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Years may come, and years may go, but the day after Christmas will al-WASS occupy a prominent place in the history of the Watkins family, some of the members of which still reside in a shady and quiet fiftle valley that skirts the hanks of Chotan wreck, a pobbly bottomed stream which flows into the Missouri at a point a few miles below Fort Ran-

Early in the spring of 1872, John Watkins was seized with the western fever, and a few weeks later it attacked the entire family, then consisting of the father, mother, four grown up sons and three daughters. The question of moving to the then uninhabited west was discussed by all the members of the family, and it was soon agreed that the little, rocky farm of ten acres in York state, which had been handed down from

At first the girls entered a mild protest. but eventually their objections were over come by the father, who argued that if they moved to the far west and entered govern men't land it would not be long before the Watkins family would become rich and famous. Around the fireside the old man pictured his broad acres of grain waving in the sun and waiting for the reaper's knife. He also drew a mind picture of the herds of enttie, sheep and horses grazing upon the hills of some of the western states. These pictures were of a kind to make the artist blush at his own inability, and eventually they conquered all objections which the Watkins girls had to leaving the eastern

The farm was advertised in the village paper and the next week a buyer was found, who took the land and all of the personal property, with the exception of some heirlooms which were packed away and shipped with the private effects.

the month of May the Watkins people were bidden godspeed by their old neighbors and left the roof which had sheltered their ancestors for many a generation, their objective point being Iowa, as they had heard that that was a land which flowed with milk and honey. As they journeyed westward they listened and while upon the swift moving train they heard many tales of the fertility of the land of the Dakotas. There they heard that the land was as free as the air and that the climate was as balmy as an eternal summer. Upon reaching Chicago they bought tickets to gloux City, the end of the railroad, and were soon speading toward their goal. From Sioux City they took passage upon one of these old lumbering stage coaches, a relic of by-gone ages, and were soon in a land that had never responded to the tread of a white man. They passed by Elk Point, Vermillion and Springfield, now prosperous cities, but then mere frontier hamlets, inhabited by squaw men and

Late in the afternoon of May 25, the driver stopped to water his horses at a clear brook, and as the elder Watsins looked from the window in the side of the Concord coach. the panorama that nature had spread out

Above him he gazed upon a cloudless sky, while beneath his feet was a carpet of green, and as soft as the most expensive moquette The hills were tinged with the golden sun-set giving them the appearance of being great gems, set in green. The change was in such striking contrast with the rocks and woods of the eastern states, that here the Watkinses concluded to spend the remainder of their days. Their lugginge was bundled off the boot of the stage and the old vehicle

That night the Watkinses, old and young, heaven for a covering, but the next morning the father and sons commenced the crection was the owner of a yoke of oven, and before the end of the week the family was housed within the walls of its own cottage. A trip was made to Yankton, where exen, plows and a large supply of provisions were purchased, after which the work of turning over the virgin soil was commenced. Corn was planted and the yield was abundant:

of the Dakota blizzard. father and sons decided that something must be done. They could not stay, nor could they take the female memoers of the family with them in their search for work. At last the father decided that he and the

flow of twenty summers, to take care of One crisp October morning the father and three sons departed, oldding the other members of the family an affectionate adieu, and promising to return at Christmas time. They journeyed through Iowa, but were unable to find work until they reached Dubuque, where they found employment in the lead mines. There they worked early and late, saving their wages and sending the money to the Dakota home, from whence letters came at stated intervals, telling them that all was well. They had intended to return at Christmas, but as the time drew nigh, they con-cluded that they could not afford the expense and the visit was put off until the next spring. When spring came wages in the mines were raised to a fabulous price. owing to the scarcity of men, and again the Watkinses concluded to remain a few months longer. They wrote Bob, the boy at home, to this effect telling him to care for the women and put in the crop. In resporse to this letter there came touter missives, full of love and emothagement, and again the enter Watkins and his sturdy sons telied on, each week sending home a portion of their wages. That summer and fail they made, a large amount of money and during the early winter they concluded to surprise the family by paying them a visit. The week before Christmas they quit the mines, looked themselves with jewelry and presents, and with the lightest of light hearts retraced their steps toward the setting sun. They reached Yaukton at night and the next morning took the stage for Choten creek. This was the day before Christmas and with beating hearts they could hardly wait for the driver to change horses at the stations along the route. When they reached Springfield, twenty miles from their home, they met the serest disappointment of the long journey. They had fondly hoped to spend the gird holiday with their loved ones, but here they found their prog-ress blocked. The storm that had blown all day had deepened into a howling blizzard,

