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The book "Gentleman of the Outdoors" seemed to me this Christmas 1986 the perfect gift for my cherished friend Bill Gibson.

Bill may never have the millions of dollars at his disposal as Max had but he has something else which was part of the great philanthropist's life. He has the love of the great outdoors.

And Bill has something else, a rare possession, he too is a gentleman of the outdoors.

No man in my life time fit into nature's picture like Bill Gibson. There was another man in my early life who made a lasting impression upon me as we fished and hunted in Elko County. He was Ed Steninger, my boss for many years at the Elko Daily Free Press.

We spent days in the open, hunting sagehen, which were plentiful in those days. The thing which intrigued me most was his love of the tiniest flower along the streams we trod.

He was more than 80 years old when we fished together for the last time.

My thoughts as I write are with the book on Fleischmann, my hours with the "old man" as I lovingly called him and with Bill who came to Elko with Kathy. We met through Audrey Harris and a friendship developed and flourished which is dear to Evelyn and me. We watched the family increase; we were together in their first house and helped dedicate the home they built.

Bill moves with nature like no other man I have ever known. He revels in the outdoors; no mountain peak is too high to climb; no bird escapes his clear sighted vision; no beauty of nature is ever lost, no day is long enough for what he wants to do; at night comrades sit around the table recalling failures as well as successful efforts of the day.

He makes the "good old days" live again; he out does the hunters and fishermen of my experience down through the years and believe me some of them were tops.

Bill Gibson is the modern Daniel Boone. But most of all he is one of my closest friends--and all of the members of his family are loved by Evelyn and me.

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