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DESTRUCTION OF BISON.

An Industry that Might Have Erected Enormous Annually Speedily Wiped Out—A Sorry Lesson.

In the settlement of the West much was done to which let us hope, the historians of the future will be a little blind. The brave and semi-barbaric life men who crossed the Alleghanies into a then apparently illimitable wilderness developed and transmitted to their children a certain chivalry for the rights of the native, little and humble, with whom they came into contact which was very beautiful to behold. It appears that Daniel Boone, last of the pioneers, lived to be hunted by the Western people before they were able to appreciate the authority which should at last, by slow degrees, make the progress of civilization less uncivilized. This lesson was sternly enforced when the pioneers settled down, five years ago, that of the uncounted millions of buffalo which had roamed the prairies at one time prior to 1870, hardly one was left to be seen by an active man of land scarcely a thousand were left. An industry that might easily have created a great revenue annually to the Northwestern and Southwestern sections had been literally destroyed, and destroyed in a way as wasteful, as it was brutal.

The lesson derived resulting from Western settlement is more shocking or more unfortunate than the extermination of the American Bison.

In a recent publication issued from the Government Printing Office, Superintendent Frederick H. Gillett, of Washington, Park has given an exhaustive account of this magnificent animal, certainly the noblest ruminant that has ever trod the earth, and has laboriously, and with a delay in American zoology, and of the wide-of-manner of its taking off. It is a sorry story, and it is a story which only can be read with an ever-increasing sense of pain and shame. It is a sorrowful reminder that the great American bison, of which, there contained in 1870 Gordon Cumming and the northern herd about twelve millions. In fifteen years all these magnificent herds had been killed, and by methods the epitome of meanness. The Indian buffalo chase was a great sport, full of excitement, sufficiently touched with risk and danger, and open to no objection so long as the white hunter continued himself the Indian methods, even though he used a far deadlier and more certain weapon, he could have made no such objection on the ground of unfairness of its description. The chase gave the object at least a chance of escape, and the white hunter was too desperate and greedy to be satisfied with humane sport.

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ABOUT THE STATE.

MURDER TRIAL AT BENZONIA.

Matters of Fact, Fiction and Gossip.

The Wright Trial.

BENZONIA, April 22.—The Wright trial now under full head of sail. The testimony of Wm. A. Marshall, brother of the murdered officer, was continued yesterday. The cross-examination showed that he had proceeded to Arial in the evening after hearing of the murder, armed with a rifle, as were others, during the general hue and cry after Wright. Mr. Marshall was taken from him by the officers when Wright was arrested, about 1 o'clock in the morning. The witness did not think he was called to confronting Wright with this rifle, that he would not use it if he had shot at Officer Wright. He only intended that Wright should not get away. He saw a rope about Wright's neck. If the jury believe that he had not gone in his lying. Being questioned by counsel for the defense, he said he was no participation in or knowledge of efforts to organize a party to lynch Wright. The witness carefully and deliberately stated the substance of the testimony, but indirectly revealed that a high state of excitement prevailed and excitement pervaded the community.

Newman Clark, a middle aged farmer, testified to Wright's character in August last, was the first witness called. He said that to-day was the first time he recognized Wright. Mr. Clark was asked if he had not said that he was "sorry for Officer Wright." Being further pressed Wright went to the store and paid off the account. He did not leave the account Wright explain to Mr. Fuller that "he had to shoot those men in self defense." Mr. Fuller said that "it was a bad business." On the day before the murder Wright came to Mr. Fuller's house, where Wright was arrested, coming out of the woods to near the highway fence. Wright was armed with a rifle and had a pistol in sight. Many people beside the officers were in the vicinity of the house at the time and cry. Wright disclaimed being armed, but the witness saw him disarmed by the officers. Wright said:

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George Wallis, chief of the Saginaw fire department, was thrown from a wagon and badly hurt Tuesday.

A Swedish girl at Escanaba was drugged at a dance Saturday night and she has become a raving maniac.

Jackson business men have organized a stock company with $10,000 capital to manufacture canned goods.

Manistee recently received two car loads of diseased horses, and there is considerable indignation on account of it.

