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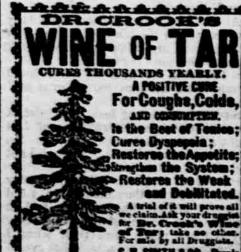
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As the father and mother, brothers and sisters of the Maxwell (alias Williams) boys, the notorious outlaws of years, and our people are more or less interested in their history, we publish the following from the Hastings Nebraskan, of Nov. 30th:

THE MAIWELL PANILY.

A NEBRASKA HOMESTEADER. Upon hearing of the lynching of Ed. Maxwell, at Durand, Wis., we pro-ceeded to interview his parents, who, for the last five years, have lived on a B. Thorne, and the other being with homestead some twelve miles, a little her. Chattel Mortgage. Buy and sell Exchange and do a general Banking business.

homestead some twelve miles, a little west of south of Kenesaw, in this (Adams) county, and near Morseville post office, in Silver Lake precinct, though they get their mail at Osco, just over the line, in Kearney

HIS SOD HOUSE.

They live in a neatly-built and nicely-kept sod house, about 18x25 feet, having a shingled roof and board floors. It is also plastered within, so having a shingled roof and board floors. It is also plastered within, so that, with the exception of being plastered around to the door and window jambs, without wood finish, and not being plastered overhead, its interior appearance is much that of any other finished house. It is a low one story, with a still lower attic, reached by a perpendicular, stationary ladder, where the three younger boys stowed where the three younger boys stowed themselves at night—we should think kept cupboard, or safe, near the stove, but only such as are kept for game purposes by most of our home-

Outside the house, there is the same appearance of neatness and thrift as within. The yard is well-kept, with walks and flower-beds, and a place for everythig and everything in its place. The stables are also of sod, but are places where the stock are in no danger of suffering, and are in fact much more comfortably provided for than in the majority of frame buildings for the same purpose. Most of the other houses and buildings in that vicinity are also of sod. But there is somewhat more than the usual care and thrift apparent around the Maxwell

We have been slightly acquainted with Mr. Maxwell since his first settlement in the county, and were re-ceived kindly and offered every courtesy. To our questions concerning the boys, we were answered frankly, but with a delicacy and feeling that were eagerly questioned for every scrap of information we possessed concerning the late history of the boys, and especially the fate of Ed., at

Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell are natives of Cumberland county, Pa., but moved from there to Wyandotte county, Ohio, soon after their marriage, where they lived some years, and where Edward and Alonzo, and a sister beween them, were born-Edward being 28 years old and Alonzo 22. The family then moved to Fulton county, Illinois, and thence by successive re-movals to Woodford and McDonough counties, in the same state, during which time one girl and three boys were added to the family.

COMES TO NEBRASKA. In the spring of 1874, the old gentle-man and Alonzo came to Nebraska, and took up the homestead where the family now reside—leaving Ed. in jail, in Illinois, on a charge of burgulary. In the fall, both returned to Illinois. DR. H. A. BAIRD, But, in the spring, the family, with the exception of Ed. and Lon., came to the homestead here, where they

have since continuously resided. ED. AND LON., IN THE PENITENTIARY. The father, on leaving Illinois, procured the best counsel he could get

D life. over four years from his committal. He at once went to Wisconsin, where Lon. was, and had married, and both were soon after, charged with horse-stealing—and the rest has been told in all the leading papers of the day.

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"GOOD BOYS AT HOME."

The father says both boys were "good boys at home." Ed. was full of life and fun. Lon. was quieter and a hard worker, but always sided with Ed., and was disposed to "help him out," in any of his affairs. Ed. seems always to have been the leader, and to have had a power over Lon., that the latter at least did not resist. He was very much embittered by the death of his wife, which occurred, through fever, while Ed. and Lon. were both absent, on some of their expeditions. He thinks she was not properly treated by the physicians and those about of the county treated by the physicians and those about of the county treated by the physicians and those about of the county treated by the physicians and those about of the county treated by the physicians and those about the county for the same class of goods. Goods delivered at your door, and if not satisfactory, after trial the agent will refund your money. Try those goods and you will use no other.

