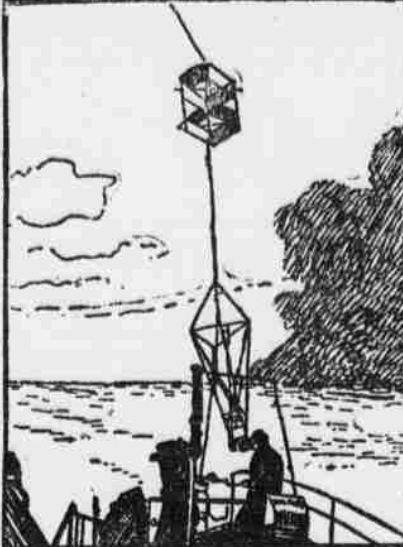
The etymology of *rogue* is uncertain. Some persons assert that the term owes its origin to one John Rogan, a leader of a gang of thieves.

USE FOR CAMERA IN WAR

New Invention Which Discovers Secrets of Forts and Army Movements Creating Excitement.

Washington, D. C.—During these days of unsettled political conditions among the European nations, all new inventions, which may be useful in war, are awaited with an eagerness only equaled by the undercurrent of distrust and suspicion that prevails everywhere. The latest invention makes it possible to take photographs in the air at heights varying from 150 to 400 yards.

Military Europe is excited over the experiment in aerial photography that



French Army's Aerial Photographic Apparatus.

The French minister of the marine, M. Alfred Picard, has been making off the coast of Morocco. Capt. Saconney has been working for months past to develop a machine that would produce a clear and detailed view of a country, its forts, encampments and general outlines. The results have gone beyond all expectations. A photograph of Casa Blanca has been taken by this wonderful camera at an altitude of 400 yards and three miles from shore.

In structure this machine resembles an enormous box kite. To it is attached a cable by which the apparatus can be made to ascend or descend at the will of the operator. When the desired height is attained the film can be accurately taken and the snap worked from below. The whole photographic outfit is so simple that it can be placed on the deck of a boat, and worked at sea with satisfactory results as from the land. The importance of these pictorial documents in time of war is obvious. By the aid of these aerial photographs the enemy can fix with precision the exact disposition of the opposing forces, while their entrenchments and forts no longer will be a safeguard.

WATER VAPOR FOUND ON MARS.

Discovered by the Astronomical Expedition to Mount Whitney.

San Francisco.—According to a statement made by Professor W. W. Campbell, director of Lick Observatory, the recent astronomical expedition which has just returned from Mount Whitney brought back proof that water vapor exists on Mars. The scientists have in their possession, as the result of the pictures which they took from the summit of the mountains, definite proof that the planet Mars is capable of supporting sentient beings. Professor Campbell made the following statement:

"We are now in a position to issue the strongest statement that has ever been given out as to the existence of water vapor on Mars. If it is found that the water vapor is sufficient to be detected under the most favorable conditions it will be evidence along the line of establishing that the conditions on Mars are favorable to life. It will not be proof, however, that life exists on Mars."

The negatives made by the astronomers will be developed at once.

LOST WILL IN SECRET DRAWER.

Securities and Insurance Papers of Buford Halsey in Old Bureau. Elizabeth, N. J.—Harris Reibel, a dealer in second-hand furniture, of 861 Elizabeth avenue, while going over an old-fashioned bureau which he bought a few days ago from Mrs. John R. Halsey, widow of John R. Halsey, who killed himself in July, came upon a secret compartment, which he found filled with papers.

Mr. Halsey was a wealthy man and a devotee of the "annual bath" cult, and that, though worth \$50,000, he provided a ten-cent pie and a box of biscuits for their first meal on arriving from New York after their marriage. Mrs. Henrietta Newman filed to-day suit for a limited divorce from Mayer B. Newman.

Kansas City, Mo.—James Marshall was arrested on a charge of gambling. Here is the evidence. James who had a pair of dice and a ten-cent piece, was standing on a street corner. According to the patrolman who arrested him he was not gambling, but looked as if he was mighty wild.

YILDIZ KIOSK OPEN.

Young Turks Raise Money by Showing Abdul Hamid's Gardens.

Yildiz Kiosk, it is reported, is to be thrown open to the public and inspected at a fixed charge by the profane vulgar, whom Abdul Hamid, like Horace, appears to have hated and shunned. Yildiz Kiosk was preferred by the late Sultan to any of his palaces on the Bosphorus, possibly because of its greater seclusion.

