

## PRESIDENT'S SON IS ALIVE AT 100

BORN ON FOURTH OF JULY, AND HAS HOME ON FLORIDA HOUSEBOAT

OFTEN ROWS A HUNDRED MILES

Life Secret of Health is to Keep Out Doors in Skyscraper or Tent

Jacksonville, Fla.—Living quietly and happily in a little houseboat here in the 100 year old son of one of the first presidents of the United States. He is Maj. Edward James Monroe, last living son of President James Monroe, who celebrated his centennial on the Fourth of July.

It is a source of pride to the old man, equaled only by his pride in his continued physical and mental vigor, that his birthday is one the same day as that of the nation of which his father was fifth president.

A century of life, most of it strenuous, finds the major strong and active. He likes a good walk or an hour or so at the oars, and still reads without glasses. He believes that the way he has lived has something to do with the prolongation of his years. Here are a few of his rules:

Live in the open air. Forty second story of a skyscraper is fine if you have one hand; if not, get a tent.

Bathe often and go on the water a great deal. A little row of 100 miles or so will help the circulation.

Eat plain foods; don't mix too many of them and don't eat too much, especially in summer. Two meals a day are enough.

Nine hours sleep and—don't worry. The major's houseboat has been rigged up clear of high tide, and is covered with evergreen vines. One has to stoop to enter, but the interior is cozy and flooded with light, for there are windows on all sides.

Around the walls are rows of papers and books and pictures.

"Ponce de Leon had the wrong idea," the major said. "The Fountain of Youth is everywhere. People just live wrong. You make your own fountain of youth. I'm just 99 now; see?"

The major pulled up his sleeve, showing a browned arm and knotted muscle, as hard as the pavement.

"Feel that, and say whether or not I have discovered the fountain which the old Spaniard hunted everywhere."

"Why, I'm as strong as I ever was. I walk and swim and row my skiff. Yes, I row that little boat hundreds of miles every year. Frequently I row to Mayport and back—that's 50 miles—and we often go camping for weeks at a time—me and the other boys."

He emphasized the last two words. "Sometimes I can't help letting go, and then all my memories get the better of me. But I always manage to come out the better man. I just say, 'Looky here, old boy, come out of that,' and then I go out and work my little flower garden. Flowers are a big help when you feel your troubles weighing heavy."

The major says he remembers little of his father and mother. His mother died when he was very young and he was taken by his foster mother, Lady Leaton, to England, where he lived until he was 13 years old. Then he ran away. He stowed aboard a ship and when discovered was put to work as a cabin boy, and there he stayed until he had seen much of the ports of the world. Then he ran away again, and was a soldier of fortune, following the war.

Property and money came easy; he had that knack. But they went easily, too, and today his dearest possessions are his pictures of Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, under whom he fought during the Civil War, and theattered Confederate flag which all ways flies from the staff above his houseboat. These and his Confederate cross of honor, are his most cherished possessions.

HER FIANCEE'S SHOES STOLEN

Fort Smith Woman Gets Marriage License When Man Will Not

Van Buren, Ark.—When Prince McLaughlin, 63 years old, found himself without shoes he was not inclined to go to the courthouse to obtain license to marry Emma Sylvia, 45. So the woman took it upon herself to get the license and succeeded after overcoming a second obstacle. She explained to the license clerk that relatives of her fiancé had stolen his shoes in an effort to prevent their marriage. The two live at Fort Smith.

Her brother-in-law, who had accompanied her to the clerk's office, refused to sign the required bond for the authorization to marry. It took her some time, but she finally found a surety.

UNDRESSED BY LIGHTNING

Iowa Youth is Struck While riding on Load of Hay

Muscatine, Iowa.—Stripped of his clothing by a bolt of lightning, Harold Hawkins, 20 years old, of Coles, Iowa, was picked up unconscious during a severe electrical storm. The lightning struck him as he was riding along a country road on the load of hay. His clothing was torn to shreds and his left side burned. From his shoes was removed from one foot.

## SCIENTIST PLANS AN APE COLONY

IT WILL FOLLOW DREAM OF FICTION, WRITER AND FIRST STEPS WERE HALTED BY WAR

WILL INVESTIGATE CERTAIN DISEASES

Will Be of Great Value in Research Work About the Various Diseases

Boston—"Not to go on all fours; that is the law. Are we not men?"

Thus began the litany of the near-men that Dr. Moreau made from gorillas, swine, leopards, wolves and other animals, on an island in the Pacific Ocean.

He put into them brains equal to those of the lower humans, taught them to talk and to walk upright. But always there was a tendency to revert to the animal plane.

So he taught them this litany, these rules of conduct, that they might, by constant reiteration, keep their minds in such condition that they would retain the spark of humanity that he had placed in them.

"Not to suck up drink; that is the law. Are we not men?"

"Not to claw the bark of trees; that is the law. Are we not men?"

"Not to eat flesh or fish; that is the law. Are we not men?"

"Not to chase other men; that is the law. Are we not men?"

But the tendency to revert became supermost, and the beast men became beasts.

