

### CAPTURING WILD HORSES.

Hundreds of Beautiful Animals Run Wild in California.

(Los Angeles Times.)

A well-proportioned, well groomed race horse is a thing of beauty. The finely arched neck, the glossy coat and slender, symmetrical legs form a picture pleasing to the eye, and when in action he never fails to create the most intense enthusiasm. Possessing all the beauty and speed of the professional thoroughbred, and far surpassing him in his powers of endurance, are the wild horses which roam the plains of Arizona and New Mexico or the rugged hills of Nevada. Their life is one of freedom, subject only to the will of nature, which may surround them with plentiful forage, or, in a mood of displeasure, cast their lot amid dried-up springs or barren pasturage. And these creatures know how to value their freedom. Possessed of the utmost keenness, both of sight and scent, they take flight at the first suspicion of danger, and with a fleetness and surefootedness which are the result of their nomadic life they pass swiftly out of the danger zone.

These untamed horses roam about in bands, led by a big stallion who acts as their leader, directing their movements in time of flight and watching over them during their quieter periods. They choose those sections of the county which are irregular and broken, yet are accessible to the water holes and meadows. The agility with which they ascend the most precipitous slopes is astonishing. Every faculty which they possess is trained to act quickly and surely. They can scent danger at a long distance and their sight is perfect. The hoofs which know not the feel of iron shoes carry them safely over the most treacherous ground, and they are as difficult to approach as the czar of Russia.

In our own State of California we have bands of these wild horses, as instanced by a recent round-up of them on the Modoc National Forest by the forest rangers in co-operation with local stockmen. It is estimated that there are more than 400 wild horses in this forest, and in order to get rid of them a rodeo was organized and plans were made to capture as many as possible. The result of a four days' hunt was the capture of more than fifty head, of which about half proved to be branded stock which had grown wild, those remaining being horses who had never known the ownership of man. The horses which bore brands were turned over to their owners, and the others were sold to pay the cost of the rodeo.

One of the favorite plans for capturing wild horses at water holes is to almost surround the place by a barricade so prepared as to look as natural as possible. An opening is left for the animals to enter, and when thus corralled, the opening is closed before they can escape. To successfully carry out this scheme requires the most careful preparation and skill and a variety of precautions must be observed to warrant success. Under no circumstances should the animals feel that a trap has been laid for them, and the natural appearance of the scene must be preserved as much as possible. Of course, the human element enters this scheme in the person of the man who must close the opening of the corral after the horses have entered, and this requires not only skill in its performance, but what is more important, some plan must be devised for destroying his scent, which would act as a warning to the animals. If the spring is the only source of water supply around there, recourse is had to nature, and the hunters patiently wait until thirst has overcome the scruples of the horses and they enter in spite of their fears. If nature cannot be relied upon to assist, craft is pitted against suspicion and the whereabouts of the watchers is disguised by some such device as this: A pit is dug near the entrance large enough to hide two men and then covered up with earth and boughs to give it a natural appearance. Within this pit the watchers take their position to await the coming of the horses. This device prevents the exact whereabouts of the men being scented by the animals, and has often resulted in allaying their suspicions, and they will enter the enclosure when they would have refused had the men been concealed above ground.

One of the most frequent methods of catching wild horses, and the one pursued on the Modoc forest is to have sufficient riders scattered along the route of the fleeing horses, and by running them at breakneck speed, with frequent relays, wear out the wild horses and thus easily secure their capture. When the band is sighted, one rider will show himself at a point designed to cause the fleeing animals to take a particular course, and by his actions and cries

### ORDERED SON TO KILL MAN.

Youth Procured Shotgun and Took Life of Brother-in-Law.

Bristol, Tenn., Dec. 31.—Arthur Howard, 27 years old, and a former special officer, was shot to death by his brother-in-law, Rupert Caletton, in the presence of the latter's father late Wednesday afternoon. The tragedy grew out of the trouble between Howard and his mother-in-law, who is the mother of Rupert Caletton. It seems that Howard went to the home of his father-in-law. The latter met and told him not to come inside the yard. He did not heed this warning, but started in, when the elder Caletton is said to have shouted to his son, who is only 18, to kill Howard. The son ran into the house and came out with a double-barrel shotgun. He promptly emptied both barrels into Howard's head, killing him instantly.

The latter's father appeared on the scene about this time and was shot at several times by the Calettons, but escaped unhurt. About a month ago Howard was under criminal prosecution by the Calettons for abuse of Mrs. Caletton, and the tragedy is thought to have grown out of this trouble.

