with many technicalities-so many in ity. for all one stage of the investigation I

First theappearance of the name of are ready to act." and John F. Gardiner, a banker.

foring the investigation there had dent's supposed purpose. fallen faro my hands the letterheads at Kissinger Germany.

while Robert Lindsay was the head members of the land league As might ed for descriptions, which he cheer-! I told him who I was and, briefly, that the shot fired by Gutteau on the and powerful political affiliations do from of the great conspirracy be expected, they an were in close fully gave me. core co-conspirators almost as touch with one another and with the He went further, instructing me to The otherwas the sound le-ringleader, and it became apparent make myself known to the clerk of the for his hat, "but you came just in time gal class against all of them were yet that in order to capture all and ef Missouri county to which I was sup- to spoil a big trade for me." the made I had abstracts of title fectually smash the ring some plan posed to be going. This clerk, he said, Then he became indignant. twenty-four parcels of land, would have to be devised whereby the would be glad to show me the land at "This is an outrage," he said angrifollowing these and others federal authorities could move against his, Van Hise's expense, and would ly; "a plot put up by Carl Schurz to them all simultaneous: Still placing give me all the information relative to ruin me. It's the the work of the d—d assumption that President Arthur was Burns, William Burns, Orlando Van hand office had clearly established most importance on making sound this and other points I might desire, reformers in the Republican party, friendly to the Grant element; but Hise, George Linn, John K. Corwin, the forgeries of signatures to appli- against Lindsay and Van Hise, I call- This bit of accommodation on Van Hi- and is going to hurt the party.' and deeds. This record ed to my assistance E. M. Stedman, a se's part indicated clearly the hold the As nearly at the same instant as In answer to it I said:

"Assume the role of a lumberman the marketing of the stolen goods. suggested that another man more fa- looking for a site to operate a mill," ndiar with them be assigned to the were my instructions, "go to Shannon" Lindsay personally for a tract of tim- way that they would have the deeds and means as most of them were. ber land, holding the deal open till we; to the land they were to sell Stedman

Wissouri and Arkansas" Railread it plicitly, Attired as a sawmill man of thereby providing fresh evidence to was naturally to be inferred this permeans, he began negotiations with be used against in the courts. There son either stood high in the confidence Lindsay for Shannon County lands. was no hitch in this plan. Lindsay foland opperations of LAindsay or was a Lindsay took the bait and offered to lowed up the negotiations opened by dummy who was allowing himself to sell him a fine tract of 25,000 acres at Stedman with the celerity ordinarily be used. The former was found to be 50 cents an acre. These negotiations displayed by a man of business anxthe correct theory, and here I wish to were conducted personally. Lindsay ious to close a deal in which there was carelessly let into possession of inwhich it had been obtained—in other Addison, his son, in the prime of manin his real identity the vis- claimed to own the land, assuring a just as eager and unsuspecting in tion who had gone over Lindsay's good title, and representing himmself his efforts to unload 25,000 stelen say was Frank Smith, an employe of before the patent was issued it could with him in the St. Louis of as the owner of thousands of acres of acres on "James Hall," saw mill opthe in 1872, Orlando Van Hise, a Cleve- other land in different counties in Mis- erator. The plan was working smoothlend real estate dealer of good stand- souri. Stedman left Lindsay without ly and promised great results. ing After having had the beauties of closing the deal and went to Vinton, The amount of detailed work, which the plot expounded to him by Lindsay. Iowa, his supposed home, to which at this late date would be of no inter-Van Hise had become one of the chief place he told Lindsay he had been est to my readers, was enormous. 1 .. essent agents for the ring second in called by important business. From spent six weeks alone in the Washing- : importance only to the Missourian. I Vinton he wrote to Lindsay asking ton land office withdrawing papers found Van Hise had made frequent for descriptions of other tracts. The for examination and comparison, Fre- : Prepare with your maker-you will southwestern Missouri and purpose of opening such a correspon- quent trips were made to southeast : want to come to him very soon. We theroughly familiarized himself with dence was to get Lindsay on record in Missouri, Ohio and Pennsylvania, the :will on August 16, at 12 o'clock midthe "lay of the land." The base of his writing. Again the arch conspirator network of widence being filed in night, come to your house and hang moratons was Creveland, where there swallowed the bait, sending to Sted- with a patch here and a patch there. were associated with him George man in his own handwriting descrip-Lines John K. Corwin, a notary public, tions of various tracts he thought ning this story that the communica- : might be suitable for his correspon- tion to Secretary Schurz, which he :