Of course, there never was a Dr. Moreau, and he never conducted such experiments in vivisection. The whole is a product of the vivid imagination of H. G. Wells, and is presented in his highly fantastic story, "The Island of Dr. Moreau."

But this, as have others of Wells' wild fancies, is in a fair way of becoming a reality. If the plans of Dr. Jules Goldschmidt, member of the assembly of the Pasteur Institute, Paris, come to a fruition, there will, in the near future be just this sort of tropical island, peopled by the higher species of apes and by investigating physicians.

And such a plan for investigation, Dr. F. B. Mallory of the faculty of the Harvard Medical School, who has discovered the germ of scarlet fever, has used monkeys in his research work, told a reporter, will undoubtedly contribute much of great value to the medical profession.

"You must understand," said the doctor, "that there are certain diseases which are peculiar to human beings. Cows have smaller of the same as do humans, only we call it cowpox in the animal, and this gives us an animal upon which to experiment in controlling the disease."

"How successful these experiments have been is shown by the success with which the disease is combatted by the use of vaccine. The same is true of rabies, peculiar to both men and dogs. But there are a great many diseases which fix upon man alone."

"It has been proved that the higher species of ape can be inoculated with certain, and probably all, of these diseases. But again investigators come up against the fact that these animals will not live for any great length of time when taken from their tropical haunts. They quickly fall victims of tuberculosis and other ailments."

HEN LAYS IMAGINARY EGGS

Owner of Georgia Fowl Blips Real Eggs Under Her and Gets Results

Perry, Ga.—A white Plymouth Rock hen owned by Mrs. F. M. Culler, who lives a half mile from here, is a model of false pretense. She has gone through the motions of laying for some weeks and has hatched a splendid brood of chicks, yet never has laid an egg.

Early last spring the hen invaded a box on the rear porch of the Culler home and daily for about two weeks remained on her imaginary nest for a few minutes, then strutted out into the yard with loud cackling. Search failed to reveal an egg on any of these occasions.

Then her henship settled upon the nest as if she would turn out a yard full of chicks. By this time Mrs. Culler had designed to get at least some good from the imaginative hen and quietly slipped a lot of eggs under her. In due course there came forth a splendid hatch, which was mothered in approved style.

Now the hen is going thru the make believe laying again.

DOG SAVES HIS MASTER'S LIFE

Holds Enraged Bull at Bay Until Help Arrives

Lebanon, Kan.—After an enraged bull, that Bert Jackson had been leading had tossed him over a fifteen foot embankment his faithful dog kept the bull at bay, and by its barking attracted the attention of neighbors, thereby saving the farmer's life. Jackson was unconscious when found and several of his ribs were broken.

## ELOPERS FIGURE IN DIVORCE SUITS

Figures Compiled of Those Who Go to Jeffersonville, Ind. to Wed

Louisville, Ky.—Divorce proceedings follow about half the couples from this county who slip away to be married in Jeffersonville, Ind., across the Ohio river from this city. Only about 10 per cent of the couples residing in this county who marry here find their way to the divorce court. This is given as one of the discoveries from an inquiry into the question of marriage and divorce conducted by the Men's Federation of Louisville.

The approximate number of licenses issued in Jeffersonville each year is put by the federation at 2000. Of these the women named in 1050 of them are residents of this county and 450 live in other parts of Kentucky. Of the approximately 2000 licenses issued annually in this county 60 per cent name women residents in this county, 20 per cent live in other counties of this state and the balance in various states.

The Men's Federation points out that the Indiana law permits a girl of 18 to marry without the consent of parents or guardian, while in Kentucky this cannot be done until she is 21 years old.

"Another contributing cause," the federation says, "is the desire in many instances on the part of couples of all ages to keep the marriage a secret; and furthermore for some reason or other, through the years there has come to be attached to the idea of going to Jeffersonville, Ind., to be married a sort of romance and many couples particularly from Jefferson county, Ky., go to Jeffersonville to be married for no other reason than on account of the romantic feature that is attached to such a marriage."

"The runaway marriages are often conceived on the spur of the moment and are consummated without the slightest consideration of the seriousness of the step which is being taken. Furthermore, it is often true in such cases that the parties are not in a condition, financially or otherwise to take upon themselves the cares and responsibilities of married life."

One of the conclusions reached is that "if the marriage is opposed by the parents of the female there is, generally speaking, some good reason therefor, and this reason may be the explanation for the ensuing divorce."

## ENGAGEMENT BY MAIL FAILS

Each Had Sent Picture of Movie Star to Other and Both are Disappointed

Hagerstown, Md.—Meeting here as a convenient point in preparation for a business trip to the east. Then he paid her hotel bill along with his own and sent her a telegram expressing regret and promising to see her in the fall. To the hotel clerk Benjamin is said to have confided that Miss Gulbranson and the photograph that had attracted him to Hagerstown "didn't fit" at all and that he wasn't going to marry her.

Miss Gulbranson did not feel obliged to him in the least for paying her hotel bill, as she had plenty of money for all her expenses. "No wonder I did not recognize him," she said, "for it was a picture of a 'matinee idol' he sent me. But it was a case of fifty-fifty," she added with a smile.

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