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PLATTSMOUTH ENCAMPMENT No. 31, I. O. O. F.—Meets every alternate Friday in each month in the Masonic Hall. Visiting Brothers are invited to attend.

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## THE GREAT FLOODS.

### Scenes of Desolation and Ruin in the Overflowed Districts.

QUINCY, Ill., May 19.—The flood in this district gives no sign of abatement. The decline of an inch and a half here this morning, up to 6 o'clock, was due solely to the relief afforded by numerous breaks in the two levees which permitted vast lakes of water to overflow the basins. Since that, however, the river has been at a standstill, and a further rise is certain. It is possible, in the judgment of experienced river men, that the high water mark of 1851 will be passed before the climax is reached. Relief crews from this city have been sent in all directions, and the people on the bluffs will be cared for. Their immediate necessities will be supplied by boat loads of provisions. Citizens are subscribing liberal sums of money and boxes of clothing to be forwarded as soon as the location of the distressed refugees is determined. They are in special need for food for stock, hundreds of heads of which are huddled together on embankments. If the distress proves as widespread as reported, there will be an appeal to the citizens of the state at large for contributions of money. The first loss of life was reported this morning.

## Colored College Commencement.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 18.—The friends of colored education are greatly interested in Livingstone College, at Salisbury, where there are 400 students, and whose commencement exercises are now in progress. Last evening Dr. Charles F. Deems, of New York City, pastor of the Church of the Strangers, and one of the most eminent North Carolina preachers, delivered the annual address before a great assemblage. There are twenty-two graduates, of whom six are females. Two graduates from the theological, ten from the normal, and ten from the classical department. Dr. Deems, after hearing the essays and orations, said that in all his life in his visits to Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and in his connection with the North Carolina State University as professor, he has never heard so few mistakes in English and classics among students, and that the thoroughness of scholarship in English and Latin was unsurpassed by any of these institutions.

## Through the Cascade Mountains.

SEATTLE, Wyo., May 18.—The Seattle Lake Shore and Eastern Railway Company last evening entered into a contract with the millionaire contracting firm of Ryan & McDonald, of New York, through their representatives, Messrs. Burns & Smith, of Baltimore, for the construction of 225 miles of standard gauge railroad through the Cascade mountains toward Spokane Falls. This new places the whole distance between the two cities under contract, and there is great rejoicing all over the territory. This new contract specifies that the work must be completed within two years from date, which will compel the contractors to employ an army of men, and to build from both ends of the line. The cost of this new section is placed at \$5,000,000. The country to be traversed is extremely rich in timber, coal and iron, and on the eastern slope in grain and in general produce.

## Profitable Temperance Meeting.

BEE SPRINGS, Neb., May 19.—The district convention of the W. C. T. U. closed here last night after a three days' session. The attendance was very large and much interest manifested. There were delegates here from the five counties comprising the district. The lectures of Mrs. Mattie Stearns, of Falls City, Wednesday evening, and Mrs. Emma Pow Smith, of California, last night, were highly complimented by all who heard them. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. E. A. Fulton, Pawnee City; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. J. Duer, Pawnee City; recording secretary, Mrs. Hertzell, Auburn; treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Battles, Stella.

## Worse Yet.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 19.—A special to the Post-Ditches from Keokuk says the water is within less than a foot of the great rise of 1851. The railroads were all blockaded, and will not be able to resume for a week even if the worst of the flood be over. A special from Alma, Ark., says rain has been falling in that state for the last three days, and all the streams have overflowed. Immense cotton fields and cane bottoms are reported inundated. So quick was the rise from the Big Frog and Clear creek that people were forced from their homes, and some were compelled to swim for their lives. It is feared that several lives have been lost.

## Shot While Attempting to Escape.

RIO GRANDE CITY, Tex., May 18.—Last night about 8 o'clock, Abram Resendez, a resident of Roma, was shot by a deputy sheriff while attempting to escape from arrest. Resendez was the leader of the gang of outlaws who in August last relieved Don Manuel Guerra, of Roma, of \$500. Resendez and two others called on Guerra, and by threatening to kill him compelled him to pay the money. The matter has been kept quiet by Guerra and the officers in expectation of securing the whole gang. On Monday last Judge Russell issued a warrant Resendez's arrest. The warrant was executed here yesterday, and while being taken to jail Resendez attempted to escape, and was shot. He lay until this morning.

