

WANTED A GRIZZLY.

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get the first chance, would kill all of the game and the two others would have to return without any honors at last. But the old unwritten plan of equity was resorted to and the drawing of straws settled their respective fates. Thus stationed along the side of the winding trail about 100 yards apart, with high walls in the front and rear, they impatiently awaited the bark of the dogs.

A WELCOME SOUND.

But they were not kept waiting long. The young hunter knew the country and his dogs were keen scented and knew where to find the bear. The men on the "stands" soon heard the welcome drawled-out bark of the hounds far away up towards the head of the gulch and each began to look to his fire-piece for action. It was now that the man at the head of the line began to think how fortunate it was to be born lucky. The men below became restless and hoped in their hearts that their companion should fail to bring down the bear and that they each might have an opportunity. On the dogs came, and the hopes of the man at the head rose higher and the men below became more anxious. The dogs were now only a quarter of a mile away and from their excited baying it was surmised that they were coming in close contact with the bear.

SYMPTOMS OF HUNTER'S "AGUE"

The loud baying of the dogs so close at hand and the prospects of immediate appearance of the game changed the sentiment of the hunter who had won first shot. Heretofore killing bear had all been a theory with him. Now he was about to get an opportunity to put it into practice. What if his gun should fail fire? What if there were more him and the walls were too steep to climb. There were no trees. He was not afraid, but he was not fool-hardy. He did not believe in men taking unnecessary chances. But it would never do now to show the "white feather." His companions would never quit tending him, for they were jealous of his good luck in winning first place. As the dogs approached nearer his nerves became less steady. In fact, it became epidemic. The men down the line began to feel their responsibility. No. 2 began to consider the matter of his responsibility should No. 1 miss the game. No. 3 likewise was thinking if both No. 1 and No. 2 should fail. Each in turn looked about him and the same condition existed. High walls on two sides, no tree, bear coming from one direction and a rough rocky trail leading out of the gulch. The success of the front man was prayed for by the other two. The front man wished that he had lost his luck. He began to tremble in spite of keeping the point in mind that he must not give his companions a chance to laugh.

THE BEAR APPEARED.

But they were not kept in uncertainty much longer. Owing to the crookedness of the walls of the gulch the men could not see each other, but all could hear the dogs. They were now close at hand. The front man stood trembling, nerving himself up to his "maiden" effort at killing bear. The dogs were just around the point close at hand. He glanced down at his cartridge belt and then at his gun to see if everything was in readiness and then looked up the gulch again. The game was in sight. A large black bear appeared in a sort of pace around the point. It was now only a hundred yards away. He raised his gun in readiness, but decided to wait until it was nearer so as to make a sure shot. But just at that moment another bear appeared, and

then another. He looked up the steep walls behind him, and then looked down the crooked trail toward his companions. He then glanced up the gulch again and two more bear had appeared, and the dogs were baying at others behind the point.

WANTED HELP.

When they discovered the hunter in front of them it seemed to madden them, and setting their eyes upon him they lunged forward. He decided that it would require the assistance of his companions to kill so many bear, and he thought the quicker he gave them notice the better it would be for the enterprise. He started at a good rate of speed, and the noise behind him was not of the kind that would check him. No. 2 was just around the point of wall and was standing ready with gun in hand. A smile came over his face as he saw his companion round the corner. But it did not remain long. The bear had made good time. They were close behind in the chase. No. 2 did not wait for explanations. As soon as he saw the bear pouring around the corner of rock he led the way down the gulch. No. 3 was next. He, too, was ready for the game, but he discovered his companions and the bear at the same time. A stampede is always contagious. He did not wait for explanations, either.

A DISGUSTED MISSOURIAN.

Abandoning their guns as the bear came closer upon their heels they ran as they had never run before. They reached the mouth of the gulch only a few yards ahead of the bear and the dogs barked almost at their very heels added to their alarm by warning them of the close proximity of the enemy. A level country lay at the mouth of the gulch and when the hunters reached the point each took a different direction. The bear kept on in their course. After the bear of time the hunters began to approach the trail cautiously. The young Missourian soon came along and saw the guns of the hunters lying along the trail. He knew what had happened. He was too disgusted even to take up one of the guns. As the hunters gathered from the different points they saw the young Missourian pass with a look of disgust on his face that they could not meet. He had taken no firearms with him, only carrying on old bowie knife at his belt. They saw him draw his knife and, clenching his teeth, start out in a run in the direction the bears and dogs had gone.

The three Californians met at the mouth of the gulch, each ashamed to look the others in the face. They walked up the gulch together, found their abandoned guns and hats and made their way back to the ranch house. They told the old Missourian that they had failed to kill the bear and that his son had followed his dogs. While they were preparing to leave for home the young Missourian came in for a horse and just as they were driving away the young man brought in one of the largest of the bear which he had overtaken and killed with his knife.

He said to the disappointed hunters: "These dogs are from Missouri. You have to show them. If I hadn't got one of them bars the dogs would have been so disgusted that they would never have hunted bars again."

Canal Treaty Ratified.

The Senate ratified the Panama Canal treaty by a vote of 73 to 5 on the 16th. Not a single change was made in it, and it becomes effective, so far as the United States is concerned, just as it was signed. The only step remaining before action is possible under it is its ratification by the Colombian Congress. After that the President will be free to appoint the canal commission, buy the rights of the French company, and begin work.

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January 23, 1903.
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Ada M. Billings, of Upland, county of San Bernardino, state of California, sworn statement No. 1370 for the purchase of the W 1/2 of W 1/2 Sec. 24 T. 27 S. R. 16 E. W. 34.

Ella B. Billings, of Upland, county of San Bernardino, state of California, sworn statement No. 1371 for the purchase of the W 1/2 SW 1/4, NE 1/4 SW 1/4, and S W 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 27 T. 28 S. R. 16 E. W. 34.

George W. Billings, of Upland, county of San Bernardino, state of California, sworn statement No. 1372 for the purchase of the S 1/2 NE 1/4, SE 1/4, NW 1/4, and NE 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec. 27 T. 27 S. R. 16 E. W. 34.

Winfield S. Billings, of Upland, county of San Bernardino, state of California, sworn statement No. 1373 for the purchase of the S 1/2 NE 1/4, SE 1/4, NW 1/4, and NE 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec. 27 T. 27 S. R. 16 E. W. 34.

That they will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes and to establish their claim to said land before J. C. Hamaker, U. S. Commissioner at Klamath Falls, Oregon, on Friday, the 22d day of May 1903.

They name as witnesses: Charlie Baehner, of Seattle, Washington; Alexander White and Gertrude V. White, of Chehalis, Washington; Andrew Sandstrom, of Brownsville, Minnesota; Owen T. McKendree, of Oleta, Oregon; and Ada M. Billings, Ella B. Billings, George W. Billings and Winfield S. Billings, of Upland, California.

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Jan. 23, 1903. E. M. BRATTAIN, Register.

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