and advertising Lean and Trust Com- Pittsburg angle of the case I wrote of this historic criminal case, had pany of St. Louis was opporated from Erie, Pa., to Orlando Van Hise in been written by one Leo Whybark of in Arcadia Valley in their minds the the Olive street offices of Lindsay; Cleveland, representing, myself as St. Louis, a former colleague of Robwhile the international Land Agency James Hall, a sawmill owner looking ert Lindsay. To all detectives it is was directed from Lindsay's private for a new business base, Van Hise's, well known that many of the most imoffice in Market street. The letterhead advertisement of timber lands had portant cases have their origin in the of the latter concern named George attracted my attention I wrote. Van falling out of thieves among them- tree in mute testimony of the sincerity Welson as the eastern agent at Van Hise answered that he could sell selves. Lindsay and Whybark had Plashing and Baltimore, Robert L. me 25,000 acres of desirable timber in split over a division of the spoils, the to daily the western agent. W. A. one tract, and suggested that I come latter claiming he had been worsted frown the selling representative in to Cleveland to talk the matter over by Lindsay, who had grown domineer-London and John Gensler the agent with him. So to Cleve; and I went im- ing in his treatment of subordinates. immediately. Wearing the rough suit Whybark's revenge took the form of of a lumberman, and with my trousers his letter to the Secretary of the Inte-After some work had been done at tucked into the tops of my boots, I rior. During the investigation Why

and me in their respective offices on orlando Van Hise as secretary of the Stedman followed instructions im- the day the arrests were to be made,

I believe I neglected to say in begin- : May you be ready to die! had turned over to Chief Brooks and : While in the East working on the and which was the real starting point fronten and St. Louis I went East. In registered at the Weddel House under bark was of considerable service to

what he was wanted for. "All right," he said coolly, reaching

scarcing was tedious and surrounded secret service operative of much abil. leaguers had on certain county offici- was physically possible the arrests als and the part the latter played in of a score more of the leaguers was made in St. Louis and other cities. All were placed underbond, the furnishing the political movement in favor of the George W. Nelson, Cyrus Smith, J. S. My plan was to conduct negotations of bail being a comparatively easy criminals I was scarcely prepared for Wolfe, John Brady Jr., George L work, but Secretary Schurz declined County and open negotiations with with Lindsay and Van Hise in such a matter for men of such prominence the sudden turn which affairs took.

for freedom on the part of the land law governing land patents had been ed in St. Louis while Lindsay was leaguers-a fight in which was employ- construed in such a way as to release on trial in Steubenville. ed every agency from the influence of the conspirators. This construction the highest dignitaries in the Repub- was to the following effect: That a lican party to the intimidation of even land patent once issued was valid so Pa., was laid the pathetic closing minor witnesses by threats of lynch- far as the government was concerned scene of this memorable crime. Williing. Among the men who had been without reference to the manner in am Burns, the grayhaired father, and criminating information against Lind- words, if the fraud was not discovered President Thompson of the Boatmen's not be used to nullify the patent nor ter they hed been found guilty by a Bank of St. Louis, who had a country punish the guilty. seat at Ironton. One day the following notice was sent to Smith from a myster a year's hard work had revealed a language of the judge, for it was

.... Frank Smith, Ironton, Mo.

Cook at 'l'hompson's. : you to a tree until you are dead.

> BEWARE PARTY OF LYNCHERS.

persons upon whom such notices were served did not look upon them as jest or idle threats. Seventeen corpses had dangled from the limbs of this of purpose of the land leaguers: and the receipt of such a notice after the leaguers had been brought to bay was not a pleasant incident. The government maintained surveillance over the criminals and their suspected allies, however, and prevented the execution of any threats. The notice sent to Smith I found to be in the handwriting of Robert Lindsay.

