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SHOOTING DAYS IN DODGE

Stirring Life in a Kansas Town When Bat Masterson Was Sheriff.

GUN PLAYS THAT MEANT MUCH

Some Bad Men Who Went Against Him and Regretted Their Foolishness—A Booming Time for Cemeteries.

Oklahoma's loud call to Bat Masterson to cut away from the enervating influence of the federal marshal's office in New York and hike for those sections of the booming west where fame was achieved, kindled a timely interest in a chronicle of Masterson's deeds when Kansas was young and the town of Dodge was building up its cemeteries. Alfred Henry Lewis, an artist skilled in western lore, is the author, and the November number of *Harper's* has the privilege of the month in a foreword, Lewis states that William Barclay Masterson was born in Tipton, Illinois, about fifty-three years ago, moved with his parents to Kansas three years later and has been identified with the west for the greater part of his life. He is still resident in Sedgewick county, Kansas.

Recounting his life in Dodge and vicinity the memoir says: "Mr. Masterson's hat measures seven and three-eighths. Waa, cool, wary, he is the born captain of men. Generous to a fault and a fair deal, he is the man who is like a bird for a lighthouse. To a courage that is proof, he adds a genius for justice, and carries honesty to the pitch of romanticism. To these virtues of mind and heart, add the thews of a grizzly bear, and you will have a picture of Mr. Masterson. Such he is, such he was when, at the age of 22, the public elected him sheriff for Ford county, whereof the seat of justice was the stormy little city of Dodge.

Smothering Ebulient Cowboys.

As sheriff, Mr. Masterson's duties carried him over sixteen unorganized counties in his house and they complain it makes more immediate responsibility, however, was the good order of Dodge, and to prevent ebulient cowboys, when the autumn herds came up from "standing" that baby hamlet "on its head." It took judgment and nerve and forbearance and military skill, but Mr. Masterson accomplished the miracle and it, too, at a minimum of bloodshed. In the words of a satisfied citizen and taxpayer: "He never showed a man who didn't need it, and kept Dodge as steady as a church."

Scores of lurid spirits, whose lives were forfeit by every western rule, have been spared to live a quieter life by the forbearing Mr. Masterson. Mr. Sutton, a lawyer and a present resident of Dodge, was out recently in the papers with a story in illustrative point. Three cowboys, moved of whiskey and a taste for violence, dashed down the single street of Dodge, their six-shooters in the air, and their candles. Most peace officers would have harvested these boys; Mr. Masterson was more leniently inclined, since thus far the young merrymakers had not succeeded in hitting anybody. Sure of its aim, Mr. Masterson's pistol barked three times. Two of the ponies fled, and Mr. Masterson dragged the third rider to the curb, and in the dust of the street-off to the calaboose.

The third pony lasted until he reached the south side of the Arkansas, and then dropped dead. Thereupon, his rider stripped off saddle and bridle, "stuck up" the incoming buckboard, and compelled the driver to get down. The cowboy, who was a near neighbor more than forty miles away, "There was a lady aboard the buckboard who sang in the theaters. She was coming north from Moberly to fill a Dodge engagement. As she shortened those three miles, she was shouting "cowboy-pistol in hand, away aboard the buckboard, who might at any moment rebel-told the cantarities that he thought she ought to sing. With that she thought so too; and so for forty miles she warbled "Silver Threads Among the Gold" and kindred melodies of concert hall repugnant to the time. This boy got away, and away with his horse and coyotes, at their feast over his dead pony, gloried in the fatal accuracy of the Masterson gun.

Demonstration of Strength.

As demonstrating his huge strength, Mr. Masterson once seized a recalcitrant cow puncher, who, seated in his saddle, was making ready to "shake up" the village. The cowboy was himself as strong as a whalebone, and gripped his pony with legs of iron. Throwing his soul into the business, Mr. Masterson gave that adhesive cowboy such a wrench-the boy meanwhile clinging to his mount like grim death-that the cowboy and boy were thrown heavily to the ground.

It was not always convenient nor even feasible, to spare the blood of the wrong doer. The following might furnish an example in line. Mr. Kennedy rode up to the Alhambra, kept by Mr. Kelly, the then mayor, and took a shot at that publican and his mate with his Blaser. Mr. Kennedy missed Mr. Kelly, and killed a lady who had come to the Alhambra to have part in the nightly ball. Mr. Kennedy-it was 8 o'clock in the evening-on the heels of the homicide, dug a spur into his pony's flanks and flew southward through the darkness. He was heading for the Canadian 50 miles away.

