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P. T. Barnum, the showman, is a thing of the past. He has settled up his business, and recently announced that he had turned his whole circus over to Mr. Baily, who will own and conduct it, and that he himself had forever retired. Advancing years and a desire to enjoy his old age in quiet, are the causes that led Mr. Barnum to close out. He gave a farewell dinner and is now about to occupy a plain little brick cottage overlooking Long Island Sound. Mr. Barnum is getting to be infirm. He shows his years, and he repeatedly announced that the cosy little brick cottage in which he intends to pass the evening of his life had been built expressly for his young wife. The deeds are in her name. Mr. Barnum has made his will, which is understood to be a "cast iron will." Besides the usual witnesses Mr. Barnum has secured the signatures of two leading physicians that he is in his right mind. He is estimated to be worth \$10,000,000.

Misery in Western Kansas.

WICHITA DISPATCH—The depopulation of western Kansas continues with wonderful rapidity. Richard L. Bentley, representing the St. Louis Mercantile company, who has been over much of the western part of the state, in what is known as the "New Country," is in this city. He says that in Ness City, Lighton, Scott City and many other places, not 100 people will winter in any of the towns. Two years ago most of the towns had from 500 to 2,000 inhabitants each, but the streets and almost the entire villages are deserted and the few inhabitants left are unable to get away. A year ago these people passed a winter almost without coal, there having been a fuel famine from the beginning of cold weather till spring. Already the fatal blizzards have set in and one or two fearful storms have swept the plains, killing much stock. The people are discouraged and heartbroken. They raised no crops this year, and have been compelled to leave their homes from the fear of starvation.

A Bear Story.

The presence of one or more bears in a cave near Bull Springs being known to Hank Lovett, William Smith, William Wright and William Barnhart, residing in that locality, the quartette of bear slayers, armed to the teeth, proceeded to the vicinity of the cave for the purpose of investigating the situation with a view to the utter annihilation of the entire menagerie therein contained. Hank, prompted by an irresistible desire to determine the nature of the situation inside the cave, with more courage than discretion, advanced to the mouth of the cave to reconnoiter, when to his surprise, and as may be easily imagined, to his utter discomfiture, met the head of the family at the door, a full grown specimen of the Bruin family weighing at least six hundred pounds. No salutations were exchanged other than the report of Hank's rifle, which was quickly followed by a proffered embrace on the part of his bearship, which Hank somewhat reluctantly accepted.

The situation was now regarded by the balance of the party, as well as by Hank himself, as being somewhat critical, as the deadly struggle which was now going on between the bear and Hank, had every appearance of resulting favorably to the bear. Hank called lustily upon the boys to shoot, but his close proximity to the bear rendered such a course dangerously uncertain as to whether Hank or the bear would be benefitted by the shot. In the meantime the bear had succeeded in getting Hank down, and was amusing himself by planting his huge teeth in Hank's right arm, ankle and thigh, when by an almost superhuman effort, Hank raised the bear up to a sufficient height above him to enable one of the boys (Smith) to shoot with comparative safety, which he did, the ball taking effect in the region of the heart, from the effects of which the bear died in a few minutes. Three other bears who, doubtless hearing the noise on the outside were curious to know what was going on, then appeared upon the scene, which were killed in turn as they came out from their hidden retreat.

Hank's injuries are not very serious, but at this writing he has not entirely recovered, a fact indicated by a well defined limp, which renders his step less elastic than it was previous to his encounter with the unfeathered bird called the bear.

This is probably the most successful raid that has been made upon the bear family in the history of the Hills, and yet it is said there are still a few more bears left in that locality, which, so far as we are concerned, have permission to

remain undisturbed, as we are not aware of having lost any, and shall therefore make no claim to any. Two of the monsters were brought in Saturday, and submitted to the gaze of our citizens, some of whom had seen and killed larger bears, under more exciting circumstances, but no papers were produced confirming the validity of the statements. It is hardly possible they may be true. —Custer Chronicle.

ANTELOPE VALLEY ITEMS.

Fine weather and corn all in the crib. Clarence Leeling raised 800 or 900 bushels of corn this year. He thinks he would not exchange his place for any chance to rent in Iowa.

Sheriff Moses passed through Antelope valley on the 27th, with a prisoner supposed to be one of the men that attempted to rob the pay car on the narrow gauge road about a month ago. He is also charged with keeping a rope with a horse attached to one end of it, to get away on.

Mr. Kidpath is now canvassing this part of the county in the interest of the Black Hills nursery; glad to say, as near as we can learn, "He is having good success." Sioux county may yet be known as a fruit country. If any trees do well in this country we think it would be those raised near this climate.

Friend W. H. Zimmerman has gone to Iowa for the winter, glad to know that he will return early in the spring, and it is expected that he will bring one of the fair sex with him to share the lot of a Sioux county farmer. Any lady would certainly be pleased with the home he has built on Antelope. Come and see Mr. Z. as soon as you return and give us an introduction.

Mr. Buff Coffee was down on lower Antelope last week dehorning cattle. The way he has of taking the horns off does not seem to bother them in the least. He is a good hand with the lasso rope.

Mr. Gerlach was at the Hub last week. No new cases of honesty is reported.