It was in high political places that leaguers to escape the penalty of their crimes. To explain this fight I must revert for a moment to the national political situation of that year. Grant had completed his globe circoling tour and was peing urges for a third presidential term. Among the 306 delegates by him to the last were James Lindanti- Grant forces rallied. The schism election of Garfield, and the bitterness of feeling was nowhere more intense than in Missouri.

Chauncey I. Filley and others of equal prominence. His father was Grant's personal friend and political beneficiary, and the relations between the former president and the Lindsay family were very warm, as indicated by James Lindsay's appointment to one responsible position after he had

proved a defaulter in a previous one. United States Attorney Bliss, upon whom fell the chief burden of prosecution of the leaguers in the courts, was appointed by President Grant, and other government officials, the the weight of whose influence should have been on the side of the prosecution were found lukewarm in the cause. I do not mean to imply that there was any overt neglect of duty on the part of the government prosecutors nor that any of the Grant politicians used their influence corruptly; but I do say that from mysterious sources and in the most mysterious, lan, a notary. A large and profitable were being watched, they had acquir- being his reward for his services to It did not take me long to see that at the rate matters were going the land and marshaled for use the great mass leaguers would soon be free with out of evidence.

whom was named a suburb, Linndale, At the time of his arrest Robert sales agent. He was partially para- ces of having my identity discovered was found to be almost as important a Lindsay charged his trouble to Carl lyzed and went among his friends rep- by Van Hise, and therefore at every leaguer as Van Hise. John K. Corwin, Schurz. In the newspapers he charged Owner of vast, unproductive tracts, knew how. In line with this policy, I was a member of one of the most James Lindsay from the Ironton land part of which he had to dispose of in even took a roundabout course to Van prominent families in Ohio, but three office without cause, and that he, Roborder to support himself in his failing Hise's office in Superior street. I in- ough his overindulgence in whiskey, ert, had issued a circular attacking physical coondition. There was an el- troduced myself as the Erie party was a pliable tool in the hands of oth- Schurz for this act. In order to get ers. John F. Gardiner was a banker revenge for the issuance of this cirto thousands of acres on his friends. getting down to business he said: item, as all the papers had to be sworn Interior was a member of the anti-Addison Burns lived in Pennsylva- "So you are looking for timber to, and it was necessary to find nota- Grant faction, and this gave some colmia avenue, Pittsburg, and, in addition lands. Well, I believe I can furnish ries who not only would consent to or, with the uninormed, to the cry of take acknowledgments they knew to his political plottings against the Lindbe false but who could be trusted to says. This is the first time since the maintain the utmost secrecy. Two celebrated land fraud cases came bemore of these notaries were Herman fore the public that the exact truth E. Schuster and John J. Brady Jr. of concerning their origin has been made "That depends on the land. If you St. Louis. In all twenty-two men had public. The starting point, as I have profession of land grafting to a nicety, are prepared to take a large tract I been dragged into our net for com- related, was the falling out of Robert Lindsay and his lietenant, Why bark, and not any desire on the part of Secretary Schurz to punish his political adversaries in the Republican

To raise the cry of political persecu- Pa. tion, however, was to put forward the in the manufacturing of deeds render point I don't know just how much I marshals in the various cities where strongest available defense. Lindsay the evidence so thoroughly and had all Horseshoer and am prepared to rende. ed it comparatively easy to establish a will be prepared to pay down on the were placed under bond, the furnishing came forkard with a newspaper intergreatest secrecy was observed in get- view in defense of his son and in con- to Steubenville to assist in the proseonly to prove the forgery. Some of "Those matters can be arranged to ting out the papers and arranging oththem in their respective offices on the expense of \$80,000 to satisfy the po- At the end of the first battle in court The case against the Pittsburg contingent was established principally by ant kind that marks a deal about to be comparisons in the government land closed. Van Hise showed me elaborate of the pleasing of the pleasing day the arrests were planned. It was matter of fact, about \$1,000 had been serve nine years in the penitentiary. This term he served, minus the time of the pleasing that the pleasing the planned. It was matter of fact, about \$1,000 had been serve nine years in the penitentiary. This term he served, minus the time of the pleasing the pleasing that the pleasing the ple bring about the release of Lindsay, es- from me in these narratives to seek

when the word flashed across the land education, a good position in society

railway platform at Washington had not palliate crime. Crime in broadproved fatal, a prominent government cloth in still crime, official caid to me:

"Now that Garfield is dead there is little chance of convicting the land two to nine years. These were the conleagures."

