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\$1. IN ADVANCE.

STORY OF A LONGHORN STEER.

WILD LIFE OF WONDERFUL GERONIMO, AS TOLD UP NORTH.

Led a Stampede and ran Forty Miles, Wore Out a Dozen Cowboys, Fasted Three Months and Is Still in the Ring.

Monday's Express contained the following article which was extracted from a Northern paper. "George W. Sanders has an outlaw steer on his ranch in Frio county, Southwest Texas. The animal is known to nearly every cowboy in that part of the country. He was named Geronimo more than 12 years ago and has lived up to his name in every respect.

Geronimo is a typical long-horn Texas steer. He weighs nearly 2000 pounds and has always been master of the herds with which he ran. He was born 16 years ago in Uvalde county, and when a mere calf it took three cowboys to rope and hold him while the branding iron was put to his left shoulder. He grew rapidly and soon became the leader in the pranks played by the cattle on the ranch. He was a leader in all the stampedes and many a long and weary chase did he cause the cowboys. . . .

"When Geronimo was 6 years old he was placed with a herd of cattle with which he had been running several months, and an effort was made to drive them to Hondo City on the Southern Pacific road for shipment to the Kansas City market. Everything went smoothly until the second night. The moon was shining brightly and no apprehension of a stampede was felt by the cowboys. There were three cowboys on herd during the first half of the night and they rode round and round the herd. All the animals were lying down and every thing was perfectly quiet when Geronimo suddenly got on his feet and with a snort and a bellow rushed in and out among the awakening animals and then bounded off toward the south with the whole herd after him at full tilt. The cowboys declare that there was no excuse for the stampede and that Geronimo caused it out of pure meanness. There were about 2000 head of cattle in the herd and they ran for forty miles before they stopped. The cowboys kept close to them, but they could not get ahead of Geronimo and turn the course of the herd. When the herd quit running on account of sheer exhaustion Geronimo turned and looked at his followers as if in disdain; and then bounded off alone into the wilderness of mesquite bushes as if satisfied with his night's sport.

"Geronimo met with his first defeat in 1898. In the November round up in that year, a day was set aside for another effort to capture the old outlaw. Cowboys from all the neighboring ranches were invited to be present. When the day came there was a gathering of the most adept ropers in the Southwest, all anxious to try a hand at capturing Geronimo. The sport began early in the morning. There have been many roping contests in Texas, but none of them equalled this one. Cowboy after cowboy tried and failed; then tried in pairs and triplets. Finally the team of ropers numbered 12 and their concerted charge resulted in every rope finding lodgment on either the horns or legs of the animal, who struggled desperately but to no avail; he was conquered and shipped to his present home in Frio county.

Upon arrival at Mr. Saunder's ranch Geronimo was placed in close confinement. The old desperado felt his humiliation so keenly that for 100 days he refused to eat almost entirely and drank little water. When he had grown so weak that his death was looked for at any time he submitted to the inevitable and began eating. He has fattened very rapidly and he is now in prime condition. He is the pride of the stockmen and cowboys in that section."

An exchange gives the editorial game laws as stated by an Eastern publication, as follows:

"Book agents may be killed from Oct. 1st to Sept. 1st; spring poets from March 1st to June 1st. scandal mongers from April 1st to Feb 1st; umbrella borrowers from Aug. 1st to Nov. 1st and from Feb. 1st to May 1st. Every man who accepts a newspaper for two years and on being presented with a bill, says: "I never ordered it," may be killed on the spot without reserve or relief."

The following clipping from the Chicago Evening Post, was sent to Mr. Ed Cotulla of this place by a friend of his in Illinois. It will no doubt, be interesting to our readers, as we are sure that not one was aware that our town was swept away by a cloudburst on the morning of Nov. 24th, and two lives lost, a merchant named Walker and his wife. We had a five inch rain on that date, and a few negroes that lived in low places had to leave their cabins, but beyond that, if any damage was done to amount to anything we haven't yet heard of it. If the good Lord would send a cloud around our way about every three weeks and open her up like that one, we'd feel mighty thankful.

SWEPT BY A CLOUDBURST.

