

Ay, note that Potter's wheel,
That metaphor! And feel
Why time spins fast, why passive lies our clay, —
Thou, to whom fools propound,
When the wine makes its round
“Since life fleets, all is change; the Past gone, seize
today.”

-Robert Browning from “Rabbi Ben Ezra”

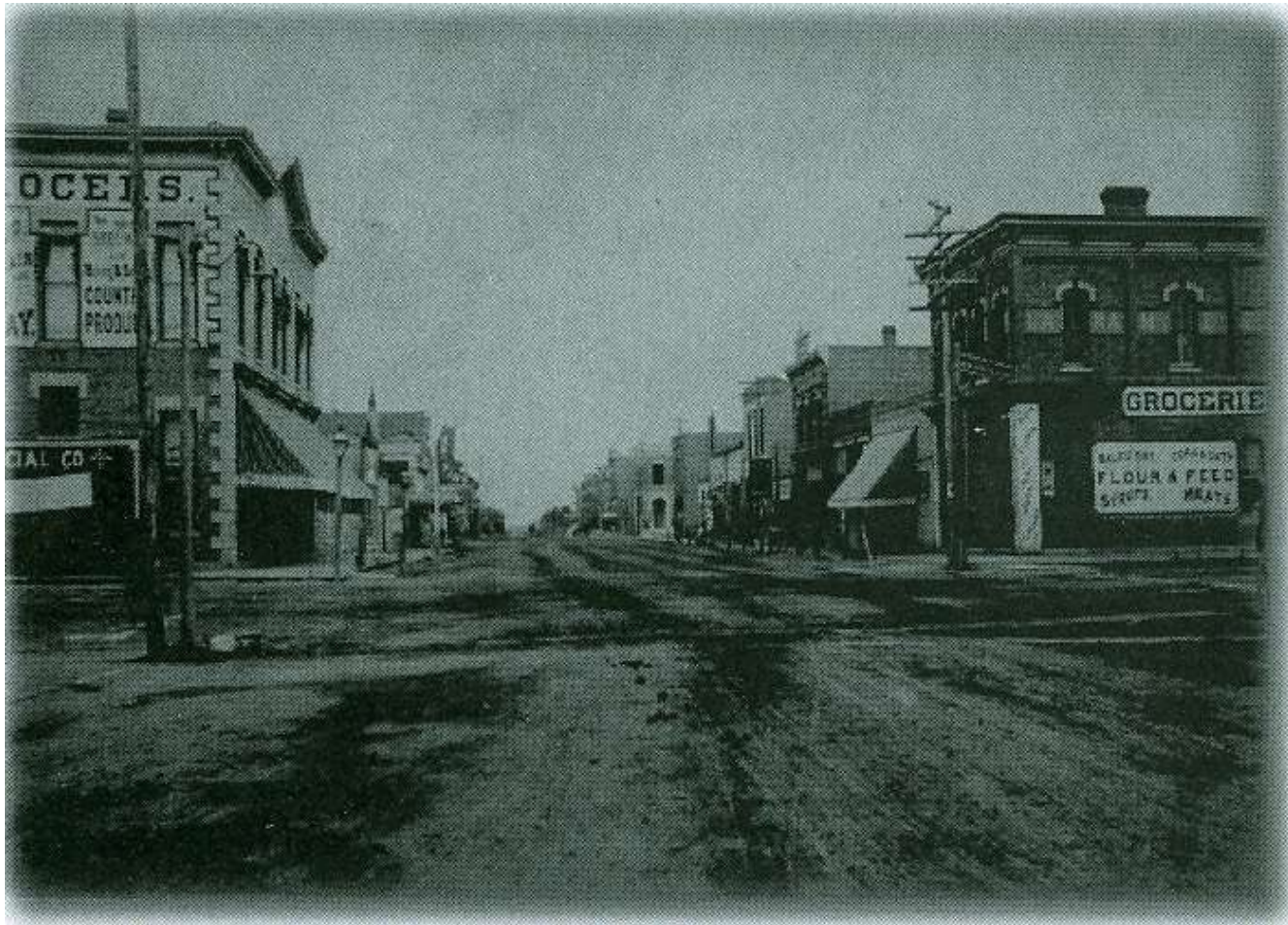
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“1897 Laramie Blizzard.” American Heritage Center Digital Collections 160690



