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me frightened and stampede, of was lying and said : n upon apparently slight provocapunchers" that when a herd has once

with a dozen or more 'cow punchers' on. from the territory and western Kanhead of the big Texas steers from the "We had been on our northward

journey for about two and a half or three weeks, perhaps, and had crossed into the Indian Territory some eventy-five miles, when one evening just before dark we encamped near a small stream of water on a sort of rolling paririe where there was an abundance of grass. In the distance to the west about eight or ten miles could be seen the shadowy outlines of a low line of hills, and between our camp and these hills, about three miles distant, was one of those canons peculiar to that region and which was not visible until one approached to within a half-mile of it, and even then no adequate idea could be obtained of its width or depth. All of the members of our party knew of its existence and locality, and for this reason we had given it, as we thought, a sufficient north and south.

like clouds, which in the distance ap peared to touch the earth. As dark- peal of thunder. ess came on the cattle ceased feed-

started on its mad flight it is as ir- dinary was going to happen. I've lightning were almost continuous and Okalahoma, is authority for the fol- trouble with them critters. I've told beneath their tread. Okalanoma, is additionally the boys to saddle their ponies "At the first break of the leaders our destination, and when we had lowing description of the leaders and most and be ready at a moment's notice, every man had put spurs to his made a careful count of the herd we disastrous stampede of Texas steers if the steers get on a rampage, to horse and with drawn revolver was found a little more than 3,000 steers "In the early summer of 1889," big hole in the ground over there, As we slowly gained upon them we

had already observed while Wilson firing at the ground close to their were noted Texas cattlemen, to as- was talking to me, was becomming hoofs. The others now drew near sist in driving upward of 30,000 more frequent and lighted up the and a general fusiliade commenced. head of the big Texas steers from the ing animals with a sort of ghostly right or northward until the course correct a handsome stallion purthe Indian Territory to the vicinity glow, producing a decidedly weird of the frantic animals had been turnthe Indian Territory to the vicinity of Dodge City, Kan. The place at effect. I could also see that the ed almost to a right angle from their can war. which we were obliged to travel was steers were becoming more and more original direction, and it looked as which we were conged to crave, and here and there I noticed if further danger from the canon had the reason that we allow the cattle a big steer rise up and act as if he been passed. pasture and otherwise fatten for the unbroken except by the low, intermittent, maudlin grumblings of a earlier in the evening surreptitiously broken into the stores in the commissary wagon and helped himself to Wilsons had brought along as an antidote for snake bites.

which make the first break, the baltheir lead. Every man in our party and trampled to death. carried at least one six-shooter, and were instructed, in the event of a stampede, to ride alongside these near their hoofs, in order to turn them from their course.

"The breeze had now perceptibly ing and all lay down as quietly and frshened and we could hear the roar the herd divided, a part going north before, he exclaimed in astonishcontentedly as so many milch cows, of rain rapidly approaching. The and the remainder south along the ment: and everything bade fair for a quiet steers all about us were getting on bank of the canon. night. The animals appeared to feel their feet and uneasily moving about. the oppressive heat quite as much as The suspense was becoming painful. on, and when I saw those steers by we did. I had staked my horse some distance from the herd, spread my blanket near him, and 'gone to bed,' ed by a crash of thunder which rum, so to speak, using my saddle for a hied directly overhead and slowly lorcibly reminded of Victor Hugo's like a limit out?"

Suddenly a blinding flash lit up the hundreds shooting over the edge of the hundreds shooting over the edge of the hundreds shooting over the edge of the limit of the hundreds shooting over the edge of the hundreds shoot pillow. I couldn't go to sleep for died away. Big drops of rain came famous word picture in 'Les Miser- replied the lieutenant, and that he

rents. Here and there throughout French cavalry brigade into the holthe hig bunch of cattle could be low road of Ohain at the battle of heard a fierce bellow ending in a Waterloo.

vicious 'snort. "At last the expected happened ing up the scattered survivors of our when a blinding flash occurred, sim- herd, and it was almost four days gvery one who has lived in the it may have been on account of the ultaneously with a report more like before we finished the work. The or southwest is more or less exhausting heat of the day's work. I a cannon. A movement among a young Mexican who caused all the of southwest is in the freakish tendency was awake at 10 o'clock when one of number of steers on the edge of the damage 'vamoosed' on the night or a large body or herd of cattle to the Wilson boys came over where I herd began. Another flash of light-early morning of the disaster and ning showed forty or fifty leaders was never heard of again. Before we "Bill, I don't like this deathly running at full speed westward, for left the vicinity of the canon I visit-It is also well known by "cow quiet. It makes me nervous. It lowed by the entire herd. It was a ed the place where the steers plunged seems as if something out of the or- magnificent spectacle. The flashes of over. The air was fairly black with resistible and dangerous as a Kansas noticed a considerable amount of the plunging, crazy steers could be brink of the rocky wall of the canon In this connection Col. heat lightning, and it's beginning to plainly seen as they madly tore and looked down upon the results of william P. Blount of the Indian Ter- make the steers restless, I wouldn't across the prairie, their heads low- the stampede I could see a strange ritory, now in Washington for the be a bit surprised if there was a big tails nearly erect and swaying from jumble of hoofs, horns and carpurpose of promoting the cause of thunderstorm, here before morning, ered, tongues protruding and their casses, completely blocking the narsingle statehood for the territory and and if there is there's going to be side to side and the earth trembling row channel of the stream.

