

rible. Doors, windows, and every means of egress were put in requisition, a cry of alarm was set up by some persons and the street even was filled instantly.

Three Mexicans, who were in the crowd were deliberately fired at by some men. We asked the reason. One replied that they fired "on general principles," another said that they fired "promiscuously amongst the Mexicans," who, they thought, were attempting to rescue the prisoners. As soon as order could be obtained, the able district attorney, Mr. Booker, eloquently addressed the multitude in the street.

It was feared in the evening that some serious accident would occur, owing to the intoxicated condition of many of the armed men who were in the streets. Fortunately, however no event of importance occurred.

The 110 Mexicans brought in on Monday, and confined in a corral near town, under a strong guard, were examined by Judges Radcliffe and Barry. Nothing being elicited implicating any of their number, they were discharged and quietly permitted to return to their homes. The Messrs. Hendee, our talented daguerrean artists have taken a splendid picture of this motley group, which can be seen at their rooms.

WEDNESDAY.

After the storm, there befell a calm; the people retired on Wednesday morning from the town in large numbers, and the community assumed its wonted quiet. Occasionally a noise was heard in the streets, but such only proceeded from a congregation of inebriated Irishmen. The trial of the prisoners was commenced at about 10 o'clock, and concluded at 4 o'clock. The charge was simply that four Americans found four Mexicans in the act of burning a tent and the bodies of two men deceased at the Green flat diggings. The defence set up, was that the bodies had been lying there in a putrid state many days, and it was in accordance with a custom of their countrymen that they were burned. There did not, in fact, appear a tittle of evidence against the prisoners, and the jury acquitted them. The public will rejoice at the triumph of law and order: may we ever find the same result, in whatsoever circumstances we may be placed. The prosecution was conducted by Messrs. Booker and Van Buren, and the defence by Messrs. Perley and Moore. The learned counsel on both sides made able addresses to the jury.

Fresh accounts of murders having been received during the day, a public meeting was held in the Square, of which the following is a report:

PRIMARY MEETING.—At a primary meeting, held in the town of Sonora, in pursuance of a public notice, to take into consideration the proper course to be pursued to insure a better protection for the life and property of the citizens of Tuolumne; on motion, A. Elkins was called to the chair, and A. W. Lockett appointed Secretary. Mr. Cave stated briefly the object of the meeting. Judge Tuttle, being loudly called upon, addressed the meeting, urging the necessity of active measures on the part of the whole country, to arrest the progress of crime and insure the security of the citizens. Messrs. Huntington, Holden, Mehen and Ford also addressed the meeting. On motion of Judge Tut-

tle, the chair was empowered to appoint a committee of seven to give notice of a mass meeting of the citizens of the county to be held at some future day, for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the primary meeting. On motion of Mr. Cave the committee of seven were instructed to call the mass meeting on Sunday, the 21st instant, at one o'clock, in the town of Sonora. The chair appointed Judge Tuttle, Joshua Holden, Sonora; J. W. Van Benschoten, Wood's; D. S. Dikeman, of Jacksonville; Runnells, of Sullivan's Diggings; W. C. Wade, of Mormon Gulch; Capt. Stewart, of McLane's Ferrys, aid committee. On motion, Messrs. Holden and Tuttle were instructed to immediately notify the committee of their appointment. On motion the thanks of the meeting were tendered to Judge Marvin, for kindly offering to aid in giving the necessary public notice; also to Judge Tuttle, for his energy in the cause. On motion of Mr. Cave the meeting adjourned. Signed by the officers.

At the close of the meeting such alarm was excited by the news that 400 armed Mexicans were encamped within three miles, who intended to make an attack upon the town. A becoming spirit was manifested forthwith. About 50 armed men volunteered their services as a patrol for the night. They were enrolled, and immediately proceeded to fulfil the duties of their office.

The next Sunday, July 21st, witnessed a tremendous gathering in Sonora. Says the Sonora Herald:

It had been announced by handbills, sent by express to all parts of the county, that a mass meeting would be held in the plaza at Sonora, on this day. At an early hour there were numerous arrivals from the adjoining districts, and at noon several hundred persons, amongst whom were noticed a deputation from the Indian ranch, had collected opposite to the house of Messrs. Litton & Lyons. Maj. Elkins was voted to the chair, and Mr. Lockett officiated as secretary of the meeting, which was addressed by Mr. Cave, and eloquently and with much good sense by Mr. Warren, and others. The following are the resolutions adopted by the meeting:

WHEREAS, The lives and property of the American citizens are now in danger, from the hands of lawless marauders of every clime, class and creed under the canopy of heaven, and scarcely a day passes but we hear of the commission of the most horrible murders and robberies; and as we have now in our midst the Peons of Mexico, the renegades of South America, and the convicts of the British Empire; we therefore submit the following:

Resolved, That all foreigners in Tuolumne county (except persons engaged in permanent business and of respectable characters) be required to leave the limits of said county, within fifteen days from this date, unless they obtain a Permit to remain from the authorities herein after named.

Resolved, That the authorities referred to, be a committee of three, to be chosen or selected by the American citizens of each Camp or Diggings.

Resolved, That all the good citizens of this county, shall resolve themselves into a committee of the whole to carry out the object of this meeting.