## Telegraphers' Signal Code.

There is nothing that gladdens the eyes of the telegraph editor quite as much as the magical "30." The compositor at the case likes to see it, too, for he knows it is the end of telegraph copy for the night. The telegraph operator has a fancy for "30" also, as, indeed, has every one who has anything to do with a telegraph or a newspaper office. This "30" means literally "the end," and is the signal that the telegraph report is complete for the night, but just why it should be so or how this came about no one can probably tell with any accuracy, but it is a part of a code of signals adopted by telegraph operators long ago. They hit upon it at random, doubtless, and it serves its purpose satisfactorily. By the same token the figure "1" is used as the signal, "Wait a minute;" "2," and sometimes "12," means "I understand;" "18" means "trouble;" "23" is "busy on another wire."

These are the signals most commonly used by operators engaged on ordinary business or dispatches intended for the newspapers, but signals and ciphers are used in a thousand occupations. The train dispatcher has his code, and the signals therein save him a world of work and pounding of the key. For instance, "7" may mean "train orders" and "9" be the signal used by the president of the road. When "9" flashes along everything on the wire gets out of the way, just as everything is sidetracked when the president's car comes whizzing down the rails. It can be readily understood how these signals save time and labor, on the principle that stenography is better adapted to the condensation of phrases and sentences than longhand; in a single figure a world of meaning can be expressed, but to the overworked telegraph editor, who has been slaving all night with his head close to a gas lamp, and whose brain is buzzing and sizzling, the signal "30" is the sweetest and the dearest of them all.—Chicago Tribune.

## An Actor in Honolulu.

Booth told a very amusing story when he was here last of a trip he took to Honolulu, when he was younger and knocking about California. Some actor came up from Australia who had stopped at the Sandwich Islands. He inflamed Booth on the subject of that dramatic El Dorado. He scraped together all the money he could and went to Honolulu. He had fifty dollars when he arrived. With that money he hired the theatre for five weeks at ten dollars a week. He found two or three people and made arrangement to give a show. It was to be "Richard III." The two or three people played all the parts. One man played four, and one woman two, and so on. The question of billing the town arose. He managed to get some posters, but he had nothing to stick them up with. He bought a bucket of "paste" and some starch or stuff that would help it, mixed his paste and sent a small Kanaka out to put up the bills. He didn't see any when he went out, and investigation disclosed that the small Kanaka had eaten up all the paste and thrown the posters away. He begged some of his company to stick them up, but they were all too high toned, and Booth had to go off himself in the middle of the night and paste his bills up. He said he came back with fifty dollars, just as he started, and they had lived on bananas principally.—San Francisco Chronicle.

## Outlook for Juvenile Literature.

When there are no more red Indians, or when those who continue to exist are universally respectable, law abiding, hundred personages, what will the boy of the future do for exciting literature? Pirates, it need hardly be pointed out, are becoming in these latter days ridiculously scarce, even in their former happy hunting grounds off the coasts of Sumatra, Borneo and other East Indian islands traders rarely meet with any of the gentlemen immortalized by Marryat, Low and Louis Stevenson, and a score of other marine novelists. When we come across a good pirate story in a boys' book, we nearly always find it written in the past tense. The same is becoming true of adventures with Redskins; but still there are parts of the American continent where the Comanche or Apache in his war paint may even now be encountered. This is as it should be. The misery which will be inflicted on schoolboys when all the desert islands of the world are inhabited, when a pirate will be as extinct as a plesiosaurus and the few remaining red Indians become waiters in New York restaurants, has never been taken seriously or systematically into account. It is an outrage on boyhood to deprive it of the chief field for this expansion of its imaginative faculty.—London Telegraph.

## "CREASING" A MUSTANG.

### SKILL DISPLAYED BY TEXAS MARKSMEN IN CAPTURING WILD HORSES.

The Animals Formerly a Great Nuisance to Cattle Raisers—Catching an Untamed Mustang with a Rifle Ball—Irreclaimably Vicious Brutes.