Mr. Masterson saddled his fastest horse and started "cross country" for the ford where the spy Mr. Kennedy must cross the Medicine Lodge. There were three or four trails, and direct pursuit in the dark was out of the question. Mr. Masterson reached the ford in the gray of the morning, betting Mr. Kennedy's time by an hour. He hobbled his horse and threw himself behind a convenient knoll, to wait the coming of the murderous flying one. At last the latter drew near, eye scanning the ribbon of trail to the rear, pony worn and panting. No wonder, this last, seventy miles, at a swinging hand gallop, is no mere pastime.

"Hold up your hands!" cried Mr. Masterson. Mr. Kennedy almost leaped from the saddle with the surprise of it; he wasn't looking for an enemy, in front. The next moment, however, he pulled himself together and drove a bullet at Mr. Masterson's head. The report of his big buffalo gun made one report with the Blaser. Mr. Kennedy's shot went wide, while the six-caliber bullet from the buffalo gun tore its fearful way into his side. As he fell, an accidental yank on the Spanish bit brought the tired, broken pony with him. Mr. Kennedy rolled a dying eye upon Mr. Masterson.

"You blankety-blank-blank!" said Mr. Masterson; "you'd ought to have made a better shot than that!" "Well, you blankety-blank murderer!" quoth Mr. Masterson, "I did the best I could."

Mr. Masterson's brother Ed was made marshal of Dodge, somewhat against the wish of Mr. Masterson. The latter feared that the "bad men," who came and went in Dodge, would "out manage" his brother, whose suspicions were too easily set at rest.

The Killing of Masterson's Brother.

It fell out as Mr. Masterson had feared. Mr. Wagner, drunk and warlike, sought to enter Mr. Peacock's dance hall, quest-

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NIGHT RIDERS BURN TOWN

Masked and Armed They Terrorize Hopkinsville, Ky.

MUCH PROPERTY IS DESTROYED

Tobacco Buyer Whipped and Brake-man Trying to Save Cars Shot in the Back—Citizens Flee.

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., Dec. 7.—Five hundred "night riders" masked and heavily armed, marched into Hopkinsville early today and destroyed property valued at more than \$200,000, while the citizens, in terror of their lives, feared to open their windows. The police, fire department, telephone and telegraph offices and even the railroad stations were in possession of a wild mob shooting right and left. The flames from burning buildings meanwhile lighting up the city and the surrounding country until it seemed that the whole town was ablaze. Only two men were injured, one of them being Lindsey Mitchell, a tobacco buyer who was severely beaten with switches and clubs and the other, a brakeman who was shot in the back, while trying to move his train from the path of the flames.

Queer Coins in Collection Places

"It's really true about church collections—I mean these jokes you hear about the queer coins that get into the collection plates each Sunday. There are many, many ever, any buttons, that's all just talk about buttons being put in the collection plate, but there are plenty of coins that wouldn't pass at any store. It's not unusual to find foreign coins that are worth something, but which can't be raised for their face value at the stores. I don't suppose there is any dishonesty in putting such coins in the basket, because the donor may have intended to give only a fraction of the face value of the coin. Then, of course, there are scores of coins, notably silver pieces, that have worn smooth from use, and will no longer be accepted at the banks."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

BRIEF CITY NEWS

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Ladies of the First Christian Church, Twenty-sixth and Harney streets, will hold a rummage sale every Saturday, commencing 12 o'clock, December 7.

Divorce for Abandonment—Thomas A. B. Winward has filed a petition for divorce from Mary G. Winward, charging abandonment.

County Teachers' Examinations—County teachers' examinations were held in the city hall Saturday, with several to take examination.

Fire Department Flings Sold—Four fire department horses sold Friday afternoon brought \$41. The highest price paid was \$10 and the lowest \$6.

Alleged Diamond Thief—Louisa Withers of 811 North Eighteenth street was arrested Saturday afternoon charged with stealing a diamond ring, valued at \$150, from Rose Reynolds.

Mutual Club at Council Bluffs—The People's Mutual Interest club of Omaha will hold a meeting Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the African Methodist Episcopal church in Council Bluffs.

Lecture on Socialism—J. Edward Keyz will give a lecture at Crouse hall at 8 o'clock Sunday evening on the subject, "Why All Men Should Be Socialists." Mr. Keyz is a singer of some reputation and has promised music in addition to the lecture.