This statement was made on the turned out to be an erroneous surmise. John F. Gardiner, Samuel L. Carter, "The Republican party cannot af-

ford to stand sponsor for these men." Charles Vassell, Charles Newman, Fully as I realized the strength of John F. Norris, H. R. McClellan,

United States Court. Suddenly it be- ments against Lindsay, fifty-two of Then began a most desperate fight came whispered about that the federal which Attorney Bliss nolle prosequi-

> crime involving the clear theft of from stenographically preserved—not a six to eight millions of acres of valu- general custom in those days: able land from the government and thousands of individuals had been to be restored to liberty and their an dseldom is crime committed which law that would attain this result. There was no claim that the land leagures had not committed the acts with which they stood charged, but their friends claimed-and unfortuamong government officials-that the discovery of this technicality justi-

My position was that merely of the officer who had been largely instrumentl in planning and carrying out the investigation at the orders of my superiors. But I was determined that the criminals should not escape if it was in my power to prevent. I had seen all the august power of government arrayed against malefactors whose crimes had been infinitesimal compered with that of these kind-gloved conspirators, and to me it seemed a vio- of falsehood, purjury and forgery. lation of every tenet of eternal right to allow these men to go free because the most telling fight was made by the they were strong in the councils of their political party.

was widened by the nomination and patent, as with a deed, was necessary jury in doing otherwise than they to pass title.

ty was concerned the defendants gain- feelings, but it is our duty to adminised their point. On the construction ter the law as faithfully as we can. the Grant faction of that state, being referred to the cases were allowed to William Burns, I sentence you to pay die in the federal court by the judge a fine of \$500 andto serve seven years tion with such staunch Republicans as who had made the strange construct at hard labor in the Allegeny pen-

> perperation of the big crime numerous individuals offenses against state laws had been committed, such as forgery, perjury andobtaining money under false pretenses. We might find justice in these state courts. This was suggested, but my superors in Washington doubted the possibility of our being able to convict in the state courts on the theory that they were even more subject to influence than the federal courts.

> Most fortunately there came to the rescue of justice at this critical moment a man with splendid fighting ability and a deep sense of duty-Circuit Atterney Harris of St. Louis. He posessed in a marked degree the qualifications that the federal prosecutors lacked. With him I went over the evidence. He leaped into the breach with a vim that was refreshing. He was invulnerable to political or other influences and soon mastered

In the meantime a touch of romance the case in Cleveland. In the office of train 33 from Portsmouth, Va., to Mem-Orlando Van Hise there had been em- now operating through sleeping car resenting himself as "land poor," the turn covered my tracks as well as I the notary used by Van Hise and Linn, that Secretary Schurz had discharged by Van Hise and Linn, that Secretary Schurz had discharged by Van Hise and Linn, that Secretary Schurz had married George lynn by In line with this policy. In the notary used by Van Hise and Linn, that Secretary Schurz had discharged by Van Hise and Linn, that Secretary had discharged by Van Hise and Li son. Her sister had married George Linn, another member of the ring. She Linn, another member of the ring. She can put you to Memphis with but one was also a notary public, and had change of cars and that is at Monroe. taken many fraudulent acknowledgments for her employer. The government had intended to use Mary Johnson as a witness against Van Hise, but Cupid took a hand after the arrest and Van Hise and the girl were married, thus giving the government a serious setback in the prosecution of Van
Hise, for a wife could not be used as
a witness against her husband.

