## Selections.

### MOUNTAIN MEADOWS.

As already stated, John D. Lee has be shot for his share in the massacre of 120 men women, and children in the Mountain Mea-

dows, Utah Territory, nearly twenty year ago.

The New York Sun reproduces the history of the crime as follows :- The massacre tool place at a time when Federal troops were advancing upon the Mormons, to put down the spirit of rebellion that had manifested itself among that people. The fated emigrants were on the plains a little in advance of the troops, and by the time they reached Sal Lake there was nothing seen or heard o among the Mormons but preparations for war with the United States. Treated everywhere with sullen hostility, some of the teamsters are said to have given violent expression to their feelings, and even boasted that they had been present at the assassination of th prophet, Joseph Smith. The Mormons also accused them of snapping off the heads o chickens, shooting at a cow, and threatening the woman who owned it. A story was also told of the emigrants having made incision-

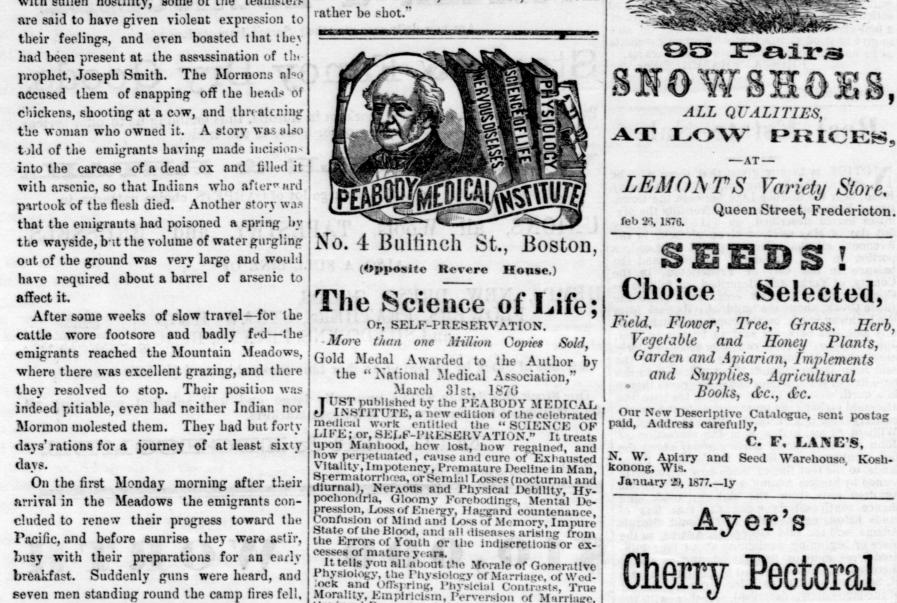
into the carcase of a dead ox and filled it with arsenic, so that Indians who afterward partook of the flesh died. Another story was that the emigrants had poisoned a spring by out of the ground was very large and would have required about a barrel of arsenic to affect it.

After some weeks of slow travel-for the cattle wore footsore and badly fed-the emigrants reached the Mountain Meadows, where there was excellent grazing, and there they resolved to stop. Their position was indeed pitiable, even had neither Indian nor Mormon molested them. They had but forty

cluded to renew their progress toward the busy with their preparations for an early breakfast. Suddenly guns were heard, and seven men standing round the camp fires fell, pierced with rifle balls. The emigrants hastened to defend themselves. They hurriedly ranged their wagons in a circle and threw up an intrenchment against the inside wheels. They knew not who their assailants were, but only \$1.00. they soon discovered that they were attacked by vigilant foes, who would not expose them-by circle of the book. selves in the fight. During four days and nights the emigrants were thus besieged, and suffered intensely from the want of water. There was a spring near the camp, but not a soul from the corral could approach it by night or by day without falling a victim to the deadly rifle. A mother, maddened by the sufferings of her children, rushed from her place of refuge to milk a cow within the corral, and was shot dead at the animal's feet. After three days of suffering from anxiety and thirst, the besieged thought it possible that the appearance of children at the spring might touch the heart of the attacking party. Two little girls were dressed in white and sent for water. They fell mortally wounded in each other's arms.

had aids all over the country, and one morning, over two years ago, Lee was surrounded by armed men, taken prisoner, and brought to the United States military fort near Beaver City, where he has been twice tried, and was there sentenced to be shot on the 23rd of the present month.

