

BRING OUT YOUR DEAD.

Overhauling Past Crimes—What
the Trial of Lee will Prove—
Will He turn States Evi-
dence?—A Damaging
Record to Unroll.

A Salt Lake correspondent discusses in the New York Herald of the 15th, the political situation in Utah; we clip from his communication the following concluding paragraphs:

"The Mormons are preparing for very trying developments, and are not insensible to the fact that, where least expected, "a traitor to the kingdom" may spring into notice. Brigham Young had never more reason to say "Good Lord deliver me," and above all, "from my friends." Hiding in mountain gulches and wandering about from one place of concealment to another is not calculated to increase that unflinching faith which has hitherto characterized the fanatical Mormons. Lee had for fifteen years kept out of the way of the officers of justice, and during all that time he was never off his guard, ever armed and prepared for defense, and determined to die rather than be captured; but, at the very moment that he thought himself perfectly safe and free from arrest, the officers of justice were close upon his heels

and arrested him without firing a shot.

The fanatic who could see in these long years of evasion of the law the protecting care of the Deity in the very man to hastily stumble over to the other side and question his long and former pleasant faith. Lee is precisely in that position now, and there are half a dozen others—and some of them as prominent in the history of the murder as himself—who are as tired of flight and concealment as he was, and are just as likely, when the proper time comes, to divulge the whole of the secret. Not one of them can be trusted, and no one knows this more and feels it more keenly than does Brigham Young to-day.

THE LINK OF DEFENSE.

If I am correctly informed, and I think I can depend on my informant, there is already evidence furnished by Lee to the United States Marshal, that will unravel the whole story. Once that the flood gates are opened, the rushing of the mighty waters will come that will sweep before them the foundations of rubbish on which Brigham has attempted to build his mighty empire. The Prophet trembles for the issue, and wishes himself in the heaven of his dreams.

In Lee's defense it will be necessary to show up the fanatical and bloodthirsty spirit that reigned in Utah in 1857—and all that, too, the result of the mad teachings of the Tabernacle, for which no one but Brigham Young was responsible.

THE WORK OF BLOOD.

It is beyond question that not only were obnoxious Gentiles "put out of the way" without any ceremony, of accusation and trial, but even many of "the brethren" were watched when out of doors and quietly led to a place convenient for butchery, and there had their "throats cut," for the double purpose of keeping them from "opposing the Kingdom," and atoning for their sins of unbelief. It is said of Isaac O. Haight, who was the lieutenant colonel of the militia regiment that committed the massacre at Mountain Meadows, that he grew so fanatical and was so far removed from any supervisory authority that he did as he pleased and disposed of the lives of the obnoxious with all the freedom of a doge of Venice. In the little town of Cedar, the headquarters of his militia, he is said to have kept two of the brethren—Stewart and MacFarlane—for that special purpose, and to aid at odd times in harassing and stealing from the passing emigrant Gentiles.

TEN MEN ASSASSINATED.

No fewer than ten men were taken down into the cellar beneath Haight's house, and from there they never came out alive, and the only answer that was ever made to any inquiry about a missing person in those days was the laconic sentence, "He has gone to California."

The priesthood had thundered into the ears of the people "that the Lord had begun to purify the Saints and to winnow from their midst the sinners and all who offended," and what between fear, credulity and the danger of being suspected of apostacy the mass of the Saints accepted their oppressed and debased condition and schooled themselves into the belief that "they should be as clay in the hands of the potter." Their teachers gained such an ascendancy over them that if a headless corpse was lying on the street, not a soul passing by would have ever stopped to look and see who it was. They had learned that the "Mormon creed" was, "Mind your own business."

BRIGHAM'S DREAD.

To listen to the tales that are now told by grave and other men and women of those times of blood one feels carried away in reflection to dark ages and barbaric nations, and it is this history that Brigham has good cause to dread being brought to light in the forthcoming investigation of the Mountain Meadows massacre and I do not see how he can prevent its exposure.

The investigation, when once begun, will be like the letting out of water—the dam, once pierced, the breach will widen and widen until it is all out, and the revelations of crime will startle the nation. Its ultimate result will be the breaking down of a fearful superstition and despotism and the deliverance of a people who deserve to be free.