The dismissal of the case in the federal courts and the institution in the state courts of course necessitated the re-arresting of the defendants and the furnishing of new bonds. When we went to Cleveland we found that Van went to Cleveland we found that Van The others were secured, however, Mo.; Steubenville, Ohio, and Carlton,

Circuit Attoney Haris had mastered where he explated his crime in the manner prescribed by the courts. I After the 19th of September, 1881, hope he learned well the lesson that

The entire twent-two were convicted and were sentenced to serve from spirators, big and little:

David S. Bigham, J. F. Richards, Ben-'amin F. Picker, Herman E. Schuster, Brown, Samuel C. Clark and Leo Why-The cases had been brought in the bark. There were sixty-one indict

> In the little courtroom at Clarion hood, were tried together. Their lawvers fought a good fight but lost. Afjury they were called before the bar for sentence. I can give the exact Hamlet and Monroe, also from poin

"The offense committed by you is a very grave one. It was committed robbed, the promoters of the plot were under very remarkable circumstances former places in society because a is so deeply imbedded in purjury as judge claimed to have discovered a this crime has been. In order to make apply to ticket agents or possible construction of the federal this forgery effectual, to impose the versons victimied, it was necessary to resort to falsehood, to impose upon notaries public andto impose forged papers upon the official of the United States in the land office. The evidence With the history of the tree of death nately they found ready support shown that this single transaction was interwoven with many others of the same kind. That these several transactions have extended over a period of several years during which falsehood was continually resorted to; that one or the other of you have repeatedly forged instruments, imposed upon the officers of the land office and that you have repeatedly victimized the citizens of this commonwealth is proved. In the history of the crimes of this country there is no one that I know of that has developed so complete a Danville for Norfolk. system and so skillful an intertwining

"You had abundance of time to reflect you are both men of mature years. Youknew the effect of your conduct. You knew that you were imposing upon the men who indicted you. You knew that you were reaping gains in this unlawful way and that have. We do not desire to continue our remarks in a way to lacerate your itentiary, and Addison Burns, the same sentence is imposed on you."

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6.05 a. m., No. 27 daily for Rock Hill Chester, Columbia and local stations. 7.10 a. m., No. 16 daily except Sunday for Statesville, Taylorsville and local points; connects at Mooresville for Winston-Salem and at Statesville for Hickory, Lenoir, Blowing Rock, Ashe ille and points west.

7.15 a. m., No. 39 daily, New York and atlanta Express, Pullman Sleeper to Columbus, Ga., and day coaches to At-

and Florida Express for Rock Hill 9.25. a. m. No. 36 daily, U. !!. Fast Mail for Washington and all points north; Pullman drawing rooms, sleepers to New

York and Richmond, day coaches New ricans to Washington: dining car sevice. Connects at Greensboro for Wins. ton-Salem, Raleigh and Goldsboro. 9.30 a. m. No. 37, daily. Washington

and Southwestern Limited, Pullmar drawing room sleepers, New York to New Orleans and Birmingham; Pullman observation car New York to Macon; dining car service; solid Pullman train. 10.05 a .m. No. 30 daily, for Washing

rs to New York; first-class coach to solitary confinement and the curtan Washington. Close connections at Darville for Richmond, Va. Dining car ser-11.00 a. m. No. 28 daily; for Davidson

ton and all points North, Pullman sleep-

Next week Cantain Tyrrell will tell Mocksville, Barber Juntion, Cooleennes Mocksville, Winston-Salem and Ros

12.85 p. m. No. 11 daily, for Atlanta

6.00 p. m. No. 25 daily execept Sun day, freight and passenger, for Cheste . C. and local points.

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10.33 p. m., No. 34 daily, New York and Florida Epress for Washington and points north. Pull nan sleepers from Jacksonville and Augusta to New Yor. First-class day coaches Jacksonville to Washington.

9.50 p. m., No 29 daily, Washington and Florida Limited for Columbia, Aususta, Charleston, Savannah and Jacksonville. Pullman drawing room sleep ing car to Jacksonville First-class day coaches Washington to Jackson ville.

11.05 p. m., No. 40 daily, for Washington and points north. Pullman sleep. er to Washington. First-cl coach Atlanta to Washington. First-class day

10.20 p. m., No. 35, daily, U. S. Fast Mail for Atlanta and points South and Southwest. Pullman drawing room sleepers to Mobile and Birmingham sleepers to New Orleans and Birmingham. Day coaches Washington to New Orleans. Dining car service. Baggage called for and checked from

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Pittsburg I found the four principal still another name.

ement of sympathy in some of Nel- who had written to him.

to handling Missouri lands, was, a what you want." "ealer in oil properties. He and his "Have you much land of this kind?" lather made frequent trips of inspec- I asked. tion to Missouri. They were both thurch members in good standing. Like Van Hise, they had learned the some business in the line of actually cents an acre for land that would suit great conspiracy. making fraudulent deeds on their own your purpose."