Two Lives Lost and Property Damaged at Cotulla, Texas.

San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 24—A portion of the Town of Cotulla, sixty miles west, was washed away by a cloudburst early this morning. Four inches of rain fell in thirty minutes. A merchant named Walker and his wife were drowned. Many buildings were wrecked and great damage to live stock and ranch property in the vicinity.

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COMMISSIONERS COURT.

Met Last Saturday in Special Session With Full Board Present.

Commissioners Court met Saturday, Nov. 25th with full membership in attendance. Contract to build five wooden trestle bridges in the county across following named creeks: Spear, on Carrizo Springs road; Mustang, Three-mile, Four-mile and Seven-mile creeks on the Tilden road, was awarded to W. B. Guinn at a total sum of \$1037.50.

By request of County Judge, duly presented, heretofore, the official bond of the said County Judge was declared canceled, and the surities, to wit: M. J. Barlow and A. Armstrong Jr, be relieved from further liabilities thereunder.

Following the foregoing order the County Judge presented two new bonds—one as Judge and one as Ex-officio Co. Supt. Public Instruction—with J. R. Hargus, J. J. Hall and M. J. Barlow as surities thereon, were accepted by the court and ordered approved.

Court then adjourned to meet Tuesday, Dec. 5th.

Of course we all claim to be honest. It would not be a very good plan to tell a man that he was dishonest unless you were a good deal larger. In all the walks of life, however, there are some things that look a little funny whether fraud or deception.

When a farmer carries a load of apples or peaches to town, he will somehow all the small and faulty ones manage to get to the bottom. And when the merchant gets hold of them they seem to remain in the same position. If a farmer carries butter to town to sell, the merchant points out all the defects in the butter; he is buying then, but when a customer comes in to purchase some butter, all the good points of the same butter are made prominent. A horse is old when we want to buy but young when we want to sell. Let the cars run over one of our yearlings and straightway said yearling becomes very fine stock, one of our favorites for which we wouldn't have taken a large sum.

The merchant always has the best goods that could be bought, in fact some great advantage had enabled him to purchase goods cheaper than his competitor could possibly have purchased them. In the school room the child is told by the teacher that he is so dull he never will learn anything, a regular block-head, but when the parent comes along he is told that his son, John is a fine fellow and ought to be educated, as he would make a president or some other great man. The lady of the house tells how ugly and ignorant her neighbor is but when that neighbor drops in for a few minutes she is changed in the twinkling of an eye to one of the loveliest creatures on earth, and oh so welcome.

We are asked to write a recommendation for one that we possibly do not like the best in the world, and we sit down and tell the world that he is such a good fellow and worthy a place in the confidence of any community. And sometimes we get to be candidates and then we know everybody, and actually know a little about their grand parents and relatives. Nothing like it. Why we are all at once possessed of such an irrepressible love for children, and our sympathy for the struggling masses is unlimited. The first man that goes to a lawyer is always the one in the

right, and the one that it will be no trouble to clear.

And then the preacher likes all and couldn't be partial, but some how the invitation of the most prominent is accepted first, and thus it goes all along the line.—Luling Signal.

The handsome new residence of Mr. A. Armstrong, Jr., has just been completed and Mr. Armstrong and family are now occupying it.—Hondo Herald.

A cowboy who stopped over night in a Western hotel was describing the interesting features of the house which had been supplied with electric lights. "Everything was perfect," he said, "with the exception of one thing. They kept the light burning all night in my bedroom, a thing I ain't used to." "Well," said one of the cowboys, "why didn't you blow it out?" "Blow it out!" said the cowboy. "How could I? The blamed thing was inside a bottle!"—Austin Tribune.

Benjamin Franklin, the philosopher, once said: "Friends and neighbors, the taxes are indeed heavy, and if those laid on by the government were the only ones we had to pay, we might more easily discharge them. We are taxed twice as much by our idleness. Three times as much by our pride, four times as much by our folly, and from these the Commissioners cannot ease or deliver us by admitting an abatement. It would be a hard government that would tax its people one

part of their time to be employed in its service but idleness taxes us more if we reckon all that is spent in absolute sloth or the doing of nothing.

