

Buffalo Hunt

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hearing the order, said to his comrades, "Boys, do you hear the old man? He means what he says, and they will be here in about a minute, and the old man won't be the last one either." The charge followed as predicted, and that ended the battle.

I believe the rebels fired only five solid shot—all they had—and a few loads of scrap iron. One of the shot went clear through a house on the hill and the hole remained unrepaired for many years after. Another shot* went over the heads of General Belknap and myself soon after we got to the depot. It whistled like a shell, the whistling being made by a sand hole in it, and struck in the hill on my father's farm back of Croton, where it was afterwards found. I presume it is the only rebel cannon ball fired during the war from a rebel state which lodged in a union one, certainly the only one which struck Iowa soil.

DENVER, COLORADO, September 10, 1903.

*This cannon ball was presented by Mr. Beaman, to the Historical Department and is now on exhibition in the museum. A flag carried by one of Green's companies during the battle, was also presented to the Department by Mr. Beaman. The 6-pound shot-hole through the house remains "unrepaired" to this day. It is the principal remaining relic of the battle in the hamlet of Athens.

BUFFALO HUNT.—Our friends in Pocahontas county have recently enjoyed the rare pleasure of a buffalo hunt. Some two weeks since, a large buffalo of the "male persuasion," was discovered on the prairie some mile or more from the court house, and a party consisting of Messrs. Hait, Struthers, Metcalf and Stickney immediately started on horseback in pursuit. After a hot chase of several miles, his bovine majesty was finally overtaken and compelled to "give up the ghost," by the reception of some twenty balls, fired from revolvers, pistols and shot guns. He proved to be one of the largest of his species and the weight of the carcass was estimated at over 1500 pounds.—*Ft. Dodge Republican, September 23, 1863.*

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