Corwin did in Cleveland. case against them, it being necessary land." he forgeries as their own writing, the balance."

Developements up to this time had other details. I told him I would go to "Who are you and what am I under revealed not less than twenty active Missouri to look at the lands and ask- arrest for?" he demmanded.

business in the sale of these lands had ed the trait of suspicion and alertness been carried on there for years. Nel- common to all criminals, great and son had been a particularly active small. I could afford to take no chan-

son's sales, but he was cheerfully dis- "I'm glad to meet you, Mr. Hall," and a man of high business standing. cular Schurz had concocted this plot regardful of the sympathetic feeling said Van Hise effusively. After the In the work of producing false titles against the Lindsays, according to for him in unloading worthless titles customary small talk that precedes the notarial work was not the least those worthless. The Secretary of the

Plenty of it." "At what price?"

mook. McClellan was a notary doing "What arrangements can you make At last the time came to strike. I the same kind of work in Pittsburg as for time?-I have a certain amount believed that the evidence in all the of money. I have sold my 'muley' mill, cases was strong enough to convict. The activity of Addison and William and am thinking of buying a portable Warrants were sworn out and placed Surns in using their own chirography circular mill. Until I decide on this in the hands of deputy United States

this work was done so cleverly that at suit you. If you take the land and put er preliminaries. With Lindsay and Carroll R. Peck, in the Ironton paper ert Lindsay re tained the most able the trial of these men persons whose a mill on it I will have no fear of your Van Hise, Stedman and I arranged to owned by him, charged me with havsignatures had been forged claimed getting away from me without paying have all the papers in our deals with ing involved the government in an fice known to them was employed. terials.

office. These members of the ring we maps of the Missouri district in which I entered the private office of Robt L. political forces in the state were betherefore made a secondary issue of he had lands for sale and marked off Lindsay in St. Louis with Deputy ing pushed to their utmost capacity to know if he be alive r dead. Far be it reading the execution of a plan to the tract he proposed to sell me. But Marshal Soest. Catch Lindsay and Van Hise in such I did not close the deal then, pleading Lindsay, jaunty and busy, was at pecially, and the bitterest of feuds where he explated his crime in the a way they could find no loophole for that I wanted a little time to decide on his desk. I quietly told him he was were fomented. the style of mill to use and to arrange under arrest.

members of the ring to be Addison F. While the land ringsters up to this ed as one of the leaguers. His senten- manner there came strange happen-Burns, his father, William Burns; time had no reason to believe they ce, however, was never enforced, this ings-all in favor of the defendants.

UncleSam.

In Cleveland, George Linn after trial. but, unlike Van Hise, they had done can probably make you a price of plicity in one form or another in this

Here was a pretty how-d'ye-do. Af-

fled the dismissal of the cases.

It was also concieved that the judge inquestion was in error legally, and support of my view I had a ltter written by Assistant Secretary of State vou were imposing on the department Bell to John Sherman, Secretary of at Washington and deceiving the ofthe Treasury, calling attention to sec- ficials in Missouri. You knew you were to the Chicago convention that stood that stood that state that state to the Chicago convention that stood that state vided that any person stealing or des- and giving to the citizens of this com- Chester, Winnsboro, Columbia, Savantroying any paper, record or document monwealth an entirely worthless title nah, Jacksonville and Augusta. First defeated for the nomination by the un-expected launching of the name of the property of land potents. First and were gettin gfrom them as much class day coach Washington to Jack-money as you could by a system of sonville. Dining car service James A. Garfield, around whom the fully the thefts of land patents. Be- false dealing. We regret the position sides, it had been held by the Supreme you are in ,and that the evidence was Court that the actual delivery of a not such as would have warrented the

So far as the use of their technicali-

tion of the law. There was but one resource. In the

Hise and Linn had decamped for parts unknown, presumably Europe. The and the trials were held in St. Louis,