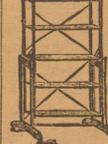
Jay Gould started out to conquer the world with fifty cents and left \$70,000,000. Morgan the great banker, was a clerk in a country store. Cornelius Vanderbilt took cabbages and turnip to the New York market in a little sailing craft. Stewart, the merchant prince of his day, began his career on a capital of \$3,000. P. D. Armour ran away from home when he was 18 and walked to California. Pullman was a clerk in a store. Mark Twain as a boy was thrown on the world to sink or swim, and he not only swam, but he commanded a Mississippi river steam boat. Geo. W. Childs was an errand boy in a store. John Wanamaker was son of a brick-maker.—Selected.

One fool used to be born every minute. Now there are two, sometimes three. The business is growing and the product is of high quality. But the biggest fool of all fools is the infernal fool who thinks he knows it all, whether he be on the farm, in the factory or in the liquor trade. The man who doesn't know that he can learn something by whetting up against someone else is a candidate for the lunatic asylum or the poorhouse. A man may shut himself up in his distillery, in his winery, or in his office and be monarch of all he surveys, but his survey will be so small that it will keep him poor all his life. Expansion is the watchword of the day, and the way to expand is to get out and expand. It cannot be done by sitting around and throwing bouquets at yourself. It is the bouquets of others which come your way that count, and you can't expect to have others use you for a target unless by advertising you let them know where you are at.—Liquor Trades' Review.

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Surely the fortunate dwellers of this favored section have much to be thankful for. While we have not been as prosperous as we had hoped, yet it is possible that this very fact is one thing that we should be thankful for.

As the Sun has aptly said, this whole section of the state has much for which to be thankful. First of all we have health—the greatest of blessings, then our ranges and cattle were never in better condition to enter the winter.

Thanksgiving and prayer, and should have been observed as such, but we saw no difference in the daily affairs of business nor in the general appearance of the town, save the fact that Barlow & Co's flag was out and the school children were given a vacation.

A great surprise to every one was the exhibit just up by the San Antonio Machine and Supply Co., a firm which has rapidly forged to front in the short space of not quite a year.

That Hunt.

Last Wednesday week, the 22d ult, a party of hunters bold, left town, westward, not to grow up with the country, but to hunt the wily, fleetfooted deer. Those who were in the party were: L. A. Kerr, Banker, T. R. Keck, Lumber Dealer, W. G. Johnson, Stockman, W. H. Johns, Contractor, L. W. Gaddis, Druggist, and Allen Lowe (col) who acted as chief cook and man of all work.

They began shooting but failed to bag the game. Kerr says he shot off the deer's tail; Keck as positively says it was a limb ten feet above, that Bit shot off. It is a mooted question, we leave it with you.

week's hunt. Gaddis says he is glad he went, but don't want to go again. Kerr says: "That's all right, I hit the duck." Johnson won't come to town, and the others refuse to talk.

MILLETT.

Quite a number from Millett attended the Bull Fight Sunday. Misses Lena Lowry and Mamie Dewoody spent Tuesday night in Millett as the guest of Mrs. W. M. Boyce.

Mr. W. A. Waugh has been on quite an extensive trip to the Alamo City. Everybody is trying to have a cold at the same time. Mr. W. P. Shields went to Dilley on business Monday.

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Local and Personal.

Warm weather.
Thanksgiving is past.
Hunters are numerous.
Deer are not so plentiful.
Slight norther Thursday.
Grass is growing rapidly.
Turkey! Oh! where is he?
Fresh lemons at S. Cotulla's.
Bear circus in town yesterday.
Heating Stoves at Keck Bros.
Twenty-three days 'till Xmas.
Fresh Cocoanuts at S. Cotulla.
Read the new 'ads' on this page
Old papers for sale at this office.
Go to S. Cotulla's for your fancy candies.
Cliff Lane went down the road Thursday evening.

Landrum & Co., received a car of corn Tuesday.

S. T. Phelps went up to Pearsall yesterday morning.

Its winter now, but spring weather still prevails.

Jos. Cotulla has been down at his lower ranch this week.

Henrichson & Co. received a carload of corn this week.

