

EDITORIALS.

Our neighboring State, Nevada, seems to be badly afflicted just now with a mania for the formation of vigilance committees. A short time since an association of this kind was formed at Virginia and Gold Hill, and Willis, the culprit in the incendiary fire at the Opera House, and Perkins Heffnan, the murderer, were among the first who suffered under their administrations. Since then similar organizations have been formed at Hamilton and Winnemucca; and at Carson, the Capital of the State, a "Citizens Protective Association" is now being talked of. The Vigilante disease is spreading and threatens to become epidemic in Nevada, and is indicative of a terribly unhealthy condition of the moral and civil atmosphere.

Vigilance committees, under almost any circumstance, are an unmitigated nuisance. There may be some slight palliation or excuse for their existence and for the summary execution of justice at their hands under some extreme circumstances, such for instance as in California in the earliest days of the gold excitement, while society there was in a state of chaos, and before civil and judicial officers and tribunals were created and established. But in old-settled communities like those of the cities named above, in Nevada, their formation can scarcely be attended with other than evil and mischievous results. In communities where such irresponsible organizations are tolerated no person is safe; for however honorable and just in intent may be some of those who compose them, there will invariably be found amongst them many men who are of a reckless and desperate turn and have but slight regard for human life or the principles of justice; and the moment a community tolerates such an organization in its midst, it lays the sure foundation for the overthrow of all legitimate government and admits the entering wedge to its own ruin, and the introduction and spread of anarchy.

The action of the people of Nevada in permitting Vigilance committees in several of their leading cities, where all the officers and appliances of legitimate and stable local government exist, cannot prove otherwise than prejudicial to their own best interests. It has long been known, from the enormous debt with which the State is encumbered and the heavy taxes imposed upon its people, that the administration of the State government was not near as good as it might be; and the anxiety manifested recently to have Utah, which has given such abundant demonstration of ability in this respect, annexed to Nevada, we regarded as a very strong though tacit admission of the same fact; but the formation and toleration of vigilance committees seems to put the capstone to the confession of inability and mal-administration; and we think, judging from present indications, that the only way to restore order, ensure the administration of justice, re-establish security and to perpetuate the autonomy of the State of Nevada, is for her to reform the administration of her State and municipal affairs by copying after Utah; or, failing in that, for Utah or some other State or Territory to take hold of and rescue it from the vortex into which it is now plunged. In this view of the case, the press and the great majority of the reflecting portion of the citizens of Nevada will, no doubt coincide with us.

A new fashion is being introduced in the East, we notice, of correcting mis-statements made in obituary notices. Ex-Senator Howard, of Michigan, died of apoplexy a few weeks since. The *Golden Age*, in alluding to his death, said (on what it thought was excellent authority) that Mr. Howard was disappointed in not being re-elected to the Senate—a statement which we, from our recollection of the man, were quite prepared to believe. But it seems that the departed Senator, while living, was a Spiritualist, and since his death his friends have been calling him up. The Secretary of the Michigan Republican State Central Committee is one of these friends, and he writes to the *Golden Age* that, since the body and spirit of Mr. Howard parted, he has given repeated evidence to his friends that he still lives, and is able to manifest himself to them with the most satisfactory tests of his identity. He himself, he writes, within a week after Mr. Howard's death, had a communication from him in the spirit world, and that in this communication he desired the *Golden Age* to say to its readers that he was not disappointed in his non-election. It might be thought

that this was a trifling thing for a spirit to be troubled about, and if no further explanation had been made, the conclusion would probably have been, that politicians were as sensitive about public opinion in the spirit world as they are while in the flesh. But whoever it was that personated Mr. Howard gives another reason for the anxiety manifested upon this point; and that is, that the spirits, long before his death, had prophesied to him that not he, but another candidate, would be chosen. So two points are made by this communication: the reputation of the spirits as prophets is preserved, and Mr. Howard is saved from the reputation of being a disappointed politician.

