

DREAMY MEXICO IS SHOWING SOME PEP

Grasps Boosting Spirit of United States.

Dallas.—Dreamy Mexico, land of manana, is waking up. The newest in intellectual and material things is delightfully blending with the habits and customs which keep Mexico peculiarly its own.

The boosting spirit of residents of the United States is one of the things being grasped and used by Mexican citizens with civic pride.

Particularly in those areas which are reached by railroads carrying a large portion of the travel from the United States is there a growing reaction to alien influence. Along these lines the traveler sees movies still shown in second-run houses north of the border. He is greeted by street placards announcing baseball games and prize fights, and he finds dodgers thrust into his hands urging him to attend.

The chamber of commerce has become a real part of Mexican civic life.

A typical special train, bound into Mexico, traveling along the west coast, may be taken as an example. Members of the party are advised that a certain community several hundred miles south plans a reception and the schedule permits a stop.

On arrival a Mexican orchestra of stringed instruments greets the tourists. After a concert the guests are conducted to carriages, perhaps rather dilapidated, but able to go. A ride over rough, unpaved streets, which seem to begin nowhere and end abruptly, winding past one-story adobe structures seemingly placed without definite plan, ends at the chamber of commerce.

Then comes the official welcome, brief but hearty. The speaker, his words interpreted sentence by sentence, quickly offers greetings and begins typical community boosting. It is good taste for the musicians to break in with an air when, in the director's opinion, the speaker has made an effective point.

When this is all over, the guests are escorted to the reception. The population is there, and formality of introduction is waived. Mexican girls, on the whole, are pretty. They are excellent dancers and the music is good. Usually a community belle gives an interpretation of a Mexican dance. Then, if she is a "modern," likely as not she will demonstrate the Charleston.

When the departing guests return to their train they find the orchestra of stringed instruments on hand. Usually it is late and the airs then played are peculiarly those of Mexico—soft, romantic and touched with the tragedy that rapidly disappearing centuries of peonism has implanted.

Young French Mechanic Invents Flying Bicycle

Paris.—A young French mechanic in a factory at Dijon has just invented a bicycle that flies.

According to a report received in Paris, the Frenchman had been working on his invention several years and has finally completed successful tests. The bicycle can be transformed immediately into a very small monoplane and fly to a height of 150 feet. Trials were conducted without mishap and the mechanic intends to present his unique invention to the public at the beginning of August.

The successful manufacture of the bicycle in large quantities will make flying within the means of all, in the opinion of the inventor.

California Has Increase in Number of Arrests

Sacramento, Calif.—Either California police departments are becoming more effective in snaring the elusive criminal or the criminal element in the state is materially on the increase, for the number of arrests on serious charges shows a gain of nearly 5,000 for the fiscal year just ended.

One in Every 71 in World Owns Motor Car

Washington.—The automobile has invaded every nook of the globe and in such quantity that an owner is to be found in every seventy-first person. On the basis of 1,748,000,000 world population for 1925, this means that more than 24,000,000 persons are automobile owners.

These figures, announced by the Commerce department, revealed that the United States leads with the highest ratio to population—one to every six persons. Hawaii has one to every eleven, and Canada one to thirteen.

In the lower ratios is Afghanistan, with one to 1,200,000 persons; Hejaz, with only four cars, or one for every 225,000; Abyssinia, 1 to 133,333; and China, 1 for every 31,871. The Solomon Islands, with 151,000 persons, has only two automobiles, while Liberia has 54, or one for every 54,259.

In 19 of the 59 countries surveyed, at least 90 per cent of the automobiles owned were of American manufacture; in seven, American-made cars constituted 80 per cent. South America had the greater proportion. European countries showed a much lower ratio.

SON OF RED CHIEF IS MADE LITT. D.

Indian Is Given Honorary Degree by University.

Washington.—Because of his scholarly contributions to the study of the Omaha Indians of Nebraska, his own people, Francis La Flesche, Smithsonian ethnologist, has received the honorary degree of doctor of letters from the University of Nebraska.

La Flesche was born in a tepee of the tribe on the plains of Nebraska. He was the son of Joseph La Flesche, principal chief of the Omahas, a far-seeing and intelligent man, who recognized the fact that the white man had come to stay and that proper relations between his people and the whites should be established. In keeping with this belief the chief sent his son, Francis, to the mission school established by the Presbyterian board of missions on the Missouri river, near what is now Sioux City, Iowa, in 1857.