Mr. C. E. Massengale and wife spent Thanksgiving at Moore.

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George Copp received another lot of tomato baskets yesterday.

Col. E. R. Lane was in town a few hours Thursday on business.

Kerr & Kerr received a car of flour from New Braunfels this week.

Mrs. Viola Vaughn of Lockhart is visiting her aunt Mrs. D. P. Roberts.

About 700 people were on the special train that went to Laredo last Sunday.

Attorney Mayfield returned Monday from a business trip up the road.

W. T. Hill and Jim Murray were up from the Hill ranch yesterday evening.

A bouncing baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Wildenthal last Monday.

Major W. C. Irvin came in early yesterday morning and took the 9:10 train for San Antonio.

Rev. J. F. Kimball of Laredo and J. W. McMulin of Encinal, were arrivals on this morning's train.

Prof. D. M. Henry, principal of the Encinal school was here yesterday and today attending the Institute.

Ira C. Jennings, a well known cow man of this part of the State, and formerly a resident of this place came down from San Antonio yesterday evening to look after business matters.

Miss Zula Gilmer arrived from Lockhart Saturday last and went out to the Hargus ranch to spend a few weeks.

C. F. Howard, B. Vesper, T. H. Gardner, G. W. Wright and Jos. McMains were down from the Puddin this week.

Mrs. J. Guy Smith and little daughter returned Tuesday from a three weeks visit to San Antonio and Pearsall.

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Mr. Simon Cotulla returned Sunday from Moore. Says he had good time, and didn't go hungry while he was there either.

Rev. Bruce Roberts returned Sunday from a visit of several weeks duration to friends and relatives in Caldwell county.

Prof. J. T. Alexander, the efficient teacher of the Millett school was down Thanksgiving Day, and paid the RECORD an appreciated call.

A party of fourteen hunters arrived here from Austin Monday, and were carried out to the San Roque by J. F. Neal and Jas. Hicks.

Misses Viola Gardener and Lolla Williams of the Puddin were in town this week soliciting contributions to pay for their seventy-five dollar church organ. Our people gave about twenty dollars.

Send your clothes to the White Star Laundry, San Antonio, Emmett Stevens, Agent, Cotulla. Careful attention given orders sent in from towns in adjoining counties.

Rev. Nath Thompson lectured at the Court House Wednesday in the interest of the Rescue Home at San Antonio. He also preached at the Methodist church Thursday night to a large and attentive congregation.

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Mr. E. L. Clarey has opened up a restaurant in the building on Front street formerly occupied by Pease & Jay. He proposes to give you the best meal in the city for 25 cents, and asks for his share of the public patronage.

J. J. Irvin was in the city one day this week and reported a severe hail storm at his ranch on 23d ult. Ex-Judge, Bob Lewis who also resides on this ranch, happened to be about three miles from home when the storm came up, and Jourd referred us to him for particulars. He says Bob got home alright but had to swim about three miles.

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G. B. Withers of Lockhart is in town.

Dr. Bellville was called down from Pearsall this week to see some sick people.

We are glad to inform our readers that the little son of Mr. G. W. Jay, who has been hovering between life and death for the past week, is much better this morning and with careful attention the doctor will be alright soon.

551, 12th Street, been shipped by express this week from Copp's Irrigation Farm. They go to all parts of the country, and Mr. Copp informs us the demand is becoming greater every day. We saw a gentleman purchase a couple of baskets the other day and have them sent to his home in Kansas. "Why," said he: "People up there would fight over those things at \$1.50 a basket."

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Mr. W. M. Clarey, a well-to-do stockman of the Twohig country was up on business one day this week. He also paid our office a pleasant call and gave us a dollar on his subscription, which 'marked' it up to 1901. Thanks.

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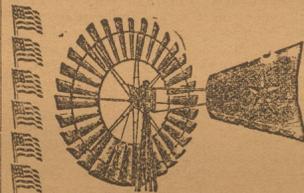
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Bob's Punishment.

By Lena Gilbert-Fellows.

YES, Bob was punished—that is, he paid a penalty for his misdeeds—and yet Bob never knew a word about it. It would have been better had some kindly friend explained this to him, but, as no one did, he lived on, it may be, to make other mistakes just as sad.

