

### Test Your Knowledge

Can you answer seven of these ten questions? Turn to page Four for the answers.

1. What ancient people worshipped the god Osiris?
2. Which State has "Virtue, Liberty, and Independence" as its motto?
3. Name the capital of the island of Ceylon.
4. What is illiteracy?
5. Name the President of the Republic of Chile.
6. Which foreign city is known as the Eternal City?
7. What is the correct pronunciation of the word modiste?
8. Who composed the opera Thais?

9. Where is the ancient city of Thebes?

10. With what sport is the name of Patty Berg associated?

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## KIT CARSON—Avenger!

by EVELYN WELLS

### CHAPTER I

The boy in the deep bunked doorway was small but strongly sinewed, with tawny hair that waved to his shoulders, a wide mouth that could be cruel as a trap and soft as a girl's, and eyes an incredibly honest blue. It was Kit's eyes that caught and held one, so that any man looking once would exclaim as Fremont the Pathfinder did later:

"Kit Carson and truth are one!"

At nineteen, the boy who would become the "Greatest of Western Scouts" was too manly to show wistfulness. But blood throbbled in his heart as he watched the forty buckskin-clad mountaineers preparing for a mysterious trail. They were lashing packs, testing saddles, etc., on the Plaza before the adobe house of Ewing Young in the gray flat-roofed pueblo of ancient Fernandez de Taos in New Mexico.

Captain Ewing Young came toward the casa with a broad Mexican saddle slung over one brawny shoulder. He smiled, noticing the glance of the lad who for the winter past had been his cook.

"You'd like to go, Kit?"

He was startled by the answering look of the boy.

"I was reckoning on asking, Cap'n."

The captain of trappers chuckled. His glance traveled over the boyish figure in woolen shirt and buckskin trousers. His leathery face was kind.

"No need of bread and venison stew where we'll travel. Riding for Indian vengeance we'll want no cook."

The boy flushed angrily. Kit Carson was not a cook by choice. In the Spanish he had mastered in Taos, in the many Indian dialects he would learn, Kit would be fluent. Given to soft speech in three languages would be this lad with the glance of flaming blue. Now he struggled for words in his honest indignation.

"I wasn't asking to cook. As trapper..."

"Silence!" snapped the older man. He glanced hastily over his buckskin-clad shoulder. No one had heard. The blanketed Indians drowsed in the Plaza, as terraced Taos under its sacred mountain drenched in the sun. A few dreamy-eyed senoritas hurried homeward from the old adobe church and trading post of Don Antonio Robidoux, for it was nearing siesta hour. And coming closer Young said in a low voice:

"Why talk of trapping? You know fur is contraband to us Americans in the West, under Mexican law. We're going out for vengeance. Some of my men were chased back into Taos two weeks ago by hostile Apaches—it's them we're after, gun and knife 'gainst arrow and tomahawk. If an Injun molests a white man, his whole tribe must pay. You know that—it's western law."

"Aye, the law of the West," answered the boy tensely, "but Dan'l Boone said I'd the sharpest eyes on the Kentucky frontier, and I see beaver traps in the packs you'll carry tomorrow out of Taos!"

Young started. He questioned himself rapidly. What did he know of Kit Carson? The lad had drifted into Taos three years before, in the spring time of 1826, over the dangerous Santa Fé trail.

But there was little mystery to Kit. His Scotch-Irish family emigrated to America in the mid-1790's. His father, a noted Indian fighter, one of whose hands had been shot away by Indians, had served as a dispatch carrier in the Revolution.

Kit had been born in Madison County, Kentucky, at the extreme Indian frontier, on Christmas Eve, 1809. The first nine years of his life were spent in the perilous shadow of the Fort Hemstead stockade.

As a child he had mounded bullets during Indian attacks. He had seen relatives and neighbors killed and scalped by savages. He had met that awesome, bearded patriarch of the frontier, Daniel Boone.

Apprenticed by his mother to a saddler, Kit ran away. One Missouri newspaper carried the notice: "Christopher Carson, a boy about sixteen years old, small for his age, but thick-set, light hair, ran away from the subscriber... all persons are notified not to harbor, support, or subsid said boy under penalty of the law."

With a price on his head, Kit turned to the wide, vacant, savage West. He rode a mule beside the heavy Conestoga wagons, drawn by oxen, that drove four abreast for safety against Indians, over terrifying trails between St. Louis and Santa Fé, Taos and Chihuahua in Old Mexico.

But he would live to ride from the Rockies to Washington, D. C., by steam train! He would live, to have written of him, "Wherever railroads now run, and trails are followed, Kit Carson led the way!"

stripling standing pleadingly before the trapper captain, hearing Young's questioning:

"I know you've seen Injun fighting, Kit. But what do you know of hunting?"

"All there is to know. I've hunted buffalo with the Sioux every year since I was twelve."

"But beaver..." said Young, craftily.

"I know of beaver, too. Habits and house building and dam making. I know how to lay all scent by stalking through water, and how to splice and set the traps above water line and bait with essence..."

"There!" interrupted the trapper captain. "What essence?"

Kit's wide mouth grew wider in a delightful grin. Beaver essence was



With a price on his head, the 16-year-old Kit fled astride a mule to the wide, vacant, savage West.

This boy with the high forehead and wide-set eyes would open the West.

Kit Carson! Lakes and towns, rivers and mountain passes, would bear his name!

