# JUSTICE OUTRAGED.

The Story of the Murder of Ray and Champion in Wyoming. How the Murderers Escaped Justice.

THE WITNESSES SPIRITED AWAY, yers in northwest Nebraska were en-

United States Troops Rescue the Murderers, and a U.S. Marshal Steals The Witnesses.

A Thrilling Story:

EDITOR ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT: The World-Herald dispatches of to-

day contain the following: CHEVENNE, Wyo., Jan. 21.-The case against the twenty-three stockmen who invaded Johnson county last spring and killed the ranchmen, Champion and Ray, was dismissed last evening, it being impossible to secure a jury. Ten hundred and sixty-nine talesmen have ocen examined and no jurors secured. ocen examined and no jurors secured. oners, nervous and apprehensive, were The sheriff made a return this evening placed back in jail. The town was in that he was unable to secure more a fever of excitement. Public sentitalesmen. Prosecuting Attorney Ben- iment ran high against the efforts to nett then asked the court to enter a steal away the witnesses of the mur-nolle pro-se in the case, which was done. There is a great rejoicing ing sheriff arrived. Each side was among the stock men and their families over the result.

Before this matter passes out of the placed a guard about the jail. No one public mind into the place it shall ocsupy in history I want the readers of THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT to know authority of the federal government the record of facts which happened on and representing the power of sixty Nebraska soil, with some of which fam sure many of them are not familiar, and particularly those that I saw with my Fremont. He came direct from Omaba,

own eyes and which made an impres-on my mind that will never be erased. Less than a year ago an armed body of cavalry fifty strong, composed in the transformation of the district of Nebraska. Marshal Hepfinger was part of the richest cattle barons in non-committal as to his business as Wyoming, in part of the most desper. marshal are wont to be. He held a ate cowboys of Texas, moved out of Cheyenne on a special train over the Union Pacific railroad northward to Orin Junction, where the U. P. meets day. the main line of the Eikhorn. Here, although the U. P. trains never run over the Elkhorn road, this armed case tried. A rumor had got afloat that magazine of death and fire swung out the U.S. marshal would try to sieze on the Elkhorn track and ran on up the road to Douglas where the armed forcran back over the Elkhorn to Orin of Johnson county, where the murder Junction and thence to Cheyenne. It hibited a telegram that they were on is a significant fact that though this the way. But the court had no con-train ran over the Elkhorn in defiance tinuances in stock for that side of the of railway regulations and under no case. control of the train dispatcher at Chadron, that no complaint from the Elkhorn expression on the old man's face. Both has ever been made public.

as ever been made public. the prisoners were scated a few feet from the court. At once the deputy Wyoming and northwest Nebraska Dahlman, of Dawes county, sat directwas ablaze with excitement. It was riding across the Wyoming cattle

were taken to Omaha, hurried before where they were to take the B. & M. the United States district attorney, and flee to Mexico or some other place their own recognizance for \$200 taken to beyond the reach of Wyoming courts. insure their appearance at the next term But at Crawford, which is in the westof court, then they were placed in a closed carriage and drivea-no one ern part of Dawes county, they were met by a telegram from Douglas, a knows where. constable and a warrant. Something

were brought down and lodged in the

ranch."

would be.

It was thought by many that on the had to be done quickly. Telegrams flew fast over the wires. W. H. Wesprinciple "dead men tell no tales" the witnessess would be spirited away to tover of Rushville, D B. Jencks of some remote place and killed. I asked Chadron, two of the best criminal lawone of the attorneys in the case the other day it he thought the men were gaged by the cattle barons. A writ of dead. "Oh! no," said he, "they're all nabeas corpus was secured from the right. I'ney're alive and better off county judge at Chadron. A special train and a deputy sheriff carried the court to Crawford and the prisoners. than they ever were before."

