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WAS IT A MIRAGE?

A Strange, Beautiful Vision, Seen In the Wood River Valley in the Summer of '61.

It was in the latter part of June. Rains had been frequent of late, grass was abundant for the cattle and heavy dews of mornings were the rule. I was alone, in charge of the McLaine ranch, four miles north and on the opposite side of the Platte river from Ft. Kearney, then a military post of two regiments--as partially described in a sketch by the writer in last week's Journal. The sun was just peeping up over the northeastern hills as I sallied out of the house to attend to the morning chores. Happening to glance toward the east scene so strange and unusual met my gaze that all thought of anything else was, for the time being, driven from my mind. There, close before me, was a view of scenery which I at once recognized and knew to be twenty to thirty miles away, which now seemed less than a half mile distant. My astonishment may be imagined, but I will not attempt to describe it.

I had in my boyhood read in story books of what is called a mirage, but I had never seen one before--if, indeed, this was a mirage now before my astonished eyes. It was a scene, too, as beautiful as it was strange, and I must have stood for some minutes, transfixed in wonder and delight. Then I began to analyze it. A filmy cloud hung like a thin sheet of paper, apparently but a few feet above the earth--certainly no higher than the telegraph poles that stretched out in a long line to the east--and the further edge of the cloud seemed to meet the earth beyond the point where the Wood river turns into the Platte bottom, and this part of the scene was to all appearances drawn upward to an angle of several degrees, and brought close to view. A bright, yet mellow blue, green and pinkish yellow shading so intermingled as to give an exquisite effect between cloud and earth to the picture, and making it sublimely beautiful.

If possible to get a still better view of this entrancing picture I climbed up the corner of the log storehouse to the top and sat on the "comb" of the roof, and from there the whole scene stretching down eastward, bordered by the fringe of trees along Wood river, was spread out like a painted picture--from Boyd's ranch, seven miles away, on the left, next the ranch of Joe E. Johnson, and office of Wood River Gazette. Between there and the ford over Wood river, some fifteen miles, were two or three other ranches--all in full view, and most amazing of all else was the perfect view of the log house which stood near the ford. The logs and chinks of the structure were plainly visible. A herd of cattle was feeding on the prairie near by, and so bright was the view that their various colors were easily discernible, and I noticed some were red, some black and some spotted with white. While I gazed a man came out of the house with an ax, went to the woodpile and began cutting wood. He was in his shirt sleeves--without coat or vest. I could see the gleam of the ax as it rose and fell; see the bright chips fly as the chopper cleft the stick of wood, and imagined I could hear the sound of the ax--although I knew it to be full thirty miles away as the bird flies from where I sat, to the man who was chopping firewood with which to cook breakfast.

As I gazed at this wonderful picture the cloud began to rise, and gradually the vision of beauty and delight faded from view; and almost as quickly as words can tell it, it was gone from my sight--never to be seen again.

Was this a mirage? No; not such a one as we read of in books. Webster defines a mirage to be "An optical illusion arising from an unequal refraction in the lower strata of the atmosphere," [and that far the definition hits this case perfectly, but the result is different] as he continues: "causing remote objects to appear double, as if reflected in a mirror, or in the air." In this case refraction of the rays of light had a different effect--it lifted the "remote objects" which were on the opposite side of a sloping ridge, up into full view, and in addition had the same effect as a telescope upon the objects covered by the refracted rays, and brought them out so distinct that they appeared to be close at hand.

Whatever this optical illusion may be called, it was such a surprise, such a bright and beautiful vision, that the memory of its loveliness has not faded from my mental vision during the forty years that have elapsed since I was privileged to witness it, and my hope is that it will remain there as a reminder of the wonderful productions of Nebraska's atmosphere.

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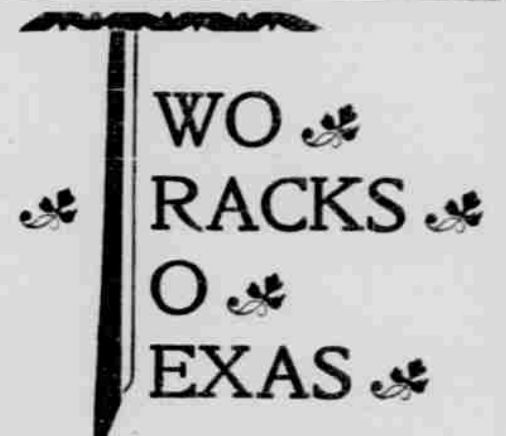
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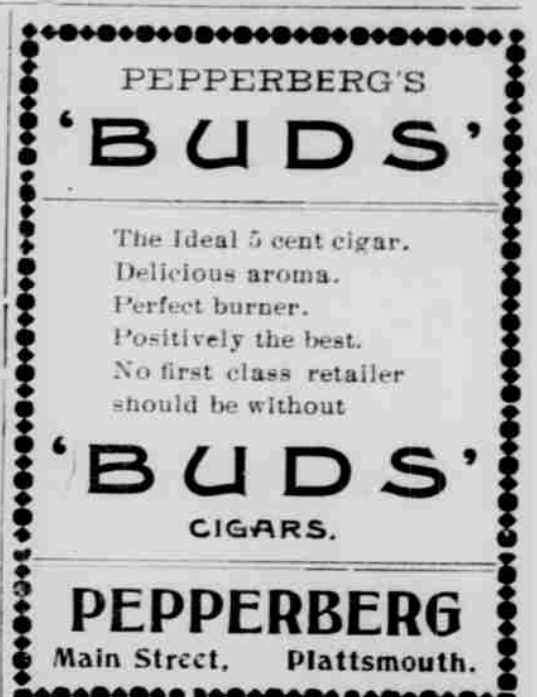
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