

## LION HUNT IN LITTLE BELTS

Exciting Time by Party of Sportsmen Who Smoked An Entire Cave Full of Man Eaters Out of Cave.

## ONE MAN IS INJURED

Lynx Jumps From Tree and Lights on Back of Hunter, Whose Gun Is Accidentally Exploded.

Judith Gap Journal: In a recent issue of the Journal announcement was made of a party being organized to hunt lions in the Little Belt mountains in the near future, in which three Chicago hunters were to participate. It was also stated that Robert Allen White, of this city, would be one of the party and write an account of the hunt for the Journal. Mr. Evans came to town last Thursday to convey Mr. White to the Evans' summer resort, from which the hunting party was to start the following day, but Mr. White was out of town and missed the hunt. He, however, secured the following particulars from one of the hunting party:

For sometime past stockmen have been bothered considerably by lions killing young stock in the section of the country south of the Little Belt mountains, about fifteen miles west of Judith Gap. Several stockmen located what was supposed to be the lions' lair, which was a large cave starting at the base of the mountains and coming up almost perpendicular

to a bench about half a mile from the mouth of the cave. Three expert hunters arrived last week from Chicago, friends of some ranchers out there, to participate in the hunt. When the party set forth on the quest of the lions it was composed of about twelve brave men and several dogs.

Arriving at the cave, the hunters went over the ground carefully and decided the only way to drive the lions from their lair was to smoke them out. The formation of the cave made this a comparatively easy matter. At the foot or inner end of the cave there is a perpendicular opening about four feet in diameter and nearly seventy feet deep, coming to the surface near the center of a large bench, about a half mile from the mouth of the cave, which is near the foot of a rough, rocky canyon. A number of pitch pine stumps were set afire and lowered to the bottom of the well-like end of the cave; then the well was nearly filled with wood and the opening securely covered with fresh earth. This had to be repeated twice before smoke and heat enough could be confined within the cave to force the lions to leave. It took a whole day and night to dislodge the lions from the cave, but there was plenty of excitement when they did come forth.

Several hours before the beasts came into the opening the hunters stationed near the mouth of the cave could hear their snarls and growls within. Soon after daylight the beasts rushed from the mouth of the cave almost as one animal, seemingly expecting attack when they reached the outside. There being considerable timber near the mouth of the cave, it was impossible to tell just how many animals escaped from the lair, but the dogs were immediately turned loose and treed two full grown lions and three bob cats, all of which were promptly brought to earth by the expert huntsmen. A kitten was found by the dogs a short distance from the mouth of the cave in a patch of brush, and killed. The largest lion measured nine feet and two inches from the tip of its nose to the tip of its tail, and was indeed

a dangerous looking beast, capable of carrying off a good-sized calf or quickly dispatching an unarmed person. Sending the prizes to the Evans' summer resort, a few miles distant, most of the hunters started on a chase of the beasts which got away from the dogs, but were unsuccessful in capturing any more of the coveted cats.

Ray Evans proved himself the hero of the hunt by saving the life of Mr. Cummings, one of the expert hunters from the east. Mr. Cummings had become cut off from the main party by a large ridge, and had decided to return alone to the Evans ranch. He was just starting down a steep bluff, when, while passing under a large tree, a huge lynx dropped from a limb and alighted on Mr. Cummings' back. Animal and man went to the earth together and in the fall his gun was accidentally discharged, the shot badly crushing the ankle and bones of Mr. Cummings' foot. This injury put Mr. Cummings at a disadvantage in his hand-to-hand encounter with the lynx, which remained fastened to the man's back, clawing him badly. The hill being steep at the point of the encounter, both man and animal went rolling down the steep declivity and almost at the feet of Mr. Evans, who was passing alone along an old stock trail running around the base of the hill on his way to the ranch. Mr. Evans had the misfortune earlier in the day of losing a box of ammunition, and at the time of the unexpected meeting of Mr. Cummings and the lynx he had only one shell left in his gun. He did not dare to shoot, however, for fear of injuring the man, so he clubbed his gun and attacked the beast with fury, succeeding in driving the animal a short distance. But the animal, being infuriated by the smell of human blood, returned to the attack and made for Evans. Remembering he had one shell left in his gun, fired without taking aim at the lynx. The shot only wounded the animal, but succeeded in scaring the beast into the timber. Mr. Evans then carried the wounded man to the ranch, a distance of six miles, where medical attendance was secured and his injuries properly dressed. Mr. Cummings had several bad lacerations administered by the lynx, but his worst injury came from the gun wound in the foot. This is the first time a lynx has been seen in the Little Belt mountains for some years. It may have been driven out of the cave with the other animals and sneaked away through the brush as undoubtedly several of the wild beasts did.

