

## MOUNTAIN MEADOW'S GHOSTS.

There is a long interview in the New York *Evening Post* of last Monday with Delegate CAINE of this Territory, wired from Washington by the *Post* correspondent. It is particularly CAINE. We will refer to a single item in it to-day. After recounting the "persecutions" to which the Saints are subjected, Mr. CAINE is made to say:

"Probably the memory of the Mountain Meadow massacre has done as much as anything else to give these sweeping measures a color of justice with the people."

"And yet it is the grossest injustice to charge that dreadful affair against the Mormon Church. That there were Mormons concerned in it, no one can deny. There have been members of other religious denominations concerned in affairs of all sorts; but we don't hold a whole church organization guilty of the wrong doing of two or three individuals. Nobody was more shocked and horrified than Brigham Young, the head of our church, when he heard the news of the massacre. It completely unnerved him. He had received some sort of inkling of trouble before the event, and at once dispatched fleet messengers armed with authority from him to interfere and prevent the molestation of the settlers. But Mountain Meadow was about 300 miles below Salt Lake, and it was hard work getting across the country in those days, so that Young's warning arrived too late to do any good. Young showed how he felt about it by offering every facility to the officers of the law for hunting down the miscreants. He even proposed to Governor CUMMINGS to go down there with him himself, and lend the aid of his personal and official influence to draw from the people in the neighborhood the necessary testimony; but the Governor did not care to undertake the task, and the matter lay dormant a good many years. It was Young, however, whom the Government had to thank for the means of gathering the evidence on which it finally convicted Lee."

The best answer to that is a plain statement of facts. PARLEY P. PRATT was one of the chiefs, an apostle of the Mormon Church. He went to Arkansas and seduced a man's wife, brought her here and made her an integral factor in his harem. He went back later, stole the woman's children and started to bring them away. He was pursued by the husband and father, and by him shot down like a dog. He was at once proclaimed "another martyr" in this Territory. The Mountain Meadow train was from Arkansas. It was a wealthy train, it had blood horses and cattle, carriages, plate, money, etc. From the moment it entered this Territory it was a doomed train. The people were instructed to extend no kindnesses to it, to sell nothing to it, and one man who gave some milk to the children of one of the men in the train—a man, by the way, who had done the Saint giving the milk a great favor at a former time—was cut off from the Mormon Church for his act of kindness. The people in the train were made to feel from the first that they were in an enemy's country. So through their long march to Southern Utah for 300 miles they were made to feel every moment that none but enemies were near. At last they were surrounded by Indians, and they adjusting their camp for a siege made the best defense they could. These Indians were in charge of JOHN D. LEE and at one word from him would have dispersed instantly. The hope was that the savages could annihilate the train. They could not, and so the heads of the Mormon Church in Cedar City and vicinity called together their people, and first treacherously promising to save the lives of the people in the train, got them to lay down their arms and then killed them in a butchery as revolting and cruel as ever savages were guilty of, as they spared neither age nor sex. Then the plunder of the camp followed, and much of it was sent to the lithing yard in this city. Within a week the whole accursed story was laid before BRIGHAM YOUNG, and he knew every white man engaged in it. If he was shocked it was only through fear that sometime he would be called to account for it. If he made the offer to Governor CUMMINGS, which CAINE reports, he did it merely as a bluff, knowing that CUMMINGS was a poor creature whom Attorney-General JESSE BLACK—attorney for the Church—had sent here merely to be a tool of Young. If Young caused the evidence to be procured which convicted LEE, he did it to make LEE a scapegoat by betraying him. If Young sent any warning against the massacre, the copy of that letter is in the archives of the Church in this city. Why has it never been published? The facts demonstrate with almost mathematical certainty that the intention was fixed from the first that the Arkansas train should never escape from this Territory. It was hoped that the Indians could do the bloody work, and when the train proved too strong for them, the fanatics of the Church, in the South, hoping to do BRIGHAM YOUNG a favor, and believing they would, turned butchers and exterminated the fated company. No man on earth understands these facts better than JOHN T. CAINE. We shall refer to other things in this interview later on.