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Mountain, Mary. The Historic Ivinson Mansion hosting the Laramie Plains Museum. Modern Printing Company, 2007



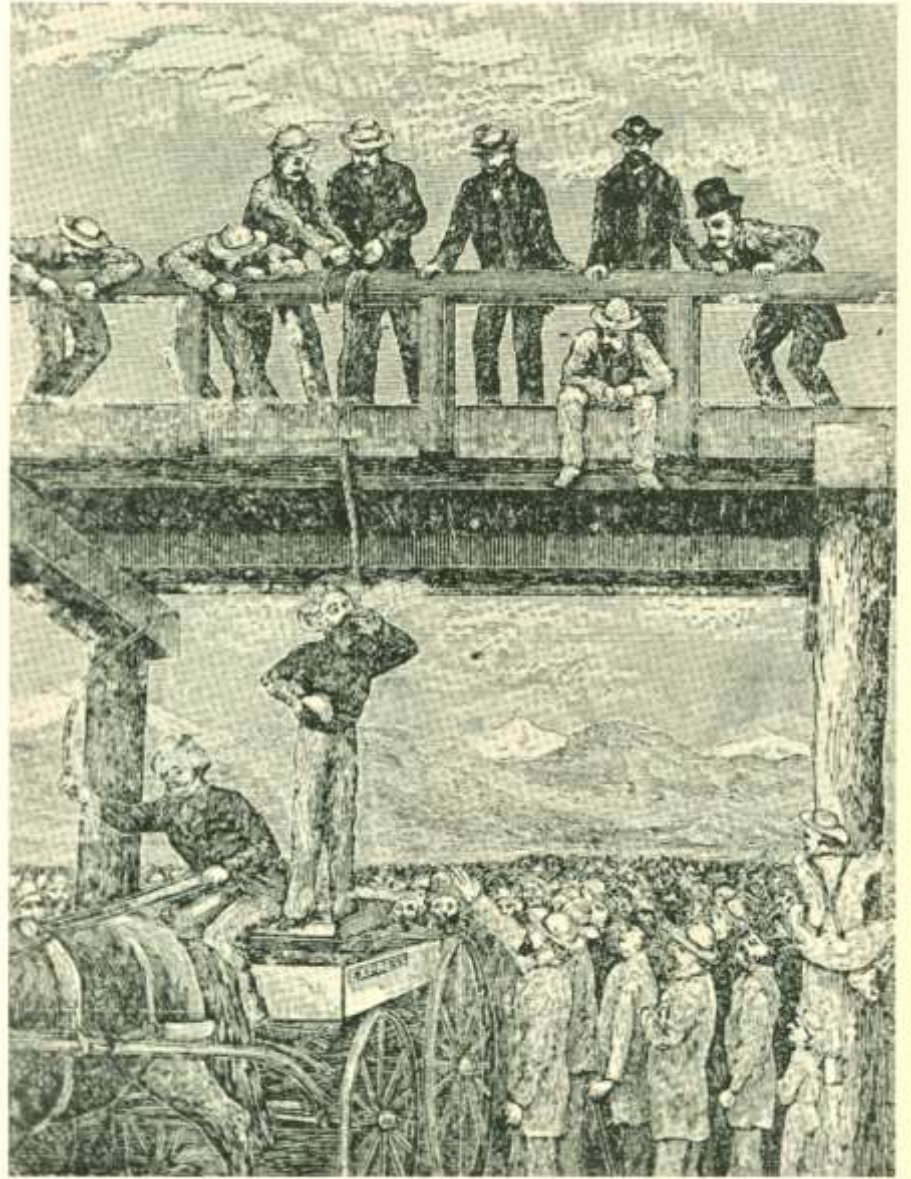
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“A Town with a Past”

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The hanging of the ring-leader of the horse thieves, Lawrence Musgrove. From a contemporary drawing, reproduced by Jeff Omodt, San Jose, Calif.

