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The Assassination of Dr. Robinson in Salt Lake City.

THE recent terrible assassination of Dr. J. K. Robinson, in Salt Lake City, has hardly received that notice from the press which the character of the man and the circumstances of his death deserved. That his murder was planned and perpetrated by the Mormons, there is hardly the shadow of a doubt. His position as a leading "Gentile," the Superintendent of a Congregational Sabbath School, and the husband of a lady who had abjured Mormonism, marked him for destruction. Of course, the treacherous Mormon leaders profess ignorance of the perpetrators of the horrible deed, and Brigham Young joins in offering a reward for their capture; but we take it that no man, who knows anything of the utterly hypocritical and abandoned character of those leaders, is deceived by such shallow devices.

The circumstances of the assassination are described in the following article, which we clip from the Salt Lake Daily Union Videtce of the 24th of October :-

THE MURDER OF DR. ROBINSON - Yesterday morning the city was again startled on the ad-nouncement that another norrid, bloody assassina-tion and most brutal murder had been committed in one of the most public streets, the night before. Dr. John King Robinson, a prominent and most est mable citizen, was stain within a half block of his res dence, three doors from Independence Hall The facts, as nearly as we have been able to gather them from trustworthy sources, are briefly these:—On Monday night, about halt-pa-tlt o'clock, Dr Robinson was roused from his slumbers by a man who came to his residence and informed him that John Jones (an acquaintance of the Doctor). living on the State road, had broken his leg, and required surgical aid immediately, as, said the un-known caller, "his leg's smalled a l to thunder." The Doctor's young wife objected to his going out so late, as threats had been made against he life in anonymous letters, in consequence of the fact that he had, a short time since, instituted a suit against the city for the recovery of the Warm Sulphur Springs, camed by both the Doctor and the city lie, however, hastily threw on his clothing, and told the man to go ahead, and he would shortly see Mr. Jones The man replied no, he would wait for and accompany him. Mrs. Robinson, however, was unable to prevail on her busband to shirk the

was unable to prevail on her husband to shirk the call of humanity, and the murderer and his victim passed out into the night.

A very few minutes after a shot was heard but Mrs. Robinson and the immates of the house did not suspect what it means. Mr Charles King, J. Wimmer, and Coloret Kahn were sitting in their room conversing, their house being on the block next east of that on which Dr Robinson resided. At the hour named they heard a piercing, wild shrick, and immediately afterwards heard a pistol shot. Star ing to their seet they rused the window, and, the moon being nearly at its full and the night and, the moon being nearly at its full and the night almos: as bright as day, they saw three men run up the s-reet from the direction of the corner of Main and Third South streets. They passed out into the street and towards the corner Nothing was to be seen, and they were about returning home, when the thought suggested itself that fart er search might disc ose something. Crossing Mainstreet westwardly, they found the body of a man pione on the earth, with a cut across the forehead and a pistol-ball through the head. Others came up, and as they gazed upon the unturned face of the murdered man, it was discovered to be Dr Gooffson. Although still breathing, he was insensible, and was borne by kind hands to Independence Aad, a short distance from the scene It was nearly an hour afterwards that it was deemed prudect to alarm the lamity. Dr William I ait (the late partner of Dr. Robinson), Surpeon J. M. Williamson, and Dr. Auderson were soon summoned, but haman aid was of no avail, and the mureered man breat ed his last at about 8 o'clock A. M., in the presence of his triends and horror-stricken family

Yesterday morning at 11 o'clock Justice Clinton held a coroner's inquest on the body, and an exami-nation was begun with a view to elect any information tending to point out the murderers. Titus adjourned the District Court, and the

Titus adjourned the District Coart, and the members of the bar generally were present at Independence Hail, where the inquest was held.

Major Blair, Prosecuting Attorney, appeared for the people, assisted by Major Hempstead, United States Attorney, and Hosea Stout, Esq., City Attorney. The following venire was returned as invors in the case: James Townsead, James Hague, S. D. Serrine, W. W. Henry, J. B. Kumbalt, and C. M. Bairet. Major Blair peremptority challenged James Townsend, and Neison Boukofsky was put in the box in his stead.