A. E. SHELDON. January 23, 1893

county jail at Chadron where I first AMONG OUR EXCHANGES saw them and learned from their own

lips the story of the massacre at "T A W. L. Greene's work during the cam paign is not forgotten, and many papers are booming him for United States Meanwhile attorneys and agents for the big cattle corporations of Wyoming poured into Chadron. Consultations senator. If there is a place for him in Mexico a few weeks ago. An old during the fight he ought to be worked widowed squaw had a daughter, a were held. Plans were made. It was Saturday. The prisoners were brought it.-Fremont Leader.

before the county judge for a hearing on the writ of habeas corpus. The at-torneys for the cattle Kings asked and were given a continuance till Monday. Senator Morgan, that great reform Democrat of Alabama, who was going to have the democratic party reform 'within itself,' has been before the They were not yet ready. The prishouse committee asking it to pass a bill indorsing \$100,000,000 for the "ditch" steal at the isthmus of Panama. Great reformer, he is .- People's Party Paper.

Van Wyck has arrived in this state from Washington. He says he was not interviewed while absent, and the interview in which he was made to say he endorsed Thurston was a fake. The the prisoners out of town and each old war horse did not need to deny the story for it bore the imprint of a fake knew exactly what the next move on its face-it was in the Lincoln Journal.-Fremont Leader.

> There is a bread famine now raging in Connecticut, and yet we have a school of political economists which claims that supply and demand governs the price of wheat, and that an overproduction caused the present low prices of wheat. It's a queer "overproduction" that leaves a state crying for bread.-Independent Watchman.

Among the orponents of Sunday open-ing of the World's Fair is the man Quay who represents Pennsylvania in the American House of Lords. He is a man who has been accused of bribery, theft, fraud-and about every other crime known in the calendar. And he has never undertaken to refute the charge. He and briber Shepard of New York Monday morning a great throng of people gathered in the Dawes county City are characteristic opponents to Sunday opening .- Chic go Sentinel.

The combination now in force in the house and senate should remain in force until the end of the session. By than one puan in the audience went it laws that will benefit the whole peoarmed for such a crisis. Counsel for ple may be enacted, the state rid of the es and their supplies were unloaded. the Wyoming authorities asked for a corruptive influences which now con-The special Union Pacific train then continuance until the commissioners trol it. Public steals exposed and the theives published, and last but not least a man elected to the United States senate whose voice and vote will represent Nebraska, not the money changers who sit in the temples of Mammon in the east.-Cherry Co. Independent.

Backward, turn backward, O Time in thy flight: hush us on politics just for tonight. We are exhau-ted by speech and debate: arguments tough and dis cussion sedate: character smashing and rapidly north and disappeared. All marshal took a seat on one flank, the bought to re-bought in the bought is and north want. Naharaka duce a stone image to tears. Backward turn backward, till memory jogs, and VERY LONG SLEEPS.

There Is Nothing New or Strange Under the Sun.

"I noticed a suggestion some time ago that science might yet make it possible for a man to go to sleep in the first quarter of one century and wake up in the last quarter of the next, "said Colonel Jeff McLemore, as he pulled away at a big, black cigar.

"The writer probably got his idea from the account given by Sir Claude Wade, who relates that while residing at the court of Loodhiana he saw a fakir resuscitated after being walled up for six weeks in a brick vault without the possibility of receiving a breath of fresh air.

"I was inclined to doubt Sir Claude's story until I witnessed a feat fully as remarkable among the Yaqui Indians widowed squaw had a daughter, a rather comely girl of 14, who had an unpleasant habit of going into trances whenever she counted her beads, mother and daughter being devout Catholics. The girl would lie like one dead until her mother uttered some cabalistic words over her and applied a crucifix to her lips, when she would revive on the instant, apparently none the worse for a lapse into a state of coma. The mother took service in a family quite a distance removed and left her daughter with the tribe. The latter soon passed into a trance, and all efforts to resuscitate her were unavailing. A messenger was posted off for her mother, but returned with the answer that she had accompanied her mistress to Monterey. The girl lay for several days motionless and was at last pronounced dead and consigned to the grave. A month later the mother returned, and, learning what had happened, proceeded to dig her child up. The body had not changed in the least since being consigned to the grave, and when the cabalistic words were reseated and the crucifix applied to the

lips the girl started up, and, after partaking of a cup of water, accompanied her mother home."

## REFORMING A PARROT.

The Scheme Did Not Work in an English Farish.

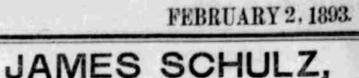
A Pittsburger who spent a part of last summer in England tells an incident which sadly disturbed the religious peace of a parish in Penzance.

