

the lek. They have been so handled as to lose an incredibly small portion of their wildness, and it is indeed surprising that their attendants have succeeded so well in preventing them from getting into the ways of trained animals accustomed to every day handling. When it is remembered that Messrs. Cody and Salsbury have with them a force of 150 people, 80 horses, 19 buffalo, two elk, and some half-dozen wild steers, besides mules and donkeys one can form some idea of the possibilities of this exhibition.

The Programme was cleverly arranged, and the announcements was made in a voice which was distinctly audible to everyone present. First came the grand procession, in which all the men and the great proportion of the horses took part. Then the different bands of Indians, the Halfbreeds and the cowboys rode down the track in detachments, and were introduced along with their chiefs and leaders. After this came a quarter mile race between three ponies ridden by a cowboy, a Mexican, and an Indian. The winning pony was an exceedingly handsome little chestnut with blazed face and white stockings. She won with comparative ease, and Mr. Cody is of the opinion that the man who would bring along

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that could beat her would be nearly able to break his camp. Next came the exhibition of the manner in which the famous pony express was run. Bill Johnson, a former rider in the service, gave the illustration with the assistance of a couple of well-broken ponies and a cowboy attendant. He started with the mail bags for the quarter-pole, came down to within three lengths of the judges' stand without slackening speed, but in that short space checked his pony so suddenly as to throw him almost on his haunches. The pony was barely at a standstill before the rider was on the ground throwing the mail bags over his shoulder, had tossed them on the back of the other horse, and was galloping off at full speed in less time than it would take an ordinary rider to dismount. Next came a one hundred-yard race between an Indian pony, ridden by a light boy and an