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### Dr. Jameson Refuses to Leave Mercer

Atlanta, Dec. 30.—In a letter received by Dr. John E. White, president of the Baptist State Board of Education, Dr. S. Y. Jameson, president of Mercer University, refused to accept the position of secretary of the board. Dr. Jameson based his refusal upon the ground that he could not leave Mercer at the present time. Dr. Jameson was unanimously elected to this office at a recent meeting of the board held in Atlanta, and it was thought at that time that he would accept. It seems that after careful consideration he came to the conclusion that his duty lay at Mercer, and hence this recent decision.

cause them to be thoroughly frightened, when the horse on which the first rider starts begins to feel the terrible pace at which the race is maintained, another rider relieves him, from a point where he has been in hiding, and so the chase is continued until the wild horses are either captured or manage to escape, through native cleverness. This method is resorted to more frequently during the winter months, when the ground is hard and the horses' hoofs are easily worn down, rendering them tender.

Another method for capturing these horses is to walk them down. This is done by starting in pursuit of a band on a horse capable of great endurance. At the first sight of the horseman the band will take flight, and, instead of giving rapid chase, the hunter follows them at a fast walk, keeping always in the direction of the fleeing horses. By this steady progress it will not be long before he sights them again and by pursuing them constantly, and by causing them to exhaust themselves by rapid flights, allowing but little time for food and rest, they will, in the course of several days, be worn out and easily captured.

A clever method of capture is to use a bunch of gentle horses as a decoy. These horses are driven to the locality frequented by the wild ones and are allowed to graze quietly, watched over by several of the men, who are in hiding. Other members of the party are sent out to scout for the animals, and, when found, to cause them to run toward the tame ones. By hedging the band of wild mustangs and gradually forcing them nearer and nearer to the grazing horses, they are eventually merged with the latter and can thus be driven off to a corral.

Occasionally they are captured by being lassoed, but the success of this plan depends entirely upon the speed of the pursuing horse and the skill of the rider. If he can outrun his quarry, or can approach near enough to use his rope, well and good; otherwise he will have his ride for nothing. The disadvantage of this plan lies in the fact that only one horse can thus be captured at a time. Even if the rider succeeds in roping the animal it will often seriously injure itself in the fall. In fact, a large proportion of wild horses captured are lost through serious injury, for many animals will fatally maim themselves in their efforts to escape, rather than submit to capture.

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### GOES BEFORE HIGHER COURT.

Accused Head of Phenix Insurance Company Dies.

Greenwich, Conn., Dec. 25.—Geo. P. Sheldon, the deposed president of the Phenix (Fire) Insurance Company, of Brooklyn, under indictment for grand larceny in connection with financial irregularities in the company recently exposed by the State insurance department of New York, died at his home here to-day.

Mr. Sheldon died ignorant of the fact that detectives were waiting with extradition papers, ready to take him to New York for trial in the event of his recovery. At the time the affairs of the company were arraigned in a statement by the New York insurance department Sheldon lay critically ill of ptomaine poisoning, and in view of his condition, details of the investigation and news of his indictment were withheld from him. He never rallied, however, and his death occurred to-day.

Sheldon had been president of the Phenix Insurance Company for 21 years prior to his removal. The report of the State insurance commissioner to the attorney general declared that the company had for years evaded an official investigation at the dictation of Sheldon, and that by consent of the directors he had pledged the securities of the company for loans. Sums aggregating \$250,000 had been loaned. It was charged, to former officers of the State insurance department. Sheldon, it was further alleged, had overdrawn his own salary, and had used the company's funds in speculation. Sheldon was born in New York 62 years ago.

### Inquiry Will Go On.

New York, Dec. 27.—George P. Sheldon's death may cause a hitch in the proceedings which have been instituted to recover money that he is alleged to have overdrawn on his salary account as president of the Phenix Fire Insurance Company. The inquiry into the affairs of the company will continue, however. The books of the Atlanta and Chicago offices are yet to be examined.

### Pneumonia Follows a Cold,

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### MINER KILLS THREE AND SELFS.

Tragedy Took Place at Pittsburg, a Kentucky Mining Village.

London, Ky., Dec. 23.—A triple murder and suicide occurred at Pittsburg, a mining village in this county, late yesterday, when William Murray, a miner, 35 years old, shot and killed Elbert Cole, Mrs. Murray, wife of the slayer, and Mrs. Murray's mother, and then turned the weapon upon himself, inflicting a wound which resulted in death. Family estrangement, said to have been due to Murray's objections to the alleged attentions of Cole toward Mrs. Murray, is given as the cause of Murray's act.

### IN MEMORIAM.

Mrs. J. W. Harrison.

Our hearts are warm as we recall, Dear friend of other days, How thou didst enter into all That led us to give praise; How quick and keen thy sympathy In all that gave us pain; How often and how readily Thy loss was made our gain.

