

DESERET EVENING NEWS.

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VIGILANCE COMMITTEE IN INDIANA.

A MIDNIGHT raid has lately been made upon a jail in New Albany, Indiana, and four persons were seized and hung in the jail by the mob. Three of the victims were brothers by the name of Frank, Simeon and William Reno, and the other prisoner was named Charles Anderson. These men were notorious as express robbers; they robbed an express last Spring of \$100,000, and nearly murdered the express messenger. The whole country was thrown into a great excitement about this robbery, it only being one of a series of robberies which had been committed in that vicinity. A vigilance committee was organized at Seymour, which has been in existence some time. This committee has not made any particular secret of its intentions to take the law into its own hands, as the editor of the New Albany Daily Commercial seems to have been aware of them, and warned the citizens of that place, some weeks before the raid was made, that the Seymour Vigilance Committee contemplated an early visit to the jail.

The Committee numbered from seventy to seventy-five men, all well dressed, and they wore red flannel masks which completely concealed their features. Each man was armed with one or more revolvers, a heavy club about thirty inches long and a slung shot. They came on a railroad train, which they had under their control, and seemed to have taken every measure to carry out their deadly purpose without interruption.

After reaching New Albany they placed patrols along the street from the railroad to the jail, and a strong guard was also placed around the jail. They succeeded in effecting an entrance into the Sheriff's premises, and demanded of the Sheriff the keys of the jail, and told him that if he made any noise they would shoot him, at the same time pointing their revolvers at him. He would not give them the keys, and escaped from them and attempted to raise an alarm, in doing which he was shot in the arm, and knocked down with the butt end of a pistol. His wife, when she saw the blood on her husband's clothes, commenced crying; the mob told her to stop crying and keep perfectly quiet, or she would be killed. A friend of the Sheriff's who was at his house begged the privilege of going for a surgeon to dress his wound, but the vigilantes would not permit it, he was told to wait. When they left they took this man with them to the train, to prevent his giving the alarm, and told him as soon as the train started he could go for a surgeon. They had everything ready for the hanging, and did not occupy more than five minutes in executing their vengeance on the prisoners. When they seized William Reno he protested that he had nothing to do with the robbery; but they paid no attention to him. He has always, it is said, declared his innocence of the charge against him, and his brothers have reiterated and endorsed his declaration as true.

It is strange that the police of New Albany knew nothing about the mob being there until it had performed its work and departed.

The Commercial, in commenting upon this dreadful deed, says there is little doubt that the mob is the creature that has grown up from the utter impossibility of securing a conviction in criminal cases, particularly where the defendants have money. There is law enough, it says, to convict and properly punish offenders; but justice is smothered in a multitude of cunningly devised enactments known as the rules of the courts.

There has seemed to be, for some time a growing belief throughout the country that the officers of the law are not equal to the demands of justice. This is at least the excuse which is given for the organization of vigilance committees in various places. There can be no permanent prosperity, or security for life and property in any community where an illegal organization usurps the functions of the officers of justice and becomes prosecutor, jury, judge and executioner. Such organizations commit greater crimes, as a rule, than those they endeavor to correct or punish. They have never been productive of any good; but in almost every instance they have been used by wicked men and arch-soundrels, who have contrived to join them to cloak their own crimes, to carry out private schemes of vengeance and to gratify their worst passions. Every honest and patriotic man should oppose such organizations; they are fraught with evil to all concerned—themselves and the community in which they exist. A mob does not think, reason, or feel any responsibility, and is utterly incapable of executing justice with impartiality. It can wreak revenge, and it is as liable to execute it upon the innocent as upon the guilty, if appearances and prejudices should be against the former.

The law should be strictly and severely enforced against all such proceed-

ings as these which have taken place at New Albany. However criminal the victims may have been, mobs should be taught that they cannot take the law into their own hands without being punishable as law-breakers. The supremacy of the law should be maintained at all hazards, and where it can not be, and mobs can organize and operate unpunished, anarchy must sooner or later prevail. The condition of such a people is fearful.

