

The Mountain Meadows Massacre.

The trial of the leaders in the Mountain Meadows Massacre is attracting much attention throughout the country, and the comments of the press generally favor the speedy execution of any of the accused parties who may be convicted. The murder is one of the most dastardly that ever was committed in any age or country. Even if the transaction was regarded as a contest between detachments of hostile armies, the course pursued by the assailants was altogether unjustifiable. It is alleged that the emigrants made such a stout defense that the Mormons were only able to overpower them by the treacherous device of assuming to be their friends and rescuers, and that after this despicable strategy had succeeded they united with the Indians in murdering one hundred and twenty men, women and children in cold blood. A few children were spared in the expectation that the recollections of this horrible scene would fade from their youthful memories, but it is said that some of them will be capable of acting as effective witnesses, and that their testimony, united to that of the criminals who have made confessions, will probably be sufficient to secure a number of convictions. The John D. Lee whose confession was rejected by the prosecution is supposed to have been the leading spirit of the murderous expedition, and to be a especially fit subject for exemplary punishment. Further proceedings will be awaited with much interest. Many obstacles to a conviction are likely to arise from the length of time which has elapsed since the murders and the wild nature of the country in which they were committed, but if they are surmounted there will be a very urgent demand for a rigorous enforcement of the stern mandates of the law. desperadoes should be taught that even the remote districts of our land cannot safely be made the scene of crimes which shame humanity.—*Fallsburg Record.*