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The Mountain Meadow Massacre.

As was anticipated, the jury in the Mountain Meadow Massacre case failed to find a verdict against Lee, the inhuman wretch who executed the barbarous slaughter of the emigrants. Nothing could be clearer than his guilt. Evidence, direct and circumstantial, closed around him, net-like, fold upon fold, until to all but those who were determined from the outset to acquit him, he lay helplessly involved, awaiting merely the rope of the hangman to rid the world of one of the most fiendish beings that ever destroyed human life. But the jury were unable to agree. They stood nine for acquittal and three (two Mormons and a Gentile) for conviction! The innocent blood on Mountain Meadow, which these long years have been appealing for vengeance, will remain a sore shame to the Territory of Utah so long as those who shed it walk the earth unpunished. The trial, lame and inconclusive as it has been, has put beyond dispute to every reasonable being that Brigham Young was a prime mover in the slaughter of the emigrants. The proposed massacre was the subject of discussion before a Mormon council. The details of the attack and the murder of the victims were carried out by Lee, with Dame and Higbee as assistants. The spoil was divided openly among the Mormons. Lee, as the historian of his own infamous acts, recited the circumstances of the horrible affair in a public assembly. The law can not stop at this impotent stage in the proceedings against the authors of one of the most blood-chilling acts of modern times. Our jurists ought to be able to institute a trial of the murderers which will place it beyond the power of those who sympathize with the accused to set aside the clearest evidence and to defeat justice. —New York Witness.

A VALUABLE OLD BUCKET.—A few days ago Joe Endicott, of Franklin Township, was plowing in a field near Darlington, which he had rented from an old man named Cox, when one of the shovels of his plow unearthed an old tin bucket. Joe had curiosity enough to examine the bucket, just as many another man looks at every old shoe he turns up in an unexpected place, but with a very different result. Within its rusty sides, carefully wrapped in paper, each placed to itself, were gold coins in fives, tens and fifties. Not one of each, but piles of them, and all genuine. Joe could count, but he could hardly trust his senses, for he made them amount to \$3,000. How the bucket came there, and how the money happened to drop into that bucket of all the places in that field, are puzzling questions. The story goes, however, that a little less than a score of years ago an odd old Englishman named Pratt worked in the Hollingsworth woolen factory, near the village of Darlington. He lived with his wife in a house which once stood in the field in which Endicott was plowing. He was reputed wealthy. He died during the early years of the war, leaving a widow who has since died. The gold just found is supposed to be a part of the treasure which this thrifty couple accumulated and which they probably buried when the war began. —Crawfordville (Ind.) Journal.

In proportion as the Republican party unloads bad men the Democrats increase by loading up with the same men. If the Democrats were sincere in their expressed desire for reform, there would be a third party, having no influence, composed of the refuse of the two great parties existing, and the third party would properly be called, not Independents, but the party of the damned. As it is, no man kicked from the Republican party is too mean to find favor with the Democrats, and such men are safe there, for the Democrats never unload. —N. O. Republican.

Democrats Playing Into the Hands of Grant.

Under this caption the New York Herald has a leader, composed largely of opposition to a third term, but presenting in a clear light the absolutely impregnable position President Grant will occupy if the Democrats continue the policy they have begun with. The tone of the article may be well judged by its concluding words. After depreciating the choice about to be forced on the people between inflation and a third term it says:

"The Herald will not relax its strenuous opposition to the third term as fraught with the greater danger. Financial distress and the wreck of business can not reasonably be put into the scale against the subversion of our popular institutions."

The people will probably think differently, and consider commercial prosperity with the privilege of electing the man they wish as many times as they like perfectly compatible with the free institutions of which they are as proud and hold to as tenaciously as the Herald could wish. It would be rather subversive of popular institutions if the American people were to be restricted, in the absence of any law, in their choice on a negative precedent that it had never been done before.

After detailing the blunders of the Democratic party in 1864, 1868 and 1872, war and protection candidates on peace and free trade platforms; the fact that negro antipathy, though outgrown by enlightened Southern leaders, still prevents liberal sentiments from influencing the masses; the splits whether the Democratic party shall be the white man's or not, or controlled by Morrissey or Kelly; and the fact that no Democrat in Ohio has denounced the platform, it asserts that Morton, Logan and Ferry will avoid the blunders of Pendleton, Ewing and Allen, that a blinder set of political idiots never existed, and that they are doing their utmost to create the public necessity to which the President said he might be induced to yield. If the party carries the Ohio election there will be no limit to the aggressive boldness of its inflation wing.