CHRISTMAS.—This time honored anniversary has again rolled round, and with its advent what a host of joyful reminiscences crowd the mind. Christmas the time of never-to-be-forgotten family reunions and social gatherings. Many of the happiest recollections of our early years are associated with this great anniversary of the Christian world. Christmas is ever green; it never grows old, but each succeeding year rolls round, each succeeding Christmas is looked to with as much eagerness as its predecessor. That dear old Santa Claus, who fills the stockings with bon bons and toys is ever welcomed eagerly by the youngsters, and at that season, in many portions of the earth, the members of families who may have been separated and divided by long distances, make it a point, if possible, to meet again with father and mother and participate in old time joys and pleasures. All hail to Christmas. We delight to honor it, and wish all, especially the readers of the News, a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

No ISSUE TO-MORROW.—To-morrow being Christmas Day, there will be no issue of the DESERET NEWS. We feel assured that our readers will receive this announcement good naturedly, believing that they are as willing for the "typos" to enjoy the great holiday as they are to enjoy it themselves.

EASTERN MAIL.—Mr. Street, Postmaster, wishes us to notify the public that the Eastern mail, on and after this day, will leave Salt Lake City at half past twelve o'clock p.m.

THE MEAT MARKET.—The show of meat and poultry—beef, mutton, pork, turkeys, geese, ducks and fowl, both domestic and wild—in the meat market to-day, surpasses anything yet seen here, and very hard to surpass anywhere. It is almost impossible to particularize any where all so excellent, but the show of Lattie, Garrett & Chandler includes about ninety beefs, a bear, raised by Levi, and a buffalo. Mr. Jennings display, as also that of Orinette & Poppo are first rate in all respects, the display of meat of various kinds is enormous, to tempt the appetite of the most fastidious gourmands and epicures, and above, the stock raising Utah is fast becoming second to no other place.

GRATIFYING NEWS FROM OAHU.—By letter from Elder Geo. Nebeker, of Oahu, Sandwich Islands, to President Young, we are highly gratified to learn that very encouraging success is at last crowning the efforts of the brethren on the sugar plantation of Lale, on the Island of Oahu. The letter dated December 6th, contained a small specimen of the sugar manufactured by them. It is brown sugar of the best quality, and worth by the sack here, about thirty cents per pound. The juice is clarified by steam, and the centrifugal or dry sugar is run from the same boilers. The juice is reduced in open pans. About twenty men, mostly natives, are employed, and with this force, about one ton of sugar and one hundred gallons of molasses were produced daily. *Ua pomakali lakou.*

DIED, in the 16th Ward, Salt Lake City, of heart disease, Harriet, wife of John T. R. Hicks. The deceased was born January 31, 1831, at Woolwich, England. The funeral services took place at the 16th Ward Schoolhouse to-day at one o'clock.

RETURNED.—Bro. George Alder, of the firm of Dunford & Sons, who left this city for the East, about eight weeks ago, returned last night, having visited Boston, New York, Philadelphia, St. Louis and Chicago. Mr. Alder says all the Utah freight that has been lying at Omaha has been forwarded, and is now lying at Bryan, and he thinks that in the course of a week or ten days it will be forwarded to Evanston, the present terminus, which is on Yellow Creek, about seven or eight miles this side of Bear River. Bryan is collapsing, most of the business moving along to Evanston. Trains do not stop at Bear River city now; they have not even a switch there; they stop to coal some distance on the other side, and then run right along to Evanston. The roads are good between here and the terminus and quite an amount of freight may be expected to arrive here in a very few days. The firm of Dunford & Sons, through the exertions of Mr. Alder, are now in constant receipt of new goods from the eastern markets.

FROM BEAR RIVER.—From private correspondence we learn that a general railroad smash-up occurred half a mile east of Bear River city on the 21st inst., resulting in the total wreck of nine cars. No one injured. We also learn that Tom Smith, the leader of the late riot, has been sent to the Salt Lake Penitentiary. There is no snow at that point. Special mail agent, Ball, says he thinks no mail will be transferred at Echo City. Part of the material for the Frontier Phoenix is at Bryan City. The passenger trains are running to Evanston. Bear River city is very quiet as regards "civilization," but business is lively considering the amount of people left there.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT.—The Cheyenne Leader of the 19th inst., says, "This morning the passenger train from the west, ran into the rear of freight train No. 8, at Hazard Station. These cars were wrecked, the engineer, fireman and conductor of the passenger train, sustained some bruises and scratches, but nobody was killed. No one on the freight was injured at all."