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and they were compelled by stress of weather to pass Christmas fretting and fuming around the soft-coal stove in a dingy hotel barroom. The next day, though, the storm had abated so that the stage could proceed. The weary home-seekers made friends with the stage drivers, especially the one who drove the Choten creek end of the route. He was interrocated with reference to the Watkinses, but he knew them not, and, in face, had sever heard of them, though he had passed the station every day for more than six months. This the father and sons thought was strange; it caused them to have suspicious, but their suspicions they goot to themselves knowing that it would not be long until they

would know all, whether it might be good All day long the horses pledded through the deep snow, and, just as the sun was sinking beyond the western hills, the valley of the Chotou creek was reached. Think-ing of the time when he first gazed upon the beauties of that section of country. John Watkins threw up the window of the couch, and, looking out toward the little grave of cottenwoods that his house from view, he saw the smoke curling up from what ap-peared to be a dozen or more small buildings. Speaking to the boys, he remarked that their mother, having an eye to business, had platted a town and was booming the place, The sons looked in the direction indicated by their father, but were unable to understand the situation. Addressing the knight of the lines, the old man asked the meaning of the cluster of houses down in the grove by

"Stranger in these parts" inquired the tehu, as he cracked the leaders over the head with the tip of his lash. "That's an indian town, and Mother Afraid of the Bull is the queen of the place.

Watkins dropped back upon the cushion of the coach as though he had been struck down with a war club. "Can it be possible that Mary has played

the red to win and has thrown me over for a dirty redskin!" he murmured. "Hope I have not hurt your feelin's," re-turned the driver as he bit off a section of natural leaf, at the same time plying the lash upon the leaders. Continuing the conversation he said, "The old woman down there in the valley had a husband who was a white man, but he went away a couple of years ago, and a few menths after he left she married louch The Clouds, an Indian chief, and has since been christened the queen of the Drifting Goose band of Sioux." "Your cryin' stranger," added the driver, as he watched Watkins wipe a tear from the

corner of his left eye.

The old man denied the charge, while his right hand crept down to his belt, where it dutched the handle of a revolver. There was a halt in the conversation, but the stage rolled along and a few moments later halted in front of the log cabin from which Watkins and the boys had departed year and a halt previous. Watkins and hi boys jumped out and were at once surrounded by a score or more Indians of different size and sex. Working his way through the crowd, the old man entered the house, and there, over a kettle from which escaped the oder of boiled dog, he saw a white woman standing, clad in the tradi-tional blanket, upon which stood out in bold relief the letters, "U. S. I. D." As he entered and advanced to the center of the

him and in that face he recognized his own Mary. The recognition was mutual and for a short space of time both man and woman stood as though rooted to the ground. Wut kins was the first to break the silence, and with feelings akin to death, he asked, "Mary, what does this mean?" Straightening herself up to her full height the woman responded that she had con-cluded to have a man about the house and had taken an Indian. Going to the corner of the room and leaving the sharer of her early troubles and joys standing beside a kettle of cooking dog, she soon returned with

room, the woman turned her face toward

a bundle wrapped in a piece of squaw cloth, from which she produced a half-breed child scarce three days old. Holding the little thing up to the view of wondering husband and sons, she re-rked: "John, here's my Christmas present. What do you think of it?

The old man was too full for utterance and, rushing from the house, caught the de parting stage and went to Fort Sully, where he enlisted in the regular army and a few years later was killed in a brush with the Sioux.
The three boys remained at the house of

their mother and Indian stepfather and that t learned that all taken unto themselves Indian husbands. year later these boys married into the Sioux nation and subsequently become prominent in the councils of the tribe, as well as amass-ing large fortunes. Their success in life they attribute to the return from the east and the with an Indian baby for a Christmas present

### long years ago. RAINED CHUNKS OF ICE.

An Extraordinary Bail Storm that Pelted on a Ship's Deck. The binnacle cover of the Saltram is dented and her hen coops are described. says the New York Herald. A couple of panes in her skylights are cracked and some of her portholes are blackoned dead eyes. Likewise black are the eyes of several sailors, and Joseph Hansen, a caman, has an ugly cut on his forchead.

