

## KU-KLUX DOINGS.

Missionaries in the Southern States  
Mistreated.

By means of private letters received in this city, we learn of the persecution to which some of the Elders in Georgia have recently been subjected. A letter from one of them, Elder S. G. Spencer, to a companion in the field, dated Blair, Ga., June 13th, which has been forwarded to us, says:

Two meetings were held at the chapel, last week, controlled by R. Maddox, and a regular "ku-klux" party was organized, every man signing his name to a villainous manuscript declaring that we should be exterminated or put to death. A larger number than you would suppose have attached their names to the "law" invented by R. Maddox.

After our meeting was dismissed last night (at James Newman's) four or five young roughs came bolting in and sat down. We could see by their eyes that they meant mischief, but we felt in nowise uneasy. We continued to sing the blessed songs of Zion to the edifying of our appreciative listeners. The hymn on page 227 was rendered with the spirit and meaning, and "good nights" were exchanged. Elder B— accompanied Wm. Newman, while I being kindly invited to remain at James Newman's, felt the Spirit prompt me to stay.

WE FELT NO ALARM,

and retired to rest, and I never knew anything more of myself until I was awakened this morning by the cooking of breakfast. I had just begun to dress myself when I heard Elder B— and Wm. Newman coming. I was somewhat startled when I heard them say that Elder B— had been "knocked over" by one of the crowd that put in their appearance after our meeting was closed. — Robert Maddox' son; but when I saw that he was not seriously hurt, I begged for further particulars.

It appears that they all walked along together from where they had left us until they came to the trail that turns towards Wm. Newman's when he and Elder B— bid the others good-night. (Mr. Farmer among the rest,) and before they could reach the house, they heard high words passing between Farmer and the four roughs. Knowing full well what would be the fate of Farmer among so many demon-like fellows, they rushed to his assistance. Wm. and Elder B— talked very calmly and deliberately, telling them not to have any fracas on the Sabbath day, etc.

## THE SCOUNDRELS

then commenced throwing their villainous abuse at Elder B—, and used my name also. In fact, the most of the abuse was against me, because I do the most public speaking. They accused us of being "thieves and robbers," railed on our books, and spoke all manner of blasphemy against the work of God.

Elder B— in his quiet and easy way told them that there was no use talking that way; for he did not come out to have a row, but to preach the Gospel. His calmness seemed to only infuriate them, and young Maddox determined to try another plan. He walked forward, dealt Elder B. a severe blow in the stomach, overcoming him for an instant, when he stepped forward to where William Newman had stopped the assailant, demanding why he had struck an innocent and unoffending man. William and Maddox were about to clench, when my colleague begged for peace, assuring them that they should not take any notice of that; thanks to Mr. Maddox that he had not hurt him any more.

Just then a

## HIGHER POWER

seen to interpose and brought them to realize the picture they were painting, and with a few threatening words, the roughs made their welcome exit, while the three "Mormons," i. e., Elder B—, Brother Farmer and William Newman wended their way to where the frightened wife of the latter sat at the door; and the remainder of the night rested in peace(?)

Farmer has gone to Augusta, and will put the case in the hands of officials. We would rather that he would not, but he will have his own way; I feel no alarm about it.

We have a meeting appointed for next Sunday, at 11 a. m. at Brother Farmer's. I do not know what our destiny will be but it cannot be more than the death of the body, and they cannot take my life unless God permits them to do so. And if He grants them permission, I will not fight against it. I have defrauded no man, and I have injured no man.

Well, dear brother, it was God who called us in here, and he must call us out. "Do what is right and let the consequence follow," is our motto, and we intend to carry it out to the best of our ability, as God shall give us strength. Is that right?

Capital Mays and that lawyer at Blair, came up yesterday and told the people to go ahead and

## "RUN US OUT."

and that the law will never hurt them for it. Parson Delph offers to pay all damages. What can you expect of the people of this community, when all the leading men of the locality, together with the press, engage in inciting to lawlessness? Alas! We must look for nothing better than Stephen got. Thank God, we are in the same cause. If it is the Lord's will that we leave here for a season, we have a Mr.

Conphlin, about four miles from here, who has his house waiting to entertain us.

I feel as though things will come to some kind of a clash, but feel perfectly easy about it, knowing full well that whatever comes it will be for our good.

I hope you will find a few honest souls in Augusta; give my kind regards to those with whom I had the pleasure of forming an acquaintance.

Elder B— joins me in sending kind wishes and tender feelings for your welfare.

## The First Shipment.

The first shipment of California wine to be made to Utah, Montana and Idaho points over the Union Pacific's new route, via Portland, left the city yesterday by the steamship *Columbia*, of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company's line. There was a good tonnage, considering the fact that the tariff had only been announced three days ahead of the sailing time. The reduced rates please the shippers. A large shipment will be made to Helena, M. T., on the next steamer, which will sail on the 26th inst. In order to avoid friction with the Central and Northern Pacific lines, the rates to Ogden and Helena are made the same as in former tariffs. Through business from points east of Ogden is not being routed via Portland, but in case of trouble with the Southern Pacific Company that course could and undoubtedly would be taken.—*San Francisco Chronicle*, June 23.

E. Snipes, son of George R. Snipes, and Melly Hoy were drowned in the *Columbia* near Dalles, Oregon, on the 24th. They had gone out boat-riding in company with James Simple, Harry Maher and Lizzie Hoy. About 9 o'clock p. m., when opposite the freight depot, the boat began to leak, causing excitement in which the boat was upset and all thrown into the river. Three clung to the boat and were saved; the two above mentioned sank. The bodies were recovered.



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