of the biggest outfits that ranged cat-

Williston drove in from the Lazy

S in ample time for the mid-day din

tented itself with a luncheon pre

Still, one could not be sure, and it

was most important that Williston ate

Gordon met them in the hot, stuffy

"It was good of you to come," he

"I didn't want to," confessed Louise,

honestly. "I'm afraid it is too big and

lonesome for me. I am sure I should

have gone back to Velpen last night

"The worst is over now that you

"I cried, though. I hated myself

have conquered your first impulse to

for it, but I couldn't help it. You see

I never was so far from home before."

He was an absorbed, hard-working

lawyer. Years of contact with the

plain, hard realities of rough living in a new country had dried up, some-

what, his stream of sentiment. Maybe

the source was only blocked with

running dry. He could not help

thinking that a girl who cries be-

cause she is far from home had much

better stay at home and leave the

grave things which are men's work to

men. But he was a gentleman and a

kindly one, so he answered quietly,

"I trust you will like us better when

There's a man," said Louise

"And yet there are men in this coun-

"Mary! what do you mean? Are

"I think there are many desperate

men among the rustlers who would

not hesitate to kill either Paul Lang-

ford or Richard Gordon since these

prosecutions have begun. There are

also many good people who think Mr.

Gordon is just stirring up trouble and

putting the county to expense when

he can have no hope of conviction.

They say that his failures encourage

the rustlers more than an inactive

either tainted with dishonesty them-

selves or they are foolish, one of the

porter, anyway," said Mary, smiling.

"Maybe I had better tell him. Precious

"Please do not," replied Louise

Munson, has managed to escape 'bat

ing death by poison, and is on hand

crowd of men around the doorway

drew aside to let them pass.

the already overcrowded room.

in front, and came up to them.

by the two young women.

As they approached the office the

"Our chances of worming ourselves

"Let me make a way for you," said

"I have watered my horse," he said,

flashing a merry smile at Mary as he

began shoving his big shoulders

through the press, closely followed

It was a strange assembly through

which they pressed; ranchmen and

cowboys, most of them, just in from

ranch and range, hot and dusty from

long riding, perspiring freely, redolent

of strong tobacco and the peculiar

smell that betokens recent and inti

mate conpanionship with that part

and parcel of the plains, the horse.

The room was indeed hot and close

and reeking with bad odors. There

were also present a large delegation

of cattle dealers and saloon men from

Velpen, and some few Indians from

Rosebud agency, whose curiosity was

insatiable where the courts were con-

cerned, far from picturesque in their

ill-fitting, nondescript cowboy gar-

Yet they were kindly, most of the

men gathered there. Though at first

and aggressive owner of the Three

Bars, planting their feet the more

firmly on the rough, uneven floor, and

serenely oblivious to any right of way

so arrogantly demanded by the big

shoulders, yet, when they perceived

for whom they way was being made,

most of them stepped hastily aside

with muttered and abashed apologies.

Here and there, however, though all

through that jam seem pretty slim

to me," whispered Mary, glancing into

Paul Langford, as he separated him-

self from the group of men standing

two," said Louise, with conviction.

"People who argue like that are

"Mr. Gordon has one stanch sup-

thoughtfully, on the way to McAllis-

try who would kill him if they dared."

there then so many cut-throats in this

ter's office, "I like him, Mary."

awful country?"

policy would."

gets, poor fellow."

with his testimony.

been for Mary. She is so-good."

said to Louise, with grave sincerity.

no bad meat that day.

fly," he said.

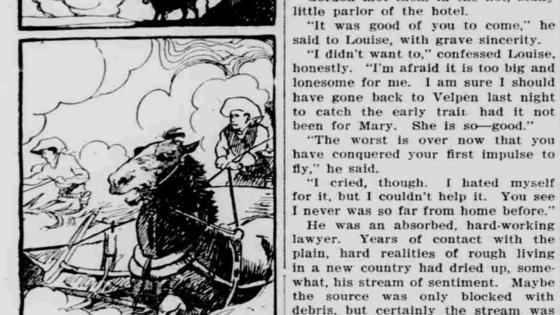
little parlor of the hotel.

ner at the hotel-the hearing was set

thoughtfully. "But I thought it not | hampered career he had never before wise to say too much to them. You are a witness, I believe you said." "Then you think they are part o' the

"I consider them at least sympathizers, don't you? They seemed down of Paul Langford of the Three Bars.

on the Three Bars." In the Indian country at last. Mile after mile of level, barren stretches after the hill region had been left be for 2 o'clock-but his little party conhind. Was there no end to the thirstinspiring, monotonous, lonely reach of pared at home and packed neatly and cacti? Prairie dogs, perched in front appetizingly in a tin bucket. It was of their holes, chattered and scolded not likely there would be a repetition at them. The sun went down and a of bad meat. It would be poor policy.