Writes of School Days. La Flesche has given a delightful picture of this school in a book called "The Middle Five," which he published in 1900. The book, of course, presents a unique setting, but it reveals a boy nature as recognizable to all as that set forth in "Tom Brown at Rugby."

At the Mission La Flesche learned the language of the English and the three "R's". He arrived at manhood as well equipped as most Americans in the culture of the Europeans. For nearly thirty years he worked for the Indian bureau of the United States. During that time he followed the courses at the national university law school in Washington, receiving a degree in 1892. At an early period La Flesche became possessed of the desire to preserve, in written form, the history of his people as it was known to them, their music, the poetry of their rituals and the meaning of their social and religious ceremonies. Accordingly, during the years of his service with the Indian bureau he collaborated with Miss Alice E. Fletcher of the Peabody museum, Harvard university, in the collection of material on his tribe.

The results of this vast work appeared in the twenty-seventh annual report of the bureau of American ethnology for the year 1905-1906, an extraordinarily rich account of the Omaha tribe.

Joined Smithsonian in 1910. In 1910 La Flesche became officially associated with the bureau of American ethnology under the Smithsonian institution. He has continued to specialize on the culture of the Omahas and on a related people, the Osage. He is at present engaged in an attempt to rescue the language of the Osage from oblivion by making up a written vocabulary. Since the young people of the tribe are using English almost exclusively, the Osage tongue is rapidly dying out.

The Smithsonian considers as one of the principal functions of its bureau of ethnology this rescuing and publishing of the fast-vanishing aboriginal Indian culture for the benefit of future generations, to whom the Indian as a race will be but a subject of historical record. Thanks to his almost unique combination of personal knowledge and experience of and in Indian customs with his scientific training, La Flesche has materially assisted the institution in this rescue work.

British Royalty Keeps Secret of Perfume

London.—One of the most carefully guarded secrets of the British royal family is the formula of a specially prepared perfume with which Buckingham palace is sprayed for the court presentations attended by men and women from all parts of the world.

The perfume is entirely original, suggestive of a tropical flower garden hidden away in the midst of a country setting which grows nothing but blossoms for miles around. The preparation has been used since the time of Queen Victoria, and its ingredients are known only to the king and queen and the manufacturers.

The scent was described by an American debutante as being the most delightful thing of its kind she had ever encountered. "It is just England," she said, "and there is nothing else like it in the world."

Use Steam Rollers in War on June Bug

Stolp, Pomerania, Germany.—Steam rollers have been used to exterminate June bugs in Pomerania and Mecklenburg.

The pests appeared by the billion and even the school children were mobilized for the "June bug war." The children, on holiday leave from school, collected the bugs in sacks, being paid one dollar a hundredweight. In the town of Deltisch alone 25 tons of the bugs were "bagged."

Immense damage has been caused by the bugs, and for miles all foliage is gone from the trees. The farmers complain that the plague is getting worse every year owing to the scarcity of artificial fertilizers. The insects breed in stable manure, which is now used almost exclusively instead of nitrate fertilizers.

His Finish

Bome, Italy.—Substitution of Irish potatoes for spaghetti in the national Italian diet is one of several radical innovations from which Premier Mussolini expects material results.

The Sower



This is the way the cartoonist visualizes the news that The State Fair of Texas is offering special premiums totaling \$10,000 over a five-year period, for agricultural improvement in Texas. The premiums will be awarded in a contest between county exhibits, beginning with the fortieth annual State Fair, Oct. 9-24 next, and ending with the exposition of 1930.

ELLIS COUNTY PLANS BIG STATE FAIR SHOW

Plans for the comprehensive agricultural exhibit to be made at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 9-24, by Ellis county, anticipate contributions to the general exhibit by every community in the county.

W. B. Sims of Ennis has been named as general chairman of the Ellis County Exhibit committee, and has announced an executive committee composed of C. H. Pigg, Waxahatchie; W. M. Love, county agent; Jekes F. Castellaw of Ennis, secretary of the Ellis County Fair, and Hanks Davis of Waxahatchie. A publicity committee with a personnel of a dozen prominent men, and an exhibit committee numbering more than twenty, have also been named. The publicity body will be on hand at the Ellis county exhibit all the while, to give information, either verbal or written, to all who may inquire.