turn them eastward away from that in full pursuit of the flying column missing."-Washington Post. said Col. Blount, "I was employed pointing in the direction of the can-drew closer to their sides, and the first man abreast of the half dozen "The atmospheric electricity, as I steers in the extreme lead began

an overload of red liquor which the tack on the part of the greaser terrific speed.

we knew must be near at hand. The the army,"

"It was an awful sight to look upsome unaccountable reason, although down, and presently it fell in ter- ables' of the intal dash of the accordingly did on his departure

"In the morning we began roundbuzzards, and when I leaned over the

"A few weeks later we arrived at

General Crant was an expert rider rom his earliest boyhood. He asked but one thing of a horse, and that was that it should go. In an article on "Grant and His Battle Charge ers" General James Grant Wilson smooth, polished horns of the reclin- The leaders began to swerve to the tells the story of the breaking of chased by Grant early in the Mexi-

The animal had just been captured from a herd of wild Texas horses. It was blindfolded and then saddled for the reason that we allow the carrier smiffed danger of some sort. In the to graze along the entire route, and smiffed danger of some sort. In the But we had not included the fool the first time. The young fleutenant to graze along one entire route, and meantime I had saddled my horse, from eight to ten miles were a fair meantime. I had saddled my horse, Mexican in our calculations. In springing into the saddle, ordered day's journey. This immense herd and was waiting whatever might stead of coming with the rest of the that the horse's eyes should be unday's journey. This inhibense need turn up. The silence still remained party, he had evidently become concovered. Being released, the unfused and had worked around on the tamed creature bounded like a bull, opposite and wrong side of the lead- reared, leaped, threw his head alyoung Mexican half-breed, who had, ers, and the first thing we were most to the ground, sprang first to aware of was the crack! crack! the right and then to the left in his crack! of his gun somewhere on the efforts to unseat his rider, and then, other side of the leaders. This at- finding this futile, dashed away at

counteracted all our previous efforts. Of this day's work Lieutenant The steers turned abruptly toward Grant wrote in his "Personal Mem-"It is a fact well known to all old us and straight toward the canon oirs": "I had little difficulty in cattlemen that whenever animals We were utterly powerless to stem breaking him, although the first day stampede there are always a score or the tide of the maddened brutes, and there were frequent disagreements more of steers known as 'leaders,' it was nothing but sheer luck that between us as to which way we prevented half a dozen of us from should go, and sometimes as to ance of the herd blindly following being knocked down, horses and all, whether we should go at all. At no time during the day could I choose "As soon as possible we got out exactly the part of the column I some had a pair of them, and they of the thickest of the steers and fol- would march with, but after that I lowed them toward the canon, which had as tractable a horse as any in

leaders, on the side opposite to the frequent flashes of lightning still con- That Cortez was indeed a tractdirection in which it was desired to tinued, and we could see the scanty able horse was fully proved by a turn them and to fire in the ground line of sage brush not twenty rods leat performed by him and his in front of the swiftly moving sea of master a few days before the Amsurging steers. On they went with crican army evacuated the City of wide berth. This canon at the point "Just before midnight we heard fearful momentum, a flying resistless Mexico. Grant had ridden out to nearest to our camp that night was for the first time a faint rumble of mass! We reined in our horses, and make a morning call on the colonel fully one hundred and fifty feet deep, distant thunder in the southwest. before they had fully stopped the ad- in command of the Castle at Chapfrom fifty to sixty feet wide, and its The display of heat lightning also vance guard of steers had gone over ultepec. The officers' quarters were walls were nearly perpendicular. Its had increased in intensity and a the brink and disappeared. Over fol- inside the fortress, which was surdirection in that locality was nearly slight southwesterly breeze sprang lowed the others by hundreds until rounded with a high, broad earthup. The hoarse mutterings of thun- it seemed as if the entire herd was work. Riding up the outside slope "During the entire afternoon the der became louder and more frequent. doomed to destruction. Fortunately, and around the castle without obair had been hot and 'muggy,' with We were now all ordered to get into however, the greater bulk of the serving any hitching-post, Grant not a suspicion of breeze. The sky our saddles and be ready for a stam- steers seemed to scent the danger spurred his steed down the broad but was overcast with low-hanging, fog- pede, which in all probability would ahead and slackened their speed, long, steep stone stairs that led into mmediately follow the first severe which gave some of those nearest to the fort. When the colonel appeared the brink of the canon an oppor- and saw Cortez tied at the door. tunity to turn, and the remainder of where no horse had ever been seen

cetting more used to it.-Judge.

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