The department of agriculture reports that Michigan's crop outlook has improved considerably within the two weeks.

Three million whitefish from the United States hatchery at Alpena were deposited in the bay at Point Tawas Saturday.

It is reported that the suspended students at Kalamazoo are even asked to remain away from college prayer meetings.

Mrs. Cyrus Priest, a farmer's wife seven miles southwest of Homer, hung herself Tuesday. She was 60 years old.

The Calumet News says there has been continuous sleighing in that city from the 1st of last November to the 8th of April.

Capt. H. J. Rhodes, of Saginaw, is planning an extended tour through the state in search of recruits for the regular army.

A roller mill which will grind 100 barrels of wheat daily will be put in at Ionia by the town of Killmaster, in Acona county.

The postoffice at Copley, Lake county, has been discontinued, and mail will go from for that point will hereafter go to Luther.

Farmers who are raising woodchuck for the bounty in Ionia county, find it a profitable business, as the price has been boomed to $5 each.

Andrew Anderson and Arthur Harris of Gowan pleaded guilty to stealing ammunition and they must go to the circuit court for trial.

A year from this time the state agricultural society will break ground for a magnificent $50,000 exposition building on their grounds at Lansing.

The manager of Madame Naoma, the hypnotic beauty, at Saginaw, Mich., offers $50 to the young man who will kiss her before an audience.

Samuel Bryant, of Mottville is the only living representative of the family of Robert Wiley, an orderly sergeant of revolutionary fame. He is 80 years old.

The new steel steamer, City of Chicago, which will run between Chicago and St. Joseph, is the largest and most elegant palace car berths instead of staterooms.

Hebard & Sons' new saw mill in Delamaine, Ionia county, burned Monday night, throwing 2,000 men out of work, and losing the firm $50,000 on the mill.

Silas Stephens is in jail at Muskegon on suspicion of having killed his wife, but the post mortem appears to show that the woman died from natural causes.

The superintendent of Port Huron cemetery says that, in spite of the bad weather the past winter, fewer deaths occurred than in any winter during the past 35 years.

Harmony is an unknown quantity at present among the members of the First Baptist church at Ionia. Charges against the pastor, Dr. Whitman, are the cause.

A Clinton man got mad because his girl had cooked a mince pie for another, after rounding the missed cabbage over and face he received boxing ears upon both sides and arms.

The coal-dust severity of war has not had the sacred effect of causing the people to dredge the Grand river between Grand Haven and Grand Rapids. He suggests a few loads of rocks and bricks.

Coldwater seems to have been off the matter of elections this spring. The town meeting, which was called for the purpose, was illegally called, and a new election will be called for June.

Mrs. John Lyons of Big Rapids, lost a baby last Monday. Thursday at daughter, 3 years old, fell into a tub of water and drowned. Mrs. Lyons received word that her sister had died suddenly at Morley.

A member of the Uncle Tom's Cabin troupe that assaulted the St. Ignace crew recently, got a taste of the law, which is a tough or two sense, and he was run in for the costs. The payment of $10 the fellow was released.

At their meeting Friday night the faculty of the agricultural college granted the six senior class of the college leave of absence day at Alma. They also voted to ask Ex-President Clark to deliver an oration at commencement time.

Wallace Brown, disappeared from Big Rapids in the fall of 1879, and was long mourned him as dead. He wasn't dead, Sheriff Ward, he has been to that mourner, saying that he wasn't stand the yoke, and tacked to matrimony, and holding her farewell forever. The wife and wife visits her herself and three children.

The Lyons Herald announced that the office holders of the Congregational church, for the accomodation of the local press, have decided to have ice cream frolic during June Saturday. Lots of printers will but they don't care to publicly announce it.

Morris Sylvester and John Armbrecht are painting an old house on the Black Creek Review and Herald office Tuesday when the scaffolding, broke, throwing the men to the ground. The fall was fifteen feet. Sylvester will die and the chances are against Armbrecht's recovery.

A long term convict, at Jackson prison, was discovered Tuesday night by the prison officials, erased the other after crawling the bull pen, where he was undergoing punishment. He was in his cell when found and defied the whole prison force. After a desperate fight he was subdued.