STATE MANUFACTURERS TO MEET AT STATE FAIR

Announcement is made by G. M. Knebel of San Antonio, vice president and general manager of the Texas State Manufacturers Association that the annual meeting of the association, that was to have been held at Houston the latter part of May, will now take place during the State Fair of Texas, at Dallas, Oct. 9-24 next. The session will be incident to the holding of the Texas Industrial Exposition during the State Fair. All officials and managers of Texas industries will be invited and there will be addresses by prominent industrial leaders. The exposition will run for eighteen days. On one day alone, in 1925, 120,000 people visited and studied the displays maintained throughout the exposition.

WHO SAID FARM RELIEF? NOT TEXAS FARMERS!

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OLDHAM COUNTY AGENT BUSY ON FAIR EXHIBIT

Harmon Benton, Oldham county agricultural agent, isn't letting any grass grow under his feet, in anticipation of Oldham county's agricultural exhibit at the State Fair of Texas, Oct. 9-24. As early as June 1 Mr. Oldham was active in selecting various small grains which will go into the exhibit, and he is confident that Oldham county's showing will be up in the first rank when the scoring records are made.

CLEBURNE CHAMBER AFTER JOHNSON COUNTY EXHIBIT

Johnson county and Cleburne, through the Cleburne Chamber of Commerce, aren't going to overlook their opportunity for showing the diversified agricultural abilities of their section at the State Fair of Texas, Oct. 9-24 this year. The Cleburne Chamber, early in June, issued a call for samples of the oat and wheat crop of Johnson county to be brought in, in connection with preparations for the State Fair exhibit. It is declared that the oats and wheat crops in Johnson county this year are better than for some time, and the belief is strong that first place for these grains could easily be taken.

STATE FAIR OF 1926 TO CHRONICLE FORTY YEARS OF PROGRESS

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Nearly half a century of Progress and development in Texas and the Southwest will be chronicled, through the fortieth annual State Fair of Texas to be held at Dallas, Oct. 9 to Oct. 24, 1926.

Premiums and awards to be offered at the 1926 exposition encompass departments significant of every activity carried on throughout the magnificent reaches of the great Lone Star State.

Forty years ago—in 1886—the State Fair of Texas came into being. Every year since, under the direction of a group of far-sighted patriotic, earnestly loyal Texas business men, it has been demonstrated to hundreds of thousands of visitors, by means of comprehensive physical displays, the adaptability, productivity and efficiency of Texas and the Southwest.

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Educational in the broadest sense and co-operating with other Texas educational institutions—notably the Agricultural and Mechanical College—the State Fair of Texas runs the whole gamut of instruction to those who would find out, from agriculture—in which it is the ranking state—through the list, including cattle raising, dairying, general livestock production, manufacturing and exports, progress in the fine arts, the latest developments in implements and machinery of every description, port facilities, poultry production, mineral resources and mining development, progress in engineering and various classes of construction—every enterprise in which the human mind is interested.

Operated with no thought save that which will come through development of Texas and the Southwest, the State Fair of Texas is entirely unselfish in its aims. With physical properties and equipment, including permanent buildings, valued at more than \$3,500,000, the home of the State Fair is the 157-acre Fair Park tract, owned by the City of Dallas and maintained as a public park the year 'round.

They asked Thomas Aloysius McSweeney, who hailed from old Grand Saline, what he thought of the Fair, after he'd visited there, and Thomas replied: "It's sure keen."

It might be said that the State Fair of Texas is now fair, fat and forty. The fortieth annual exposition will be held at Dallas Oct. 9-24 next.

Dinner-Horn

When James Stephen Hogg, former governor of Texas, was a "one-gallus" lad on a Wood county farm, he was summoned to his dinner by a dulcet blast from an old-fashioned cow-horn.

J. F. Reeves of Mineola, long-time and consistent booster of Wood county's agricultural possibilities, has the horn, which he cherishes as an historic relic of Hogg and of early days in Texas.