Prior to his conviction, he never told a living soul the truth regarding the crime. Even his counsel were deceived. He admits this. He had such faith in Brigham and the Church, that the verdict " guilty" came like a thunderbolt. He never moved a muscle, but, sitting erect and immovable, eved the jurymen like a hawk. When Judge Boreman first pronounced sentence, Lee's face betrayed no sign of emotion. At the conclusion, when the Judge gave Lee his choice, to be shot, beheaded, or hanged, the old man arose slowly, and standing erect as a soldier. answered in a clear, firm voice, "I would

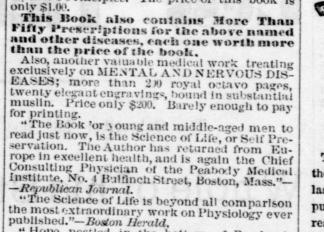




The hearts of the emigrants were at length theered by the sight of a waggon approaching them from the direction of the Mormon settlements. The occupants of the waggon were white men, and one of them held aloft a white flag. The chief of the party was a Major of Mormon militia-John D. Lee.

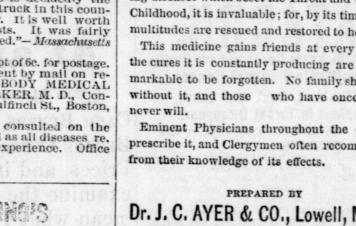
A young girl was hastily dressed in white and sent out from the circle of the waggons to betoken to the persons approaching that the emigrants recognized their emblem of peace and bade them a thousand times welcome. Lee professed the greatest interest and friendship, and offered his services in pacifying the Indians whom he represented as the attacking party. After this conversation Lee and his associates left, in order, as he represented, to visit the Indians, and after a few hours' absence he returned with the proposition that if the emigrants would lay down their arms he would escort them safely to the Mormon settlements. The emigrants accepted the terms and surrendered their arms.

The sick, the wounded, the aged, the women, and children were placed in waggons provided for their transportation to the settlements, and Lee hurried them out of the corral. The men on foot were some little distance behind, escorted by the Mormon milltia, and before they had gone half a mile from their waggons the order to halt was given at the head of the column. This was the preconcerted signal for the attac The Indians, who had taken up their position among the underbrush and trees by the roadside, sprang from their concealment and attacked the helpless in the waggons. The Mormon militia that walked side by side with the men on foot turned their rifles upon them and shot them down. It was but the work of a few minutes, and over 120 men, woman, and childern fell victims. The order had been given to spare the children, but in the confusion and excitement several of them were killed. Out of the whole number seventeen children, supposed to be too young to remember the incidents of the massacre, were permitted to live ; but among these were two lit.le unes who afterward gave evidence of remembering too much and too clearly, and they were sent to their graves by Lee. The Mormons returned to their homes laden with the spoils of their victims. The two trains were from Arkansas and Missouri. The former was made up of probably the richest company that ever crossed the plains, They had excellent cattle, blooded stock, the best of waggons, and a number of light riding curriages. They were transporting to the Pacific everything of value they possesse? They had gold in coin, in jewellery, and in valuable watches. The women had taken with them their silks, satins, and best wearing apparel. The men had taken with them their suits of broadcloth, and-as emigrants did at that time-brought outfits to last them for years in a new country. The Mormons were exceedingly poor. They had no intercourse with the stranger, and no market for their labour but among themselves, and their only commerce and exchange was labour for labour or barter. They had no money, and were almost in rags. Suddenly, many of the women wore silks, the men wore good clothes, and they could drive to their Sunday meeting behind good horses. The Indians got so ne of the cattle and some of the firearms, but Lee and his business. Boys and girls earn nearly as much as and some of the firearms, but Lee and his associates seized the bulk. For fifteen years this crime was charged to the Indians the Mormons claiming to know associates seized the bulk. the Indians, the Mormons claiming to know nothing of it. But a few years ago Brigham Young determined to get rid of the stain by sacrificing the men who had been leaders in the massacre. Lee and Haight were cut off from the Mormon Church, and when Haight asked to be heard, Brigham declared that he would not listen to a murderer. Lee, Haight, Higbee, and others fied to the mountains to hide themselves from the United States Marshal. But one day Lee thought that he could return in disguise from his log cabin by the borders of the Colorado river, near the mouth of the Pareah canon, to visit one classes in need of paying work at home, should write to us and learn all about the work at once. of bis wives in Southern Utah. The Marshal Now is the time. Don't delay. Address TRUE & Co., Augusta, Maine. 703.



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