His Stanch Little Team Turned Squarely.

refreshing coolness crept over the hard, baked earth. Still, there was nothing but distance anywhere in all you know us better," and, after a few the land, and a feeling of desolation more commonplaces, went his way. swent over the girl.

The moon came up. Then there were miles of white moonlight and lonely plain. But for some time now there has been a light in front of them. It is as if it must be a will-o'-the-wisp. They never seem to get to it. But at last they are there. The door is wide open. A pleasant odor of bacon and coffee is wafted out to the tired trav-

"Come right in," says the cheery voice of Mary. "How tired you must be. Miss Dale. Tie up, Jim, and come in and eat something before you go. Well, you can eat again-two suppers won't hurt you. I have kept things warm for you. Your train must have been late. Yes, dad is better, thank He'll be all right in the morning'

CHAPTER VII. The Preliminary.

Very early in the morning of the day set for the preliminary hearing of Jesse Black the young owner of the Three Pars rode over to Velpen. He little encouragement or sympathy he identified and claimed the animal held over from shipment by Jim's peron with quickly. "I wonder if my friend, Jim

p ru .. c. unte a con "Fir t time Billy Brown ever was the murder and sudden death," includ-

taken in," he said, with great disgust. Langford met with no interruption to his journey, either going or coming, although that good cow-puncher of his, Jim Munson, had warned him to look sharp to his pistols and mind the bridge. Jim being of a somewhat belligerent turn of mind, his boss had not taken the words with seriousness. As for the fracas at the pontoon, cowmen are touchy when it comes to a question of precedence, and it might well be that the inflammable Jim had brought the sudden storm down on his head. Paul Langford rode through the sweet early summer air without let or hindrance and looking for none. He was jubilant. Now was Williston's story verified. The county attorney, Richard Gordon, had considered Williston's story, coupled with his reputation for strict honesty, strong and sufficient enough to bind Jesse Black over to appear at the next regular term of the circuit court. Under ordinary circumstances the state really had an excellent chance of binding over; but it had to deal with Jesse Black, and Jesse Black had flourished for many years west of the river with an unsavory character, but with an almost awesome reputation for the phenomenal facility with which he slipped out of the net in which the law-in the person of its unpopular exponent, Richard Gordon -was so indefatigably endeavoring to enmesh him. The state was prepared for a hard fight. But now-here was the very steer Williston saw on the island with its Three Bars brand under Black's surveillance. Williston would identify it as the same. He, Langford, would swear to his own animal. The defense would not know he had regained possession and would not have time to readjust its evidence. It would fall down and hurt itself for the higher court, and Dick Gordon would know how to use any inadvertencies against it-when the time wonder Langford was lightby insolent eyes, sometimes by malignant ones. Had Mary Williston spoken truly when she said the will for bloodshed was not lacking in the Jake Sanderson, a red-headed devil

vised courtroom for others besides order Mary Williston seemed serenely unconscious of it. She held her head proudly. Most of these men she knew. She had done a man's work among them for two years and more. In her man's work of riding the ranges she had had good fellowship with many of them. After to-day much of this must end. Much blame would accrue to her father for this day's work among friends as well as enemies, for received such an affront to his pride and his sense of what was due to one the fear of the law-defiers was an omni-present fear with the small owner, stalking abroad by day and by tle west of the river. Woe to him who night. But Mary was glad and there had dared tamper with the concerns was a new dignity about her that became her well, and that grew out of | Mouse-hair. Plumb homely." this great call to rally to the things

At the far end of the room they found the justice of the peace enthroned behind a long table. His honor, Mr. James R. McAllister, more commonly known as Jimmie Mac, was a ranchman on a small scale. He was ignorant, but of an overweening conceit. He had been a justice of the peace for several years and labored under the mistaken impression that he knew law; but Gordon, on short acquaintance, had dubbed him "Old Necessity," in despairing irony, after a certain high light of early territorial days who "knew no law."

