Bypaths of Kansas History

Mustered Out

From the Western Volunteer, Fort Scott, April 26, 1862.

In our last we mentioned that Geo. Misener and Ben. Huffman had enlisted in the Wisconsin 9th. We are since informed, that they have been mustered out, on a certificate of disability from the Brigade Surgeon. They stood all the tests except one; Geo. went down on the twenty-fifth and Ben. on the twenty-ninth glass of lager. The regulations require a capacity for sixty-two. They were in the service just ten days, and but for the above unfortunate failure would undoubtedly have made excellent soldiers. During their short term they patrolled the State Line to Kansas City and back twice, performing the entire march on foot.

A Buffalo Stampede

From the Wichita Eagle, August 7, 1873.

J. A. Grayson and brother were hunting last week in the Southwest. One night while sleeping in camp they were awakened by the dogs barking and the horses snorting. Rousing up they heard in a certain direction a thundering noise as if an avalanche was rolling toward them. Presently they discovered a tremendous herd of stampeded buffalo coming toward them. The boys were terribly frightened, but had presence of mind enough to open with their Spencers upon the approaching mass which at length they succeeded in frightening to either side of them. Grayson says he does not desire a repetition of the adventure.—Hutchinson News.

No Soap for the Water Works

From the Kansas Daily Commonwealth, Topeka, November 14, 1873.

The proposition to vote bonds for water works in Topeka meets with very little favor. There are so few of our people who use water that it is impossible to create any enthusiasm on the subject.

Grass in Kansas

From the Garden City Paper, July 31, 1879.

C. J. Jones has in his possession a spear of grass that is sixty-eight feet long, which grew on the bottom near the river. The above story sounds incredible, but anyone doubting it can come and see for themselves, and if it is not the length stated, we will pay all expenses of the trip.