Strange Piece of Luck—E. C. Hunt Saturday recovered a valuable overcoat which he lost a year ago. The coat was taken from Mr. Hunt's office where he had hung it one cold night. He never had a line on the thief. Saturday the Paxton hotel called him up and told him his coat was there. It had been found hanging in one of the coat rooms and was identified by a name card in a pocket. Evidently the thief

hung it in the room and was afraid to go back and get it.

Big Raid on Men House—Another men house was cleaned Friday night. This time ninety-four fowls were stolen. They were the property of R. Rins, 519 North Twenty-fourth street. This makes the third men house robbery that has taken place this week and the grand total of fowls stolen from the three jobs is 222.

Claims Against the County—Noah Vance and Alfred Vance have filed claims against the county, the former for \$700 and the latter for \$600, for alleged damage to their property by the construction of the West Q street viaduct across the Burlington tracks. The grade runs in front of their houses and they complain it makes access and egress difficult.

Poultry Show at Auditorium—Definite arrangements have been made by the Tri-City Poultry association to hold the big show in the Auditorium and Secretary O. D. Talbert is sending out a letter to all prominent poultry breeders of the state giving instructions for exhibitors. Many dog and cat fanciers are also expected to bring large exhibits to the show.

In the Divorce Court—Maud B. Oudirk has begun suit in district court against Robert H. Oudirk for a divorce on the grounds of cruelty and non-support. Benjamin Abraham Greenspan asks a divorce from Bessie, on grounds of abandonment. Judge Troup has granted a divorce to Otto Herman Bernhard from Elizabeth May Thompson Bernhard on grounds of abandonment and bad character.

Roommate and Valuable Co at Once—L. L. Baum, 317 North Twenty-second street, reports to the police that his roommate and his diamond stud and suitcase all disappeared at about the same time and asks the police to assist him in locating the trio. He admits that he is more worried over the diamond and suitcase than over his roommate, as he believes the latter fully able to help himself out of a pinch.

Second Suit Against F. E. Joy—The second suit against Frank E. Joy, growing out of an automobile accident in which his car ran down and injured Mrs. Emma J. Bailey, was filed in county court Saturday. Albert Bailey, her husband, filed suit for \$300 for loss of services and cost of medical attendance. Mrs. Bailey herself filed the first suit and secured \$400 in county court, which was reduced to \$60 on appeal to the district court.

Woman Gets Verdict on Hay—A verdict for \$51.12 was awarded to Cora Allen in Judge Day's court against Arthur H. Rushford for an alleged balance due her on the price of a hay crop he bought of her. He refused to pay on the grounds the scales on which the hay had been weighed had been manipulated. This is the case in the trial of which Judge Day dismissed the jury last week because of the conduct of two of the jurors. The second trial was before a new jury.

Licensees Allowed Monday—At the meeting of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Friday night little business was transacted, as none of the parties to contested saloon license cases were ready for trial. Dates for hearing will be set again at the meeting to be held Monday. James Adams was instructed to reacquiesce his application for license, as he had inserted the advertisement before he filed the application. Several unopposed applications were considered, but none were allowed. They will be allowed Monday.

Chief Brigs Oppose License—Chief of Police John Brigs of South Omaha has filed a protest with the county board against the granting of a saloon license to Peter Anderson, who is now operating just outside the city limits of South Omaha at Forty-sixth and Q streets. Chief Brigs charges Anderson has violated the Stoumch law by keeping open on Sunday and allowing gambling in his place and has allowed it to become the rendezvous for people of bad character, who congregate there Sunday, when the lid is on in South Omaha.

Ask that He Be Made Bankrupt—The creditors of Thomas Branigan, a horse dealer of Columbia, have filed a petition in the United States district court asking that he be declared a bankrupt. The petitioning creditors and their claims are: The Columbus State bank, \$5,000, for money loaned; H. A. Clarke, for rent of farm, \$100 and the Branigan-Clarke Co., \$200 for money advanced. The petitioners allege that Branigan has disposed of \$500 worth of his property to preferred creditors with the intent to hinder and delay the claims of the petitioners.

Grocers Ordered Arrested—Saturday morning Commissioners of Health Council ordered warrants issued for the arrest of Charles E. Hill, 204 Leavenworth street; C. C. Kusner, 214 Leavenworth street; Charles Resnick, 277 Leavenworth street; E. Andra, 184 Cuming street; L. Rosenblum, 406 North Sixteenth street, and R. T. O'Brien, 218 North Twenty-fourth street. In each case the men are accused of selling milk not up to the standard required by the city ordinance, and Charles Hill is further accused of selling milk without a license.

