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SIX HUNDRED ROOMS EACH WITH BATH

TULSA

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Amon G. Carter
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Mr. Carter:

Our mutual friend Waite Phillips has had us here as his guest and he told me that he had written a letter to you in reference to our being in Fort Worth later. He had also planned on calling you on the phone but I told him not to as our plans had changed and we would drive down to Fort Worth as Colonel Barton of Arkansas is going to have us over that after the twelfth of the month for he has gone to the Los Angeles oil meet.

I thought it better to write you that we will be down the later part of this week. Waite has spoken so much about you and wanted me to meet you that if it is possible we will be glad and I will call you up. With best wishes.

Powder River Jack and Kitty Lee.

Powder River Jack

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Powder River Lee Here to Sing of Will

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**Entertains Guests at
Philbrook With His
Songs of Trail**
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Jack H. "Powder River" Lee, singer of "trail" songs, and, like his friend Will Rogers, a friend of the famed, swung into the first stanza of his new song dedicated to Will Rogers—which he will likely call "Across the Great Divide" when he publishes it—in preparation for its first public rendition in Tulsa tonight.

Guest of Mr. and Mrs. Waite Phillips, "Powder River" and his wife, Kitty, who sings along with her husband, came into town Sunday, entertained some 40 guests at Philbrook Sunday night, and were willingly singing their trail songs today to all who came to listen.

"I call them trail songs because they were once sung on the trail—they're different," says the broad-chested, gray haired six-footer with the red shirt, "from the cowboy songs sung by the 'cowboys' of today who never saw a cow."

Powder River knows the old west as it was. He has been model for a bust by Frederick Schweigart, typifying the old cowhand type. He is on his way to New York to pose for a painting—being made for the same reason.

For 14 years he was with Buffalo Bill's Wild West as a bronco buster. Kitty Lee was in the same show doing trick and fancy riding. It was in these years that "Powder River" first met Waite Phillips, who was then riding the range in Wyoming. They've been friends since.

He began singing trail songs in the Buffalo Bill street parade. Blessed with a double set of vocal cords and a barrel chest, he was made to be heard for blocks in the days before loud speakers. Nowadays he has trouble toning down — he nearly blew the tubes out of a radio station on one appearance on the air.

Waite Phillips introduced him to Will Rogers, and "Powder River" and Kitty Lee visited Rogers in California a few weeks before the Alaskan trip. Together, they squatted on the floor before the Rogers fireplace, ate hot camp wagon baked beans and biscuits, and sang the songs of the trail.