

BARBARITY IN MISSOURI.

A Teacher's Painful Experience in That State.

TIED AND CRUELLY WHIPPED.

Taken From the Side of His Lady-Love by a Band of Revengful Miscreants—Slowly Recovering From the Ordeal.

A correspondent writes to the New York Herald from St. Joseph, Mo.: About three years ago Charles Wyndham, then about eighteen years old, came to this locality from southern Illinois. He had been educated at the Southern Illinois Normal university, at Carbondale, General John A. Logan's old home, and had determined to follow the profession of teaching. Wyndham, sr., after his son had finished his university course, readily agreed to have him come west, where it is popularly supposed advantages and opportunities for young men are as plentiful as wheat in a harvest field. Charlie got as far as Kansas City, and his romantic disposition prompted him to go across the country from that place and visit the old Samuels home, in Clay county, near Kearney. He saw the grave of Jesse James and the other points of interest around the home of the dead outlaw and then familiarized himself with the history of the family and of the county as well.

In the same way he traveled along the Missouri to St. Joseph and north from this place to Omaha. He was especially attracted by the peculiar people he found in the bottom lands above this city, and determined, in order that he might study their habits more closely, to make his home among them for awhile.

With this purpose in view he obtained a country school about ten miles above this city, and taught it with great success that fall and winter. The next year he secured a school in a district near the first one, and last fall began teaching in a third, moving from one locality to another from choice. It is with the latter school that this story has to do.

Wyndham, besides being attractive in personal appearance, possessed engaging manner, and having made the most of his school days, and being an industrious reader, had a fund of general information upon which he drew at will, and which was the envy of the young men with whom he was thrown in contact. He was exceedingly popular in the district, and no gathering of any sort was considered complete without his presence.

While there had been no expressed preference on his part, it was generally understood that the daughter of the Farmer Warren, the richest man in that section, was his favorite among the young ladies. Indeed, this was soon beyond question. "Nobody knew whether he loved her or not, but so intimate did they become that it was her escort who she went to church, or party or picnic, and effectually kept at a distance a dozen or more of the beaux of the neighborhood who would have given their lives almost for a smile or an approving glance from her.

The usual result followed. The disappointed lovers united against the common enemy and made up their minds to drive him from the community, being careful, however, to keep their own counsel. At first he received anonymous communications, advising him, with more emphasis than good grammar, to leave. He paid no attention to them and others followed, intimating that he was taking his life in his hands by remaining.

Young Wyndham was not a coward, and when after a systematic study of the case, he had satisfied himself that his prosecutors were made up of his mind to stay in the district at all hazards.

Last Thursday he gave a holiday to his pupils, a number of whom were his parents, desired to spend that day at a farm house in the district where a wedding feast was in progress. Wyndham announced to his pupils that as they would not get home that night unless he went, he would go to school on the following day (Friday).

Thursday morning Wyndham and Hettie, together with a crowd of perhaps twenty-five from that immediate vicinity, started for the wedding. It was after midnight when the company dispersed, and, hitching their horses to the wagons, began the drive across the country toward home. Wyndham and Hettie went a different road from that taken by the others, a little longer and less beaten by the wheels of men.

While they were crossing a wooded ravine at the bottom of the hill, on top of which the schoolhouse stood, they were stopped by some six or eight men with masks on. Commanding the two to get out of the buggy, the man who seemed to be the leader of the gang informed Wyndham he was then standing the presence of the men who had sent him the anonymous communications, and demanded to know why the warnings were not heeded. He was given to understand that the result would be the result if he was found in the county after twenty-four hours.

"Unless," concluded the spokesman, "you will swear in our presence, with Hettie Warren as a witness, that you will not attempt to be in her company again."

Enraged by the insult offered him, and certain now as to the identity of his enemies, Wyndham quickly obtained possession of the buggy whip and the howls of rage and defiance which he uttered with what effect he had applied it.

The masked men closed around him, and one of them knocked him insensibly by a blow from behind. He was then carried a hundred yards up the ravine and tied to a large tree, and with the same whip that had done such execution in his hands his back and shoulders were beaten until they resembled a piece of raw beef. Blood came after every blow, and when they had applied the last to his back, the content of the gang left Wyndham for dead.

Luckily for him the air was not cold. It had been thawing all day, and the ground was not frozen on the surface during the entire night. The poor fellow had been brought suddenly to consciousness by the first blow, but determined not to show in the slightest degree the torture he was undergoing. While the punishment was being inflicted he relapsed again into unconsciousness, and remained so up to the time the marauders left him.

Hettie Warren had fainted when she saw Wyndham knocked senseless to the ground, and did not remember anything until she found herself seated upright in the buggy, the lines to prevent her falling out, and the horse hitched in front of her father's gate.