When this big Agricultural Day dinner is given at the State Fair of Texas this year, the diners will be summoned to the banquet just as Hogg was when a boy. A veteran bugler of the Civil War is said to be practicing a letter-day mess call on the homely instrument, and this is to be a signal for the guests at the dinner to "come and get it."

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PERSONALS

Mrs. Fred Estes and children are visiting in Dallas.

Clark Smith, of Admiral, was in town, Wednesday.

Miss Lowery Loraine Munday, of Troupe, is the guest of Miss Louise Bell.

Mrs. R. Q. Evans and little daughters Esther Maurine and Mamie Jean visited in Cisco Wednesday.

Orris Moore has returned to his home in St. Louis, Mo., after a short visit with B. L. Boydston.

Mrs. George B. Scott, of Cross Plains, visited her mother, Mrs. J. B. Cutbirth, Wednesday.

Mrs. George Crutchfield and children are visiting relatives in Fort Worth.

Miss Inez Bennett, left Monday for Abilene, where she will take a course in Draughon's Business College.

Miss Ruth Akers has returned from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Lunceford Hill in Fort Worth.

F. D. Miller was in from his ranch the old Cordwenter ranch on the Bayou, Tuesday.

Judge Victor B. Gilbert is in Houston, visiting his sister, who is quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Farley and little daughter, Jane, of Troupe, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bell, and family.

Dr. C. C. and Mrs. Cooke, and daughter, Miss Mary Lou, of Waxahachie are visiting Dr. Cook's mother and brother Mrs. A. Cooke and E. Cooke.

Ed Horn, Manager of the J. O. Hall ranch, and Arthur Young left Tuesday for Vineta, Okla., to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hall. Robert Estes and Ode Berry accompanied them as far as Fort Worth.

Mrs. Gabe Gibson and son, have returned from California after a three weeks visit with her mother. She reported a wonderful trip as she visited all of the southern part of Calif.

Garland Bennett, Frank Stanley, Jr., and Harold Star, of the Baird Boy Scouts, have returned from a ten days encampment of the Boy Scouts, of this district, held at Leuders.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Roe Keilty, and little daughters, Patsy Roe and Colleen and Mrs. Jules P. Lebon, of Tulsa, Okla., are the guests of Mrs. Keilty's father, B. L. Boydston and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Russell, Jr., and little son, Ben Louis, will leave Sunday on an auto trip to points in south Texas and Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Russell and little grand-daughter, Marjorie Lee, Russell, have returned from a months vacation trip in the mountains of Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Sawyer and little son, Delbert Mac, of Lubbock, are visiting Mrs. Sawyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McWhorter.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bounds and family returned Wednesday evening from a short visit with relatives in Dallas.

M. D. Hoover, son and daughter, Sam and Miss Emogene, of Dallas, came out last Saturday for a short visit with relatives.

Mrs. Mary Tabor, of Houston, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Sam Walker, and two children, Sam Jr., and Jenette, spent several days, the past week with their uncle, J. D. Boydston and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Nunnalley and little daughters, Ellen Louise and Vivian Virginia, returned last Saturday from a visit with Mr. Nunnalley's sister, in Selma, Alabama. They also visited in Marion Junction and other points.

Miss Anna Bauman, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gilliland and family and other friends in Baird the past ten days left Tuesday for Abilene to spend a few days with friends before returning to her home in Roswell, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fetterly and children returned home last Sunday from Pennsylvania, where they have been visiting little Billie, who was seriously hurt by a truck knocking him down. He is slowly recovering. The family was accompanied home by Mr. Fetterly's father.

TREASURE DIVERS STIR UP LEGEND

Upper Michigan Pioneers Think Expedition Will Raise Trader of 1849.

Northport, Mich.—Interest has been aroused among old settlers here by the report from Chicago that a sea-plane is being outfitted to locate sunken treasure in this northern end of Lake Michigan. Various stories are making the rounds as to the character of the treasure. A sailing vessel with a government pay roll in gold, a ship laden with contraband whisky, these are the most popular.

So far as the oldest settler recollects, there never was any smuggling in these waters that ended with disaster. Only one instance of government interference is known. That was when the two-masted Merrimac attempted to smuggle liquor from Sarnia to Northport to be bootlegged to the Ottawa Indians. The revenue cutter, Andy Johnson, fired two shots over the Merrimac's bows as she attempted to run ashore in Northport harbor. This story is vouched for by Mrs. Jessie W. Hilton, granddaughter of Northport's first white settler, Rev. George N. Smith.