The prisoner was brought in. His was a familiar personality. He was known to most men west of the river

to catch the early train had it not



'Em, I'm a Thinkin', Was Jake Sanderson."

-if not by personal acquaintance, cer tainly by hearsay.

Then came the first great surprise of this affair of many surprises. Jesse Black waived examination. It came like a thunderbolt to the prosecution. It was not Black's way of doing business, and it was generally believed that, as Munson had so forcibly though inelegantly expressed it to Billy Brown, "He would fight like hell" to keep out of the circuit courts. He would kill this incipient Nemesis in the bud. What, then, had changed him? The county attorney had rather looked for a hard-fought defencea shifting of the burden of responsibility for the misbranding to another, who would, of course, be off somewhere on a business trip, to be absent an indefinite length of time; or it might be he would try to make good a trumped-up story that he had but lately purchased the animal from some Indiana cattle-owner from up country who claimed to have a bill-of-sale from Langford. He would not have been taken aback had Black calmly produced a bill-of-sale.

The absoluteness of the surprise flushed his clean-shaven face a little, although his grave immobility of expression underwent not a flicker. It was a surprise, but it was a good surprise. Jesse Black was bound over under good and sufficient bond to appear at the next regular term of the circuit court in December. That much accomplished, now he could buckle down for the big fight. How often had he been shipwrecked in the shifting sands of the really remarkable decisions of "Old Necessity" and his kind. This time, as by a miracle, he had escaped sands and shoals and sunken rocks and rode in deep water. A wave of enlightenment swept over

Jim Munson "Boss," he whispered, "that gal re-

porter's a hummer. "How so?" whispered Langford, amused. He proceeded to take an in-

terested, if hasty, inventory of her charms. "What a petite little personage, to be sure! Almost too colorless, though. Why, Jim, she can't hold a tallow candle to Williston's girl." "Who said she could?" demanded

Jim, with a fine scorn and much relieved to find the boss so unappreciative. Eden might not be lost to them after all. Strict justice made him add: "But she's a wise one. Spotted them blamed meddlin' hoss thieves they refused, with stolid resentment, right from the word go. Yep. That's to be thus thrust aside by the breezy a fac'.

"What 'blamed meddlin' hoss thieves,' Jim? You are on intimate terms with so many gentlemen of that stripe-at least your language so leads us to presume-that I can't keep up with the procession.'

"At the bridge yistidy. I told you 'bout it. Saw 'em first at the Bon Amy-but they must a trailed me to the stockyards. She spotted 'em right made way, there would be no red- away. She's a cute'n. Made me shet ford, slapping him on the shoulder for them. 25 cents per box.

faced or stammering apology. Some | my mouth when I was a blabbin' too times the little party was followed | much, jest before the fun began. Oh, she's a cute'n!

"Who were they, Jim?" "One of 'em, I'm a thinkin', was who came up here from hell, I reckon, But if there was aught of hatred or | or Wyoming, one of the two. Nobody enmity in the heavy air of the impro- knows his biz. But he'll look like a stepped-on potato bug 'gainst I git the high-minded counsel for law and through with him. Didn't git on to t' other feller. Will next, you bet!" "But what makes you think they are

> mixed up in this affair?" "They had their eyes on me to see what was I a doin' in Velpen. And I

> was a doin' things, too.' Langford gave a long, low whistle of comprehension. That would explain the unexpected waiving of examination. Jesse Black knew the steer had been recovered and saw the futility of fighting against his being bound over.

"Now, ain't she a hummer?" insisted Jim, admiringly, but added slightingly, "Homely, though, as all git-out.

"On the contrary, I think she is plumb pretty," retorted Langford, a laugh in his blue eyes. Jim fairly gasped with chagrin.

Unconcerned, grinning, Black slouched to the door and out. Once straighten out that lazy-looking body and you would have a big man in Jesse Black. Yes, a big one and a quick one, too, maybe. The crowd made way for him unconsciously. No one jostled him. He was a marked man from that day. His lawyer, Small, leaned back in his chair, radiating waves of self-satisfaction as though he had just gained a disputed point. It was a manner he affected when not on the floor in a frenzy of words and muscular action. Jim Munson contrived to pass by

Jake Sanderson. "So you followed me to find out about Mag, did you? Heap o' good it lies in having a jolly time. The next

bragged insultingly. The man's face went white with

"Damn you!" he cried. His hand dropped to his belt.

