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A BUFFALO HUNT.

It was a calm, beautiful morning in the month of October, that my friend, Bob Morton and myself mounted our horses and rode up the north bank of the Platte on a hunt after buffalo...

It was about four o'clock in the afternoon, just as we were beginning to get discouraged, and we were thinking of turning our horses' heads towards home, when we discovered the objects of our search.

Our game was a long distance off when first discovered, and had disappeared over a rise in the prairie, and as we were about to reach the top of the ridge, and each take our game and charge down upon them and capture both, if possible.

My horse was fleet but the tall grass tangled his feet, and I had a long hard chase before I came up with my prey.

After a hard chase, I came near enough, I thought, to venture a shot--perhaps, if I did not kill him, I could cripple him, and send him home with me.

This maddened him; and turning quickly, he charged with a terrible half snarl, and half rear down upon me.

I had no time to think whether I fancied the situation or not, for he was upon me in an instant, and with a look of despair after my flying horse, I ran, I know not whether, but with an instinct of self-preservation; all this happened in an instant.

I put my hand to my belt; but my revolver was gone; the scabbard was empty. It had probably fallen out when I was thrown from my horse.

I had nothing to kill him with--not even a pen-knife. His wound was bleeding profusely, and my hope was that he might become exhausted first; but he seemed far from that now, while I searched very near to it.

I was safe, but it came not a moment too soon. I, too, fell to the ground, more dead than alive. The sequel is soon told. It was Bob who had saved me.

Jeff Davis Speaks.

A Defence Against the Charges of Mr. Blaine--The Motives of a Politician--Efforts of the Confederates to bring about Exchange--Ez. Post Facts Legislation Criticized.

Jefferson Davis has written the following letter to Judge Lyons, of Richmond, Va.:

HON. JAMES LYONS:--My dear friend:--Your very kind letter of the 14th inst. was forwarded from Memphis and has been received.

Now let us review the leading facts of the case. The report in the Confederate Commissioner of the exchange of prisoners shows how persistent and liberal were our efforts to secure the relief of captives.

though directed specially against me, was no doubt intended and naturally was the arrangement of the South, by whose authority and in whose behalf my deeds were done.

I thought of my revolver, and that I would sell my life as dearly as possible. I always carried it in my belt, and perhaps I could throw it over my shoulder and shoot the animal in the eye.

At that instant my feet became entangled and I fell; the maddened creature had just touched me as I went down, and was under such terrible headway that he passed directly over me without touching me.

When closely confined at Fortress Monroe I was solicited to add my name to those of many esteemed gentlemen who had signed a petition for my pardon, and an assurance was given that on my doing so the President would order my liberation.

It was not an act of mere expediency, but a noble and patriotic one, and one which I am proud to have done.

PHOTOGRAPHIC ILLUSTRATIONS. To influence the passions of our people. How was not an act of mere expediency, but a noble and patriotic one.

because of the exigencies of war there can be no such excuse now for the attempt of Mr. Blaine by gross misrepresentation and slanders.

Mutual respect is needed, for the common interest is essential to a friendly union, and when slander is promulgated from high places the public welfare demands that truth shall strip falsehood of its power for evil.

Pandango in South Florida. Among a class of illiterate and vulgar people, inhabiting that portion of South Florida between the Withlacoochee River, and the Everglades.

These plays, as they are called, are given every night from one house to another, and a chicken can be found, a dust of meal remains in the tub, or a tomato in the patch.

Having heard of these people and their proceedings, I had a great anxiety to attend one of their plays and witness their peculiar actions.

Girls and boys merry and light. Had their fun on New Year's night; While I with eager gaze-- Paid particular attention to the plays.

From the Baltimore Sun.

The northwestern hurricane that came down from the direction of Lake Superior during the week before last, was one of the most violent disturbances that has ever, perhaps, been recorded in this country.

At one time there was but one wire unbroken between New York and Washington City. Considerable damage is reported at Philadelphia, including injury to the towers of the Agricultural Hall and the New York building on the centennial grounds.

Wine Without Grapes! At the session of the International Viticultural Congress, in October, 1874, at Montpellier, France, the late Professor P. Pieris, in the medical school of that city, by invitation, gave some facts in regard to the fabrication of imitated wines.

Fifteen Whisky Conspirators Sentenced. In the U. S. Court at Indianapolis, on Tuesday, the 1st inst., the following persons were sentenced for Whisky Ring operations by Judge Gresham: Philip C. Eberwine, George T. Simons, David M. Lewis, Henry Jackson, Christopher Cooney, John F. Crisp, and Benjamin McGuff, each, six months in the Gibson county jail, and to pay a fine of \$500; George Hagan, six months in the Vanderburgh county jail, and to pay a fine of \$500.

A Colony of Madmen. The town of Ghiesl, situated in the province of Antwerp, has been for six centuries an abode of madmen, and tradition even takes the story back eleven centuries.

Learn About the Pulse. Every intelligent person should know how to ascertain the state of the pulse in health; then by comparing it when he is illing, which will have some idea of the case.

The Practical Farmer recommends the following wash for the bodies of fruit trees: "One ounce of copperas to eight or ten gallons of water forms a good wash, and is advised for trial as a preventive against blight.

An old farmer says of his boys: "From sixteen to twenty, they knew more than I did; at twenty-five they knew as much; at thirty they were willing to hear what I had to say; at thirty-five, they asked my advice; and I think when they get to be forty, they will acknowledge that the old man does know something."

The death of old Governor Weller, of California, has revived this anecdote of him: Weller was unfortunate enough to be caught in a shipwreck. Arriving at San Francisco, he was asked by a sympathizing friend if he had lost much.

pen to the other. On my right as I walked in the entry stood an old-fashioned side-board, ornamented with a cracked looking-glass and an old brush. In one corner of the table was the table, and in the other was the assembled heterogeneous mass.

Mr. Smith met me at the entry and gave me a cordial welcome. I stood behind the confronting doors and with astonishment looked on at the jovial crowd.

"He'll bite as good as any dog can." Then he kisses his girl and sends her in the ring, with the name "Rose, Pink, Beauty," or such like tasty names.

The Capitol at Washington. The Capitol never was so attractive. It is a noble building, and year by year all that is historical in it takes on more charm of age.

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Items of Interest. A singular death took place the other day at Lincoln, in England. A grocer named Pleyat, who keeps fowls, was last week feeding them, when a bantam cock spurred the grocer's boy.

Senator Sharon has sold his San Francisco residence to O. W. S. O'Brien, of the San Francisco firm of Flood & O'Brien, \$212,500. This price includes three \$2,000 shares of the \$5,000,000 stock of the Pacific Improvement Co., and all efforts to save the unfortunate man's life proved unavailing.

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Nineveh was 14 miles long 8 miles wide and 46 miles round, with a wall 100 feet high and thick enough for three chariots abreast. The city was 50 miles within the walls, which were 75 feet thick and 100 feet high, with 100 towers at four score. A healthy grown person's pulse beats seventy times a minute. There may be good health down to sixty; but if the pulse always exceeds sixty, there is a disease.

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