Recalls Indian Legend.

Mrs. Hilton said it is the Indian tradition that no sailing vessel entered the bay until the early '50s. When Nannabosho, the Ottawa god, blew his breath upon the waters of Lake Michigan and separated the shoal waters of Grand Traverse bay from their mother-lagoon, white men were unknown. Only Indians paddled their dugouts around Cat Head point entrance to the bay. The Indians were superstitious about the bay especially Hog Island, now Ford's island, twenty nautical miles due south from Cat Head. Even now, few rest in their ninety-mile paddling from the straits to claim a haven on its deeply wooded shores. Water demons, the Indians say, are ever waiting, ready to drag the unwary traveler to the depths.

However, Mrs. Hilton has evidence that there lay just within Cat Head point, at the entrance of Grand Traverse bay, a ship lost in the early fifties. Her grandfather, Reverend Mr. Smith, came upon a specter when he entered the bay in the little two-masted sailing vessel, Merrill, in May, 1849. He had come from his Black river missionary field among the Ottawas to find a home for his Indians on the west shore of Grand Traverse bay. The ship, according to Reverend Mr. Smith, "lay down in the deep, a long stark spar pointing from its watery sepulcher." The following winter, when the bay was frozen, his Ottawa charges, fulfilling their belief that none should know of the resting place of the dead, cut off the spar level with the frozen surface.

According to the story which has come down to Mrs. Hilton, the sunken vessel was known as the Venus. It was owned by Capt. Peter Nelson and a man known as Robinson. They did a fur-trading business. George Bigelow, a stepson of Capt. Nelson, who kept Traverse light on Cat Head point in the early '50s, has told Mrs. Hilton that he remembers seeing the spar sticking from the water. The light house referred to was erected in 1852 and is still in use.

No Ships Salvaged There.

Gil M. Dame, erstwhile politician and now president of Cherry Home corporation, voiced the belief of the people in the vicinity. "This section of the lake," said Mr. Dame, "never gives up its dead. No lost vessel has ever been salvaged. Down went the Sardinia, off Gardner's point on Cat Head bay. She was loaded with salt enough to anchor a dreadnaught. She was never salvaged."

Gil Dame also owned a ship, the W. C. Kimball, which he sold to Kehl & Stevens. On her maiden trip for her new owners, on May 8, she was lost with her crew of five, and has never been heard of since. Her deck load of shingles washed ashore all along Grand Traverse bay, and with it a trunk, but no trace of the crew, for, say old settlers, "this section of the lake never gives up its dead."

Mrs. James Stevens, widow of the captain, walked the shore day after day. She ended in the insane asylum, where she died two years ago.

The trunk washed ashore from the Kimball told a tale of fate. It belonged to a young Norwegian, Staley Johnson, who, after crossing the Atlantic, and making his way to Chicago had boarded the Kimball. Fate had let him cross the Atlantic, only to betray him on an inland sea.

A brother of Mrs. Hilton, Will P. Wolfe, was first mate of the Kimball. Wolfe was the friend of many well-known men, among them James Whitcomb Riley and Harry C. New, now postmaster general. Wolfe had been city editor of the Indianapolis News at a time when Riley, New, Harry Gingham and Luther Benson were on the staff. Maurice Benson, author of the "Tallahassee Girl," which he wrote in Northport, at Wolfe's residence, was also an intimate of the lost mate.

The Ottawas have a legend, Mrs. Hilton said, which relates that many, many years ago a great famine overcame all beasts of the Wisconsin shore. Death stalked abroad and many swam into the great waters never to return.



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STONE SHOWS NORSE IN FAR WEST IN 1010

Runic Record of Battle Found Near Spokane.

Spokane, Wash.—Bearing a thrilling description of a battle between Indians and Norsemen nearly 1,000 years ago, a huge painted bowlder near Spokane's city limits tells a story of the past to Prof. Oluf Opsjon, author of many articles on Norse history.

The paintings, believed for years by many persons to have been the work of Indians, are runic characters describing a battle in which 12 Norsemen were killed in the year 1010 A. D., the former Norwegian professor has revealed.

