

An Incident of Prairie Life.

In the fall of 1871 the prairie fires in Wisconsin and Minnesota were uncommonly prevalent and destructive, and you all remember the terrible scenes that were witnessed, especially in Wisconsin, where in some cases whole villages were destroyed.

The writer was in Minnesota during that fall and winter, and several cases of extreme danger and distress came under his own observation.

One day when returning home from an expedition, with part of a deer on his back, he found that the prairie fires had broken out again, and judged from the way in which the terrified deer and other game rushed madly by him, that the fire had reached the belt of woods through which he was then slowly making his way toward the broad prairie beyond.

He remembered that a poor Swede had lately taken a "brush claim" or homestead in that vicinity, and as near as he could judge, his place was in the exact range of fire, so he hurried forward by his faithful dog, to render any assistance that might be in his power should any help be needed.

He was not a moment too soon.

The poor man himself was sick in his bed and unable to move; but his wife, a faithful loving woman, who had ever since their going there been obliged to do all the out door work, was doing her best to keep the fire from destroying their little all.

The first thing to be done was to remove the sick man to a place of safety and then to fight the devouring element.

In her excitement the woman had cleared considerable ground about the house, but being so frightened all her work had been done where it was of no avail, it was not between the house and the fire, but on the contrary away from the approaching fire, leaving the side nearest the danger unprotected.

Getting the old axe he went to work cutting down small trees and brush hoping yet to save the log-hut they called house and home.

He set a back fire thinking perhaps it would burn over sufficient space to save their buildings, hay-stacks, and the little log-barn; but the fire came roaring on, the hay-stacks took fire, also the barn, and the heat became so intense that nothing but his own safety was to be thought of.

When and how to go was the question, the fire was on three sides and he had either to run before the fire and try to get out of its range or break through where the belt of flame seemed to be thinnest.

The first was not to be thought of, as the fire often overtakes the fastest deer, so through the fire he must go.

Speaking to his dog who had faithfully remained near him all the time, and quickly asking for divine aid and mercy he dashed into the fire where there seemed to be most probability of escape, and by the providence of God reached the outer edge with clothes and hair considerably singed but otherwise unharmed.

The poor dog presented a pitiful sight, his hair was almost completely burned off, and though by slowly wagging his tail he seemed to be trying to be cheerful, he could not help occasionally whining mournfully, and meant to be understood that he didn't care to go through that again.

The woman had some time before gone where her husband had been carried, so to both life was saved, but they were nearly distracted at the loss of all their property. There was no one that they knew of to give them shelter, and truly they were sorely afflicted.

Friends however raised up; they were cared for by kind people, and their case being presented to the state authorities such aid was given as made them quite comfortable but neither they nor the writer will ever forget that trial by fire.

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The Utica (N. Y.) Herald has the following:

"On a Central Railroad train, the other day, two old ladies sat in adjoining seats in one of the cars; one declared if the conductor opened the window she would die, and the other protested against it being closed, for she would certainly smother to death. The conductor was in doubt, when a venerable gentleman exclaimed, "Open the window and kill one of them close it and kill the other, and then we shall have peace."

The ladies of the Modoc tribe of Indians in Arizona have a very convenient way of distinguishing maids and matrons, so as to prevent any possible mistake on the part of bachelors in search of wives, as soon as the girls arrive at a marriageable age, they do their hair up on each side of their head, something in the shape of two great wigs, or, as it most reminds one, of the wheels of a steamer. As soon as they enter the holy bonds of matrimony, they drop their wigs, and then their hair hangs in large rolls by the side of the head.

The town of Perry, twelve miles west of Lawrence, Kansas, has shipped this season over 5,000 hogs, weighing over 625 tons, or 1,250,000 pounds, and has received for them nearly \$50,000.

The appearance of the new wheat where the snow-disappeared during the recent partial thaw is truly promising. In North-Western Ohio, Northern Indiana, and in Michigan, it appeared green and unimpaired by the ice and cold of this excessively hard winter. This will agreeably disappoint many of our farmers who predicted injury from ice.

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A Wisconsin "Canister Eaten by Wolves."

Mail advices from the little town of New London, Wis., bring news of the discovery of a terrible tragedy near Perry's Mills. As Heinrich Bloch, a German farmer, was coming out of the woods north of the mills his attention was attracted by the appearance of the otherwise unbroken snow round a large tree. The crust was broken and bloody, and upon it lay a heap of what seemed robes or furs, surrounded by various indescribable objects. Going nearer, he was surprised and horrified to discover that the heap of robes was a pile composed of the bodies of two dead wolves and a dead dog, all gashed and torn. The other things were a skeleton of a man, from which nearly all the flesh and entrails had been picked, some of the bones being quite torn off and lying in the snow at some distance, bearing marks of abrasion from the sharp teeth of the merciless brute. Some rags of bloody clothing were there. The feet of the skeleton, which were incased in very heavy boots and thick socks, had escaped. The probability seems that the unfortunate man was a lumberer, going from one camp to another who was overtaken by the pack and killed ere he could climb a tree, after a stubborn fight. The immensity of deep snows and consequent scarcity of game had made the wolves, usually cowardly, desperately fierce, so that the miserable man's fate must have been what conjecture, uttering, sets it down.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company propose to extend their line to Chicago by a route which leaving their main line at Havana, Ohio will follow a course about midway between the Michigan Southern and Lake Shore; and the Pittsburg and Fort Wayne Roads. Already eighty-nine miles of the extension are graded west of Havana, and it is expected that the remaining distance to Chicago, about 175 miles, will be graded the present season, and will be put in operation as soon thereafter as possible, thus connecting Lake Michigan and Chesapeake Bay by a continuous line of railway under one management.

The total number of acres in Iowa producing cultivated crops of cereals and hay last season was 5,663,995.

HISTORICAL. Years of cold in Europe. In 359 A. D. the Exine was frozen over.

In 508 the rivers of England were frozen over for nearly two months.

In 508 the Black was covered with ice for twenty days, and in 763 the ice was eight feet thick.

In 821 the Elbe was frozen for four weeks.

Danube, and the Seine, were frozen during four weeks.

In 1333 Mediterranean was entirely frozen.

In 1404 Tamerlane made an excursion into China, and lost his men, camels and horses by the excessive cold.

In 1433, at Paris experienced so great cold that the city was depopulated.

In 1433, Paris, snow fell during forty days and forty nights incessantly.

In 1479, in France and Germany, wine was frozen so hard that it was cut in blocks and sold in weight.

In 1270 the intense cold lasted three months, and all the fruit trees Proverse and Languedoc were destroyed.

In 1607 provisions and fuel came so scarce on account of cold in Paris that a small bundle of kindling brush cost forty cents. The cattle froze in their stalls, and the Seine could be crossed by heavy carts.

In 1683 one third of the population of Touraine died of hunger. The cold snap lasted three weeks.

In 1735, in Chinese Tartary, the thermometer fell to ninety-seven degrees below zero.

Seventeen hundred and sixty-five was a year of intense cold, also 1788. Since that year the cold has never been so great in Paris until the year 1871, when for the first time in a century, Jack Frost came again to the tune of twenty-one below zero centigrade.

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