

## The Mountain Meadows Massacre.

The trial of the Mountain Meadows murderers was commenced at Beaver, Utah, yesterday. This massacre, it will be remembered, occurred about eighteen years ago, and resulted in the murder of over one hundred emigrants, including men, women and children, the account of which at the time sent the blood curdling through the veins of the reader. That it was the act of the leading Mormons, and by order of Brigham Young himself, has never been doubted by any unprejudiced person. At the time, the Mormons attempted to lay the whole crime at the door of the Indians. But there was an absence of the evidences upon the bodies of the bodies of the victims which usually accompanies the acts of these savages. During all those eighteen years, there have been efforts made to ferret the matter out and bring the guilty to justice; but the Mormons, so far, have been able to defeat the ends of justice. In the present trial, a Mormon Bishop has been put upon the stand, who gives an account of the massacre and his own participation in the transaction. From his story it was one of the most cold-blooded and atrocious acts ever perpetrated on the continent, and even puts to shame the savage instincts of the red skin. If the government is able to establish the guilt of any of the parties to this transaction,

or it shall be shown that it was done at the instigation of Brigham Young, as an order of the church of the Latter-day Saints, we trust that a verdict of guilty may be found, and their carcasses may swing from the lofty branches of the gigantic trees of that section. To leave Brigham Young, if guilty, even at his advanced age, on earth to even suggest another such a cold-blooded atrocity, would be a crime on the part of the authorities. Young is not on trial, but he should be arrested, for the evidence already points to him as the chief spirit in the massacre, and at whose disposal was placed the goods plundered from the emigrants. He evidently knew of the whole transaction, shared the plunder with his imp, and should be made to suffer the penalty.—*New Albany (Ind.) Ledger.*