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THE LAST BUFFALO.

A Question in Which Every Resident of Montana is Interested.

It is quite difficult to find the man in Montana who didn't kill the last buffalo. We encountered the first one who did, away down in the corner of the territory on the little Missouri river. He was a stockman, and came along where we were camped one night on the way to his ranch.

"Are you fellaers huntin'?" he asked.

"Partly," Briar replied.

"Expect to find any buffaloes?"

"Well, no. They're all gone, aren't they?"

"That's what. I was working up in the Sweet Grass mountains a year ago an' one day I struck a buffalo and run him about four miles and killed him. He was the last wild buffalo there was."

A few days later while we were driving along the Powder river one afternoon a cowboy came riding across the range from toward a little bunch of stock, and when he came within about forty yards stopped his pony and called out:

"Say, you might as well go back, you won't get none."

"Won't get what?"

"Buffaloes. I plugged the last one with my six shooter, up on the Milk river, two years ago."

At Miles city, we got into conversation with a man who kept a harness shop.

"It's too bad," he said, "that the buffalo has become extinct."

"Yes, it is."

"But it's a fact though—the last one has gone—I got him myself out'n the bad lands last spring. Ev'ry body said it was the last one of the last herd."

When we were near Billings, a man got in to ride with us. He said he was an old hunter and soon started in on the subject of buffaloes.

"When I was up on the Saskatchewan a year ago there were a lot of English hunters got after the last band of buffaloes and thought they cleaned them out."

"Didn't they?"

"One of 'em got away—a monstrous big 'un."

"Do you suppose that one is up in the Saskatchewan country yet?"

"There yet?" and he looked at us with a pitying expression.

"Didn't I say I was there? No, sir, he ain't there yet—I sneaked up on him an' give it to him in the right eye. Ev'rybody 'round here knows me as old Pizen Brown, the man that killed the last buffalo on earth."

We afterwards went down from Livingston to Cinnabar on the train. On the trip I occupied a seat with a minister from Helena, and asked him if he could account for the fact that the people of his territory were so anxious to have it thought that each had killed the last buffalo.

"I don't know why it is," he replied. "It does seem as if most of them are willing to make liars of themselves for the sake of this distinction."

"Is it known where the last buffalo was killed, anyhow?"

"O, yes, there is no question about it whatever, and that makes it all the more inexplicable why men should tell a story of which it is so easy to prove the falsity. Yes, the last buffalo was killed up there on the Salthead river. I was up there with a small party of prominent Helena gentlemen on a deer hunt last summer. They were all out except myself one day when they ran across the last herd of buffaloes about a mile from camp. They managed to kill them all except one, and what did that one do but come bolting right into camp on the run. I picked up a gun and shot it through the heart. Yes, sir, I'm the man who killed the last buffalo myself. It was a scrubby buffalo, but I dropped it just the same. I'm sure I don't know why people will go right on living about this question when they must know that I'm the man who did it."—F. H. Carruth, in Chicago Tribune.

Sound Loggers Organize.

SEATTLE March 22.—At a session of loggers held in this city to-day was organized the Puget Sound Loggers' association, with the following officers: president, Dudley Blanchard, of Samish; vice-president, J. R. McDonald, of Skagit; secretary, P. Clothier of Skagit; treasurer, Terence O'Brien of Stuck. Loggers assembled represented an annual production of about 200,000,000 feet, or nearly two-thirds of the entire production of Puget sound. D. Blanchard, J. R. McDonald, Terence O'Brien, Isaac Cathcart and H. Clothier were appointed an executive committee. A constitution and by laws were adopted.

The organization was perfected with great harmony. Some delegates favored shutting down all the camps for three months, but it was voted down and a resolution adopted that a logger should not be the first to make a breach between themselves and the mill companies. A resolution was also adopted to establish at Seattle a loggers' headquarters and statistical bureau, to keep a record of logging interests, and give a monthly report, which shall state the amount of timber in the water, amount put in during the month, amount each mill company has on hand, amount consumed during the month, and other necessary matter, so that loggers can determine whether to increase production to keep up with the demand or cut down production so as not to overstock the market. The members of the association are to meet in Seattle the first Saturday in each month, to hear the report and consult.

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Portage Railway.

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According to the plan suggested by Capt. Powell, a portage railway at the Cascades would cost \$100,000 if built outside the canal, and \$50,000 if built alongside of it, as the line would be twice as long if built away from the canal. Capt. Powell says the portage railway will not now seriously interfere with the canal work, even if located alongside of the canal, nor curtail the canal appropriation. The engineers' department, he judges, can take no action unless an additional and special appropriation is made. The portage railway is intended for use during the building of the canal, and would decrease freights on government supplies, which during periods of operations are considerable.

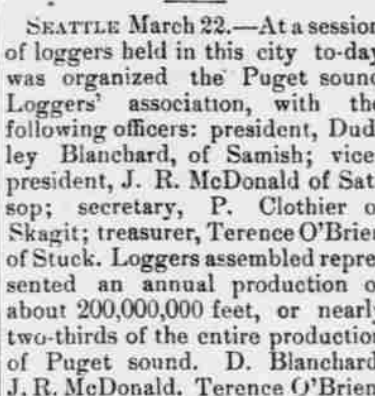
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