Wyoming Territorial Prison

Banner Associates, Inc. Architects & Engineers Laramie, WY. Historic Structure Report: Penitentiary Structure. 1988

Wyoming Territorial Penitentiary, c. 1895. View from the southeast. The Warden's Quarters, left, are hidden by trees in the photograph above.



“A Town with a Past”

Pence, Mary Lou. The Laramie Story. 1968



The Big Tent, a den of iniquity, moved with the rails. It was set up alongside the tracks on First Street and was in Laramie City from May to July 15, 1868. From a contemporary drawing. Union Pacific collection, Omaha.

I found
A thing to do, and all her hair
In one long yellow string I wound
Three times her little throat around,
And strangled her.

-Robert Browning from "Porphyria's Lover"

That moment she was
mine, mine, fair
Perfectly pure and
good...

-Robert Browning from "Porphyria's Lover"

He is with her, and they know
that I know...

While they laugh, laugh at me, at
Me fled to the drear
Empty church, to pray God in, for
them!

-Robert Browning from "The Laboratory"

Not that I bid you spare her the pain!
Let death be felt and the proof remain;
Brand, burn up, bite into its grace—
He is sure to remember her dying face!

-Robert Browning from "The Laboratory"

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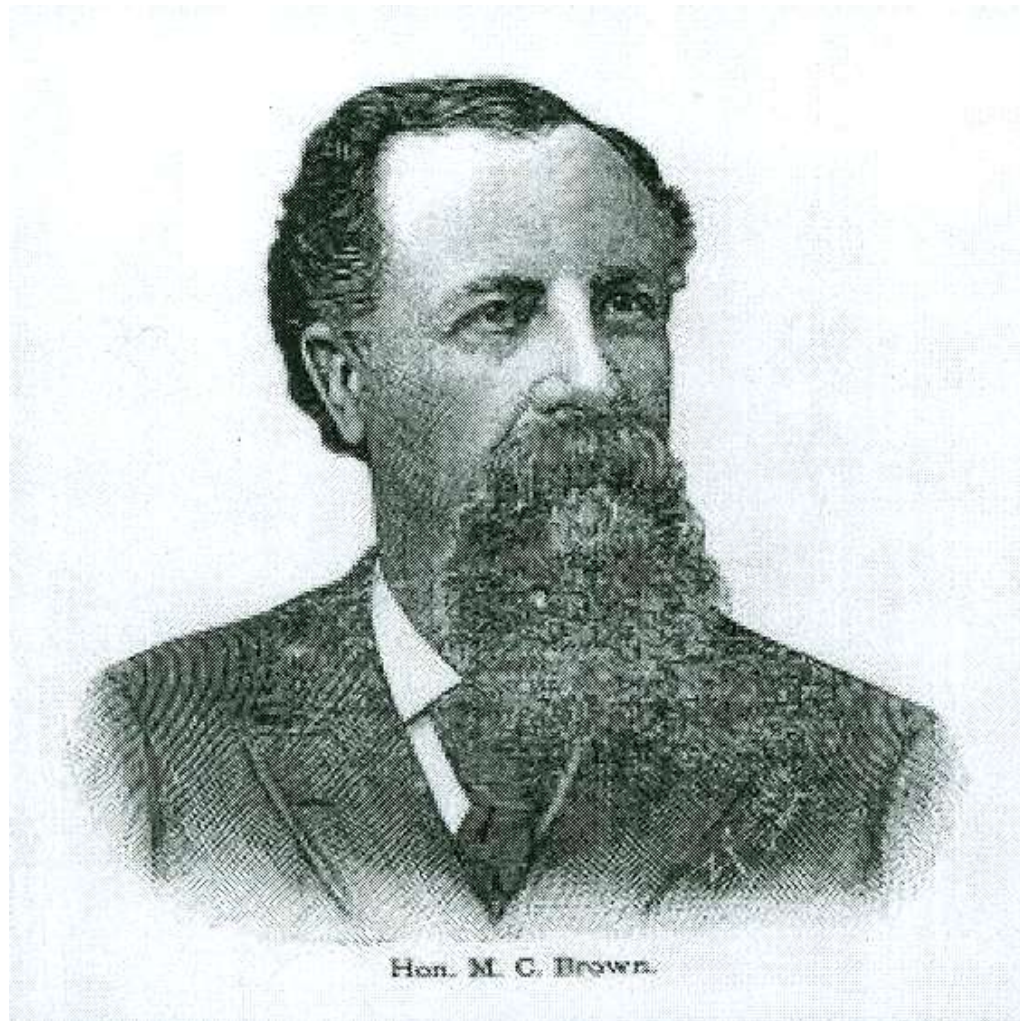
The Territorial Penitentiary located across the river between Haley-Fox slaughter house and the Hunter ranch was completed in 1872. The Cheyenne-ites chided: "Laramie was selected for the site because it was needed most there." From an original: Wyoming Collection, Western Historical Research Center, University.