After this editors will have to be careful about writing the obituaries of departed politicians, especially if they have been spiritualists or have spiritualist friends. They may say as many good things about them as they please, and mis-represent them to any length in that direction, but they may find it necessary, as in the case of the *Golden Age* with ex-Senator Howard, to correct whatever they say of an uncomplimentary character. The *Golden Age* has made ample amends for its misstatement, and we should imagine that when these friends of Mr. Howard meet again, they will receive a communication expressive of the satisfaction which its correction has given.

The *Pacific Rural Press* discusses the question whether California's mechanics can or cannot successfully compete with the mechanics of the Eastern States. In contrasting the Soule improved farm wagon, manufactured in California, with the Studebaker farm wagon, candor and truth compels the *Press* to say that in general style, finish and adaptation to the purposes for which they are made, the California is the better wagon. It proceeds to state the points upon which the California wagon-makers base their claim to the superiority of the California-made wagon over the imported:

1st. That the timber used in the California-made wagons being almost wholly obtained from the Atlantic seaboard States, and a very large proportion of it of second growth, is much better than that used in the imported wagons, which is obtained from the western forests where the wagons are made, and which is well known to be from large trees of the first growth of timber.

"2d. That even if the timber used in the wagons was of equal quality, which they deny, the California wagons, being put up in a drier climate, and of timber that has for a long time been subject to the action of that dry climate, must necessarily be, and are, much more serviceable and more valuable than wagons put together in the comparatively damp climate of the Atlantic States. Especially so, if the wagons are to be used in the dry atmosphere, and dry and hot soils of California, Nevada, Utah, Montana, Arizona and New Mexico.

3d. That the experience of the California mechanics on the ground, and having come from, and having brought with them the skill and tact of all parts of the world, has given them a better understanding of the special wants and peculiar necessities of the farmers and others who use wagons on this coast, and has the better prepared them to meet those wants and necessities in all that relates to the strength, proportion, adaptability and durability of wagons to be used here or in a similar climate."

All these points apply with nearly equal force to wagons manufactured in this Territory. The day will come, we doubt not, when wagons and carriages will be manufactured here that will be better adapted in every respect for the wants of this region than imported wagons. Already the firm of Naylor Bro's. in this city is gaining a reputation in this branch that we hope they will continue to enhance and maintain. They are prudent, energetic, business men, and have laid a good foundation, when their means is taken into consideration, for a fine, thrifty business in the future. But to compete successfully with Eastern manufacturers and stop the importation of wagons into this Territory, more capital is needed, and to obtain this co-operation might be advantageously brought to bear. This is the principle, though not called by that name, which the *Press* urges upon the attention of wagon makers in California. It says, speaking of the Eastern wagon manufacturers: "Their capital, skill and energy is

united, ours is divided. We cannot if we would, and we would not if we could, reduce them to our unenviable position. The only chance to get even with them and to become their successful rivals in supplying this great future trade of the Pacific Coast, is to do as they have done. Break up our little one-man shops by the wayside, unite our skill, obtain labor-saving machines, classify and economize our labor, command, and obtain, as we then can, unlimited capital, and first-class business capacity to manage it. Being in such a position, and in possession of equal facilities in these respects, united with the advantages of the points claimed above by our mechanics, would there be any need of fears as to imported wagons?"

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Also to make cash entry No. 2467, for the Townsite of Kanara, Kane County, embracing the following described lands, to wit: The S half of the N E quarter and the N half of the S E quarter of Sec. 34, and the S W and the N W quarter of Sec. 35, Township 37, South of Range 12 West, containing 200 acres.

Also to make cash entry No. 2630, for the Townsite of Tequerville, Kane County, embracing the following described lands, to wit: Lot 1, S half of the N W quarter and the E half of the S W quarter and the N W quarter of the S W quarter of Sec. 2, Township 41, South of Range 13 West, containing 240 acres.

To make the proof required by law, and show that I am entitled to have the entries made, under "An Act of Congress, for the relief of the inhabitants of cities and towns upon the public lands," approved March 2, 1867, and also "An Act amendatory thereto," approved June 8, 1868, for the use and benefit of the inhabitants thereof, at which time and place any person or persons can appear and show cause, if any there be, why such entry should not be made.

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