A conservationist's creed as to wild life administration is given by Dr. Joseph Grinnell, professor of zoology and director of the California Museum of Vertebrate Zoology at the University of California, in a recent issue of "Science." In brief, the creed follows:

1. I believe that the fullest use should be made of our country's wild life resources from the standpoint of human benefit—for beauty, education, scientific study, fur, etc. All these possible uses should be considered in the administration of wild life, not any of them exclusively of the others.

2. I believe that that portion of our wild animal life known as "game" belongs no more to the sportsman than to other classes of people who do not pursue it with shotgun and rifle. More and more the notebook, the field-glass and the camera are being employed in the pursuit of game as well as other animals.

3. I believe it is unwise to attempt the absolute extermination of any native vertebrate species whatsoever. At the same time it is perfectly proper to reduce or destroy any species in a given neighborhood where sound investigation shows it to be positively hurtful to the majority of interests.

4. I believe it is wrong to permit the general public to shoot crows or any other presumably injurious animals during the breeding season of our desirable species.

5. I believe in the collecting of specimens of birds and vertebrates generally for educational and scientific purposes. A bird killed, but preserved as a study-specimen, is of service far longer than the bird that is shot just for sport or for food.

6. I believe that it is wrong and even dangerous to introduce (that is, turn loose in the wild) alien species of either game or non-game birds and mammals. There is sound reason for believing that such introduction, if "successful," jeopardizes the continued existence of the native species in our fauna, with which competition is bound to occur.

7. I believe that the very best known way to "conserve" animal life, in the interests of sportsman, scientist and nature-lover alike, is to preserve conditions as nearly as possible favorable to our own native species. This can be done by the establishment and maintenance of numerous wild-life refuges.

8. In the interests of game and wild life conservation generally, I believe in the wisdom of doing away with grazing by domestic stock, more especially sheep, on the greater part of our national forest territory.

9. I believe that the administration of our game and wild life resources should be kept as far as possible out of politics. The resources in question should be handled as a national asset, administered with the advice of scientifically trained experts.
As early as 1806 a party of Spaniards explored the lower course of the Merced river. Other parties may have followed this stream well up into the Sierras but if they did records of their experiences were not handed down. The first authentic information that we have of exploration in the Yosemite region is given us by Zenas Leonard, clerk of the now well-known J. R. Walker expedition. So much has recently been published on Joseph R. Walker and his famous expedition that it is only necessary to remind the reader that he followed a course in 1853 that took him directly, through what is now Yosemite National Park. Judging from his clerk’s reference to “mile high precipices” and streams that “precipitated themselves from one lofty precipice to another,” we may well suppose that this party was the first to look into Yosemite valley or Hetch Hetchy or both. Their views were far from the “rim” here and it is certain that no descent was made to the valley floor.

I think there are no other written accounts any parts of which we may construe as referring to Yosemite until the appearance of Judge Marvin’s account published in the “Alta California,” April 23, 1851. Marvin was quartermaster of the Mariposa battalion but did not enter with the organization when the first expedition was made.

Gold Found in Mariposa

With the rush of gold seekers to the first scenes of mining activity in 1849 there came the natural extension of mining both north and south. In the winter of 1850 miners were busy in the mountains just west of Yosemite and it was during that winter that B. F. Johnson and better known as “Quartz Johnson,” discovered the famous Johnson Lode of Colonel Fremont fame. (Bunnell, page 315, first edition.) The towns of Mariposa, Bear Valley, Mount Bullion and Coulterville sprung up in the vicinity of the discoveries. The foothills swarmed with excited miners and adventurous traders established trading posts outside of towns to accommodate miners and native Indians. One such trader was J. D. Savage, who maintained a store at the mouth of the south fork of the Merced. Unfriendly Indians drove him from this location in the spring of 1850 and he removed his store and mining camp to Mariposa Creek. He found it possible to exchange his goods for gold at an enormous profit and extended his thriving business by establishing a second trading post on the Fresno river. He took to himself five Indian wives and apparently won the confidence and good will of the tribes with which he was associated. But the mountain Indians resented the white man’s coming and were constantly on the
verge of hostilities. In December, 1850, the Fresno river store was attacked and destroyed. Two of the men in charge were brutally murdered. An alert and experienced with this outlawry Savage's Mariposa Creek station was set upon and the three white men in charge were carried off by their own people. Similar outrages occurred soon after and the Mariposa Indian war soon began.