Although hundreds of persons have seen the paintings, no efforts had been made to translate them until recently, when Mrs. Margaret Amundsen Reynolds of Spokane studied the writings. She requested Professor Opsjon to visit the rock and he verified her translations.

Gravestone for Warriors.

The bowlder marks the burial mound of the 12 Norsemen killed in the battle, he said.

"In all the runic inscriptions I have been able to translate as they are found on rocks from Labrador and the New England states, through Canada and the United States to Alaska and Puget sound, some of them dating back to a period before the Christian era, I have never before found a record so filled with thrilling description of action as this one almost within the city limits of Spokane," Mr. Opsjon declared.

The professor told of the battle by a cool spring near the bowlder and how 12 of the Norse party escaped after 12 had been killed and six of the seven women captured, and the other woman and her baby hurled to their deaths from the rock. Six of the survivors later came back, buried the dead and wrote the story of the battle.

"This record still further substantiates my previous claims that the Norse had been in America in numbers long before Columbus," he says.

Mr. Opsjon came to America several years ago to study Norse records and two years ago announced he had traced journeys of Norse bands across North America.

Located just under high cliffs and beside the spring, the bowlder stands 20 to 25 feet above a rocky hillside and is 150 feet in circumference. Many of the characters were covered by moss and others by rocks about the base of the bowlder.

Opsjon says he is anxious to have his discovery investigated. He has not completed his examination of the inscriptions.

Other accounts of Norse travels in the year 1010, says the Norwegian, have been discovered in British Columbia, on the Columbia river near Vantage Ferry, Wash.; in Grant county, Washington, near the mouth of the Columbia river; and Tillamook county, Oregon.

"These records," said Opsjon, "indicate a Norse exploration party in the year 1010, divided into two expeditions in the Northwest. Inscriptions I have seen and those referred to me for translation have the same general character. Runes on the Dipfion rock, found at the mouth of Fall river, Massachusetts, as translated by Professor Rafn of Denmark, tell a story of Norsemen, led by Thorfin Karlsefne, which landed there in 1007. I believe the expeditions into the Pacific Northwest were made three years later by members of this party."

Naturalists in Alaska

Search for Goose Eggs

Kodiak, Alaska.—Laden with cameras, films, typewriters and eagerness, an American nature expedition is working on two little specks of land directly under the Arctic circle where on St. Paul and St. George Islands' wild-bird life is most abundant.

To find out for himself something about the rare blue goose, especially to collect nests and eggs, W. P. Finley, an associate editor of Nature Magazine, has chartered the steamer Westward for use in visiting the water fowl nesting haunts. To date eggs of the blue goose have never been seen, although the big bird is a common visitor to the United States in certain seasons. It is believed the blue goose nests on islands along with sea birds.

Queen Marie Plants

American Cotton Seeds

Bucharest.—Queen Marie of Rumania has turned cotton planter. With some American cotton seeds she has been carrying on with great success a series of experiments in cotton culture at her farm near Bucharest.

The queen rises early each morning and gives two hours' personal attention to care of the plants. She has reported results of these tests to the ministry of agriculture and authorities hope that Rumania will soon be producing its own cotton. They have found American cotton seeds much more adaptable than the Egyptian or Indian.

For Rhyme's Sake

New Rochelle, N. Y.—A member now explains that the board of education changed the name of the new high school from Woodrow Wilson to New Rochelle, because of the pupils' cheer for their athletic teams. New Rochelle rhymes with "I Tell," and Wilson doesn't.

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New York.—A small spool of steel wire will preserve for future generations the epochal events of history. This is the way Harold Westman, twenty-three-year-old student and inventor of Mamaroneck, N. Y., views a device he has perfected to reproduce voice and other sounds by means of a vibrating wire.

"If this idea had been worked out sooner," he said, "we could now hear the Sermon on the Mount, Patrick Henry's speech for liberty or death, Lincoln's address at Gettysburg—every ballot in the 1924 Democratic national convention.

With those opportunities gone, however, every important event of the future can be preserved, Westman declares.

Better Than Phonograph.

The steel wire method reproduces sound more clearly than the phonograph, he claims, and can be preserved indefinitely, whereas phonograph records are comparatively short-lived.