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Drs. Tait, Will amson, and Post-Surgeon Hamilton were then called to the stand, and teshing dina deceased came to his death by the wounds inflicted. The body, disclosing a most borniying sight when exposed to view, was examined by the jury. There was one deep gash over the left forehead, two inches exposed to view, was examined by the jury. There was one deep was hover the lest forehead, two inches in length, produced by a heavy blow from a hatchet, bowie knite, or other sharp instrumint; another on the back and lest side of the head; two stabs under the back and lest side of the head; two stabs under the left eye, and a gunshot wound under the lett e e, ranging upwards and passing through the skall, distending the skin behind the right car. The post-mortem examination discovered the ball, a large-sized sing, such as would come from a heavy revolver or large Derringer pistol. The surgeons testified that the gunshot wound was necessarily latal, and produced the ceath. The inquest was adjourned till to-day at 2 o'clock, at the City Hall.

We have no heart to comment on this bloody drama. A good, an exemplary, a highly respected citizen, has been most cruelly slain in the very beart of a city of 20 000 inhabitants, on a night almost as bright as day, waylaid and batchered by three or more, and the assassins escape.

It would be the sheerest bypocrisy to attempt to disguise that this outrage has not merely cast a gloom, but a thrill of horror, and a deep, outspoken feeling of distrust and in-security among the entire so-called Gentile part of the community. When

so-called Gentle part of the community. When such a man as Dr. Robinson, who is believed to have had no personal enemy in the country, can be coldly and murderously way aid and shot down by a band of assassins, what citizen can avoid the feel-ing that his turn may come next? These feelings fit d expression on every hand, and a thousand tumors and suspicious are affect, arising out of the

circumstances of this case.

We retrain from commenting further at this time, in the hope, feeble though it is, that the investigat on to-day may develop jacts rather than suspicions. The inquiry is on every tongue. If the civil authorities cannot give protection to our citizens, and assassinating of our best citizens cannot be punished, will sinsting of our best citizens cannot be punished, will the Government stand id e until our streets run with blood? A heavy load of responsibility rests somewhere for these repeated outrages, and this last crowning act of in quity has stirred the sensibilities and horror of the Gentie community. Are citizens to be marked for slaughter and crime run riot in our midst, without hope, w thout redress? We call on the authoritie, in the name of humanity and law, to ferret out and punish the evil-deers.

The following extracts from a private letter from a citizen of Salt Lake City will more fully show the noble character of the man thus basely murdered :-

T the Editors of The Evening Telegraph :-

GREAT SALT LAKE CITY, October 80 .- For some months past the Mormons have been unusually bold and menseing. Many Genti'es have taken up unoccupied land belonging to the United States in various parts of the Territory around here, and their houses have been torn down, and they have been driven out with fire and menaces, and ordered to leave the Territory. In a me instances, they have been maltreated and wounded.

The most atrocious of all these cases was the death of Dr J. King Robinson-a printed notice of whose assassination is herewith enclosed. Dr. Robinson came to Camp Douglas somewhat over two years

having active public business, he resigned, about one year ago, and settled here as a prac ising physician, having some months since married a young lady, the daughter of a prominent Mormon, who died two or three years ago whilst ero sing the Plains. This young lady, her mother, and sister had for several years abjured Mormonism. Dr. Robinson was about thirty years of age, of remarkable development and manly beauty. He was unusually learned and enthusiastic in his profession, and a devout Christian, having aided very largely in establishing the Congregational Church here, under the Rev. Norman McLeod.

His tather, an O'd School Presbyterian, resides at his na ive place. Calais, Maine. A younger brother, and Professor in the Medical School in Sau Francisco, is expected here to-night