When it was rumored that the Indians were concentrating for a more extensive operation it was not difficult to bring the white settlers in the region to seek protection. Without official authority a party under the leadership of Sheriff Burney and J. D. Savage started at once to check the marauders that were assembling in the foothills. Several skirmishes were had with the Indians, Mariposa and Ahwahne, which was at this large Indian camp on the north fork of the San Joaquin.

Chase Indians to Valley

By this time Governor McDougall had been appealed to and by his authority 200 militiamen were called out. Savage was elected major of this new organization and three companies under J. J. Kuykendall, John Boling and William Dill were organized and drilled near the Mariposa station. The movements of this organization were so thoroughly described recently (Kuykendall, Early History of Yosemite, page 18) that it will not dwell at length on their discovery of Yosemite. Suffice it to say that in March, 1851, they set out for the mountain stronghold of May 11. In three days they had reached the cañon of Tenaya Lake, a route very nearly that of which is sung in the Wawona road to Yosemite valley. On the 21st they were in the mouth of the river, as we call Wawona, a Nutchu camp was surprised and captured. Messengers sent ahead from this camp returned with the assurance that the Yosemite tribe would come in and give themselves up without a struggle. Old Chief Tenaya of the Yosemites did come into camp, but after waiting three days for the others Major Savage became impatient and set out with the battalion to enter the Yosemite high country. From the time and events it was discussed and Dr. L. H. Bunnell, upon whom the surroundings and events made a deep impression than upon any of the others urged that it be named after the natives who had been driven out. This name had been known by the Indians and consequently the name was agreed upon, thus replacing the original Indian name Ahwahnee which then belonged to it.

The next day was spent in exploring the valley and their camp was moved to the mouth of Indian canyon. Only one ancient squaw, too feeble to escape, was found. In May, 1851, Major Savage started with the battalion to enter the Indian commissioner's camp on the Fresno. Consequently, this first expedition accomplished nothing in the way of subduing the Yosemite.

A Second Raid

The Indian commissioners then in California made a concerted effort to stop all existing outrages. In May, 1851, Major Savage sent Capt. John Boling and his company back to Yosemite to surprise the elusive Indians and to whip them well. Boling followed the same route taken previously and arrived in Yosemite on May 9. He made his first camp near the site of the present Sentinel Hotel. Chief Tenaya and a few of his followers were captured but the majority of the Yosemite eluded their pursuers. For three days the men of Yosemite were at the edge of the mountain stronghold and not until May 12 was Major Savage informed that the Indians had been captured. On May 15, 1851, Captain Boling wrote to Major Savage of his affairs and the letter was published in the Alta California June 12, 1851.

On May 21 members of the invading party discovered the fresh trail of a small party of Indians traveling directly to the south fork of the San Joaquin. Immediate pursuit, was made and on the 22d the Yosemite were come upon encamped on the south fork of the Merced river, a spot much of which is snow covered. They were completely surprised and surrendered without a struggle. This was the first expedition made into the Yosemite high country from the west and it was on this occasion that the name Lake Tenaya was applied by L. H. Bunnell. The old Indian chief, on being told of how his name was to be perpetuated, sullenly remonstrated that the lake already had a name, "By-wock" Lake of the Shining Rocks (Kuykendall, Early History, 237, ed. 1st ed.). A few weeks ago I made a trip through the snow to Tenaya Lake and as I skied over the soft surface, I could not but wonder at what a spectacle Captain Boling's men must have made, "stripped to the drawers," in which situation all hands ran at full speed and event. There must have been the time over and through snow tens feet deep. (Kuykendall, p. 10). The Indians were this time successfully escorted to the Fresno reservation. Tenaya Agreed to Retain name.

Tenaya and his band refused to adapt themselves to the conditions
under which they were forced to live and begged repeatedly to be permitted to return to the mountains and the scarred food of their ancestors. They were determined to behave. Tenaya was permitted to go back to Yosemite and members of his family were sent with him. In a short time his old friends had been found. They returned to the reservation and joined him. No attempt was made to bring them back.

