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RE MAYSVILLE:

Transformed from a mountain ranch to a thriving city of 500 inhabitants in one year. A brave woman vanquishes for blasphemous roughs.

Blood seekers on the war path meet the wrong men.

And a reign of bloodshed is inaugurated with fatal results.

Careful resume of the growth of the camp and its business.

Personal points and past of the prominent people.

When the tentative excitement of 1878 manifested itself and the following year gave it head, Mr. Amasa Feathers, who occupied the present site, with keen foresignt, seeing that a town would inevitably spring up on his farm, took the precautionary measures that would assure him an extensive interest in all results by surveying the town in July. On the tenth of the month the first house was built, and from that day until the present, the carpenters gladsome notes of progression had never ceased to sound.

Mr. Lionel Whitney brought to the camp a stock of general merchandise and the business boom started with flying colors. House after house went up and by the first fall of snow, Maysville was a portentious little berg, and contained 40 buildings.

Apprehensive of a severe winter, many of the inhabitants went east and a state of general inactivity prevailed for the entire season. There being no local industry, the people lived an exceedingly prosey life, that was saved from being uninteresting by a series of dancing festivities which were indulged in at intermittent intervals. When these pleasant affairs broke the evil tenor of local life, the entire population participated—although society of that time was distinguished for its circumspection and the absence of those characters who would make its individual members suspicious of one another. All was harmonious. From the expectatn merchant to the inept prospector and from the maternal parent to the modest of maiden, all was a perfect affiliation."

## A Brave Woman

Apropos of these Ferpsichorean pasttimes, an interesting incident is told of an assertion for woman's rights that was made by Mrs. John Hughes - who was the spirit and promoter of these entertainments -- that for courage and indomitable will is rarely surpassed. On the morning preceding an evening set apart for a dance, four liquor enthused emigrants from a valley cattle ranch invaded the town and took a -saloons, six-shooters and citizens to the contrary notwithstanding. Arriving at an animated gait through the only street, they invoked the eternal powers to destroy the place and heaped offensive and disgusting epithets upon the heads of the intimidated people. They vacillated from saloon to saloon, and without deigning to dismount, called for liquor in the most blasphemous and obscene language, often refusing to pay for it after drinking. To most of this language, wives, mothers and daughters were compelled to listen, they being powerless to protect themselves from the sufferance, and the miscreants being too unmanly to desist. After a forenoon spent in this manner, they entered the Hughes Hotel, and in supervilious tones, called for dinner- the best in the house- supplemented by endless oaths. To this demand Mrs. Hughes politely informed them that there was no dinner or hospitality in a house for such men, whereupon they sneered and laughed in a derisive manner, and redoubled their filthy language. The plucky little woman was immovable in her decision, however, and even the remonstrances of a few inmates of the house, who were fearful of results as she persisted in her avowal, did not suffice to shake it. The dining room was occupied by 27 male boarders eating dinner, of which fact the muscular quadrilateral was in ignorance, and when after repeated assurances that they

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House \$1500

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could not enter, they moved to a position in the closed doorway, with the evident intention of forcing their way, she threw the door suddenly open, and in an imperative voice demanded the assistance of the boarders. They responded to a man, and with the proverbial instinct of a coward cornered, they realized that they had the worst of it, and were not long in leaving the house. Reaching the street they threatened to get even with their courageous opponent, and openly avowed that if the dance took place that evening they would shoot every light and window in the house out. Many of the male inhabitants appealed to her to postpone the dance, but she was resolute, and would not budge an inch from her determination, which was that the dance should be carried out to the letter, at all hazards. This obdurate announcement was \_\_\_\_\_ to the "cowpunchers", and concluding that the town was an unhealthy place after sunset "they hastily departed, and when the first notes of the march were wafted on the night airproclaiming that right is might, even with woman kind - they had left it far behind, showing due consideration for their reception by paying it no more such visits.

(Another item about a bunch of roughs came to town and shot the town up and apparently generally raised Cain and somebody got shot through the abdomen and Texas Jack was Zinvolved - a lot of roughness.)

	ESS STATISTICS		
The Hughes House. John Hughes 15 rooms. Cost \$3,000	, Proprietor. Stock \$4,000.	Average daily receipts	s, \$50.00
Venable Hotel. John (Jacob) V 12 room. Cost \$1200	enable, Proprieto Stock \$700	or. Average daily receipt	s, \$40.00
Maysville House. Adolph Frohm 10 rooms. Cost \$600	, Proprietor. Stock \$700	Average daily receipt	s \$15.00
Johnson & Randol, Grocers. House Cost \$1200	Stock \$8000	Average daily receipt	s \$300
Pioneer Grocery. Lionel A. Wh Cost \$300	stock \$3000	r Average daily receipt	s \$200
George A. Haines, Dry Goods. House \$800	Stock \$500	Average daily receipt	s \$20
Degen Brothers, Dry Goods. House \$1500	Stock\$3500	Average daily receipt	s \$50.00
Meyer & Wedell, Dry Goods. House \$400	Stock \$6000	Average daily receipts	\$40
Follett Brothers, Hardware. House \$300	Stock \$400	Average daily receipts	\$100
Dell Crane, Saloon. House \$300	Stock \$400	Average daily receipts	\$50
C. M. Wolff, Saloon. House \$400	Stock \$1000	Average daily receipt	s \$50

Stock \$2000

Average daily receipts \$50