All this was on account of a hail storm-not a shower of those ordinary hall stones which patter on the roofs of New England farm houses, but an avalanche of hig chunks of ice. The Saltram arrived here yesterday from Almeria and other Mediterranean ports. On November 3, in the neighborhood of Gibraltar, she ran into an electric storm. The disturbance began at i o'clock at night. A stiff northwest gale had been blowing all day and the high

winds had blown away the forestay sail.

The tremendous seasthat were buffeting

the sides of the vessel were kept in check by throwing over quantities of oil amidships James O'Brien was at the wheel and Chief Officer Arthur Williams and Joseph Hansen were on watch. Upon the weather quarter was heard a dis tant spiashing. Then big hailstones fell upon the deck. They struck the sailors upon the backs and heads and caused the men to run for shelter. Such hallstones were, they say, never seen of men before. They were big, ragged frag-

ments of ice. said First Officer Williams, "if s me of those halistones were not as big as my fist. It was as though somebody was

chopping up ice for our benefit."

Those hallstones were spry and acrobatic. They leaped up five or six feet from the deck after they fell and many of them bounced over the bulwarks. Some of the chickens on deck got away from their coops. They were struck by the stones and killed. The man at the

explained to me, "for the air was so thick with hall that a man couldn't see An old sailor who was asleep in his bunk wandered out to see what was the matter. A halistone struck him on the

back of the neck and he staggered under

There was no need to stay," it was

wheel broke for shelter.

For twenty minutes these icy projectiles were hurled upon the steamer. and then the storm ceased. vivid flashes of lightning and peals of thunder. When the electricity lighted the sky the hallstones could be falling in a steady downpour, as if they

A Doubtful Case.

had come from some giant hopper. the rest of the voyage the Saltram had

Detroit Free Press: The garrulous young man's chin hadn't been still for three hours. The lat half hour had been devoted to caution in speech.
"It is a very difficult thing," he said,
"for any person to say nothing." "I don't know as to that," dissented

have been falking all evening." The United States are said to have 140. 000,000 goese of the kind which are used for

"You

the young woman very gently.

# IN THE LUGENBEEL MARSHES

A Wind Storm on the Frairie and the Night that Followed.

JUMPING MALLARDS UP HAY CREEK

Crooked Hora's Autumn Home-the Law. yer Makes a Misstep-The Matter.'s Cunning-A Shot at a Woof and the Last of the Bunt.



to be loaded, guns to clean and buttons to sew on, the morning proved a profitable one to all. We managed to get into a rather heated squabble when the question who was to remain in during the afternoon and "red up" the house and prepare the evening meal obtruded itself, but we finally settled it by a game of high-five, and of course Stocky got stuck. Then we smoked, talked duck and leafed around in the most luxurian and forced arother in the most district abandon. The lawyer's long lors were sprawling all about the tent until he hit upon the plan of lying on his back and crossing them, with the toe of one boot in the autifice the tip of a broken mulien stalk. Heth pulled away at the baneful cigarette, gorged himself on raw turnips and read Tur Bar while I put in my time packing and boxing a lot of choice birds for friends in Omaha, with an occasional "ball" on the side by way I stimulation in the good work. Spot moved mpatiently about, or coiled himself in the hay at the entrance, where he could keep unremitting watch and ward on all our

ovements. For hours there was not the slightest me tion in the tall golden brown grass which stretched away to the south like a never ending ocean, and Simeral said a storm was browing. Just what made him think so was something too deep for even an old sailor like up. I couldn't detect any indications of a meteorological disturbance, and I knew the region had not been treated to anything in the nature of a storm since early in May From the distant lake came the melogious quack of the mallard, and once in a while the wild cry of the fish hawk reached our cars, quavering over the waters with remark-able distinctness. Later on I noticed a slight undulatory motion in the yellow grass, and that the firmy sky had become broken in the west by a mass of sombre vapor linged with west by a mass of somere vapor taged with emerald. Then, like large ghosts, two crags of clouds rose over the shounders of the northwestern sandbills. Up they showed themselves above the dark, barren humps, deepening as they advanced, till they frowned down upon Merganzer black as the wing of the dusky duck. As they came on over they joined in one ragged mass and it really looked, as the lawyer had predicted, really looked, as the many, as if we were to have a storm.