During the winter of 1851-1852 no complaints against the Yosemite were registered, but in May of 1852 a party of eight prospectors made their way into the valley and were at once set upon by Indians and two of the miners were killed. The commander of the regular army garrison at Fort Miller was notified and a detachment of regulars under Lieut. H. B. Tredwell was sent in June, 1852, and captured five Indians in Yosemite Valley. All of the captives possessed articles of clothing belonging to the murdered men, so that it was at once summarily determined that Tenaya's scouts undoubtedly witnessed this prompt pronouncement of judgment, and the tribe fled with all speed to their allies at Mono Lake.

**Chased to Mono Lake**

The soldiers pursued the fleeing Indians and by way of Tenaya Lake and Bloody Canyon crossed the summit of the Sierras and descended to Mono Lake. They found no trace of the Yosemite and could elicit no information from the Plutes. The party explored the region north and south of Bloody Canyon and found promising mineral deposits. They returned to Soda Springs and then made their way back to Mariposa.

**Tioga Road Built**

In Mariposa they exhibited samples of their ore discoveries and Lee Vining and a party of companions were encouraged to visit the region. Tenaya Lake, through which the Tioga road passes, was named for him. By 1857 word reached miners west of the range that rich deposits had been found at Mono Diggings, and we of from the Tuolumne mines resulted. In 1859 the great wealth of Bodie was discovered and the Mono excitement was on in earnest.

The history of this region east of Yosemite is a remarkable story in itself, but I shall not deal with it further now than to say that this Mono excitement bearing the history of Yosemite. It resulted in our famous transmountain and trans-Yosemite highway, the Tioga road, being built.

Tenaya and his refugee band remained with the Mono Indians until late in the summer of 1853, when he again went into their old haunts in the Yosemite Valley. Shortly after they had establihished themselves in their old home a party of young Yosemite men made a surprise attack on the former hosts and stole a drove of horses which the Monos had recently driven up from Southern California. They brought the ani-

**Hutchings Enters Yosemite**

Previous to 1855 a number of accounts written by various members of the three punitive expeditions that had encountered Yosemite had happened their way into print in San Francisco papers. Thoughts of difficulties with hostile Indians who hindered in the search for gold prompted the leaders of these writers, and very little stress was placed upon the scenic wonders of the new-found valley. However, mention of a thousand-foot waterfall in one of these published letters caused one J. M. Hutchings, then publishing the California Magazine, to awaken to the possibilities that Yosemite presented. Hutchings organized the first party in June, 1855, and with two of the original Yosemite as guides proceeded from Mariposa over the old Indian trail to the valley. They spent five days in the valley, and on their return published articles and pictures which were the first to attract popular attention to the valley.

Several other parties followed that year, and Milton and Houston Mann, who had accompanied one of these sight-seeing expeditions, were so imbued with the possibilities of serving the hordes of visitors soon to come that they at once set to work to construct a horse toll trail from the South Fork of the Merced to the Valley. Galeen also became a member of one of these 1855 expeditions. His far-sightedness, together with the necessity of a mountain home, of his ill health, prompted him to establish a camp on the South Fork where travelers could be accommodated.
ROUTE OF THE MARIPOSA BATTALION

DISCOVERY OF YOSEMITE
FIRST EXPEDITION — MARIPOSA INDIAN WAR

Data compiled by C. P. Russell.
This camp was located at the beginning of the Mann brothers' trail and later became known as Clark's Station. We call it Wawona now. Mann brothers finished their trail in 1856, and L. H. Bunnell and G. W. Coulter that year built the "Coulterville Free Trail" from Bull Creek through Tuolumne, Green, Tatum, Aracost Flat, and thence to the Valley.

**Early Dwellings Erected**

The first habitation to be constructed by white men in Yosemite was a rough shack put up in 1855 to accommodate a party of surveyors of which L. H. Bunnell was a member. Company had been organized to bring water from the foot of the valley into the "dry diggings" of the Mariposa estate. It was supposed that a claim in the valley would doubly secure the water privileges.