Mrs. May Preston Slosson, Laramie, first woman prison chaplain, with son Preston. Photo: May Slosson collection. Archives and Western History Dept., University of Wyoming.

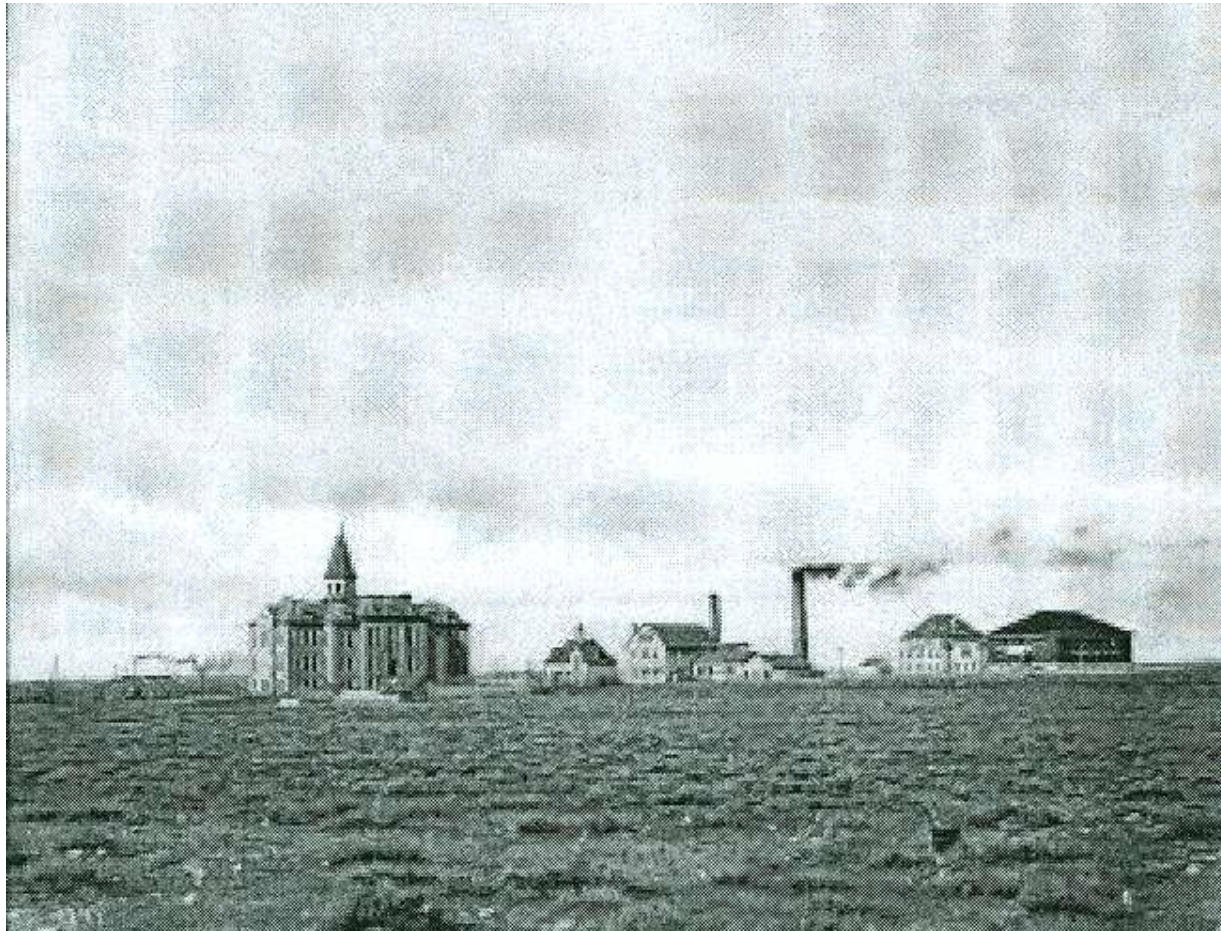
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“Honorable M.C. Brown.” American Heritage Center Digital Collections 160878



