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january30,1m **John Score.**

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IT WAS A CLOSE CALL

For Sharon, Mackay and Baldwin.

AN ATTEMPT TO WRECK AN EXPRESS TRAIN AND THE ROMANTIC VENGEANCE VISITED UPON THE CRIMINALS.

It all depended upon a man's nerve. Many lives depended on his pluck, and he proved true, but his reward was small.

The following story, now published for the first time, illustrated the slenderness of the thread that supports the sword of Damocles, and also incidentally a peculiarity of railroad management.

In the fall of 1878 Senator Sharon, Lucky Baldwin, Senator Mackay and over a hundred other good (though less known citizens) came within an ace of being killed. They did not know it at the time and probably do not now know how near they were to death. An attempt, however, was made to wreck the east-bound express train on which they were crossing the continent, which would undoubtedly have succeeded but for the coolness and self-control of a section-hand. The railroad company kept the matter a secret and the facts of the case have never been told until now. The attempt was made at Percy Station, a small place forty miles west of Laramie City. At this point the rolling prairies, which extend west from Omaha, cease, and the broken, hilly country which still farther west becomes the foot-hills of the Rocky Mountains begins. At one time Percy was known as a lawless, desperate place, where human life was held very cheap. It was also known as the headquarters of a gang of desperadoes, several members of which had been connected with the Jesse James gang of Missouri. The leader of the gang was a small man known as Big-Nosed George. His right name was George Vernon. On the night of the 5th of last October, he was taken from the jail in Carbon, a small town a few miles from Percy, and lynched. Before dying, and in hopes that his life might be spared, Vernon confessed the attempt to wreck the Union Pacific train, and also gave the names of his nine confederates. His confession, however, did him no good, as he was the last of the gang. All the others had been killed in different parts of the West. This is the story of the attempted wreck and its consequences.

THE MEDICINE BOW COUNTRY.
Ten miles east of Percy, on the top of a divide which separates the Medicine Bow country from the valley of the Platte, is situated a section-house. It is occupied by a boss and six men. One morning in the fall of 1878 Ambrose Gregory, one of the hands, was told to walk into Percy and order some provisions. Immediately after his breakfast he started on his tramp along the railroad track. He had arranged his departure so as to arrive at Percy at the same time as the east-bound express train, on which he intended to return to the section-house. Gregory was an experienced railroad hand, and as he walked he cast his eye along the rails to see that all was well. Suddenly, when five miles out from Percy, the whistle with which he had been cheering his lonely walk, died away in a gasp, and his heart gave a great throb. There was something wrong with the rails. He was about to stop and examine closely, when he saw something flash in the sage brush, some fifty yards ahead of him. He at once realized that his heart was covered by a Winchester rifle, and if he hesitated he was a dead man. He resumed his whistle and kept on walking. His mouth was so dry he could hardly make a sound. Still he knew if he stopped he would be shot, so all the time he was saying to himself the rails had been tampered with, but how? Then he saw a thin black line extending from the end of a rail out into the sage brush. Everything was clear to him then. He kept on whistling, never changing his pace. For fifty yards every spike had been drawn

from the ties. The black line he had noticed was a wire, the other end of which was held by the desperadoes hidden in the brush. When the train approached their purpose was to displace the rails, and then in the confusion of the horrible wreck which must ensue to rob the dead and dying passengers. All this flashed upon Gregory's mind as a revelation. He also realized that he was being closely watched, and it was absolutely necessary for him to appear to have noticed nothing. His mouth became so dry it was impossible to keep on whistling. He tried to sing a stave of some old song. He found that to be also out of the question. When he had gone some distance beyond the part of the track where the spikes were drawn he stopped, took his pipe from his pocket, and, after lighting it, resumed his journey.

THE HARDEST TRIAL.

In telling his experience afterward Gregory said the hardest trial of all came when he felt that the villains were behind him and might at any moment send a bullet into his back, and yet he was afraid to look round. When at last he felt he was beyond the reach of the guns that he knew to be aimed at him, his knees knocked together and he sank exhausted by the roadside. How long he remained there he did not know. He suddenly thought that if he failed to reach Percy before the express train, which only stopped long enough to take on the mail bags, he might be able to make the engineer stop the train, and then the wreck would be inevitable. He sprang to his feet and began to run toward Percy. Just as he reached the outskirts of the town he heard the whistle of the approaching express. He knew he was in time and slackened his pace. When he reached the depot he took the station-master aside and told him what he had seen. Soon the passengers of the express, which was, of course, held, began to inquire the cause of the delay. They were told that a hot-box would keep the train for an hour. In the meantime two handcars, one loaded with tools and workmen and the other with heavily armed men, under the command of Deputy Sheriff's Bob Widowfield and Bob Vincent, were sent to the place where Gregory reported the desperadoes were lurking. As the two handcars reached the top of the hill which commanded a view of the track for some distance, a man was seen to rise suddenly from the sage brush on the crest of the next hill. He immediately fired a pistol in the air, and then made off across the country. When the handcars reached the point from which the man had fired they saw a cavalcade of horsemen disappearing in the distance. The track was quickly put in order and the men returned to Percy. At first it was decided to organize a large party and pursue

THE DESPERADOES.

but a telegram was received from the officers of the road ordering that the matter be dropped and as little said about it as possible. Widowfield and Vincent, the two Deputy Sheriff's, however, had warrants in their pockets for Big-Nosed George and several members of the gang. They, therefore, determined to pursue the men alone. They armed themselves heavily and started in pursuit. They overtook the desperadoes in the Elk Mountains, but were deceived by ruse and both were killed. The villains mutilated the bodies in a most shocking manner to give the impression that the murder was committed by Indians.

Sheriff Faintosh, as soon as the crime was known, vowed vengeance upon the murderers, and began a pursuit of them which terminated in October of this year, with the death of Big-Nosed George, the leader. Previously he had been instrumental in the capture and death of George Redpath, Walter Owens and a desperado known as Fearless Jim. Two others became involved in the quarrel, which resulted in a duel that terminated fatally to both, and one died a natural death. L. M. WARD.

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'You have a fine large family of children,' said the visitor.
'Oh, yes,' he sighed wearily; 'house is full of 'em. Can't go in any direction 'thout stepin' on a young 'un. Always in the way. Drat 'em!'
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A COLD, CLEAR VOICE.

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'Deep silence in the parlour.'
'If he has not,' continued the voice, 'will you have the kindness to remind him that it is our custom to have family prayers half an hour before breakfast?'

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