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her. Ed. had never been in Nebraska PROSPECTUS FOR 1882. until the time he was recently captured, near Grand Island, where he was apparently making his way to see his father and mother once more, whom he had not seen for eight years. THE YOUNGER BOYS.

The three younger boys are quiet, sprightly boys, with no spice of the desperado or dare-devil in their appearance-but quite contrary, and were deeply interested in their school books, while while we were there—but evidently with an intently listening Wisconsin, are living in our sister ear for what we could tell of the fate county of Adams, and have been for of their brothers. By the way, there were and our people are more or less is a neat two-thirds sod and one-third

usual sense and quiet sensibility, bearing herself with wonderful fortitude and calmness, under the over-

THE "WILLIAMS" ALIAS. with some difficulty. Two beds cur- and Lon. came to take the name of tained off at one end, and a cleanly- "Williams." It is perhaps probable that Aionzo, on going to Wisconsin, 1882. at the other, answers the purpose of pantry and larder. Overhead were hung a couple of shooting-irons, to try and live a better life, and that Ed. also assumed it, when finding his brother living under it. They, how-ever, at different times assumed other alianses-at one time, recently, that of Spoopendyke.

WHAT THE FATHER THINKS. The father says the account of Ed's height, as five feet, seven inches, is a mistake, as he was but a little over trons than ever before. Time and five feet. He is also inclined to think Ed. was lynched so summarity, through fear that his plea of "self-de- it before the public. fence," in the killing of the Coleman's I is the intention to improve the might prove true. There was however, no attempt to paliate their fully maintain its reputation as an crimes, and the facts of their past career and prison life were freely ad-mitted and told—some of which we have not noticed in the papers. But he thinks the boys, having become no-torious, are in fact charged with considerable more than they are

NOT MUCH CORRESPONDENCE. been much correspondence between tion ann influence, during the past ten the boys and the rest of the family, years, than THE INTER OCEAN. Its sometimes made us feel we were intruding upon a province too sacred for outside observation. In turn, we save what they have seen in the newspapers, and they have not seen very New York. many of them.

LON. IN NEBRASKA.

So far as we have been able to learn, Lon's conduct in Nebraska was unex- Is the most popular family paper pub ceptionable. Even since his notoriety, lished in America, and now has a regno stories of criminalities here are ular circulation of more than 100,000 brought to light. All we have heard copies. In contrast with most Weekly is that, on one occasion, when some question arose as to the disposition of some oats, he seized a club, and declared if they were molested he would clared if they were molested he would ally assigned to that duty. This ackill the party, adding that he "meant counts for the thorough manner in it!" with a look and manner that which the news from all the world is Is the most complete ever brought to RED CLOUD—comprising caused the party to desist.

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Lon. Farms in nebraska.

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ED. OUT OF PRISOS.

But by virtue of his "good time"—it seems that he behaved uniformly well in prison—Ed. was released from the penitentiary, last January, in a little over four years from his committed. He at once went to Wisconsin, where the answer of the Lake, and both were the analysis of the seems of the time of the magazine of the country. The seems that he behaved uniformly well in prison—Ed. was released from the penitentiary, last January, in a little over four years from his committed. He at once went to Wisconsin, where the country is the country of the seems of the time of the seems of the seems of the time of the seems of

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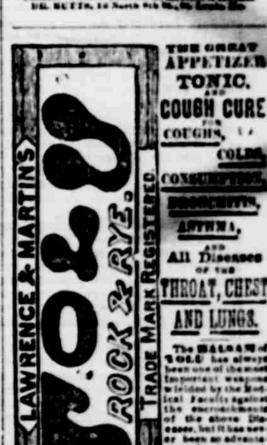
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