According to some the place was such an object of mystery and dread that the Turkish boatmen when passing near it avoided looking at it, and truly, says the Queen, the unveiling of Yildiz Kiosk is something like the unveiling of Lhasa.

The Young Turks' administrative committee, very rightly desirous of turning an honest penny, has decided that admission to the park shall cost 1s., to the harem gardens 2s. and to the kiosk of the "Red Sultan 4s., and that a trip round the lake in a caique or motor launch should be 1s.

The park of Yildiz Kiosk is very extensive, and during the late Sultan's residence was full of deer and goats besides numbers of birds.

Too Much for Him.

"I say, Gaddersby," said Mr. Smith, as he came into the fishmonger's with a lot of tackle in his hand, "I want you to give me some fish to take home with me. Put them up to look as if they had been caught to-day, will you?"

"Certainly, sir," said the fishmonger. "How many?"

"Oh, you had better give me three or four barrel. Make it look decent in quantity without appearing to exaggerate, you know."

"Yes, sir. But you'd better take salmon, hadn't you?"

"Why? What makes you think that?"

"Oh, nothing, except that your wife was down early this afternoon and said if you dropped in with your fishing tackle and a general woe-begone look you should take salmon, if possible, as she liked that kind better than any other."

Mr. Smith took the salmon.—Tit-Bits.

People's Workshops in Vienna.

Under the patronage of the Emperor there will shortly be opened in Vienna an imposing block of buildings forming a kind of composite people's workshops and model dwellings. The object of the undertaking is to help the large number of artisans working at home by providing them with well-ventilated and well-equipped workshops, instead of the meager and unhealthy quarters of their own homes. The new building has cost more than \$500,000, and comprises about 80 workshops, large and small, and 120 apartments. The workshops are equipped with every appliance needed for home-working trades, and special attention has been paid to sanitary requirements. The rents are fixed as low as possible.

Wood Used for Putty.

A refinement in yacht construction, introduced last year by Fife in the construction of Shamrock, consists in the substitution of a thin slip of wood, known as a "slip feather," for putty, in stopping the seams after they have been caulked. The "feather" is covered with a very tenacious glue, driven hard home into the seams and left to dry. After the sides are planed off a remarkably smooth surface is obtained, the skin of the vessel being to all intents and purposes in one piece. This method has the further advantage that there is no caulking to work out when the vessel is being heavily strained.—Scientific American.

Nursed by a Wolf.

Romulus and Remus, the founders of Rome, were said to have been nursed by a wolf.

Cast Figure No. 599 in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, representing a wolf suckling two human infants, has the following significance:

Romulus and Remus, the mythical founders of Rome, were said to be in a cradle by their granduncle, Amulius, and cast into the Tiber. At the foot of the Palatine the cradle was stranded, and the infants saved from death by a she-wolf, who carried them to her den and suckled them.

One On Grandma.

Jimmie sat on the chopping-block, reflectively twiddling his fingers. Should he go fishing or play ball? His grandmother called from the open window: "Jimmie, don't you know 'Satan finds mischief still for idle hands to do'? Bring in a basket of chips."

Reginald Jimmie, with a twinkle: "That ain't no mischief."

Wanted a Pusher.

"What did the new neighbors come to borrow now?"

"They wanted the lawn mower."

"Is that all?"

"That was all they spoke about, but I think from the way they stood around they would like to have borrowed my husband to run it."

Derivation of Garnet.

The precious stone garnet is supposed to derive its name from the Latin granatus (having seeds of grain), and is so called from its resemblance in form and color to the seeds of grain of the pomegranate.

Peccatority About Hot Springs.

The distribution of hot springs in the United States coincides very closely with that of the mountain uplifts.

The New York Subway has made total darkness also a condition of employment.

BUGPROOF POTATO FOUND.

Bay State Preacher Claims to Have Banished Pest.

Montague, Mass.—The Rev. Amos N. Somers, a Unitarian minister here, stated that he has succeeded in growing a "bug-proof" potato. He said: "The vines of my potatoes have a peculiar odor, which is offensive to the potato bug, for it never goes near them. I have taken bugs from plants of the usual type in the next row in my potato patch, and put them in my new vines, and in half an hour I can't find one."

Chines Advertising.

A local newspaper contains the following advertisement of a local manufacturer: "At the shop of Tae Shing ('Prosperous in the extreme'), very good ink. Fine! fine! Ancient shop, great-grandfather, grandfather, father; very hard; picked with care, selected self made ink. Fine and hard, with attention. This ink is heavy; so is gold. The eyes of the dragon glitter and dazzle; so does this ink. No one makes like it."—Shanghai Courier.

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