A maiden lady of that town owned a parrot, which somehow acquired the disagreeable habit of observing, at frequent intervals:

"I wish the old lady would die." This annoyed the bird's owner, who spoke to her curate about it.

"I think we can rectify the matter," replied the good man. "I also have a parrot, and he is a righteous bird, having been brought up in the way he should go. I will lend you my parrot, and I trust his influence will reform that depraved bird of yours."

The curate's parrot was placed in the same room with the wicked one, and as







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telegraph wires.

The "T A ranch" in northern Wyomsmall cattlemen in the region they had come into frequent conflict with the great cattle corporations whose ranges tretched for leagues over the Wyoming hills. They were accused in common with the other small stockmen of "rustling" cattle. It is proper to say that invited into the ranch cabin by Ray and Champion. Early the next morn-Just a few steps from the cabin he horses and Winchester rifles. Ordered was placed under guard. In a few minates the younger trapper came down the hill and was captured in the same ranchmen appeared at the door. Acting under orders from the comander a dozen cowboys took deadly aim and ridwhere for hours he made a heroic defense. Finally the cabin was set fire to, when leaving the body of his com. Omaha. rade to roast in the flames, he made a rush for liberty and was shot to pieces

by his concealed assailants. I will not dwell on the details of the uprising in Wyoming when it was found that the state was being devastated with fire and blood. Sufficient to say that a detachment of United fetters clanking at every step. At the States troops from Ft. McKinney, moved by a telegram from Washington, to The marshal and the prisoners stepped secure the millionaire murderers, and on board, the conductor gave the sigarrived at the ranch just in time to nal and the special train was steaming prevent the destruction of the entire away to Omaha at 50 miles an hour. band at the hands of the aroused peo- The witnesses of the Wyoming massaple of that region. Instead of meeting their fate at the rifle's muzzle, they were held for trial on the charge of courts of justice by the money of milmurder.

When their baggage was examined an ample supply of dynamite as well as cartridge ammunition was found. Hernment founded by Washington, Jef-ferson and Hamilton. Never since Louis XIV issued his

the two trappers. Both of them were taken to Douglas and kept in charge by the sheriff against the day when they should appear in court. To in-sure the the safety of the murderers it became absolutely necessary to get these witnesses out of the way. A liveryman in Douglas was hired to do this. He succeeded in getting them

ly in the rear. Every movement was known that an armed bedy of men was watched with nervous interest by the spectators. After argument the court began slowly to announce his decision range, bent, as every one felt sure, on which sustained the writ of habeas some desperate mission. A thousand corpus and released the men from cusrumors filled the air and crowded the tody. Before the last words were out

court house to hear the habeas corpus

the prisoners from the sheriff. More

The prisoners were brought in. I shall never forget the scared, hunted

of his lips, without waiting for the adjournment of court Marshal Hepfinger sprang to his feet, laid both ing was held by two small cattle deal-ers, Champion and Ray. Like all other one pocket of his overcoat a glittering pair of handcuffs and from another a warrant sworn out before L.A. Dorrington U. S. court commissioner that very morning by the Douglas liveryman charging the prisoners with stealing ponies and selling liquor to indians. At the same time Sheriff Dahlman placed his hands on the prisoners and drew from they returned the accusation on those his pocket a warrant. The audience that made it. The second night after with one common impulse rushed over nati, and a convict in the Ohio penitenthe arrival of the U. P. train two va- the seats and crowded around the cen- tiary, has been denied a pardon by the grant trappers, one an old man named Jones, the other a young man whose name escaped me, camped on a stream near the ranch. They were cordially head to be a stream of the seats and crowded around the con-flict and perhaps blood-shed. The Dawes county sheriff was cool and quiet as was his custom, but determined as he said "those men are my prising old man Jones arose and taking a oners." The deputy marshal and pail started to the spring for water. liveryman "were busy fast-ning the shackles on the wrists and ankles of found the ravine filled with men, the prisoners. The attorneys for both to throw up his hands, he obeyed and short consultation the counsel for the Messengers here Wyoming authorities announced that they witharew their claims. It was said at the time that the reason for this way. After a short interval the two action was the fact that no one was present from Wyoming who would guarantee to stand by the counsel and sheriff and bear the expenses of a prodled oue of them with bullets. The longed legal battle for the possession other drew his six-shooter and risking of the prisoners. It was stated that if his own life, dragg-d the body of his the sheriff insisted on holding the murdered companion into the cabin, prisoners the deputy marshal had a warrant in his pocket for his arrest and would take the entire party to

