

Keeping in Touch - 10 May 2020

Good Afternoon and welcome to another great day in paradise. Great drop of rain this week, isn't it exciting, now all those lawns need mowing, you can almost hear the darn stuff grow. Oh well, nothing like fresh air and exercise.

Trust everyone is fighting fit and raring to go, able to get out and about a bit more, which is beneficial for everyone, nothing like being out in the sunshine.

This week I thought we would take a look at conservation, and one of the almost forgotten early pioneers of conservation, was Theodore Roosevelt, born 1858-died 1919. The youngest president ever at 42 years of age. He became President because of the assignation of President William McKinley.

Despite dying over 100 years ago Theodore Roosevelt was a globally important conservationist. He was the 26th president of the United States and the youngest ever, taking power as vice president aged 42 when the actual president William McKinley was assassinated.

He was very popular in his day and is still ranked as one of the 5 best presidents ever. He championed the 'square deal' promising the average citizen fairness and a better quality of life. He achieved this by breaking up some powerful business interests, notably amongst the railroad companies, and improving by law the quality and purity of food and water that could be sold to the public by ensuring labelling was accurate and legally adhered to. He made conservation a top priority and established many national parks, forests and monuments. He was apparently most proud of his conservation efforts and extensively used presidential executive orders to

preserve 150 million acres of forestry. Congress trying to curtail these orders passed a new bill that would prevent further use of executive orders in this way. But before signing that bill into law he used further executive orders to establish another 21 forest reserves in 31 states.



In many ways he was well in advance of the times as he regarded the natural world as a vital resource. During his lifetime he established the United States Forest Service, the first 51 bird reserves, four game reserves and 150 national forests. In total he placed under public protection approximately 230,000,000 acres of land (930,000km²). Not bad – shame current world leaders cannot do more of the same.



The world has seen other leaders of nations do grand conservation gestures, but they are mainly brought about by the lure of the ballot box, more so than as a gesture of good will to nature and the planet's health in general.

This week's funnies courtesy of Julie Nayda , Kevin Stone and Kerry Clark, thanks folks. Much appreciated.



PEANUTS

What surprises you most about this coronavirus

It has done what no woman has been able to do. Cancel all sports, shutdown all bars, and keep men at home!

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Lawyers should never ask a Mississippi grandma a question if they aren't prepared for the answer.

In a trial, a Southern small-town prosecuting attorney called his first witness, a grandmotherly, elderly woman to the stand. He approached her and asked, 'Mrs. Jones, do you know me?'

She responded, 'Why, yes, I do know you, Mr. Williams. I've known you since you were a boy, and frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me. You lie, you cheat on your wife, and you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you're a big shot when you haven't the brains to realize you'll never amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you.'

The lawyer was stunned. Not knowing what else to do, he pointed across the room and asked, 'Mrs. Jones, do you know the defence attorney?'

She again replied, ' Why yes, I do. I've known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster, too. He's lazy, bigoted, and he has a drinking problem. He can't build a normal relationship with anyone, and his law practice is one of the worst in the entire state. Not to mention he cheated on his wife with three different women. One of them was your wife. Yes, I know him.'

The defence attorney nearly died.

The judge asked both counsellors to approach the bench and, in a very quiet voice, said, 'If either of you idiots asks her if she knows me, I'll send you both to the electric chair.'

As you may now know, the State Government has started to relax the restrictions placed on us all because of Covid-19.

This is great news for everyone, now it's up to us all to make sure we don't rush in and muck it all up.

Have a great week, good luck and stay well.

Cheers

Stuart.