And though as Christmas comes once more,

A fresh sense of loss Pierces the hearts already sore By reason of their cross, Yet we are glad for thy release, And rich in memory, And look in heaven's fadeless peace Again thy face to see.

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Christmas, 1909.

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### NEWLY-DISCOVERED GAS.

Flashing Aurora Borealis Caused by Gas Styled "Neon."

Neon, a newly-discovered gas, is the cause of the aurora borealis, according to a statement made by Dr. W. L. Dudley, head of the department of chemistry at Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tenn., before the division of physical and inorganic chemists in session in Boston last week.

Dr. Dudley showed what he claimed to be the only sample of neon in this country. It requires over 100 tons of air to get a pint of neon. Dr. Dudley has discovered that the friction of neon against mercury in a Crooke's tube produces a yellow light, and when held near a wireless coil, hertzian waves illuminate the gas.

Dr. Dudley's conclusions are that at the magnetic poles of the earth, neon, under high pressure because of the cold, is acted upon by magnetic currents, thus producing the aurora borealis, a phenomenon that has always puzzled scientists.

### Important Farmers' Meeting.

Dr. S. A. Knapp, head of the farmers' co-operative farm demonstration work, has called meetings in several Southern States to discuss problems of the farm. The meeting in this State will be held in Greenville on January 12th. Dr. Knapp is making every effort to secure a large attendance, and is trying to have a meeting at the same time of the State agents of farm demonstration work and all active workers in South Carolina.

There will be addresses on farm conditions, problems and needs and advancement of ideas for the farm for the improvement of agriculture generally.

### Calhoun Presentation January 19.

Governor Ansel will shortly issue invitations for South Carolinians to attend the presentation of the Calhoun statue to the United States government, which will take place in Washington on January 19. Governor Ansel will be in Washington at the time in attendance upon the conference of Governors.

### Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Kills Sweetheart and Self.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 30.—Pate Smith, aged 20, this afternoon shot and killed his sweetheart, Miss Alice Rhodes, aged 19, and turned the weapon on himself, blowing out his brains, at the girl's home, three miles below Calera, Ala. The cause of the deed is not known.

### Inoculate Pigs with Pellagra.

Durham, N. C., Dec. 31.—Thorough inoculation of guinea pigs, which in turn infected other pigs, the pellagra germ that scientists are trying to combat, has been isolated by two local physicians. It is claimed.

### Madison Square Garden Sold.

Madison Square Garden, New York, erected at a cost of \$3,000,000, has been sold to a real estate syndicate of that city and will be torn down and replaced by a modern office building. The property has been on the market for some time at \$3,000,000. Demolition of the Madison Square Garden would mean a serious loss to the National Horse Show, where the event is held annually.

Emile O'Reith, for years Barnum's India rubber man, has been sent up for eight years in France. Emile was a clever clown, bareback rider and acrobat, but lately has turned his talents to climbing walls and picking complicated locks.

The smallest inhabited island in the world is the rock on which stands the Eddystone lighthouse.

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### Shot His Wife While Hunting.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Gus Clarke was fatally shot by her husband at their home six miles west of Hanceville, Ala., yesterday afternoon. The shooting was accidental. Clarke was hunting and when at a distance of 300 yards from home he fired his rifle. The bullet entered the home and struck Mrs. Clarke just below the heart. She has been placed in a hospital in Birmingham, but is not expected to live.

### There Cheers for West Union!

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### Sixty Lives Were Lost.

St. Johns, New Foundland, Dec. 30.—Sixty lives were lost in the terrific storm that recently swept over the northern coast. Eleven ships went down, according to reports received, and the general damage was great. Reports from the interior are delayed as all wires are down. The storm lasted with intense fury for nearly a week. The tides were unusually high and several places were flooded.

### Dropped Dead Over Dying Patient.

Willow Springs, Mo., Jan. 1.—Miss Johnny Preston, 17 years of age, shot herself through the head Wednesday because she had incurred some small debts at a store. Dr. A. Mullinax, 72 years old, was called to attend her. Just after he told her parents she was fatally wounded he said: "I'm going, too," and fell dead across the bed from apoplexy.

### Old and Useless, So He Took His Life.

Mineral Bluff, Ga., Dec. 31.—J. N. Bailey, 87 years old, committed suicide Tuesday night by tying his feet together and rolling off a railroad bridge into the river, half a mile south of Mineral Bluff. His body was recovered the following day. Bailey claimed he was old and useless, and was only waiting for a tide in the river.

### State Penitentiary Pays.

Columbia, Dec. 27.—The State penitentiary produced over \$50,000 worth of cotton this year, and in addition, \$30,000 worth of corn and oats. Counting these as money crops, the management will present a statement showing a net surplus of \$80,000 to be turned into the State treasury.

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