The two glared at each like fighting cocks. Men crowded around, suddenly aware that a quarrel was on. "The Three Bar's a gittin' busy!"

jeered Jim. "Come, Jim, I want you." It was

our arm. way!" He shoved him roughly aside.

"Now, snappin' turtle," to Jim, "the Three Bars 'd better git busy!" A feint at a blow, a clever little

of a monkey. "Hit away!" he cried, tauntingly. "I a list of testimonials. know 'nough to swear out a warrant 'gainst you! 'T won't be so lonesome for Jesse now breakin' stones over to

Sioux Falls." "Jim!" It was Gordon's quiet, authoritative voice once more. "I told you I wanted you." He threw his arm over the belligerent's shoulder.

"Comin', Dick. I didn't mean to blab so much," Jim answered, contritely.

They moved away. Sanderson followed them up. "Dick Gordon," he said with cool

deliberateness, "you're too damned anxious to stick your nose into other his cousin, Carl Mueller, of oratorical ered by insurance. people's affairs. Learn your lesson, fame, will you? My favorite stunt is to teach meddlers how to mind their own business-this way." It was not a fair blow. Gordon

in his stomach. In a moment all was looked as if there was to be a free-for-Langford sprang to his friend's aid,

using his fists with plentiful freedom in his haste to get to him.

"Never mind me," whispered Gorsmiled reassuringly. There was some- the cause of the fire. thing very sweet about his mouth when he smiled. "Never mind me," he repeated. "Get the girls out of this-quick, Paul."

Mary and Louise had sought refuge behind the big table.

"Quick, the back door!" cried Langford, leading the way; and as the three passed out, he closed the door behind them, saying, "You are all right now. Run to the hotel. I must see how Dick is coming on.

asked Louise. "Can't we help?" "I think you had best get out of this as quickly as you can. I don't believe

"Do you think he is badly hurt?

he is knocked out, by any means, but I want to be on hand for any future events which may be called. Just fly now, both of you.' The unfair blow in the stomach had given the sympathy of most of the

bystanders, for the time being at least, to Gordon. Men forgot, momentarily, their grudge against him. Understanding from the black looks that he was not in touch with the crowd, Sander- run away, and running up the hill south son laughed-a short snort of con- of Jake Schlanker's the occupants did not. tempt-and slipped out of the door, jumped out. Mrs. Munger struck on Unable to resist the impulse, Jim bounded out after his enemy When Paul hastened around to the front of the building, the crowd was

nearly all in the street. The tension was relaxed. A dazed expression prevailed-brought to life by the suddenness with which the affair had developed to such interesting proportions and the quickness with which it had flattened out to nothing. For Sanderson had disappeared, completely, mysteriously, and in all the level landscape, there was no trace of him nor

"See a balloon, Jim?" asked Lang-

Louisville

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stohlman March 18, a girl. Mrs. Joe Fitzgerald is here from

Plattsmouth visiting with relatives. Keep still about the peach crop. Jack Frost may overlook the tender buds

after all. Mrs. Stander and daughter, Ollie went to Plattsmouth Thursday morning to visit with George Stander and children for a few days.

Chas. Gerlach and Cam. Seiberts returned Tuesday morning from Dundee county where they went last Saturday look at some land. The boys bought a half section near Benkelman.

Miss Ellen Anderson returned home from her school in the western part of the state this week. Her parents have been spending a vacation in the vicinity of her school and accompanied Miss Ellen on her return.

Henry Ossenkop is building an addition to his farm residence 16x32 and when completed will make a valuable addition to his farm which, by the way, is one of the best forms in that part of the county.

The Louisville young ladies have organized themselves into a Leap Year club, their first meeting being held Wednesday evening at the home of Misses Ollie and Alice Stander. Some of the young men, who have been hoping since the dawn of the new year that a leap year dart would pierce their armour plate, could not stand the temptation and marched in unbidden but not unwelcome and assisted the young laddid you! We knew you knew," he meeting of the club will be held on next Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Mariam Maxfleld.