At the time of his death Dr Robinson was the Superintendent of the Gentile Sunday School here. In tois he engaged in February, 1865, with a quiet tenacity which with him was a prominent characteristic. This school numbered over two hundred pupils, many of them the children of Mormons. The blow which has laid low its young snet berd will probably scatter his little human flock for the present, if not forever. Dr. Robinson was ever ready to aid suffering in any form. Within the past year he has rendered his professional services gratuitously here to the value of many hundreds, in some cases to the families of the Mormon leaders. This young man was eminently plous without the slightest cant; his religion seemed like a very large infusion of goodness in o a character remarkable for its colossol proportions and manly quanties. His death has been threatened in con-equanties His death has been threatened in consequence of a suit which he was prosecuting for the Hot Suphur Springs, a couple of miles from the city. No personal petil, however, could move him. Few deserved more to live than J King Robinson. Fewer stil, however, could die with less hazard than he. His murderers are known, almost beyond the shadow of a doub. At present, however, they must go "unwhipped of justice." On Friday before his death three of the police here were held to stand their trials or destroying his property. Notice was given to Brigham Young that he should be held to bail to keep the peace, it consequence of he inflammatory keep the peace, in consequence of hainflummatory h rangues, which have largely contributed to tais murder; these affidavits were in preparation at the

The country can illy afford to lose such a man as this, and especially from such a place as Salt Lake City. It is a matter of some wonder that the Government has not long ago stationed such a force in Utah as should have afforded full and entire protection to its citizens. It is only by so doing that an anti-Mormon element can be built up there sufficiently strong to eventually settle the Mocmon question without a resort to force. It is worth while to inquire, also, whether some change ought not to be made in the organic act of Utah, by which the administration of justice there shall not be left wholly in Mormon hands. Of what avail is a Mormon jury to try Mormons in any case where the administration of justice would conflict with the interests or demands of their foul hierarchy? Who supposes that the assassins of Dr. Robinson will ever be punished? Very likely some of them may be upon the very jury that sat over his remains.

Sait Lake City is growing very rapidly, and is destined to be a commercial point of great importance. The Government should take instant measures to make its power felt there for the protection of all citizens of the United States who may choose to make that point their home. If such terrible deeds as this assassination of Dr. Robinson cannot be stopped in any other way, let martial law be declared in Salt Lake, and the Government administered by the military until the anti-Mormon element is strong enough to protect itselt.

The Need of Congressional Dignity. Congress has reassembled under the mos auspicious circumstances that ever attended the opening of a session. When it adjourned sine die in July last, it did so with grave doubts as to whether its course would meet the approval of the people. When it now meets, it has received a decided verdict in its tayor. Armed with far more than the necessary two-thirds, it has power to override all the opposition of the Executive. It can undo all he does, and bind him hand and foot, so that the President of the United States can have no more power than Charles Stuart with the Rump Parliament. The entire control of the machinery of government is placed absolutely in its hands. Mr. Johnson is at its mercy. Standing thus fully equipped, invulnerable at all points, let us see what line of conduct is most consistent with its power and its constituency.

We desire to see the House of Representa tives of the United States act only in a manner which its own dignity demands. We do not wish to see flippant and toolish resolutions introduced, or party insults thrown at the President. So long as Andrew Johnson fills the office of Chief Executive, so long should he be treated by all officials with that respect due to the head of a great nation. We care not what may be his personal character or political course, he is President of the United States, and any insult offered to him by any servant of the people is an insult to our whole nation. We know that his conduct has been such as to place him personally beyond the bounds of endurance; that he insulted and maligned Congress. But all this does not remove from him that respect due to his office, and we earnestly hope that no petty insult will be offered him.

It was with regret that we saw Mr. Stevens commence the session by moving that the reading of the Message be dispensed with. Such a proceeding is without precedent in the history of our land. It would, if adopted, have placed Congress in almost the same position as Mr. Johnson, when that officer declared that the National Legislature was only "so-called." The President discharged a constitutional duty in sending his Message to Congress; and we are glad, for the honor of the House, that Mr. Stevens' motion was defeated. But other instances are not wanting to prove that the spirit of the House is not exactly what its own self-respect demands. The resolution of Mr. Ingersoll, asking the President if Congress was still "a body on the verge of the Government," was flippant, and utterly inconsistent with

legislative dignity.