He would stand on a peak in California with Fremont, defying all Mexico! He would help lift the flag that proclaimed California no longer a province of Mexico. He would be one of that mad and gallant handful that captured California.

He would be dreaded by all the tribes of the Southwest. Pawnee and treacherous Blackfeet, Sioux and dread Apache—he would fight them all. He would be famous as the conqueror of the Navajo.

He would fight Indian and Mexican and win the respect of both races. He would creep between enemy lines to the rescue of Kearny's army in California. As "The Avenger" he would ride against redskin savages who had killed white men, to rescue American women from unspeakable destiny at Indian hands.

He would rise from scout to general in the Civil War.

His friends would be Sutter and Robidoux, Benton and Fremont, Kearny and Sherman—men whose names are woven into the fabric of the West.

And he would love deeply and more than once, for behind that glance of incredibly honest blue there was softness and flame in Kit Carson. He would fight a duel on horseback over the shy maid Alice. He would defy the authorities of Mexican California for one last glimpse of the girl Teresita.

Kit Carson! Red heart and white would best faster at that name! Now he was a freckled-faced

made by a secret formula handed down from trapper to trapper. And Kit had the secret from an old Missouri trapper.

"If I tell you the essence rightly, can I go with you, Cap'n Young?"

The kind face under the broad beaver hat reassured the boy. Kit leaned forward and whispered the secret process of the essence—the scent of beaver mixed with the juices of roots and bark in careful proportions. He who had no pack nor trap nor horse of his own, triumphantly whispered his secret to a man he knew had already, knowing it would win him a place in the buckskin-clad cavalcade preparing before Young's door.

Young lifted his head again. "You can ride with us, Kit Carson. I'll advance ye enough for baggage and traps. For it's true, we're heading after beaver, as far as California."

"California!" Kit's glance sparkled. "Why, only three white men have entered California from this side; Smith and the two Patties. And old man Pattie died from the brutal ways of the Mexicans."

"We'll risk the California Mex and their ways," said Young grimly. "It's beaver we're after, and we ask no man's permission for fur. It's God's gift to white and red skin alike and if the pelts lead to California, there we go."

"But we must be cautious. Last year I had a license and the Mexican governor at Santa Fé confiscated \$20,000 worth of fur. This year I go without a license, so first we hunt Apaches to hide our trapping and to get revenge. Have ye a rifle, son?"

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Stocks: irregular

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Curb stocks: irregular. Chicago stocks: lower. Call money: one per cent.

Foreign exchange: easy in relation to the dollar.

Cotton: steady.

Grains: wheat and corn easy after early firmness.

Chicago livestock: hogs and sheep, strong; cattle steady.

Rubber: steady.

Silver: bar in New York; unchanged at 42 1/2 cents a fine ounce.

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Corrected February 10. No commission and no yardage. Veals received every day.

100 to 120 lbs. 120 to 140 lbs. 140 to 160 lbs. 160 to 230 lbs. 230 to 250 lbs. 250 to 300 lbs. 300 to 350 lbs. 350 lbs. and up.

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FORT WAYNE LIVESTOCK

Fort Wayne, Ind., Feb. 10—Livestock:

Hogs, steady; 200-220 lbs., \$7.50; 220-240 lbs., \$8; 160-180 lbs., \$7.60; 240-260 lbs., \$7.80; 260-280 lbs., \$7.60; 280-300 lbs., \$7.40; 300-320 lbs., \$7.20; 320-350 lbs., \$7.10; 160 lbs., \$7.55; 120-140 lbs., \$7.10; 100-120 lbs., \$7.05.

Roughs, \$6.50; stags, \$5.25. Calves, \$11; lambs, \$8.75.

INDIANAPOLIS LIVESTOCK

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 10—Livestock:

Hog receipts, 3,500; hold 95; market 10 to 15c higher; 250 lbs., \$8-\$8.30; 250-300 lbs., \$7.50-\$7.90; 300-400 lbs., \$7.10-\$7.50; 400-160 lbs., \$6.85-\$7.60; strong to 10c higher, mostly \$7.15.

Cattle, 200; calves, 400; steady cleanup trade; odd lots \$7.50-\$10; few lot heifers, \$8.85; cutter cows, \$4.25-\$4.50; vealers weak to 50c lower, \$11.50.

Sheep, 2,000; lambs steady, mostly \$8.75-\$9.

EAST BUFFALO LIVESTOCK

East Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 10—Livestock:

Hogs, 800; slow, strong to higher; good and choice 18 lbs., \$8.50-\$8.60; 220-lb. on head weights; trucked ins 140-220 lbs., \$8.25, sparingly \$8.35.

Cattle, 275; steady; medium barely good steers and heifers, \$9.50; fleshy cows, \$5.55-\$6.25; cutter and cutter cows, \$4.25-\$4.50; lightweight bulls, \$5.50-\$6.25.

Calves, 250; dependable veal trade, steady; good and choice \$11.50 to mainly 12.

Sheep, 1,200; lambs active, mostly to shippers, steady; weight and sort considered; good and choice 95 lbs. down, \$9.50; ewes, \$4.25-\$4.75; handweights, \$5.

CLEVELAND PRODUCE

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 10—Produce:

Butter, steady; extras, 30c standards, 29c.

Eggs, steady; extra grade, 19 1/2c; extra firsts, 18c; current receipts, 17c.

Live poultry, weak; hens, 5 lbs., and up, 18c; ducks, 5 lbs., and up, 15-16c; muscovy, small, 13-14c.

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