The swells

danced and the whitecaps flashes, while the fields of rice and cane tossed to and fro in the constantly rising wind. The stove pip: the constantly rising wind. The stove pape creaked and grated in its tin shield in the teat's top and the flies of our canvas abode stapped omnocsly. Hurricelly we prepared for the downous, but it never came. As we stepped to the opening, through the flying scud we beheld a flock of geese. They seemed unable to story themselves awalls and even above the steer themselves aright and even above the turmoil of the elements we could hear the old leader honking forth his stern manern sandhills, were lost in the shadows be-

But as suddenly as it had risen this flerce prairie gust subsided. Not a drop of moist-ure fell, and the afternoon was even more quiet and entrancing than ever. Of course we were surprised at the sufficen second change, but most agreeably so. The lawyer. however, insisted that we would eaten it yet before the breaking of another day. It was nearly noon when Simeral and I deided upon a program for the afternoon, and

cided upon a program for the afternoon, and this was a trainp up Huy creek for a mal-lard shoot in the swampy meadow lands, which for miles and miles border this torin-ous rivulet. Every day since we had been in camp, night and morning, we had noted great flocks of these birds coming down the valley and ever the sandhills into the lake alley and over the sandhills into the lake. in fact, when there was any flight at all, they were always to be seen going upor coming down this little glistening river of the plains. From these signs we naturally in-

terred that somewhere up the creek must be a favorite feeding ground, and we concluded to take the afternoon for investigation.

Hay creek is a legendary stream and at some seasons of the year is quite a factor in rounding out the picturesqueness of the country. But just at this time it was pretty low, and came crawling here and dashing there, down between the low sand hills like some fabulous anaconda twisting its way through the taugly morass. The higher up through the tangly morass. The ingler up you go the wider the valley becomes until finally, as you near its springs source, the country expands itself into immeasurable hay fields. Along the shores of the creek it. was mire and muck everywhere, conical tusscoks and deceptive sim holes that made pedistrianism anything but a pleasure. There was straggling cane and isolated patches of rice, too, in many places, while the smart weed and grass was luxuriant everywhere, making spiendid feedinground for maliard, teal and jack, and plendid shelter for muskrat, skunk and

Sim and I separated at the base of the nill below our camp, that is, one took one side of the creek and the other the other side, but il no time were more than one hundred vards apart. We started in boldly, deter-nined to enjoy the tramp, game or no game. If there wasn't anything clse there was a change in the scenery, and this could be studied and profited by. Now the irregular shore thrust its black arm out into the stream to collect the floating leaves, bay and water weeds; now a bunch of cane leaned over so as to touch the sparkling 'nquid as if to drink, and now the bulbeus nut grass gleaned from out stagnant pools with its waxen blades and flowing tresses.

We had been laboriously clambering

through mud and thicket for possibly a quar-ter of an hour without seeing a feather save those which made the glossy coat of the blacabird or swamp sparrow. Abruptly, however, we were startied by a loud spanshhowever, we were started by a loud spinshing in the reed-hidden waters in front. This was almost instantly succeeded by a frantic quacking, and a pair of maliards burst into view from their reedy hiding place. They were on Simeral's side, and before fairly awing he cut loose and the drake discourteously quit his brown consort and went which a deap or dying into the creek's near whirling dean or dying into the creek's bea. His other barrel had no other effect than to accelerate the hou's speed and to swing her around toward my side. I stooped low in the damp grasses and let become almost upon me, when I arose, and as she turned with a hopetess squawk, and endeavored to get away. I cut her down without compunc-tion. I marked carefully where she disap-peared in the weeds and in a jiffy had her in my inside pocket. Then r turned to locate the inever. He was steking in the mire up to his hips, and the air for yards around him was a brautful cerulcan hue. He had made a precipious rush—sim does everything with a rush—to recover his drake, but a misstep had glunged him to the waist in the soft and agglutinative muck and he found it no

eni/d's play to extri ate himself.
"Hold on there, Willie," I said, "want till
I get over and I'll lend you a hand." durriedly wading the creek, I made by way, from nigger head to nigger head, to the sink noie in which Billy was plinted. A stout puil and he was on a firm footing once

managed to keep the water out of his

waders, and after a bearty large over the mishap we set about to find the drake. Thus proved quite a tectious task, but we thank found him crattily anchored among a lot of floating chaff, nothing but his velvety green head showing above the surface.

