

# THEY WILL HANG.

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## Preparations for the Execution of the Talbott Boys To-Morrow.

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## The Feeling in and About Maryville—Great Excitement.

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[Special Telegram to The Evening Star]

St. Joseph, July 21.—The excitement over the hanging of the Talbott boys to-morrow is increasing hourly. All hopes of interference by the governor have been given up by the friends of the condemned men, and they themselves have about given up. They are more affected now than at any previous time.

### SHERIFF TOEL,

of Nodaway county, is in town. He has received a telegram from Gov. Crittenden, telling him to prepare everything for the execution to-morrow.

Mrs. Belle Talbott, mother of the boys, and Hon. Lase Dawson, their attorney, are here in almost constant consultation. Sheriff Toel is going about his business very quietly and determinedly. He has received an anonymous letter telling him that if he hangs the boys he will be killed himself. This sort of talk will have no effect on him, as he has no personal fear whatever, and cares about as much for such threats as he does for the blowing of the wind.

### HON. LAKE DAWSON

is about as much worried over the unfavorable condition of things as any man well can be, and while he still entertains slight hopes of a reprieve, his faith is not that which moves mountains.

It is said by friends of the Talbotts that the only reason they must hang is because the people of the county demand it. There has never been a judicial hanging in Nodaway county, and there have been many murders, a number of them as atrocious as that for which Charles and Albert Talbott are to hang to-morrow, and consequently the people of Nodaway demand that in this case the law be vindicated.

Probably no one man is in a greater degree responsible for this state of things than Hon. Lake Dawson. He has defended, and successfully, nearly every murderer in this section of the country for 15 years, and until now has never had a client hang, consequently he feels this as a direct blow at his reputation, and it is one he is doing his utmost to avert. He has fought nobly to save his clients, and if he fails they will have no reason to say that they have not been ably defended. Everything possible has been done to save them.