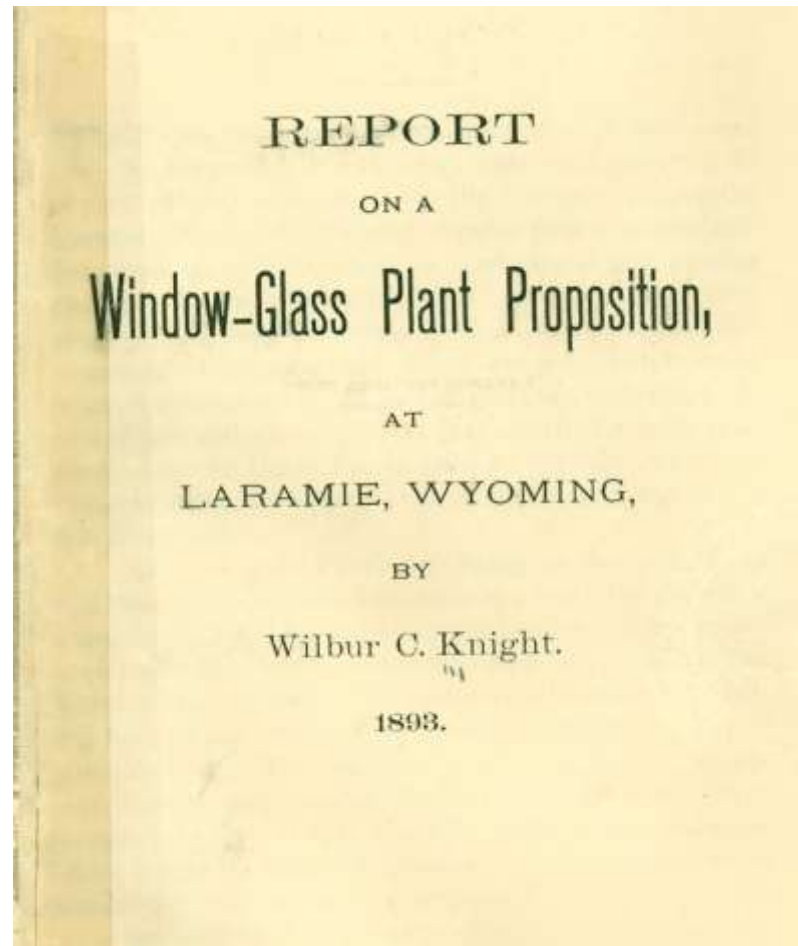
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“University of Wyoming campus looking N.W. from Grand Avenue and 12th Street, 1904.” American Heritage Center Digital Collections 101496



The People of Laramie

Knight, Wilbur C. "Report on a Window-Glass Plant Proposition, at Laramie, Wyoming." Laramie, Wyoming: Laramie Sentinel Print, 1893.



GROW old along with me!
The best is yet to be,
The last of life, for which the first was made:
Our times are in his hand
Who saith, “A whole I planned,
Youth shows but half; trust God: see all, nor be afraid!”

-Robert Browning from “Rabbi Ben Ezra”