Bob's mother was a widow, and, with him, occupied two rooms in a tenement house—only two rooms at the top of two rickety flights of stairs, and low and dark ones, at that.

Bob was a newsboy—perhaps I should say a subnewsboy—who dealt in papers on a small scale, his whole stock rarely consisting of more than three at a time. These few he purchased at wholesale from a friend, who was a "regular newsboy," and sold them at retail in the side streets; and when his small stock was exhausted he hunted up this same friend again, to make his wholesale purchase.

He soon learned how to keep pace with him, and "to strike him to an inch," as he expressed it; so that very little time was lost in these frequent purchases. Sometimes he sold as many as 20 papers in a day, but, as his profit was small, he could not lay by much.

One day, when the thermometer had reached a high point, Bob and his friend met on the walk directly under an open window.

"Regular ole stunner, ain't it?" was Bob's opening remark.

"Jing! ain't it, though?" acquiesced his friend.

"Sold out?" inquired Bob.

"Yes, clean."

"My! don't I wish I could do a pipin' business like that?"

"Why, hain't you sold out yet?"

"Yes; but that ain't nothin' compared to your'n. But let me git a-gooin' one't, and you'll see a feller as'll pile up the tin. I'll be ridin' in a carriage like that 'ere some day, if I can just git a start. But you see all I git now has to be put in with mother's. That don't give any chance to lay up, and you have to lay up in the start."

"No, you don't," replied Bob's more experienced friend. "You keep a-puttin' it all right inter your business, and that's the way you keep a-makin' more and more."

"Hey?" queried the astonished Bob. "Then when does the money git into the banks?"

"Not until you git so much ahead that you can't keep it all a-gooin'."

The owner of the office under which these two lads stood—the owner, as for that matter, of the whole block—happened to be inside the window, and looked out in life a

So you may know that this brief dialogue, which would otherwise have been tame and interesting, naturally drew his attention.

He now leaned forward that he might see their faces, and as they continued the conversation he watched them keenly.

"I say, Stub, if I was ter git a dollar of my own one't, would that give me a start?"

"Yes; that's twice more'n I had in the start," replied Stub, encouragingly, "and I'm 'ereasin' my business all the time. I deal in a good many things now."

And the boy drew himself up as an assurance that he was attaining greatness.

"Jimminy! ye don't, though?"

"Maybe not," said Stub, with exasperating coolness. "Maybe I dreamed I was a-sellin' apples, and lemons, and bannagers, and oranges."

"Don't folks sometimes borry in the start?" asked Bob, struck with a new idea.

Inside the window the keen eyes were still scanning Bob's eager face.

"Yes, they do," came in a clear, pleasant tone.

And Bob, instead of running away, raised his face toward the speaker, at the same time pushing back his cap that he might get a better view.

The gentleman took the action as a mark of respect, and at once put it down in Bob's favor as credit mark number one.

"Would you like to borrow a dollar?" he asked, as the boy continued his astonished gaze.

"I don't know of anyone who would be a-wantin' to lend me one," was Bob's evasive reply.

"Well, my lad, I am willing to lend you one, and I will give you your choice between two ways of repayin' it."

Bob's eyes opened wider and wider. "You may wait until you can pay me in money, or you may come each day for ten days and do errands, and thus work it out."

"I'll take the chores."

"Very well. Here's the dollar. Now, when would you like to begin?"

"I could come in now, if you've got any jobs you'd like to have done."

The gentleman invented some light work for the occasion, and Bob was initiated. Then he entered into conversation with Bob's comrade, and the result was that he determined to give him, too, a lift. This he thought best to do by making purchases of him, and Stub gladly agreed to come every day with his basket of fruit.

"The first time you come, ask for Mr. De Foe," was the parting direction received by the happy Stub.

Now Stub had this advantage over Bob. He was a regular attendant of a Sunday school, and the teacher of his class was one whose sympathetic heart went out to the poor boy in a way that warmed his own.

It was this weekly "lifting up" that helped the lad and kept him from a few of the temptations encountered by Bob. In vain had Stub urged his young

friend to join him; Bob steadfastly refused.