After falling enough life remained for the bird te make a last effort to cheat his los, which he did by submerging himself beneath the heating riff-raff, then his life went out.

'Is there a more cunning bird in the whole duck family?" interrogated the lawyer us he proudly held up Anas Boschas by one red

"I think not," I rep ied, "I have had some my experiences in retrieving them. Once I shot a big drake on the Kunkakee and he came down into the water like a brick, not more than ten feet from my boat. There was a smack as he struck the water and that was all—not a feather was to be seen. The circle of frothy bubbles, however, marked the spot where he went down, I sat still several moments, expecting to see him rise. he did not and, much chaggined, I began to search for him. I thoroughly looked all about both shores of the river opposite the spot, but not a sign of my bird could I discover, and, giving him up for lost, pushed back to my blind. The water of the Kankakee in those days was as clear as crystal and the grassy bottom was as discernible at a depth of a dozen feet as it would have been through a plate glass win low. I pushed up to the spot where the drake had disappeared and peered down into the river's depths. As soon as my eyes became accustomed to the varied shadings, I saw my prize. His red orange legs were stick-ing right up toward me, while his head was buried amidst the vegetable settlings at the bottom of the river. With my pole-they push their ducking boats with a long pole in the Kankakee country—I distorged the bird and brought him to the surface. He was stone dead and in his bill were the

"He had gotten tangled?"
"No sir, but he had de iberately committed suicide! He had fastened on to the grass and held there until death evertoex him, rather than to live himself into the hunter's hands. Of course I was much impressed by the incident and a careful exaudination of the bird revealed the fact that he was but slightly wing tipped, and as I said before he preferred death beneath the waters rather than take chances in an effort to get away."

stout tendrils of a tuft of aquatic grass?

For the next hour the lawyer and I had royal sport. We had reached the region where the birds lived, and never in my life did I enjoy a shoot more. At every 100 yards or so we would "jump" from one to a half dozen ducks, mostly mallards, but liberally inter-sprinkled with teal. The birds would get up within easy shooting distance, and before we could fairly realise what we had done, we were weighed down with game, a great portion of which we 'cached' in a neighboring hillside until we

started home.

About 4 o'clock we passed a little knoll on the creek's shore, on which stood a tepes. A fire was burning near by, and sprawing in the grass beside it lay a big, dury Slous, with a double-barrel shot gun lying across his knees and a bunch of mailards pil 4 against the topee's side. This was the autumn home of Crooked Horn, an indian trapper and market hunter. We made : endeavor to get him to talk, but he was graff and sullen, and as we were not after scalps, we bid him goodbye and started for camp. We returned down the valley until we had recovered our 'cached' birds; then, as both were about played out with our long tramp in the marsh, we concluded to cut across the upland country and get into camp

as speedily as possible.

We were pulling ourselves out of the slough, and had almost reached a farm foeting when suddenly Simeral raised his Lefever, and in quick succession pulled off both barbut the next instant was startled by seeing a coyote jump from out the straggling reeds and grass and streak it for the fulls. It only required a second for me to give him two more loads, but while I hit him both times, the shot were too small to accomplish any thing more than to spur him on to his bottom velocity. As he cleared the brow of the sand hill be turned his frowsy head and

gave us a wild look, but a third shot from Sim warned him against further liberties, and another leap carried him bryond our After this enthusiastic little experience nothing occurred to waken our curiouty us-til we reached the top of the sand hill overlooking Camp Merranzer. It presented a sweet and penceful scene. Stocky was busy with the evening meal. Our rishing rods were leaning against the big tent, while behind it lay what looked like an acre of ducks, their varied bucs glancing in the rays of the lowering sun. Through the open front we caught a glimme of the warm of a front we caught a glimmse of the warm re's and greens of our blankets: Sim's mneistosh hung loosely by the neck from the tent