\$100 Reward \$100

The reders of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least day was spent. one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the Gordon's quiet voice. He laid a re. only positive cure now known to the straining hand on Munson's overzeal- medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a con-"Dick Gordon, this ain't your put- stitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh in," snarled Sanderson. "Git out the Cure is taken internrlly, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of hung out his shingle near fifteenth and of the system, thereby destroying the O streets. foundation of the disease, ond giving twist of the feet, and Munson sprawled on the floor, men pressing back to constitution and assisting nature in give him the full force of the fall, doing its work. The proprietors have They believed in fair play. But Jim, so much faith in its curative powers for any case it fails to cure. Send for

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Elmwood From the Leader-Echo.

the homes of Henry and Geo. Frisbee-further efforts were useless. The are doing nicely.

having sold out his farming interests to Mr. Ward of about \$1,000, partly cov-

Dr. W. R. Townsend, a former Elmwoodite, is now located at 1649 Vine St. Lincoln. He says there's no place like doubled up with the force of the punch | Nebraska.

confusion. Men drew their pistols. It Omaha Tuesday and will visit friends a safe and sure. For sale by F. G. Fricke few days and do some repairs about his & Co. residence property, occupied by H. Dett-

The farm home of Edward Ward, one mile north of Eagle, was destroyed by don. He was leaning heavily on Jim's fire Saturday afternoon, causing a loss

> Henry Miller, who was severely in jured last week by an explosion of gas while making some repairs on the gas machine, is recovering nicely, and was able to wend his way up town Wednas-

The long billed, long legged stork paid a visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gerbeling, of near Wabash Wednesday afternoon, and left a pair of beautiful twin girls, who will make that place their future abode. Mother daughter, Pheme, home Thursday from and children doing nicely Henry will be St. Joseph hospital at Omaha. able to resume cutting stalks again next

against their wishes, participated in a point. lively runaway Thursday evening of erv team to make a call in the country and took Mrs. Munger along for a drive. When a few miles south of town the neck yoke broke, causing the team to her head and was unconscious for some time. She was taken into Mr. Schlanker's and after a few hours rest, was able to come home. Fortunately both she and the Doctor escaped without serious injury beyond some severe bruises. The team ran through a couple of barb wire fences before they Omaha Wednesday. were caught, and received several wire cuts, and the buggy was damaged some.

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Eagle

(From th Beacon.) Ivan Burdick is hauling lumber for a large barn to be built on his place south of town.

Tuesday Mrs J. Q. Adams celebrated her 81 birthday. Her children came in and took dinner and a very enjoyable

Fred Osenkop and Miss Dora Mayes were united in marriage at the home of Jess Baker north of this place Wednesday. Particulars in next week's

W. R. Townsend, who formerly practiced medicine at this place moved from western Kansas to Lincoln and has

moved. She is doing very nicely at

urday, several cystic tumors being reuncowed, was up with the nimbleness that they offer One Hundred Dollars present and hopes are entertained for her complete recovery. Saturday afternoon an incubator lamp exploded at the home of Edwin Ward

south of town and before Mrs Ward, who was alone in the house, could summon sufficient help, the interior of the house was a mass of flames Fred Lubbers, son of Otto Lubbers, Mr. Ward's nearest neighbor, had the fire almost under control for a time but the The four cases of typhoid fever at water supply becoming exhausted, building and a greater part of the con-Fred Mueller is now a retired farmer tents were destroyed entailing a loss to

Whooping Cough

Ihave used Chmaerlain's Cough Remedy in my family in cases of whooping cough, and want to tell you that it is the best medicine I have ever used. - W. F. S. E. Greenslate came down from Gaston, Posco, Ga. This remedy is

Mynard

(Special Correspondence) Corn hauling is the business of the shoulder. His face was pale, but he of \$1,000. We were unable to learn day at present, a great many of the farmers having taken advantage of the high prices and sold. Oats is also moving the grain buyers paying 45c per bushel which is a big inducement for the farmer to let loose of all he can spare.

> Grandma Gapin, we are glad to hear, is recovering from her recent sickness and is now able to be up and about the house

Rev. F. W. Brink was a business visitor to Omaha Tuesday.

Mrs. Will Richardson brought their

Rev. E. A. Wachtell reports meeting with much ecouragement toward the Dr. and Mrs. Munger, very much building of the M. E. church at this

The Land boys took home a fine new last week. The Doctor procured a liv- rubber tired buggy the other day. Now girls get in and ride.

Thayer Propst and Jas. Polan returned from Texas Tuesday. They report that they found some of the country that looked good to them but lots of it that

Fred Warner has located on a farm one mile north of Mynard, where he expects to farm. We are all glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Warner stay with us and we wish them much joy and prosperity.

during their life. Mrs. Will Stokes was shopping in

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