J. T. Hill, who for many years has been engaged in cattle raising in Texas and the Indian territory, remarked to a reporter the other day: "In the early days of the cattle business in Texas, from 1857 to 1860, the ranges were overrun by bands of wild horses. These animals were a great nuisance, as they would get mixed with our loose horses and run them off when any one approached. As a rule they were a rough, ill shaped set of beasts, and almost untamable, so that few attempts were ever made to catch them, it being considered best to shoot them on sight and thus get rid of a disturbing influence in our horse herds. Sometimes, however, a really fine animal would be seen and the ranchmen would try hard to secure it. But the ordinary mode of capture, lassoing, could seldom be used against wild horses, and these beasts were very shy and even a poor horse, carrying no weight, could outstrip a very fine animal with a man on his back. I have chased wild horses 100 times and have become thoroughly convinced of the truth of the English racing saying that the weight of a stable key will win or lose a race.

## NOVEL METHOD OF CAPTURE.

In this extremity the Texans used to resort to a means of capturing the horse which is, I believe, exclusively American. It was discovered, I do not know how, that a blow upon a particular sinew in a horse's neck, located just above where the spine joins the skull, would paralyze the animal temporarily without doing it any permanent injury. In those days the Texans were nearly without exception fine shots, and at short range could send a rifle ball with phenomenal accuracy. The horses could not be approached except on foot, and it was impossible to catch them on horseback. But, not to be overcome by any such difficulties, the cowboys discovered a way to capture them. Taking his rifle, a hunter would crawl through the thick chaparral until within fifty or sixty yards of the horse he desired to secure. Then, taking careful aim, he would endeavor to send a bullet through the top of the neck so as to strike the sinew. When this was properly done the horse would fall as if struck by lightning and remain insensible for ten or fifteen minutes, recovering completely in an hour or two, with no worse injury than a slight wound in the back of the neck that soon healed. Of course many bullets went astray and hundreds of horses were killed, but a good shot would secure about one horse in three that he attempted to 'crease,' as this mode of capture was called.

The large caliber rifles commonly in use were not adapted to this peculiar mode of hunting, as if they touched the sinew they were sure to break it, and the wounds the 44 or 52 caliber balls inflicted were too severe. The weapon universally employed in creasing mustangs was the old Hawkins rifle, which carried a bullet not much larger than a pea, had a set trigger and required but a small charge of powder. These weapons were wonderfully accurate up to 100 yards, but inflicted a trifling wound, and the bullet was likely to take a course through soft flesh around any hard object, instead of tearing through it, as a larger ball would do. Hundreds of mustangs, all ways the best animals in the herd, used to be creased every year, and this practice was kept up until the herds had entirely disappeared.

## NOT OF MUCH USE.

"Some of the horses thus secured were very tough and fleet animals, but few were of any practical use. Nearly all were stallions, as a wild mare that was good for anything was seldom seen, and the captured horses were nearly, without exception, irreclaimably vicious, even when judged from the Texas standpoint. Even when broken to the saddle they could only be ridden by the very best horsemen, and were always on the look out to do their riders an injury. Strange to say, they seldom tried to kick, but a man had to be continually on the lookout for their fore feet and teeth. They only used their hind feet when a man was about to mount, but nearly every one of them had a trick of kicking forward as soon as the rider put his foot in the stirrup, and unless he was wary he would receive a terrible blow on the leg.

"I used to own a horse that, I believe, could scratch himself between the ears with his hind foot, his hind leg being apparently made of India rubber. The instant he felt a foot in the stirrup his hind hoof would come forward with the speed of lightning, in the attempt to inflict a most vicious kick. I gave up mounting him in the usual way, and always used to vault into the saddle without touching the stirrups, a feat easily enough performed in my younger days, although I would have some difficulty in doing it now. I used to like to ride wild horses, but after one or two narrow escapes from their deadly fore feet, which they would use if a man carelessly stood in front of them, I gave it up and stuck to the tame stock."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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