

## THE REAL CRIMINALS.

A Few Astonishing Facts in Relation to the Mountain Meadows Enticery.

There can be no denying the fact, that if Brigham Young did not counsel and direct the massacre of the emigrants at Mountain Meadows, he certainly was accessory after the fact, as a few of the following circumstances well show:

About the time the emigrants started south on their journey, George A. Smith was sent ahead of them, and by his preaching and direction, worked up a feeling of hatred against the emigrant company, and directed the Mormons on the route to not sell or trade supplies to them. Would he have taken the trip and given such orders had he not been directed by

his MASTER, BRIGHAM YOUNG?

Those living here any length of time and understanding Mormon rule, answer never! Such an act on the part of George A. Smith, without direction from Brigham Young, would have cost him his head.

The militia of Southern Utah never would have been called out by Dame, Haight and Lee, without orders from George A. Smith, who was Brigadier General of that district. Mormons have never been known to make any important move without orders from "head quarters," (meaning Brigham Young.)

After the deed was over, why did John D. Lee immediately come up to Salt Lake City, a distance of three hundred miles, to make a report of the horrible butchery to Brigham Young? If Lee had been acting against orders, would he not have kept away from Salt Lake and Brigham Young? All sensible men would say yes. Like a man acting under direct orders, he comes to his Commander-in-chief and gave

his REPORT IN FULL.

Report says Brigham Young wept and kept his room for two or three days, but let his subsequent acts show if his tears and regrets were hypocritical or sincere. Why did he not come out like the leader of a righteous people should, and denounce Dame, Haight, Lee and others who were the immediate actors in the massacre, and say to them you have done this horrible deed on your own responsibility, and you must be amenable to the laws—justice must be executed against you—the Mormon Church or its leaders must not share the reproach of this great crime! But what did Brigham Young do?

HE JUSTIFIED THE ACT.

As far as the world knows, he gave orders for the distribution of the property of the murdered emigrants, shared in the spoil, ordered a lot of the cattle belonging to the murdered people driven to Salt Lake and sold to William H. Hooper for merchandise. Those goods were taken down to Cedar City and disposed of in the tithing store to men in the employ of the church and iron works.

John D. Lee returned to his home in the South, after detailing all the particulars to Brigham Young, and when the Legislature met in Salt Lake, in the fall after, he and Isaac Haight attended that Legislature as members from Iron county. While attending the Legislature and boarding at the house of Ezra T. Benson, Brigham Young asked Lee to make him out a full and detailed account, in writing, of the Mountain Meadows Massacre, which report was furnished, and no doubt that report is now in the hands of Brigham at the present time.

BRIGHAM'S ONLY SECRET.

As it has been said before, Brigham stood up in a meeting of the Seventies, at the Seventies Hall, the fall after the massacre, and justified the deed, stating that he was sorry the women and children were not spared. Men are in this city to-day, who attended that meeting, and were shocked to hear for the first time that white men were connected with the massacre.

HELD IN FELLOWSHIP.

For years, Haight, Lee and others were held in high fellowship by Brigham, who visited them on his annual trips South, and stopped and partook of Lee's hospitalities, even to the disgust of his son, Joseph A. Young, who is reported as saying one day when his father had stopped to stay with Lee—"I'll be damned if I'll eat dinner with a murderer and butcher of women and children!"

BRIGHAM'S VISIT TO MOUNTAIN MEADOWS.

If Brigham Young did not justify the deed, why did he make the remark, a few years after, when visiting Mountain Meadows, where the murder was committed, when he read the inscription on the monument (put there by United States soldiers), "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord," and while walking away from the monument, say "Vengeance is mine, and I have repaid, saith the Lord!"

SUSTAINED BY THE CHURCH.

For years Haight, Lee and Dame have been sustained in the Church, rewarded with innocent women as wives to satiate their lust, and as late as 1846 John D. Lee brought a young girl to Salt Lake City and had her married to him at the Endowment House. Quite a number of Mormons who are knowing to the fact, felt it was a desecration for such a man as Lee to enter into what was called the "House of God." While Lee was in the city at that time, one of the present Twelve Apostles and a near adviser of Brigham, said to a friend: "Lee should have been hanged years ago." "What for?" inquired the Mormon friend. "For shedding innocent blood," was the reply. Such has been the feeling of thousands of the Mormon people for years, as they awoke to the knowledge that the Mountain Meadows Massacre was planned and executed by white men and Mormons.

With the above facts, which are but a few of the many that could be mentioned, how is it that Brigham Young, George A. Smith, George Q. Cannon, and other leading Mormons, can have the impudence to wilfully lie, and tell the Mormon dupes and the world at large, that it was the Indians who killed the emigrants, and the Mormons had nothing to do with it?

Justice cries out, let Brigham Young and George A. Smith be arraigned for that great crime!