"If a great speech is made it can be recorded on a spool of this wire and be reproduced perfectly a thousand years from now," the young inventor said.

Westman was shown the claim of Dr. Curt Stille, German inventor, that he had perfected a similar device. The Stille announcement was carried in an exclusive International News Service dispatch of August 3.

"I perfected my invention several months ago, and gave it a final trial July 9," Westman said. "Idelle Patterson, well known New York singer, will verify this.

"In the final test I asked her to sing a number of arias that are most difficult to reproduce clearly by any method. She sang for forty minutes and then listened to the results—the reproduction of her own voice.

"She paid me and my invention the compliment of saying 'the reproduction was perfect.'

"I made no public announcement of the test, because I don't claim much credit for it," the inventor continued. "Doctor Stille was apparently behind me by three or four weeks, but both of us were 25 years behind Poulsen, the Swedish inventor."

Poulsen, according to Westman, perfected the electro-magnetic method of voice reproduction a quarter of a century ago, and devices using his principle were used in dictaphone

work in Europe. The sounds were clear but faint.

Aided by Radio.

"The trouble was," he said, "that the amplifier or 'loud speaker,' had not been developed then as it has since radio. The loud speaker is the one thing Doctor Stille and I have that Poulsen didn't."

Westman said he wanted to give full credit to Poulsen and some credit to himself for being ahead of Doctor Stille with the application of the amplifier to the old process.

To substantiate the claim he exhibited a number of photographs made by the International Newsreel company of New York during the test with Mme. Patterson. These photographs, taken July 9, show the device in operation.

The principle of the "wire method" of sound regulation as explained by the young inventor is this:

The wire is unreeled from the spool as the sound enters the microphone. The sound waves, magnified by the microphone, cause the wire to vibrate. While vibrating the wire is magnetized, the degree of magnetization depending upon the length of vibration.

When the magnetized wire runs through the reproducing end of the apparatus, bits of steel attract the magnetized wire, causing it to vibrate exactly as in the first process. This vibration reproduces the sound waves that first entered the microphone, and they are increased to audibility in the loud speaker.

The advantages of this process are several, according to Westman.

Second Husband Gives Estate to Enoch Arden

New York.—Abraham Bromberg, the second husband of the late Mrs. Fannie Winderbaum Bromberg, said in Newark that he had withdrawn as administrator of Mrs. Bromberg's estate of \$13,000 in favor of her first husband, Samuel Winderbaum, who returned last June after an absence of 23 years, during which he was declared legally dead.

Winderbaum left his home in 1902, when he, his wife and their three children were living in New Haven. He went to San Francisco. His wife received one letter from him, but no further word, and in 1911 she asked the Orphan's court in Newark to declare her husband legally dead, so she might collect his \$500 insurance. Her application was granted and she was married to Bromberg a month later.

When Winderbaum came back last June his wife fainted from the shock of seeing him and died a few weeks later. He retained an attorney to fight for her estate.

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LOWLY MOSQUITO GIVEN CREDIT FOR U. S. POWER

Insect Prevented Establishment of Dominant Civilization in American Tropics, Scientist Says.

Chicago.—The lowly mosquito made us what we are today. At least, yellow fever and malaria mosquitoes have been largely influential in giving the United States a leading rank among the nations of the world.

That tribute came from a bitter enemy of the insects, the Gorgas Memorial Institute. It is contained in a report for the institute prepared by Joseph A. Le Prince, international authority on mosquitoes and senior sanitary engineer of the federal public health service.

Had malaria and yellow fever not rebuffed the early settlers in American tropics, the institute said, a dominant civilization would have resulted and, with its earlier start, would have been detrimental to the colonial settlements along the Atlantic to the north.

The early Spanish colonies of the central plains of Central and South America had wealth and opportunity for growth and development, but they could not hold their ground against the dreaded mosquito, said the report.

This eventually led to emigration from Europe directed to the northern part of the continent, and since that time, the institute conceded, the mosquitoes have lent vigorous and continuous although unsolicited, support to the Monroe doctrine.

But the work of the mosquito has been done and, while paying tribute to a falling foe, the institute announced that the warfare will be pressed until there is a mosquitoless America.

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