

## THE PREVENTION OF CRIME.

The extraordinary prevalence of crime in this country is a thing that must appeal to the most serious attention of statesmen, public guardians and thoughtful people of every class. Not a newspaper but brings news of some rape, highway robbery or terrible murders. This is becoming the age of crime, and that, too, of unpunished crime. The most horrid outrages known to man are committed, the criminals often escape detection, and go for years, and sometimes forever, unknown. A dozen murders have been committed within the last two years, the perpetrators of which are still unknown; an hundred outrages on females, and the scoundrels undetected; a thousand robberies, and the stolen property unrecovered.

Nor is this all. When the malefactors are arrested and brought into the halls of justice, the chances are even that, by some legal quibble, they will escape the punishment due them. The case may be so plain that even the friends of the criminal admit his guilt, but he is by no means condemned on that account. A clerk may neglect to dot an "i," or cross a "t," a fault in the indictment is found, and the accused, already condemned by public opinion, may, and often does, escape to repeat his diabolical crimes elsewhere.

Take a notable case. A little boy is playing with his mates. Two men come along, and persuade him to go with them. He does so, and that is the last known of Charlie Ross. If the earth had opened and swallowed him, he would not have been more completely lost. Two men have baffled the utmost efforts of an hundred detectives, and after a year of search are forced to confess themselves as much in the dark as ever. Take another. An old man, living in a densely peopled part of a large city, is struck down by the hand of an assassin. His murderer opens the front door, goes out, perhaps brushes by the arm of a policeman, walks down the street in the glaring light of the gas lamps, turns a corner and is gone. That is all; the world knows no more who he is, whence he came, and whither he has gone, than if he had never been born. The coroner's jury comes and sits with owl-like gravity; the police come, pry and smell in every corner, go away, investigate, and accomplish nothing.

Take the Gad's Hill affair as a type of the other daring railroad robberies lately committed. Five men stop a crowded passenger train, rob the mails, steal the express money, rob the road agents and the passengers, mount their horses and ride off, and that is all. By this act it is clearly demonstrated that five men may, and with impunity do, dare the anger and defy the power of a traveling public, a rich railroad corporation, an express company, a State's authorities, and the United States Government.

Let the kaleidoscope turn again, and another scene comes to view—one that touches the heart of every father, mother and brother in the land. A little child lies silent in her coffin. Flowers are strewn around her, the solemn words of the funeral service are heard, amid the weeping of a disconsolate mother and the sobs of a stricken father; the little cold body is laid away to everlasting sleep, the clouds cover the coffin, the turf is laid over the grave, and the sad act is over. Painful enough it is, if the little one has died in her mother's arms, if she has peacefully breathed out her last sigh on the loving breast of a father, and whispered her final words of love into his attentive ear. Sad enough when the patient hand of a sister has wiped the death-damp from the innocent brow, closed the eyes that never looked on iniquity, and composed the tiny limbs for their last resting place. But the little one has met a different fate. She knew no sin, and yet was made the victim of a human devil. She was subjected to the most damnable outrage that can be conceived, and then strangled to prevent its discovery. Every father, deserving the name, will feel his heart burn and his hands quiver if he thinks how he would feel and act if the case were that of his own innocent child.

How long are such things to continue? Is there any efficiency in our police, or any justice in our courts? If so, why are not demons who perpetrate such outrages caught and hanged, as they ought to be?

If such occurrences take place often, who can blame the people for taking judgment in their own hands and administering a swift and terrible justice on such offenders? At this moment, every father who reflects on the circumstances would uphold and defend the action of any set of men who would summarily lynch such an offender, and nine hundred and ninety-nine out of every thousand in the nation would say, well done!—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat, July 24.*

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## DECEASED.

In Panaca, Lincoln Co., Nevada, JANE VAIL, widow of Francis Lee, of dropsy and liver complaint, July 10, 1876, aged fifty-nine years and nine months.

Deceased received the gospel in her youth in the year 1831, and ever since, through a long life checked by the vicissitudes of fortune, has clung to the faith which was revealed through the Prophet Joseph with an undeviating firmness highly praiseworthy. She was married to Francis Lee, who was also a member of the Church, in the year 1835, and soon after gathered with her husband to Liberty, Clay Co., Missouri; was driven thence; they settled at Far West, but soon had to flee before a ruthless mob and found a temporary asylum in Adam's Co., Ill.; thence they moved to Nauvoo, and eventually to Utah in 1850, being participants in connection with the church, of all the meetings and drivings during all those eventful years. While passing through these vicissitudes, many of which were heartrending, the deceased gave birth to seven children, all of which added to the burden of those days, but she endured all patiently in the hope of a glorious reward in the future. Since arriving in Utah she has borne four children, making in all eleven of a family, all of whom, but two, are still living and members of the church. In the fall of 1860 Francis Lee and family were called from Tooele to go south to help settle Dixie. They first located on the Santa Clara, and the few first years passed through many of the tight places experienced by the first settlers in the southern country. Early in the year 1861 the family again moved to help establish another new place, viz., Panaca, which was at that time considered to be in Utah, though now it is in Nevada. During the first summer and winter the Indians were very angry and troublesome, stealing all the stock they could get away with. About the same time a few miners were prospecting in and around what is now Pioche, the settlers and prospectors having to assist each other in protecting themselves from the Indians. In 1866 Francis Lee died in Panaca, leaving the cares of a large family, in a sparsely inhabited region, to devolve on his widow, now lately deceased. She, being of a firm, indomitable character, directed the affairs of the family in a masterly manner and gathered together many of the comforts of life around her. She died as she had lived, having full faith in the gospel and in a glorious resurrection.—COM.

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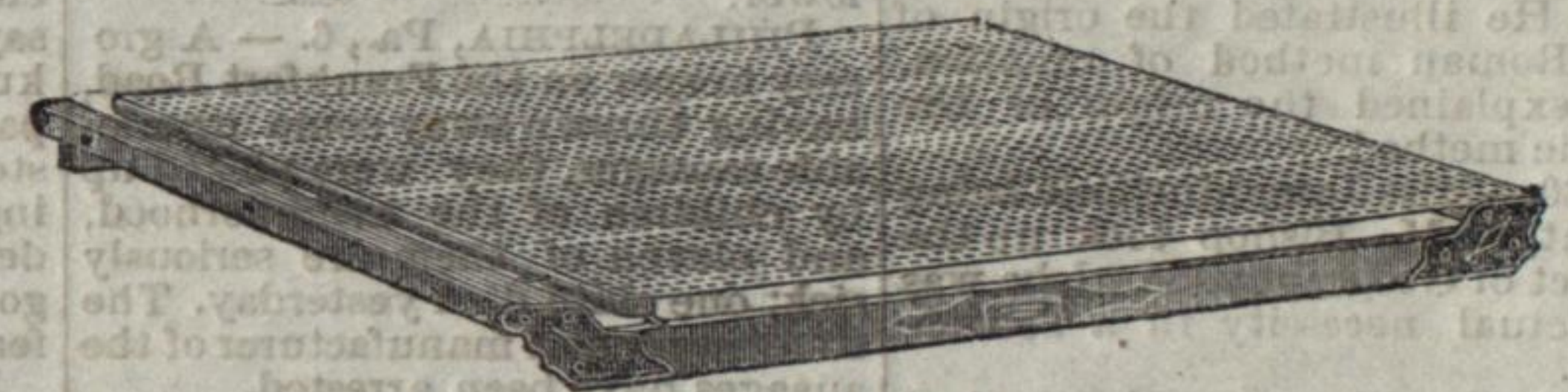
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