

A number of our contemporaries express the belief that the horrible disclosures contained in the confession of John D. Lee should lead to the speedy prosecution of all the prominent Mormons who were implicated in the Mountain Meadows massacre. It is now evident that the gigantic crime was a natural outgrowth of the peculiar organization Brigham Young had established in Utah, and of the perils by which it had become environed in 1857 on account of the rebellious and hostile attitude the Mormon authorities had assumed towards the United States. All American citizens were regarded as enemies of the little empire the chiefs of a monstrous imposture had undertaken to establish within our territorial dominions, and our army was then on the outskirts of Utah for the purpose of compelling its inhabitants to recognize the fact that at least a semblance of allegiance was due to our National Government and its agents and officers, notwithstanding the assumption of every vital element of political authority by Brigham Young and his favored associates. No State or Territorial Governor ever commanded a tithe of the obedience which the high priest of Mormonism exacted from all his followers. He controlled them as the Southern planter controlled his slaves, and assumed the right to give them the lands of the nation, to bestow or take away other property, and to make the only laws which commanded their respect. It is hard to realize that our free country has afforded in his rule the most complete illustration of absolutism that has disgraced the history of modern times; and now that this monstrosity is tottering to its fall, it is a question of public interest how far the powers of the Government can be advantageously used in hastening its destruction.

One of the chief obstacles to the successful prosecution of Lee's accomplices in the Utah courts arises from the fact that Mormon witnesses must furnish proofs of guilt sufficiently cogent to satisfy Mormon jurymen. It would probably be easy to convict a number of the surviving participants in the massacre if the offenders could be tried in any other Territory or State than Utah; but in view of the statements that Lee's conviction was only possible because he had been ostracized by the head of the Mormon Church, and because Brigham Young had instructed his adherents to facilitate the success of this particular prosecution, there would appear to be but a slight prospect of the conviction of other offenders unless some such device as a change of venue or an exclusion of Mormons from the jury-box is adopted. It is folly to expect a tribunal composed partly of men who look up to Brigham Young as a being endowed with supernatural control, over their temporary and spiritual welfare to convict him of a terrible crime. By any ordinary standard of judgment he stands condemned already of a long list of infamous offenses, for his life is made up mainly of a succession of villainous practices, but it is not easy to see how he can be convicted by his deposes, his dependents, and his accomplices.

Nevertheless such a strong impetus has been given by Lee's confession to the just feeling of indignation excited by the monstrosities of Mormonism that means will probably be found for hastening the doom of that "twisted relic of barbarism." If the courts cannot act effectively, Congress may be induced to adopt some of the repressive legislation that has been pressed upon its attention. Since it is positively known that the most inhuman massacre ever perpetrated on American soil was the work of Mormons, who claimed to act under the conviction that their duty to their Church required them to slay scores of helpless men, women, and children, and since the worst charges ever made against the Mormon leaders have been substantially proven, no plea founded upon the necessity of respecting religious freedom should prevent the Government from using every available agency for the extirpation of all the hideous crimes that have long been practiced and condoned in Utah.—*Forney's Press.*

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Table with columns: Class, Name, Store. Lists various merchants and their locations in Ridgway, St. Mary's Borough, and other areas.

**HOTELS AND EATING HOUSES.**  
Table listing establishments like Henry Blush, L. Winslow, John Daley, etc.

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Table listing breweries like Forg & Westphaler, Andrew Han, etc.

**BUCKWHEAT FLOUR AND GRAHAM FLOUR.**  
Table listing flour suppliers like Powell & Kime's, etc.

**POWELL & KIME'S.**  
Table listing various goods and services offered by the store.

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Table listing various goods and services offered by the store.

**PIMPLES.**  
Text describing a recipe for preparing a simple vegetable balm for treating pimples.

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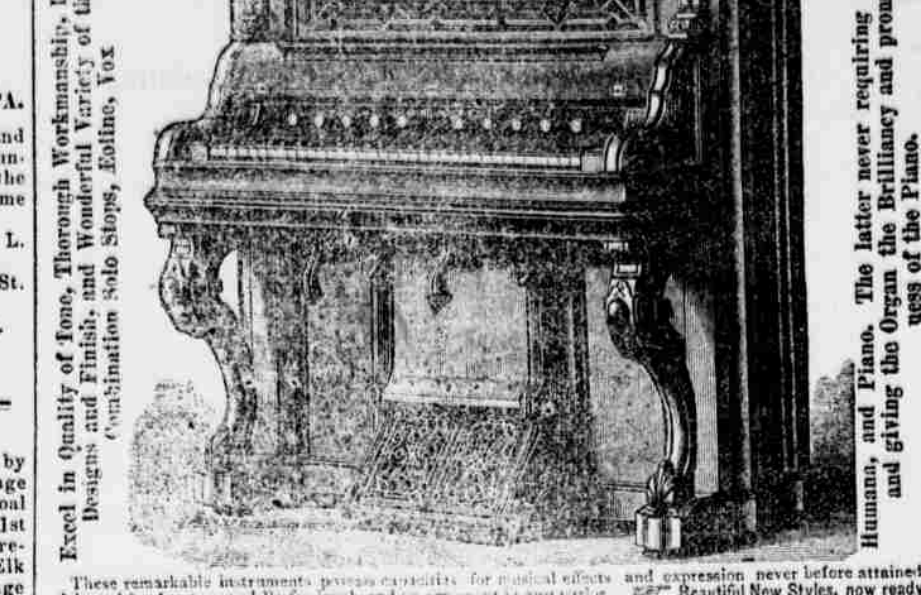
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