> At any rate counsel withdrew his claim and the sheriff his warrant. Instantly the marshal pushed the prisoners oners through the crowd and, guarded on either side by deputies, hurried them down through the streets of Chadron shackled together and with depot with steam up was a special train. lionaire murderers and the federal gov-

There were only two living witnesses to the murder of Ray and Champion, outside of the murderers. They were the two trappers. Both of them were

liveryman in Douglas was hired to do this. He succeeded in getting them out of the sheriff's charge and by threat-ening them with certain death if they stayed, and plenty of money if they fied, so them to mount horses and ride with him out of Wyoming. Riding hard all night and day they crossed the Nebraska line and got to Crawford Nebraska line and got to Crawford

honesty wakes to the sound of the cogs. Lift us once more from the slime and the mud, where decency fell with a "sickening thud," while "journalists" danced in the libellous splash, and Liberty bartered her glory for cash. Bid us once more, in the name of the Lord to manhood and justice and faith be restored, and fairer than on the sun-dial of yore, thy beautiful shadow shall rest evermore.-South Dakota Independent.

Washington Notes

The White house quarantine has been practically removed, as little Martena Harrison has entirely recovered from her illness.

Edward L. Harper, ex-president of president.

Indian Commissioner Morgan has gone to Chicago to buy in open market 100,000 pounds of bacon for issue to western tribes of Indians under treaty stipulations.

Application has been made to the comptroller of the currency by Grant Hornady of Fort Scott and associates to organize the Midland national bank

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soon as the two birds had become ac- NOXALL INCUBATOR customed to each other the bad bird remarked: "I wish the old lady would die."

Whereupon the clergyman's bird rolled up his eyes and in solemn accents added:

"We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord!"

The story got out in the parish and for several Sundays it was necessary to omit the litany at the church services.

A Remarkable Eagle's Nest.

Some Swiss papers relate that a sportsman recently succeeded in capturing in the Savoy Alps an eagle's nest, after killing the mother bird. The nest, which was large enough to hold several persons, was made of thick branches covered with straw and rubbish, and in it he found, besides a young eagle, the following remains of a feast: Fresh and stale meat, a recently killed hare, twenty-seven chamois' feet, four pigeons' feet, thirty pheasants' feet, three chickens' feet, eleven chickens' heads, eighteen heads of grouse and other wild birds, and remains of snakes, squirrels, rabbits, marmots and other game. Truly a roval feast!

"Apron strings must be let alone," said Judge Ermentrout the other day to a Reading jury. "People have no business with other men's wives, whether in a playful way or any other way." This bit of wisdom was spoken at the close of the trial of Isaac Gross for assault and battery. A month ago Augustus Potteiger met Mrs. Gross on the street and playfully untied her apron strings. Gross saw the proceeding from across the street, walked over promptly, and knocked Potteiger down. The arrest of Gross followed, but the judge told the jury to acquit him, which it did, and the costs were put upon the man who untied the apron strings.

### His Field.

An old gentleman, after the funeral of a relative, in the West of England, was listening with rapt attention to the reading of the will in which he unexpectedly proved to be interested. First, it recounted how that a certain field was willed to him; then it went on to give the old gray mare in said field to some one else, with whom he was on anything but friendly terms, at which point he suddenly interrupted the proceedings by exclaiming indignantly: "Then sha's eating ma grass!"

## Next Able Liar Has the Floor.

In answer to a prize offered by a French paper for the best example of microscopic writing, a constant reader sent in the whole history of Christopher Columbus written on an egg.

Another wrote on the back of a cabinet photograph Francois Coppee's novel of "Henriette" of 19,000 words. The prize was won by a man who sent in the contents written at length of the first two sheets of a great newspaper written on a postal card.



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