"Railroad," is the talk in the valley. Will probably build a depot on or near our claim. If we could borrow one or two men out of Harrison we could easily bond this precinct to raise money to build a court house.

Messrs Bigelow & Seymour were looking over this part of the country Sunday. Like all others who visit the valley they were highly pleased with the soil and lay of the land.

Just as we expected! On the 24th inst Mr. Ragland met that lady at the train and conducted her to her sister's house, and the boys are all engaged in making horse-fiddles, gathering up bells, tin pans &c. Better give Mr. Story the pleasure of tying the knot Jack, you believe in protection now patronize home. We would have settled this a month ago for a cigar but now you had better give us a dance and we will be, yours with kind regards.

Misfortunes never come singly, hence the election of Harrison, defeat of Walker and I in debt to Mr. Ragland a new hat on the election of president.

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We notice an article in the Sioux Co. Republican of Nov. 20th concerning myself. The poor demented Judge! He seems to think it a disgrace and shame to get in debt and not be able to pay. Many a poor man has been disgraced if such is the case. I am ever ready to acknowledge that debt and will pay the same as soon as I can. I was not present when judgment was rendered, nor was I summoned, but I acknowledge \$9.60 and trust that is what it is.

Now Judge I wish to refresh your dizzy head and memory. I am informed that you did not pay for that wagon you drove to this country. A certain man in Harrison received a letter from the firm wishing him to collect \$75 for a wagon you had gotten and failed to pay for. I am ready to prove this Judge, and the person was not Walker either, but we can produce the man that said he got a letter to that effect, but don't get someone else to prefer a charge and take us into your court. I will state below my opinion of your judgment. There is one difference between you and me. The attorney that received the letter above referred to did not respond, but you would, as a matter of course, deny the debt. Hope you have paid it before this time. In speaking of your good qualities Judge, I will say that I have never been accused of wife beating—but I will stop, it would corrupt the morals of any paper to publish your record as it is (except the Republican.) That thing who presides as county judge and is shaped much as a human being, we are always ready to give the title of Judge for he is such a good judge of whiskey. We've thought he would make a good import collector, because he could tell just what per cent of alcoholic spirits liquor contained, just by the taste. But again, it would take too much for him to taste. I will close for this time Judge by advising you to have those fellows around town to stop writing articles for your

paper that they would not print were they its editor. They may seem as friends Judge but they do you harm. Poor demented Judge! I do not declare myself a personal friend owing to your record, but feel sorry for anyone who has fallen so low and would like to see you do better. Lo try once Judge. Brace up and look wise. So long. Respectfully, WEEZ WRISTLER.

—Bodare.

Still fine weather. Corn picking is all the go. I. Sears is hauling corn to Mr. Morris' on a contract. Who says this is not a farming country?

Well the snakes haven't all gone in their dens yet, as I saw one this week. Mrs. Loutzenheiser has arrived in the valley and is holding her claim down.

A. Southworth has hauled his wheat to the Crawford mill. It was good and brought a good price.

Mr. Holly, who is still repairing his house, brought home four calves the other day. He has more cattle than some people have lay.

One of our neighbors has a new way of working a horse. When all the hair is out of the tail then he can't work any more. Bring on your horses that have a fine tail of hair.

B. & M. R. R. is the boom in the valley, we look for the road to come down Boggy. All hands are going to work on the same.

Five Points school closed Friday the 30th.

What about those 61 votes cast at McGinly's? If there is any Government land there I would like to locate as there would be plenty of neighbors.

SLOCUM.

WAR BONNET.

We will try to furnish you with something to fill up with so you won't have to duplicate one column as you did last week.

School in district No. 13 commenced Wednesday with Miss Mabel Robinson on the rostrum. Miss Ida Strand and master George Williams are spending a few days of this week in Chadron.

E. A. Andrews started Wednesday for a visit to his old home in Binghampton, N. Y.

James Nolan, with his outfit of merry cow punchers, is home from the round up.

Mrs. Clem. Leeling and Wilber Shepherd returned last Friday from a visit to friends and relatives in Iowa.

Miss Ida Stannard is having built a 12 by 16 addition to her house on her claim. "A fine kit of Tools," those which lately arrived in the valley. Not many in the kit but each article warranted prime A1 material and well made. OCCASIONAL.

Glen Items.

The weather seemed to have taken cold recently.

William Rodgers, of Soldier creek, is skidding logs on White river for E. McFarling.

The Rodgers boys' mother is visiting with Henry Rodgers, on Spring creek. Joseph and John Rodgers are hauling wood to the Post every day.

The Sunday School is prospering fine in district No. 19. They expect to close with a tree on Christmas.

Oh yes, we have another free range law suit on hand. A hearing was had before Squire Mason and the case continued until Friday. J.

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Don't Forget

That we want several more correspondents. Some may think they are not competent, that a person must be able to write and spell every thing correctly. Not so. Send us the news as best you can and we will correct it and make it readable if not already so. Try it once or twice.

Harrison's New Mill.

Mr. C. L. Tubbs has added to the Novelty Works a mill capable of grinding graham flour, buckwheat flour, meal, and chop feed of all kinds. He will be ready for business after the 15th of December.

Sioux City will send a Corn Palace train to Washington next March to help make things howl on the day of inauguration.

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