pole, while all about the picture was com-posed of the commoner touches of sand and trairie grass. Off beyond lay the silent lake bathed in a flood of golden light from the declining sun. And such was our life in the Lugenbeel marshes, and white I have said nothing about how Stocky killed a big blue crane, about the cyclene that swept down upon us the night of the day just described. bearing the lawyer out in his weather prognostica morning and move deeper within the hol low of the bil's; have not hinted at the swarm of yellow jackets that took possession of our tent one sultry afternoon; now told of the antelope which Sim swore he saw; have not touched upon Old Spots catalently litt the midnight intrusion of Mr. Skank; about Jack Bridgeman, the squaw man's visit and his story of the haunted ranch; about our numerous fishing trips, nor our marning with the casyasbie; and redhead, but I have told enough to give you an idea of the glories and profits and benefits of a ten durs' outing in the sand hills of Daksta. There, have loften thought, would I live always, in that fresh, free region, that transputt realm of content, whire bonor's measure is not taken by success, where pretention does not trod on merk, where genius is not a jest, goodness not a seeming and devotion not a sham. There where the light of day is untainted with wrong, where solitule is the parent of pura meditation and everything cloque... of

### truth, happiness and health. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Banim's sublime tragedy "Damon and Pythias" will be given an elaborate produc-Friday evening December 29, at Boyd's theater with J. Edgar Owens, Frank Lindon, and Edna Earlie Lincon in the cast, assisted by a number of the best known amateurs in the city. Mr. Owens who will play Damon on this occasion, has charge of the staye and the rehearsals murate a degree of perfection seldom reached by amateurs, even supporting well known actors. The produc-tion is exciting a pleasurable degree of interest and everything points to one of the most delightful performances ever given on the local stage by professionals assisted by amateurs. The performance is under the amateurs. The performance is under the auspices of Neuraska lodge No. 1, Kuiznis

There are still two more performances of "A Brass Monkey" at the Boyd. Although produced for the first time more thin six years ago. "A Brass Monkey" still holis its own with the more recent productions of Air. Hoyt's pen. In this piece he strack a many-sized vein of humor that is familiar to every one who listens to it. George Marion as Jonah, the superstitious man, gives it of result of five years' playing in the part, coupled with his fine powers as a comedian.

George A. Kingsbury, who is favorably known here for his connection with the old Grand Opera house several years ago, arrived in the city restering, and was kept basy the remainder of the day receiving the Christmas congratulations of his friends, George is now the advance representative of Jacob Letts' Swedish-American compde, "Yon Yonson," which comes to floyd's for four nights communing Sunday next, lacluding two performances on New Years.

The usual holiday rates will be in effect via the Missouri Pacific Rallway. Tickets will be sold December 23d, 24th, 25th, 30th, 31st and January 1st, 1894, limited for return passage until January 3d. For further information call at denot, 15th and Webster streets or company's offices, northeast corner 13th and

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generation to generation, was too small for the brawn and brain of the coys.

home and their former associates.

On a bright morning in the early part of

before his eyes, caused him to exclaim: "Here's the promised land."
Jumping to the ground he beheld a beau tiful valley, miles in length, through which meandered a stream of water, so pure that it might have been a drink fit for the gods.

was allowed to move on toward its destina-tion which at that time was one of the upof a cabin, cutting the trees from the banks of the stream. They called to their assist-ance an old squaw man, Paul Chotau, who

hay was made and when winter came on everything was in readiness for the rigors The Sioux Indiaus were about the only neighbors, but they were on friendly terms and were always welcome visitors at the Watkins residence, where they were fed and warmed. The winter passed without incident, and with the coming of spring provisions were made for planting a crop. The wheat was put in the ground and the corn was planted, but what was sowed was nover reaped. First, the grasshoppers scourged the country, and then came the hot winds, burning up what had been left by the grasshoppers. The money that had been received from the sale of the New York farm was rapidly disappearing, and want and desolation were stalking in the vicinity of the household. Autuum came and the situation was growing worse, and then it was that the

hree eldest boys would go away and hunt or work, leaving the youngest son, a strong

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