DEDICATION.—Yesterday evening Wm. Jennings, Esq., had his new house, erected in the 16th Ward, dedicated. Among the invited guests were Presidents B. Young, George A. Smith and Daniel H. Wells, with Elders Orson Pratt, Wilford Woodruff, Franklin D. Richards, George Q. Cannon, Joseph F. Smith, B. Young, Jun., Joseph A. Young, Bishop Edward Hunter and William Paul, the architect, and their ladies. The building is well designed, with harmony pervading all its parts; and inside it does great credit to the owner's taste, discrimination and judgment. In the principal drawing room, the pattern being green and gold, the workmanship, pictures and picture frames are fine specimens of home art, home taste and home productions. Mr. R. Ramsey did the carrying and Mr. Edward Artin furnished the furniture. Among the pictures is one—Christ blessing children—by Bro. Dan. Wegeland, which is a very fine specimen of art. The massive gilt frame is also of home manufacture, and is the workmanship of Bro. Wm. Gregg.

The sleeping apartments are well arranged and elegantly furnished, and the height and roominess throughout are conducive to good health and exhibit a proper appreciation of the sanitary rules requisite in the construction of first-class dwelling houses. The guests sat down to a hearty repast at about six o'clock, and after a most pleasant reunion all separated with hearty wishes for the prosperity of the owner and his family.

We congratulate Bro. Jennings on the taste and judgment displayed in all parts of the building, and are pleased to see such partial residences rising among us.

CALLED.—We were glad, to-day, to receive word from our old friend, Major Seth M. Blair. The Major reports that a company has been formed down south for the manufacture of iron, consisting of a President and five members. Mr. Blair reports that the company is located at Pinto, 30 miles west of Cedar City, Iron Co., and they have succeeded in making fire bricks, the only reliable ones, the Major thinks, that have been made west of the Missouri. They have also built two furnaces and a cupola, and their efforts to reduce the iron ore have been crowned with complete success. Stone coal abounds there, but they reduce the ore with cedar wood, by a process of their own, which is attended with excellent success. This is splendid news! Cotton, silk and wool, all raised and manufactured in Utah in abundance, promise, at no early day, to enrich our community.

CALLER.—We had a very pleasant interview yesterday with Mr. R. Benedict, of the firm of M. D. Wells & Co., boot and shoe manufacturers. Mr. R. O. Cundy, of the firm of Barnum, Dorr & Co., Importers of Fancy Dry Goods, and Mr. G. W. Tappan, of the firm of Carhart, Lewis & Co., Importers of Hats, Caps, Fur, etc., all of Chicago. These gentlemen are here to promote the interests of their several firms. We wish them plenty of success in their business, and trust that their business operations will be highly satisfactory and successful. The business men of Chicago are evidently fully alive to the importance of the Salt Lake trade, and their enterprise, in sending their representatives, such a large number will be most certain to result in securing the greater share of the trade of the Territory.

(Special to the Deseret Evening News.)
By Telegraph.

GENERAL.

San Francisco, 23.—The bark *Anne W. Weston*, from Philadelphia, was captured at Point Pedro, thirteen miles south of the Golden Gate, this morning, and floated off and was towed into the harbor by a steaming tug, and now lies in eighteen feet of water, off Vallejo street wharf.

St. Louis.—Grant's official majority in Missouri is 24,431. McLurg, a Republican, has 19,327. The remainder of the Republican State ticket average a majority of 21,401. Democratic Congressmen were elected in the first and third districts; the remainder are Republicans. The vote in several counties has been thrown out, for disregard of law or illegal registration, so the whole matter will be laid before the Legislature. The Secretary of State will not issue certificates to anybody until the Legislature acts.

St. Louis.—A Kansas dispatch reports that the Kansas volunteers joined Gen. Sheridan on the 19th on the march to Fort Cobb. It is reported that the Indians had driven off all the stock belonging to Gen. Penrose's command, and that many of his men were badly frozen.