Judge Burton of Big Prairie, Newaygo county, had hogs supervisor of his town shot off his ears consecutive years until the section 1 at west. Then his determination opponent got just as many votes as he did, and when they drew cuts for it the demcratewon.

Pies grew pa. 700, ... written upon the back of an envelope was a telegram sent to Cashier Hoff of the Lenawee county savings bank, the other day, and it was good. The cashier filed it away as the most unique thing of the kind ever offered over that counter.

Thomas Rock, the Chicago contractor who did a considerable batch of work on the Detroit, Charlevoix & Lansing railroad last fall, and then suddenly quit he left unpaid but a few men, has sued the company for $6,000, claiming that to be the amount due him.

Deacon Mathias W. Lee of the First Congregational church at Kalamazoo has become an Atheist and wants to have his name erased from the church roll. A considerable interest is manifested in the case and the church has appointed a committee to investigate matters. The deacon's wife stands with him and wants to go too.

Along some lines the Saginaw Courier-Herald paper will there has been found an order allowing one Stephen Stillwell to carry a pistol concealed on his person. He came from New York to Brooklyn. The order was signed by Judge Cornell, and was dated "New York, Oct. 7, 1882," about 30 days before the British evacuated New York.

The recent election held for the purpose of housing Coldwater for water works, is said to be illegal because it was held in sufficient notice, and electors voted who were not qualified to vote on account of the bonding the city, and it now seems probable that another election will be called in which none but qualified electors will be allowed to vote.

A Saint Ste Marie young man fell in love with a girl, but her mother objected. Last night last week the young man took the girl and her mother out for a sleigh ride and scales wildly apart. While the play was in full blast the young man shot the girl and murdered before the curtain dropped. The mother says she will never forgive her 20 years of age.

A farmer living on the county line between Lenawee and Jackson counties is said to have had a very unpleasant and instance company for 4 days from a tramp practical joker who came to the house. He says "it destroyed a fine shade tree, rode and he sick, and leaped thence to a barbed wire fence, from which he was cut loose by that fellow was not a piece of wire a inch long left.

E. S. Toombs, a young man 22 years old, heavy and strongly constituted, was a patient in the asylum at Kalamazoo for some time, but his folks lately moved there, from West Bloomfield and had him received from the institution, apparently well. Three weeks ago he was taken with fits, which have continued every day since, due to the present time, and by actual count he has had 7,000 of them. And yet he will recover.

Dr. Hal C. Wyman writes to the Green ville Independent criticising the management of the Montcalm county poorhouse. Eight imbecile women are huddled in one room in charge of an old woman scarcely better than an idiot. These inmates fall upon the stove and suffer terrible burns and are in a bad condition on account of their burns. Dr. Wyman says that none of the county poor buildings are fit for the purpose to which they are put.

FROM THE CAPITAL

WILL MICHIGAN GET ALL THESE NEW POSTOFFICES.

A Great Bill For Public Buildings.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—The house post office committee has authorized a favorable report on the bill introduced by Mr. Hiscock in the last congress and reintroduced by him this session for the erection of post office buildings in all cities where the gross receipts for the last two years have been at least $3,000. The cost of such buildings shall not exceed $25,000; where the receipts have not exceeded $2,000 the cost of such building shall not exceed $20,000; and where the receipts have not exceeded $1,000 the cost shall be limited to $15,000. In no case shall more than $5,000 be paid for a site. It is estimated that the bill will involve an expenditure of $30,000,000, of which $2,000,000 are to be appropriated at once. The bill also provides for the sale, the following towns in Michigan would be entitle to consideration, Adrian, Albion, Allegan, Alma, Alpena, Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Bay City, Benton Harbor, Beaverton, Big Rapids, Buchanan, Cadillac, Calumet, Cato, Charlotte, Chesaning, Coldwater, Dowagiac, East Saginaw, Eaton Rapids, Escanaba, Fenton, Flint, Grand Haven, Greenville, Hancock, Hastings, Hillsdale, Holland, Howell, Ionia, Howell, Hudson, Ionia, Iron Mountain, Ironwood, Ishpeming, Ithaca, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lake Linden, Lansing, Lapeer, Howell, Ludington, Manistee, Manistique, Marquette, Marshall, Menominee, Middle, Monroe Moline, Ciemens, Mount Pleasant, Muskegon, Muskegon Heights, Niles, Otsego, Owosso, Paw Paw, Petoskey, Portland, Portland, Quincy, Red Jacket, Reed City, Rockford, Sagaw, St. Clair, St. Ignace, St. Johns, St. Joseph, St. Louis, Sault Ste. Marie, Saugatuck, Sturgis, Tecumseh, Three Rivers, Traverse City, West Bay City, Ypsilanti.

