

take in the towns I mentioned yesterday. I'll see Boyd to-morrow, get back as quick as I can, and meet you as agreed at the 'Sauganash,' in Chicago."

"You'll do, you'll do," said Craig encouragingly.

"I just thought I'd call on my way, shake hands with you, and show you I was at work carrying out my part of the agreement."

"Glad you stopped; glad you stopped. Make as good time as possible, for I want to get through here and get back East. The church interests always languish while I am away," he added, laughing.

And so, with a cheery good-by, we again parted.

I rode away ostensibly for St. Charles, but, after getting some little distance from Elgin, took a detour, and, riding through the little post-town of Udina, reached Dundee some time before noon.

The information secured through this little ruse satisfied both myself and my Dundee friends that dependence could be placed upon meeting Craig in Chicago. This was what I most desired; for, alone in the country, and not knowing what secret companions he might have near him, ready to spring to his aid at the lifting of his finger, made an attempt at his capture, with my then inexperience, simply foolish, and something not to be thought of.

Three intervening days were passed in frequent consultations with Messrs. Hunt and Bosworth, very little attention to my casks and barrels, and a good deal of nervous plotting and planning on my own part; and before daybreak on the fourth morning I had caught the last glimpse of the little village of Dundee, nestling like a bird by the gleaming river, and was speeding my horse at a brisk pace over the winding highway toward Chicago.

I arrived in that then thriving, but little city, during the early forenoon, and my first move was to procure warrants for the arrest of both Craig and Yelverson, as I had high hopes of now being able, by a little good management, to get the two men together; and I easily secured the services of two officers, one of whom I directed to follow and watch the movements of Craig, which would undoubtedly, if there was any such person as Yelverson, bring the two men together. My idea was to