Louisville.—A terrible conflagration occurred at Crawfordsville, Indiana, last night, destroying a fifteen building, including six stores; the loss is fully \$25,000.

A magnificent four-story marble front building, at Evansville, was burned on Monday night, involving a loss of \$100,000.

Washington.—McCulloch has received a dispatch from the collector at Brownsville, Texas, stating that two inspectors of customs had been murdered in that district by a gang of robbers, and another badly wounded.

C. C. Menough, was to-day appointed stakeholder for the district of Montana. Boston. The jury in the U. S. District Court, to-day, rendered a verdict for the government against a distillery in South Boston, carried on by the Suffolk Lead Company, forfeiting their entire property to the government, valued at \$150,000.

New York.—It is reported that Treasurer Spinner is preparing a letter, in which he will review Senator Morton's scheme for redeeming the greenbacks.

The commercial travelers held another meeting to-day, which was largely attended. Several cases of hardship arising under the State license laws were presented. The general opinion favored the making of a test case, and taking it to the Supreme Court, but a committee was appointed to consult Attorney-General Evans.

The *Avalanche's* Little Rock special says refugees from the counties afflicted with the militia continue to flock to the city to escape outrages by the militia. A report that Gen. Grant had sent officers to investigate the outrages, was received with rejoicing.

FOREIGN.

Additional from Japan. The Mikado left Kyoto, Nov. 4th, and passed Yokohama on the 25th, and entered Yeddo the next day. The people of Yokohama turned out en masse to witness the procession. This is the first instance, according to Japanese authority, where the Mikado visited so distant a portion of his dominions for twenty centuries. Yeddo, before nearly deserted, is now peopled and the palaces were repaired in honor of his visit. The report of the defeat and surrender of the two princes Aiden is discredited at Yokohama by the sympathizers with the northern faction. The snow has fallen heavily in the northern provinces. Nothing is expected to be done by the southerners before spring. It is anticipated that a reconciliation will be effected in the meanwhile, for trade is languishing and matters are becoming worse. At Osaka and Kobe the paper money is issued by the government is at a discount of forty-five per cent. Paper money was to be issued at Yokohama, as it had been at Yeddo, where several Japanese were punished for refusing to receive it. The northern finances had issued a manifesto defending their cause, alleging that Satsuma was the cause of all grievance. Owing to the great increase in the trade in tea and in silk and silk worm eggs several Japanese merchants have failed to fill their contracts with foreigners, the government has therefore decreed that the accounts of merchants shall be hereafter examined by proper officers, and that only if time had been allowed to deal in those articles, only three are to be continued.

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London.—The report of the proposed conference on the Eastern question is fully confirmed.

Vienna.—The Press, the government organ, says, semi-officially, the plan originated with Russia backed by Prussia; and that the scheme is favored by Austria and Italy. The effort to settle the question without bloodshed will undoubtedly be successful.

Madrid.—The country is entirely tranquil. The government purposes to make material changes in the colonial magistracy.

Berlin.—The government has asked of the chambers credit for a hundred million drachmas. The ports of Paros and Patras are to be fortified.

Berlin.—The Prince of Montenegro has gone to St. Petersburg. The provincial correspondence of a semi-official newspaper, says the Great Powers have united to dissuade the Porte from expelling the Greeks from Turkey. The expulsion includes those in Servia and Roumania.

Paris.—Senator Chesner, to-day, was officially received by the Emperor as ambassador from Spain.

A Carlist disturbance had occurred at Navarez; fourteen persons had been arrested for participating therein.

The *Monitor*, to-day, in a leading editorial, says the active move of the Great Powers gives hope that diplomacy, by the exercise of moderation, will allay the Eastern troubles.

The *Public* newspaper says Russia approves the proposition of Prussia to invite England, France and Austria to a conference on the Turk and Greek difficulties.

Athens.—The ministry is still engaged in discussing the means for the defence of the country, but no formal steps have yet been taken in that direction.

Paris.—The *Monitor* has late Paraguayan advices, which say that the position of Lopez is critical, in consequence of his differences with the United States. He will probably seek a reconciliation with the American government. The *Monitor* also states that Paraguay continues to make an energetic resistance to the movements of the allied army.

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