The ten work days went by, and Bob never once failed to make his appearance at the appointed time. This greatly pleased his benefactor, and for two reasons.

First, he was exceedingly glad for Bob's own sake that he was proving himself an honest boy. Secondly, his companions in the office had laughed at his confidence in the strange lad who had such a "knowing look."

Do we not all like to prove ourselves to have been in the right? And do we not shrink from that extremely disagreeable emphasis sometimes given to the simple phrase: "I told you so?"

Mr. De Foe was not an exception, and as Bob appeared on the tenth morning, he could hardly refrain from patting him on the back, and thanking him for making good the trust he had placed in him.

On this day, when Bob had finished his light work, he stood waiting, mentally framing his question. Mr. De Foe watched him with a curious interest.

"You might not be wanting any more jobs done, might you?"

"Yes, if you like, you may come for ten days more, and I will pay you for each time. Often it may be more than ten cents."

And for ten days more Bob was punctually on hand. Meantime he formed several acquaintances in the office, for Bob had an eye to promotion.

"The lad is proving me to have been in the right," said Mr. De Foe, to some of the gentlemen in the office, one morning as Bob went out.

"You must summer and winter a horse, you know," answered one. "Mark my words, that boy has an eye to the main chance. Give him a counter-interest, and see where his faithfulness will be. There's a look in his eye that no honest boy has."

But no one agreed with him, at least not then.

The following morning, a little before the time for Bob's coming, a gentleman from the next office came in.

"I want to get a boy to throw handbills for me. How will that chap I see around here do?"

"Capitally," replied Mr. De Foe. "Quick, energetic and honest. He's cut out for a rich man."

"I don't care so much for his future riches as I do about his distributing carefully, and I may say conscientiously, the handbills."

"It would be well to caution him," spoke up the doubting gentleman.

"I'll answer for his care and honesty," said Mr. De Foe.

Bob's natural talent for business led him at once to appreciate the truth of this.

"I understand," he said. "I've seen boys a-throwin' bills around by the hull pile. They don't last no time in that way."

So Bob started forth, and to make the matter certain, the gentleman called out to him that he would pay him by the hour.

This began to look like business, and Bob was jubilant. Now came the difference between his honesty and his policy.

While he was still comparatively near the office, he threw guardedly, but as the distance increased, he became less particular, and if two or three slipped off together, it was just as well, in his mind.

Later in the morning, as Mr. De Foe was driving in his carriage, he espied Bob, and thinking it would be pleasant to report his systematic distributing at the office, he directed his coachman to drive very slowly.

He could hardly believe his own eyes. Here was his honest young protegee deliberately purring off the bills by the half-dozen or dozen, as the case might be, and carelessly tossing them into the little yards, paying not the slightest attention as to whether they remained within the inclosure, or were wafted away by the breeze.

At first he directed his coachman to stop the carriage, intending to confront the boy, and ask for one of the bills which he seemed so generously scattering about. Then he countermanded the order, adding to himself:

"The little rascal! It will serve him right to have the cold shoulder given him after this."

Which was most emphatically done, and Bob set it down to luck, never once connecting the two circumstances.

"I'll stop that other rascal's coming, too," Mr. De Foe said, when he owned up fair to his companion in the office.

But Stub had found another friend, the "doubting" member of the firm.

"No; that other chap's as true as Bob's false. Honest faces are as plain as read as dishonest ones. I've an idea of making something out of Stub."

So Stub continued to come, but poor Bob never learned that he was merely receiving a punishment.

Perhaps if more were led where Stub was, fewer would drift where unfortunate Bob did. Who can tell how different it might have been?—Golden Days.

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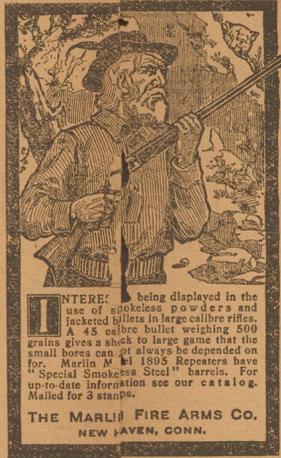
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