The first permanent structure was built in 1856 by Walworth & Hite. It was known as the "Lower Hotel" and occupied the site later occupied by Black's Hotel (Bunnell, Chap. 19. Whitney, 1871, p. 19). Hutchings, "Heart of Sierra," p. 101.

In the spring of 1857 Beardsley and Hite put up a canvas covered house on the site of the present "Cedar Cottage." The next year this was replaced by a wooden structure, the planks for which were whip-sawed by hand. In 1859 Coulterville Free Trail was improved and there was built a sawmill near the foot of a growing cedar tree. Hutchings himself built a great fireplace in this sitting room and proceeded to make the novel gathering place famous as the "Big Tree Room." (Hutchings' Guide to Yosemite, p. 56.)

A winter spent in the frigid shade of the south wall of Yosemite Valley convinced the Hutchings family that their "Big Tree Room" was not a pleasant winter habitation. Like the inhabitants of the new Yosemite village, they built anew and moved into the warm sunshine of the north side of the valley. In the spring the family constructed a snug cabin among the giant black oaks near the foot of Yosemite Falls and there spent the remainder of their Yosemite days.

One of the mountaineers who aided in the construction of the "Upper Hotel, " in 1859, was James C. Lamon. That same year he located a pre-emption claim at the upper end of the valley, built the first log cabin, and named it the orchard. This orchard still flourishes and marks the site of the activities of this first permanent settler in Yosemite. For fifteen years Mr. Lamon endeared himself to his Yosemite neighbors. His death occurred in 1875. A. Harris then occupied his premises and established the first public campground in Yosemite.

In 1864 Senator Conness of California secured the passage by Congress of the act by which Yosemite Valley was granted to the state of California. Governor Low of California then proclaimed eight interested citizens as a board of commissioners to manage the valley, and Galen Clark was made guardian. In 1866 the State Legislature enacted another law whereby the administration of the grant and made a small appropriation for the first two years. From that time inhabitants of the Yosemite grant found themselves subject to regulation by the commissioners.

G. F. Leidig, in 1869, was ejected from the "Lower Hotel" by A. G. Black, from whom he had leased the property. Leidig secured permission from the commissioners to build a hotel of his own, and so in 1869-70 Leidig's Hotel came into existence. It was located near the foot of the present Glacier Point Short Trail, not 400 yards below the rival "Lower Hotel." If we may judge from the notes of contemporary writers, Mrs. Leidig excelled all others in kitchen management. (Investigation of Yosemite Commissioners; Assembly Hearings, p. 194-208-210.)

After this happening Mr. and Mrs. Black, in 1869, undertook the operation of the "Lower Hotel" business and initiated their regime by removing the old hotel and constructing on its site a new one to be known as "Black's Hotel." Both "Black's" and "Leidig's" were destroyed by the commissioners in 1885.

Of the many comments on hostels and hostelries that one may find in the score of books written on Yosemite during the 70's, none commands such voluminous and favorable notice as does J. C. Smith and his famous "Cosmopolitan"" bath house and saloon. This favorite whaling station in 1876 and has served constantly to the present date. The building is now occupied by the general offices of the Yosemite Park and Curry Company. (G. C. Smith, "New Life in New Lands," 1876, p. 322-324.)

The popularity of Yosemite with tourists ever increased, and enterprising individuals recognized the possibilities of catering to the crowds who annually sought thrills amid the grandeur of Yosemite's cliffs. Another pioneer in Yosemite's hotel business was the Mr. Snow of "La Casa Nevada" renown. In 1869-70 Snow built a trail up the canyon of the Merced and constructed a resort on the flat between Vernal and Nevada Falls. The register of this unique hotel is among the most prized possessions of the Yosemite Museum. Fire destroyed the "La Casa Nevada" and only a great pile of broken liquor bottles marks the site.