With great difficulty she reached the house and began relating her story, fainting again before its conclusion. Farmer Warren and his sons learned of the story, and the place of the assault. What had been done with Wyndham they could

not imagine. Hettie knew nothing that occurred after she had seen him knocked down in the road, and there was not the slightest circumstance to indicate what had become of him.

After a fruitless search of an hour and more the men returned home, but were out betimes in the morning circulating the story among their neighbors. At an appointed hour that forenoon there was a gathering of the neighborhood at the old schoolhouse to discuss the mystery and take steps to unravel it. Parties were sent out to scour the country in different directions. Nine o'clock came, and ten, and still no tidings had been received of the missing man.

Just as the company was at its wits' end to know what to do next and after several had expressed it as their opinion that the school teacher had been murdered and that it would be useless to attempt without a thoroughly organized and equipped party to follow up the case further, several ragged and dirty faced urchins came running breathlessly into the school house and made the startling announcement that, while playing at the foot of the hill, they had discovered the body of a man, and the waist tied to a tree and bleeding from a hundred wounds.

An investigation followed, and poor Wyndham was found just as his assailants had left him the night before. He was taken down from the tree more dead than alive, and removed at once to a neighboring farm house. For several hours his life was despaired of, and he was unable to tell what had happened to him, but when he did a posse of self-constituted vigilantes started in pursuit of the human wretches who had waylaid him.

Yesterday Wyndham was removed to Farmer Warren's house, at the latter's wish and that of Hettie, and the girl is attending him day and night. It is certain that he will recover, but he recovers they are to be married.

Who committed the brutal assault none knew, nor is there any clue. If Wyndham knows anything, he is very careful to say nothing. It is believed that he has gotten some pointers, but given to the proper authorities, that when properly placed together and followed up, will result in evidence enough to warrant the arrest of at least a portion of the gang. The vigilance committee was able to do nothing, and after a thorough search was compelled to abandon the field, so successfully had all tracks been covered.

Wyndham's injuries are serious, and some months will elapse before he will be a well man.

The families of the community, among them Squire Warren's, propose to spend a large sum of money in an effort to bring the guilty parties to justice.

A Reprieve for the Condemned.

Wretched men and women long condemned to suffer the tortures of dyspepsia, are filled with new hopes after a few doses of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It is a blessed remedy for the chronic indigestion is the parent, disappear with their hateful progenitor. Most beneficent of stomachics! who can wonder that in so many instances it awakens grateful eloquence in those who have been afflicted by it, speak voluntarily in its behalf. It requires a graphic pen to describe the torments of dyspepsia, but in many testimonials received by the proprietors of the Bitters, these are portrayed with vivid truthfulness. Constipation, biliousness, muscular debility, neuralgia, fever, and rheumatism are relieved by it.

An Accommodating Gentleman.

St. Joseph, Mo. The shadow of the shaft of a light house appeared ahead, and, close by, the huge bulk of Fort Livingston, which commands the entrance to Barataria bay. Light-house and fort are on an island called Grand Terre. Only one man stays in the fort, and a sergeant who looks after the government property. The other persons living on Grand Terre are the light-house keeper and a Cuban gentleman, named Pepe Lulu, who used to make sugar until a tidal-wave ruined his plantation, and who now keeps a place for a living. This Cuban used to be a famous duelist in his younger days. During the Cuban war for independence, he published a letter in a New Orleans paper, challenging any and all Spaniards to fight him. Nobody accepted the challenge, for he was known to be a dead shot.

A good story is told about this combative old gentleman. He had some difference with a former light-house keeper, who was his friend, and for two or three years the two fought. Pepe did not speak to each other. A mutual acquaintance ventured to re-nounce with Pepe Lulu.

"You two men are here alone on this island," he said, "and you ought to meet and arrange your little difficulty to your mutual satisfaction. Now, let me see Douglas and tell him you will meet him."

"Very well," replied the Cuban, with a strong Spanish accent, "you may see Mr. Douglas and say to him that I am ready to settle our little difficulty. I will be on the beach to-morrow morning with my shot-gun. Let him be there with his shot-gun, and we will settle this entire satisfaction."

Pepe was on the beach at the hour he appointed, but the light-house keeper did not appear, and their quarrel has not yet been adjusted.

Who Knows?