The settlers south of the Little Belts are determined to kill all the wild animals that make their homes in the Little Belt mountains, and another expedition will be outfitted soon. This party is well satisfied in their extermination of two full-grown lions, one kitten and three bob cats.

### CARRIE NATION DEAD.

Famous Woman Saloon Smasher Passes Away in Kansas Sanitarium.

Leavenworth, Kas., June 9.—Carrie Nation, the saloon smasher, died here at 7:05 p. m. Paresis was the cause of death. Mrs. Nation had been in poor health for months and on Jan. 27, upon recovering from a nervous breakdown, she entered a local sanitarium, in which she died.

It became evident several days ago that Mrs. Nation could not recover, and Dr. A. L. Sumalski, a physician at the sanitarium, informed her that the end was near. She said nothing, but smiled. She became unconscious at noon today and did not revive. Relatives had been telegraphed for, but only Dr. Sumalski and a nurse were at the bedside when she died.

The body will be sent to Kansas City, Kan., tomorrow morning.

The funeral services will be held there probably Sunday.

Mrs. Carrie Nation was born in Kentucky in 1846. Her maiden name was Carrie Moore, and as a girl, it is said, she was absolutely fearless. In her early life she married a man addicted to the use of intoxicants, which created in her an intense aversion to the saloon. When he died she determined to devote her life to the suppression of the liquor traffic.

Later she moved to Kansas and married David Nation, who sympathized with her temperance principles. He divorced her ten years ago.

Mrs. Nation's first saloon smashing was done in the bar-room of the Carey hotel at Wichita, December 17, 1900. She was arrested and remained in jail several days before she was released on bond.

On January 21, 1901, armed with her favorite weapon, a hatchet, Mrs. Nation made another raid in Wichita. This time she smashed two joints.

During the next three months Mrs. Nation surprised the jointists in various Kansas towns, appearing unheralded and leaving a trail of ruined bar-room fixtures wherever she went. Many jointists became terror-stricken when the militant temperance advocate appeared in their neighborhoods and locked their places and fled before the faithful hatchet could get into action.

### SPORT

Larry Lajoie has batted .300 for 13 seasons.

Count Louis Castro is now the agent at Atlanta, Ga., for a St. Louis brewing company.

Sandow Mertes, old-time Giant, has been acting as substitute umpire on the Pacific coast during the illness of a regular official.

Hutchinson, in the Kansas State League, has a player named Laflambois, but he does not seem to be setting the league aflame.

The St. Louis Browns were the last team to beat the Tigers, so that American League club has taken its little whack at Jennings.

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Pitcher Ed. Walsh, of the Chicago White Sox, plans to finish his base ball career by playing first base. He is no slouch at the job and his hitting should insure him attention.

Last year we read about two and three hits with glee and said, "some pitching kid?" This season with the hits running to two figures we say, "Some hittin', what?" How we love that old game.

In a recent game between Toronto and Buffalo, in the Eastern League, 17 bases on balls were given by the four pitchers used. President Russell, of the Boston Nationals, would say that was due to the cork center ball, of course.

Bill Lindsay, new Cleveland infielder, will re-enter Chicago University next fall. Lindsay is a law student. He graduated from Guilford College in North Carolina and Haverford College, and took a post-graduate course at Harvard. He is certainly bound to have an education.

Talking about his early base ball days, when he was a pitcher, Fred Hunter asserted that he once struck out 23 men in a game. "That's nothing; I struck out 25," put in Howard Camnitz, and Hunter was about to question the claim, when "Cammy" added: "It was against a team from the blind asylum."

Those Canadians have queer notions. At Victoria in a recent game, the chief of police walked out on the diamond and attempted to tell the umpire his decisions were bad. The umpire, being an American, ordered him off the field quick. Such blawsted disrespect for the king's authority was beastly form, don't ye think?

President Johnson has inaugurated another new rule this year for all American League parks. The umpires are not required to announce the batteries or to give the names of emergency hitters in the game. All club owners have been notified to provide megaphone men for that purpose, as the new ball parks are so large that the umpire's voice is strained too much.

A base ball record was equalled in the New England League game between Haverhill and Worcester recently when McGamwell, the Haverhill first baseman, went through a full nine inning game with a single put-out and with only one assist. This record on the busy first base corner equals that made by Jiggs Donahue, of the Chicago Americans, on May 23, 1906, in a game with New York.

American League players who hail from the Pacific Coast include: Eastery, Fisher, Graney, Olson, Gregg, Krapp and Harkness, Cleveland; Bodie, Zeider and Dougherty, Chicago; Madden, Hooper, Hall, Moser and Lewis, Boston; Gray, Street, Groom and Johnson, Washington; W. Hogan, Leonard and Krause, Philadelphia; Hallinan, St. Louis; Chase, Lynch, Wilkinson and Johnson, New York; Lively, Detroit.

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