At first few trails were built other than those absolutely essential to travel into the valley and to resorts. Glacier Point was from the beginning a sought for vantage point, but from the valley it was accessible only to those nimble tourists capable of scrambling up the ledge and through the steep chimney below the point. In 1871 there came to Yosemite one who was destined to do much toward making points on Yosemite's rim accessible. This man was John Conway and several of the most used trails in the park serve as monuments to his energy and ability. His first task was to build the trail and stairways from Snow's to Little Yosemite. That finished, he undertook the same year the construction of the "Four-Mile Trail" and the arrival of horse-drawn vehicles appeared to be the acme of service and accommodation. To a generation served with speedy and comfortable motor cars the new water-grade highway up the canyon of the Merced is accepted as the last word in Yosemite accessibility. It is inconceivable that another fifty years of progress will produce as great a step in bringing our famed valley close to the doors of all California.

**WATER OUZEL NEST**

In past years nothing has proved a more attractive feature of the work of the nature guide service than the trips to a water ouzel's nest located on Tenaya creek. Groups of as high as eighty people have followed a nature guide to the site and, seated upon the bank of the stream, have watched the parent ouzels feed their young. Were the bird not so well known because of Muir's writings it would still enthrone the vacationists because of its interesting habits. Not so long ago the young ouzels were found dead in the nest and last year nature students had to forego their usual pleasure, for the nest was not rebuilt in its accustomed place. This year a nest was discovered but a quarter of a mile from Camp Curry under Clark's bridge. Feeding operations were watched by hundreds, and the young, which have now left the nest, are occasionally to be seen along the river banks near the bridge. One of the common questions asked the nature guide is: "Where can I find a water ouzel?" Although a pair usually nests at Happy Isles, at the foot of Lower Yosemite Falls and at the foot of Bridal Veil Falls, yet it is not always easy to direct an interested person to a place where ouzels are seen. A nesting site always affords an opportunity to observe this unique bird at close range and with certainty, and those following the nature guides during the early part of the summer have had thrilling times with nesting water ouzels—H. C. Bryant.
THE SIERRA CLUB has published Francis P. Farquhar's record of the origin and significance of the place names of the High Sierra in book form. The edition consists of 1000 copies, of which 200 are printed on all rag paper and bound in cloth. The region included in the volume is bounded on the north by the divide separating the Tuolumne from the Stanislaus watershed, and on the south by the vicinity of Olancha Peak.

As good reading for the Sierra Nevada enthusiast the book is a gem. As a reference for students of history it is a veritable Mother Lode. Mr. Farquhar has obtained a great deal of his information directly from persons having a first hand knowledge. References to publications are specific and furnish a comprehensive bibliography. Quotations from publication have been generously used and add the interest of the work. As an example:

**Ahwahnee**

"Village on Black Oak Flat, extending from side of Galen Clark's grave eastward to Ah-wan-ke (at mouth of Indian canyon). As in the case of most of the villages, the village name was applied also to a definite tract of land belonging to it. This being the largest tract of open level ground in the valley, the name Ah-wan-ke came to be applied by outside Indians to the whole valley." (C. Hart Marriam; Indian Village and camp sites in Yosemite Valley, S. C. B., 1917 x.2, p. 206—see also Kroeber: "California Place Names of Indian Origin, 1916, p. 34.)

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He has been exhaustive in his search for data and one interested in any phase of study in the Sierra Nevada can ill afford to be without the book. In his introduction Mr. Farquhar says, "This record of the origin and significance of the place names of the High Sierra was begun in 1919 as the result of numerous inquiries passed around camp fires on trips in the mountains. What at first seemed like a simple task grew into quite a formidable undertaking, largely due to the variety of the sources of information. After a while, however, there seemed to be a sufficient volume of data to make it worth while to publish it and it was presented in three installments in the Sierra Club Bulletins of 1923, 1924 and 1925. With the publication of this material, corrections and additions began to come in and new sources of information opened up. The volume of material has more than doubled, and it has seemed worth while to issue it in the more permanent form of a book."

"Supplementary to the place names there are presented a few biographies of persons who have played important parts in the history of the High Sierra, but for whom no places have been named. This list could, of course, be expanded indefinitely, but has been confined to a few representative individuals, concerning whom data could be obtained."

The book sells for $2 in paper and $5 bound in cloth. As previously stated but 1000 copies were printed. The Sierra Club is offering the book for sale without profit. Lovers of the High Sierra will act at once if they wish to avoid disappointment.
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