"Bob" Burdette: Some of the newspapers, not long ago, made no end of fun of a college graduate who could not tell who discovered America. Oh, well, my son, that is one of the things you do not learn in college. I am like the above graduate who does not know who discovered America. If you know, or think you know a man who does know, I wish you would tell me. I would give some money to learn just that much. I am also away down in the spelling class. I cannot spell Shakespeare as Shakespeare himself spelled it. I wish you would tell me the proper way of spelling that great man's name. I do not know why there are so many gray horses, and no gray colts. I do not know whether the eggs began with a K, or the hen started with the egg. I can't understand why we can't find the north pole when we know right where it is. I don't know why a matinee should come in the afternoon. I don't know why a man wears buttons on the tails of his coat. I don't know why I don't understand why people in town are always wild to go into the country, and people in the country are crazy to come to town. Why don't they change places at once, and be done with it? I do wish I could somewhere hear of a wise man who would devote a few hours every century to teaching me a few simple things that everybody ought to know and that everybody, except you and I, seems to know already.

An odd combination of wares is offered by a shop in the Italian city of Bari, on the Adriatic. A sign informs would-be customers that within can be obtained all the necessities of life, such as slices of loaves, and tuition in mathematics.

WILD HORSES IN THE WEST.

A Fierce Combat Between Two Equine Leaders.

ADVENTURES OF SURVEYORS.

Drove of Big Horses on the South-western Plains—Savage Attack of "Rogue"—Thunder and Lightning and a Stampede.

New York Sun. In 1851, when I first saw the Rio Pecos river, which is the right-hand branch of the Rio Grande, the Pecos plains were a favorite grazing grounds for vast herds of wild horses. For years later there were plenty of wild ponies on the western plains, but in the days in which I wrote there were herds of good big horses, some of the animals standing seventeen hands high and weighing 1,300 or 1,400 pounds. I went into New Mexico with a government surveying party, which was of semi-military character. A survey of that portion of the Rio Pecos lying in New Mexico was to be made, and there was to be a military post located between Pope's Wells and the Benita river. The country between was a plain 100 miles long by 200 broad, with many small streams and rich feeding spots. The herds of horses had been seldom disturbed by white hunters, and whenever the Indians wanted a supply they selected the ponies in preference, believing that they were the soonest broken and would stand the hardest riding.

We were well into the plains before we saw any horses, and the first herd we saw came very near bringing about a calamity. We were encamped in a brushy spot, and the surveyors and guards had just gone to bed. There was a truce between the whites and the Indians at that date, but our party was a strong one and the surveyors never went out without protection. A truce meant that the redskins were to be kept at a distance, and the guards had just gone to bed. There was a truce between the whites and the Indians at that date, but our party was a strong one and the surveyors never went out without protection. A truce meant that the redskins were to be kept at a distance, and the guards had just gone to bed.

With no more warning than that we were in a trembling and heard a great clatter, a drove of wild horses, numbering at least five hundred came charging around a heavily wooded point directly at our camp. The stream in front of our camp was about two feet deep and ran over a bed of gravel, and the horses were probably in the habit of coming here to drink. The herd was led by a sorrel stallion of magnificent look and limb, and was going at such a pace that the leaders were among our animals before a man of us moved.

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an explanation. He said they were "rogues"—stallions which had been driven from the herd in disgrace—and that they were always considered ugly and dangerous. He had known of their presence for a while, but the rush of a large party like ours would of course frighten him off. Two minutes later the article supposed to be lost was found in one of the ambulances, and I was sent back to notify the trooper. He had galloped back to camp, a distance of two miles, and was searching around on foot when I arrived in sight. I was about to fire a shot to attract his attention, when from the cottonwood grove beyond the camp a horse came charging out. He was a "rogue," and bent on mischief. The stallion had his eyes on the ground, and he was astonished by the sudden charge of the rogue that I made no move to stop him or to warn the trooper. Indeed, a warning could have hardly reached him in time. His back was to the trooper, and he was looking back at him in his teeth by a hold between the shoulders and dragged him twenty rods before flinging him to one side. Then he started for the cavalry horse, which stood with head up, facing him. I got my revolver out and spurred forward. I was a quarter of a mile away when the rogue reached his second victim. He ran at full speed, with ears back and lips parted to show his teeth, and the sight was a sight to see in a lifetime. He was on the point of turning to fly when the other collided with him. It was as if a locomotive had struck him. He went down into a heap and rolled over and over four or five times before he brought up, while the rogue took a half circle to rear down upon the trooper again. The man was on his feet and limping off, but he would have been a goner had I been further away. I rode across the rogue's path and opened fire on him, and after shaking him a little he disappeared. The trooper's horse did not seem to have suffered any by the shock, but soon after noon lay down and died. The man was actually crying when I rode up to him, although he was a brave fellow in every Indian fight and was reputed to be a brave fellow. The danger had come upon him so suddenly as to overcome his nerves. The horse's teeth had not broken the skin through his thick clothing and he did not have a bruise to show, but he was so badly shaken that he was on the sick list for two weeks.

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