On this point President Grant has fully committed himself, and as the Herald says:

"His veto of the inflation bill, the most important of all his civil acts, rescued the country from the self same danger which is again threatened by the Ohio Democrats, and if the inflation battle is to be fought over in a new field it will be claimed by Grant's friends that he is the fittest leader. Nobody doubts that on that issue he can be relied upon. He is committed to sound views, not only by his settled convictions, but by that part of his official record which won him more confidence and applause than all the other acts of his administration. It is not in his character to deviate from that applauded veto, when pride, policy, inborn stubbornness, as well as his sense of the public interest and experience of public approbation, bind him to stubbornness and consistency. On that great issue the public feels it safe to trust him, and of all possible blunders his opponents could have committed none so egregious as to bring this issue again into politics. If the Democrats had given him carte blanche to select the issue, he could not have hit upon one so damaging to them or so full of promise to him. Besides being a question of the first magnitude, it is the one question upon which he is strongly entrenched in the public confidence."

With such a candidate as this, so praised by his bitterest opponent, the people will not be likely to consider they have lost any of their freedom in casting their votes for a third term, and against the "financial distress and wreck of business" which the Herald professes. —N. O. Republican.

Certain statements having reached the public through St. Louis newspapers and other sources that the President of the United States and the Secretary of the Treasury are not in full accord in their efforts to bring to justice all who have been engaged in the violation of the internal revenue laws in relation to the tax on distilled spirits, the President in a communication referring thereto, and forwarded by him to the Secretary, has made the following autograph indorsement:

"Referred to the Secretary of the Treasury. This was intended as a private letter for my information, and contained many extracts from St. Louis papers, not deemed necessary to forward. They are obtainable, and have no doubt been all read by the federal officials in St. Louis. I forward this for information and to the end that if it throws any light upon new parties to summons as witnesses they may be brought out. Let no guilty man escape if it can be avoided. Be especially vigilant, or instruct those engaged in the prosecution of fraud to be against all who insinuate that they have high influence to protect or to protect them. No personal consideration should stand in the way of performing a public duty. U. S. GRANT."

Louisville has been selected as the place for holding a convention of all the Grange purchasing agents, the first of October, at the time the national executive and State executive committees will be present, for the purpose of adopting a plan by which business can be conducted on a uniform system throughout the United States.

Geo. R. Hazwell, a broker, Geo. Marshall, Wm. Rae and Edward Hall have been arrested in New York charged with being implicated in the forgery of California and Oregon railroad bonds. Hall is believed to be leader of an extensive gang of bond counterfeiters.

While the wheat market is "booming," cotton manifests more depression than at any time within the past two months. Notwithstanding the fact that our crop for the year just ending has been fully 300,000 bales less than the preceding one, the stock of American cotton at Liverpool is 150,000 bales larger than it was a year ago, and the Liverpool price on the 22nd ult., was 6 15-16d., against 8d in 1874. The Liverpool Economist says that the market at Manchester is flat, that stocks are accumulating and that the raw material is in but little demand at Liverpool. England wants our wheat, for, however dull trade may become, her people must have bread to eat; but as to cotton the case is quite different. India is competing with cotton manufacturers on so formidable a scale as to drive them almost altogether out of the market there and in China. This was the prime cause of the recent heavy fallings in London, Liverpool and Manchester.

The Madison Journal has this to say of a prominent gentleman from that parish:

Our late District Attorney, Judge Hiram R. Steele, is a rising man. Less than six months ago he vacated the office of District Attorney for this District to become Assistant Attorney General for the State, and now he walks into the office of Superior Criminal Judge of New Orleans. We congratulate the Judge on his promotion, and the people of New Orleans on so good an officer. This appointment gives great satisfaction to the press of New Orleans. The Picayune, the Republican, the Times and the Bulletin are all content. Gov. Kellogg is to be congratulated; he has made an appointment that pleases all parties and all factions; the Radicals, the Conservatives, the Democrats and the White Leaguers are equally satisfied.

THAT SAVED HIM.—It has been generally supposed that a bald head was of no account, even to the owner, but Vicksburg stands up and remarks to the contrary. The other day a resident of this city went up to Thompson's Lake to get a shot at the big alligator, and while eating a cold bite in the shade a man jumped over the fence, presented an old army musket at his head and cried out:

"Stranger, unkniver yer head!" The Vicksburger was dumfounded, but made haste to remove his hat and exhibit a pate which shone like a newly polished pilpaw.

"Stranger, that saves ye!" continued the man, as he shouldered his musket; I thought ye was the red-headed peddler who charged my wife seventy-five cents for a testament which hasn't got a darned picture in it!"

A man about forty years of age, only about four feet high, accompanied by his wife and two step daughters, were lodged Wednesday night at the first district station. The man gave his name as James Hobbs, but his wife calls him James. This family is from Caldo parish, Louisiana, where they lived until about a year ago, when getting tired of their abode and being without means they started North on foot, working whenever necessity compelled them, and finally arrived here last Wednesday night, having been about one year on the road. —St. Louis Republican.

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