

ON THE LEGENDARY PLATTE

The Story of a Wild Goose Hunt in Wintery December.

THE FCR-ST, FIELD AND STREAM

Palaver with the Ball Player and the Byker - Among the Horsemen - The Red Tail Hawk and the Usual Grist of Local Sports.

HERE is much royal sport for the gunner in Nebraska, but none that surpasses or even equals goose shooting on the Platte.

The time was when this stream was one of the most famous resorts for the birds, both fall and spring, of any in the known world, and it is still a haunt of autumn migrants and seasons named.

In company with E. S. Dundy, Jr., and Myron Learned of this city and Charlie Hoyt and Sam Richmond of Lincoln, I was a couple of days recently at the latter point and had one of the most pleasant little hunts that has fallen my way for several years.

For many years Clark has been a favorite rendezvous of the goose hunter, and even these latter days continue to furnish as good returns as any point along the river. It is the home of such celebrities as Sam Richmond and Charlie Hoyt, the most successful goose hunters in the whole Platte valley, and whose services are almost indispensable to visiting hunters.

Richmond will run a big hotel camp on the river this spring, and gunners patronizing him will be most satisfactorily cared for.

The first day we shot from bars just a couple of miles below Clark and we had great luck. Dundy, Hoyt and myself getting nine big Canada, and Sam and I secured seventeen, including two Hutchins.

Reaching the point from where we were to wade out to the bars about 9 o'clock, we could not resist the temptation of making and for a brief time enjoying the romantic scenery. The unfettered Platte rushed and gurgled and rippled as it bore on its way.

If under a soft sky, with a soft, south breeze playing over its frothy surface and the yellow sunlight kissing the ragged masses of floating ice and frosted bars into radiant patterns, the scene of the river, in the fall, presents a thrilling picture.

Flowing, as it does, with a mighty impetuosity onward and downward through one of the grandest agricultural sections of the world, so lovely yet so wild and fascinating in its environment details, so impressive in its aspects of grandeur.

Far to the eastward are the dim outlines of the barren uplands, with their lacustral borders, where the cottonwoods stand naked and spectral, but gleaming topaz and opal in the soft light of the winter sun.

The next day was another glorious one, and while we did not bag quite so many birds, we had plenty of shooting and plenty of sport.

Forest, Field and Stream. The only game which can now legally fall to the sportsman's gun is squirrels and rabbits. The law on chicken and quail was passed Tuesday last.

Prod Montmorency and Stocky Heth took a last jaunt through the brush and stubble last Monday in the afternoon. They found birds in abundance, but the cold had found shooting very difficult, yet they bagged twenty odd birds.

A great deal of interest is being manifested among the trap shots over the coming match between J. C. Read of this city, and George K. Heth of Lincoln. It will be at 100 live birds each for \$100 and \$50.

Report has it that a good many fine bass and pickerel are being taken from Cut-off and other adjacent lakes through the ice. The most notable catch was made by the statute books, and this nefarious practice will be brought to a speedy termination.

While enroute for the western Platte country this fall, our little party fell in with Jack O'Hara in the smoker of the Pullman, and enjoyed his society on our destination.

From the time when but a solitary wagon trail crossed the state, and ages back of that, all likelihood of a winter's hunt was one of the most noted resting and roosting places for wild geese, during their spring and autumn migrations.

But he came back quickly to the attack. Reaching an altitude of forty feet, down he came again, head first, like an arrow from the bow, into the water, and began to splash. He beat him off and again he assailed them, the last time causing them to leave their resting place on the lake with discordant squawks.

They only flew with discordant squawks, until they again dropped into the Raccoon's refreshing waters. The hawk was a bold buccannier, however, and he was right after them, and they had no more than struck the lake's surface before he was onto them again.

Again that scene of wild commotion and shrill sound occurred. But this time the gull fiercer and continued longer, and my amazement I failed to see Colonel Redtail emerge from the group as he was wont on every other assault, stood up in my boat, and, shading my eyes, peered off over the lake in keen excitement.

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THE ST. BERNARD AND HIS HISTORIC ANCESTRY. Both of these are distinctive show dogs, though under proper conditions each makes a good family dog.

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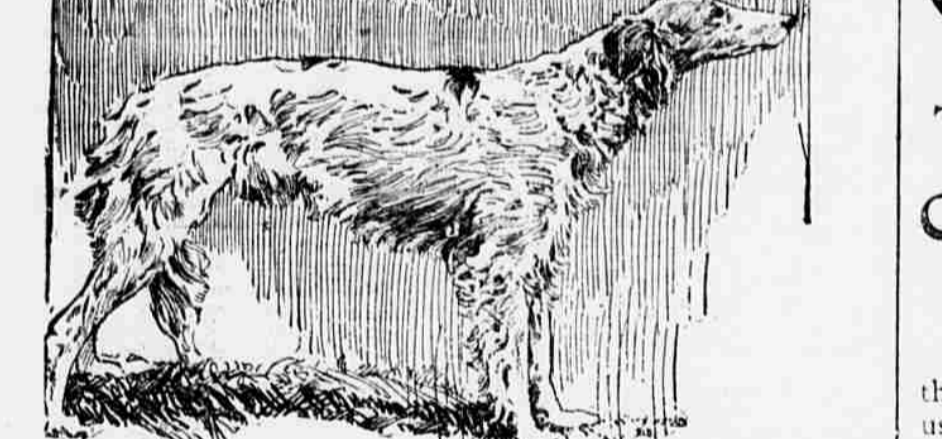
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