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ing trouble. Marshal Ed Masterson, instead of pulling his own gun, as prudence would have dictated, and stopping the violent Mr. Wagner with the cold muzzle thereof, seized that truculent person by the shoulders. Instantly, Mr. Wagner's six-shooter was brought to the fore. With that, Marshal Ed Masterson shifted his left hand to Mr. Wagner's wrist, and for the moment put the drunkard's weapon out of commission. There the two stood, the situation dead-locked.

From across the street, Mr. Masterson saw events and started to his brother's aid. He was still sixty feet away when Mr. Walker, who, like Mr. Wagner, was a person of cows, ran from the dance hall, and snatched his six-shooter in Marshal Ed Masterson's face. The cartridge failed to explode. Mr. Walker was never given the chance of trying a second; for Mr. Masterson put three bullets from his Colt's 45 through him before he could utter a word. Mr. Wagner, who had just went down, Mr. Wagner, still in a grapple with Marshal Ed Masterson, got his gun to bear, and shot Marshal Ed Masterson in the body. The latter fell, wounded to the death, coat after from the other's powder. Mr. Wagner fell across him, his brat, Mr. Masterson's pistol through his hands.

A Thoughtful Drink.

The warning word went down the line, and Mr. Allison was left unmolested in his eloquence. That the very fact made him uneasy. He was not without a working knowledge of homicide as a science; and the sight of the several heads of Messrs. Earp and Holiday and Bassett and Short and a score besides protruding in an expectant fringe from doors and windows all along the street, as though a common idea obtained that something interesting was about to happen chilled him and bid him pause. Mr. Allison looked excessively bothered. Finally he shut down his oratory in mid flow, got off his horse, lumped dubiously into Mr. Webster's Alamo saloon, and took a thoughtful drink, observing Mr. Masterson enter, Mr. Allison pretended great joy.

"Where were you, Bat?" he asked. "I've been looking all over town for you."

"I've been see-sawing on you with a shotgun for ten minutes," returned Mr. Masterson grimly. "What's the matter, Clay?"

Mr. Allison appeared a bit confused, but explained that he had been aroused by the insults of a headheaded hardware clerk who didn't know who he, Mr. Allison, was. Being calmer now, he would again disclaim in deference to the prevailing local taste his shooting iron.

Thus the business passed without actual hostilities, and Mr. Allison confessed later that his reason for "aiming" was he had had a "premonition." It's just possible he did. In any event, and whatever the cause, his change of offensive front that afternoon saved many a life. Also, it saved Dodge from what would else have proved the rudest chapter in all her criminal history.

When the new liquor law took effect in Kansas in '81, Mr. Masterson laid down his office. He was not sumptuary, and, while he himself never drank liquor, refused to be drawn into deadly collision with gentlemen, whose only offense had been a too vehement thirst. Besides, he urged, considering the many strenuous years he had gone through, he felt he had earned a rest.

There was at least one gentleman in Dodge who didn't share this vacation view. The hour was evening, and Mr. Masterson, no longer sheriff, was sitting in the parlor of Mr. Kelly's Alhambra, in talk with Judge Colburn. Mr. Bell appeared abruptly in the door, a six-shooter in his right hand, another in his belt. Mr. Bell is the sober, quiet, sheriff of that same county of Ford; but in these, his younger years, he was a sturdy customer, and had "shot up" several of his acquaintances. For incident, he "had it in" for Mr. Masterson.

"I think," remarked Mr. Bell, as he stood triumphantly in the door—"I think there's a horned toad here I want to kill."

"Like a flash, the sensitive Mr. Masterson—who had been either slow or dull would never have lived till now—on his feet, the muzzle that never missed pointing squarely between the eyes of Mr. Bell. Naturally the latter warrior froze up; he stood as though planet-struck.

Escaped Fish.

For escalloped fish and oysters butter an earthen baking dish, flake cold boiled cod or halibut with a silver fork, and put a layer in the bottom of the dish. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and add a layer of oysters. Add a little grated onion, melted butter, and a dash of lemon juice; salt and pepper; cover lightly with bread crumbs, add another layer of fish, and so on until the dish is full, having buttered crumbs and grated cheese on top. Bake about twenty minutes.

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