The secretary of state telegraphed Capt. Hourke, in charge of the special train that was carrying the Michigan soldiers from southern tour, to return to Washington from Richmond. This was done because twelve of the soldiers have left behind the excursion. Thirteen of the foreign delegates have also left the party, one of whom, of them, Dr. Mutinez, Nova of Columbia and Dr. Zegarsa of Peru, left Washington with the excursion. The others seem indifferent or regret giving various reasons for with drawing from the party. The special train used to join the excursion at Richmond, but it was decided that it would be better for the state to decide that the number of those going would not justify the expense of the journey. Which would cost at least $1,000 for the entire conference had gone, the whole outlay would probably have been $2,000.

B. Heiden of Leisnon, Ky., has been debarred from practicing as an attorney before the internal revenue office and its bureaus. The ground upon which this action is based is that Mr. Heiden has been guilty of fraud in his practice.

The senate and house republican caucuses in their respective bodies to relative question are approaching a seeming agreement although widely differing at first. The measure which is to deal with the surplus with the silver only. The two principal provisions are that the silver purchase of the treasury shall be directed to purchase monthly 4,500,000 ounces of silver and secondly that the silver coinage bill shall be repealed shall be reincorporate in law if it must therefore shall be reincorporate in law if it must.

For some diplomatic reason U. S. Consul Matthews will go from Gibraltar to the Congo. The reason is said to be the reason for this the officials will not disclose.

Representative McKinney of Ohio, has presented to the house a resolution providing that a set fee in money shall be paid to the widow of the late Lieutenant Greenwood, ordered by the national encampment of the G. A. R. shall be received and received in stationary hall, in the United States capitol.

Wedded a Titled Villian.

New York, April 1.—Within the past two weeks a good looking young lady of short stature, with an abbreviated black dress, selected from the Bowery, in Greenwich, has been twice arrested in Philadelphia and distributed to the Bowery. The first attempts to beguile a lovely American girl who is unfortunately his wife. The second time the girl was a little more in the measles of his not a romance of crime almost beyond belief. Two years ago, in the peaceful city of domestic life, suffice it to say that Mother Goose, Little Jack Horner, Little Bo Peep, be bound of her affections, not only the pretty little girl, but the pretty little boy, the one who added to the brilliancy of the most exclusive circle of the Smoky City. Miss Jennie Hurt, at the age of 18, with an abundance of auburn hair, eyes of sapphire blue, a pretty complexion and a disposition graceful form. She met the diminutive Count Montercolo and she married him. Count Montercolo was a man who, back for generations, and his wealth was supposed to be a Mecca for the fortune hunters in Italy. Miss Knox has circulating in her veins the blueest blood of western Pennsylvania. The Count Montercolo, in fact, he had crossed the ocean numerous times and spoke fluently the tongue of the Italians, and the Count was a social event he joined anything Pittsburgh had ever experienced.

Tornado Swept.

OZARK, ALA., April 23.—The upper portion of Geneva county was visited by a tornado last night. The Methodist church House, barns and fences were torn to pieces. Fragments were scattered in all directions. The track of the tornado was about 300 yards in width. It is not known if first struck the earth, but it made a clean sweep over everything in its path for a space of seven miles. Then the black mass of storm cloud rose above the earth and with a roar louder than thunder, it swept up and striking the earth again two miles away. When it struck the second time the force of the storm was not so great. Fences and houses were blown down for a distance of two miles and then the force of the storm seemed to have been spent. The loss of life is known only in the country being thinly settled and the fact that the terrible roar of the storm was heard for a distance of twenty miles from the place where it