power placed in the hands of the Republican party. The history of all past political organizations furnishes us with examples of a party drunken with power and success being slain by a far weaker adversary. The triumph of the young Republican organization was secured because of the confidence of its opponents in their own time-honored strength. Careless of consequences, reckless in its actions, because it deemed its foundations sure, it acted boldly, and it fell, and great was the fall of it. Ancient history teems with similar incidents. Every kingdom of barbaric times underwent the same process of growth, the same security of power, the same sudden decay. Belief in strength, and founding action on might rather than right,

is the usual precursor of a coming defeat. Let us, then, as a party adopt the motto of the sacred page, "Let him who thinketh that he standeth, take heed lest he fall." Congress, as the representative of the people armed with the exercise of their will, has a mighty responsibility. It may be a resistless engine for good, or a potent instrument for evil. Hasty and crude legislation can do more harm than an excess of sloth and indolence. There is no fear to-day but that the impetus given to the radicals will be sufficient to urge them forward quite rapidly enough. While the last session continued, we urged action, but now we feel assured that, to use a homely simile, "It is better for safety to put down the brakes rather than put on an additional head of steam." We are advancing with sufficient speed. What we want now is something to act as a ballast, and make the ship of state ride firmly. The Senate will, we doubt not, fulfil its legitimate functions, and restrain the passions of the lower House. But, for its own sake, we do not desire to see the Representatives continue to act in the manner which the resolution quoted foreshadows. We have the power, we have the will. We can well afford to act with dignity, and, after due deliberation, so decide as our consciences and the good of our common country demand.

The Plan of Action for the Session. THE Republican members of the House of Representatives held a caucus last evening, at which a general plan of operations for the session was agreed upon. 'The following are the measures proposed :-

First. To pass a bill regulating the organization of the blouse directing the Clerk to place no names on the roll from States not represented in the preceding Congress or declared entitled to representation, and providing that no electoral votes shall be counted from any State not represented at the time in Congress

Second. To pass a bill remodeleg the defect in the law which may prevent any State from canvassing the votes for President and Vice-President

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Third. To pass a law changing the time of the meeting of every Congress, with a view to assembling on the 4th of March.

Four h. to raise a special committee for the rigid investigation of the New Orleans riot, the number of lives distroyed, the property burned, and to what extent Government officials were involved therein. The committee to have power to send for persons and papers, to be accompanied by the sergeant-atums, and to report appropriate legislation. arms, and to report appropriate legislation.

Fit h. 17 order a select committee to investigate the proceedings under the laws for the collection of direct taxes in the Rebel States, and the sezure and sale of abandoned and confiscated lands and other

projectly.
Sixth. The Committee on Pensions to inquire whether any pensioners in the discoyal states, struck from the pension rolls, have been restored in viola-Seventh. A special committee to investigate the facts connected with the release of the murderers of the Union soldiers in South Carolina, recently set at large by the Delaware judge

Mr. Paymond, of New York, was present. and took part in the proceedings. His right to do so being challenged on account of his connection with the Philadelphia August Convention, he asserted that he entered the Convention to strengthen the Union party, thinking it should be more conservative than it was; but when he found the Convention likely to lead to the defeat of the Union party, he abandoned it, and had ever since done his utmost to maintain and support the Union party. He also said that he approved of the measures reported to the caucus. It will be seen that nothing is said of impeachment, though several of the topics to be investigated are such as would naturally be the groundwork of such a movement.

The Matamoras Affair.

IT seems, after all, that General Sedgwick did occupy Matamoras on the 26th ultimo, on the plea of protecting the lives and property of the American residents. As this was what General Sedgwick had no right to do, and had been ordered not to do, General Sheridan very properly removed him at once from

The assurance evinced by an officer of General Sedgwick's rank and calibre in taking, on his own motion, a step which might involve the nation in grave difficulties with foreign powers, is remarkable. The United tates is competent to protect its own honor and the rights of its citizens, without the unauthorized and reckless intervention of its subordinate military officers.

AN IMPORTANT BILL, - The House of Representatives yesterday passed a very important bill, providing that where a citizen of the United States who always remained loyal thereto, and did not voluntarily give aid or encouragement to persons engaged in rebellion, shall bring an action to recover damages for injury to person or property, or the value thereof, no such action shall be defeated, nor any detense allowed, by virtue of the authority of the late so-called Confederate States, or of any State declared in rebellion.

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