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## POOR SCOTTY.

Well, dear reader, the Scott trouble has reached an end so far as he is materially concerned. The spirit of malice, hatred and malevolence that marked his earlier persecution by the board of supervisors has followed down the years with increasing intensity and finally culminated in cold-blooded murder by an organized band of outlaws and red-handed villains. This effect is not without a cause, and the cause is self-evident. Those of us who have sat nervously by the wayside and heard contumely cast upon him from the stump during two political campaigns, and read anarchy as preached by the populist press of the county can readily place the blame where it properly belongs. We can see that these speakers and editors with ends to be gained have wrought up the ignorant and emboldened the lawless into believing that Scott was a monster of frightful mein in league with the courts and that the only way of securing what they termed justice was to take the law into their own hands and wreak summary vengeance for fancied wrongs. They have succeeded and let us hope that their conscience—if such a thing is felt within their breast—justifies them in ruthlessly tearing a man from the bosom of his family, shooting innocent men, women and children, and bearing him away into the wildness and loneliness of the dark prairie, there to be tortured and butchered like a wild animal or a venomous snake of the jungle. This is the cause of the heartless deed, and no man need take time to deny it. The stump speaking was done by a man who already has blood upon his hands, the result of the leadership of a mob in O'Neill some years ago. The anarchy as promulgated by the populist press may be seen in back numbers of the Beacon Light and no matter what its villainous and cowardly author may now say in lamentation as he views the result and natural outcome of his socialistic teaching the crimson finger of Cain must surely haunt his waking moments and fill his sleep with fearful dreams and dread alarms. We do not accuse him of murder in the first degree nor do we accuse him of being an accessory, as we could not successfully sustain the accusation before a Holt county jury at the present time, but the facts and surrounding circumstances are embossed and emblazoned upon the minds of our readers and words from us are more than vain and useless. We do not like to say that the independent party is in sympathy with the brutal assassination, and we will not say it—although there can be no doubt but that every member of the mob was a populist—but we will say that they uphold the editor in his nefarious teachings and the proof lies in the fact that they keep him in their employ and steal the public money in tax list deals to recompense him for his knavish work. The crime that has been committed was not done without advice and the finger of scorn and shame is pointed at the man who has earned that reward. How thankful we are that there is a glowing hereafter. Justice may never be done on this earth but the Lord has said that vengeance is his and according to the holy word of God he will claim his own in due season.

New Year's day was perhaps the saddest ever witnessed in O'Neill. "I wish you a happy New Year" was rarely heard and even then it lacked the proper ring. The minds of our people dwelt tearfully upon a lonesome home, a widowed lady and an orphaned child, made so by man's inhumanity. It seemed as though a funeral pall had been thrown over our little city and silenced the merry greetings of the aged and the joyous shout of the youthful. None could be found hardy enough to justify the atrocious deed and only regrets were heard; even the breeze seemed laden with sadness. Although the remains of poor Scotty probably lay buried in some yawning canyon or sunk in the dismal depths of the Niobrara, the sadness shown in O'Neill was an honor and a worthy tribute to a man who was more sinned against than sinning, and a rebuke to his murderers.

The dead and the deep are always giving up their secrets and we sincerely hope that an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth may be exacted before the

friends of justice and fair play allow this crime to become a reminiscence to be related upon winter evenings when the coals glow upon the hearth.

To Scott we say rest: to his murderers we say that we hope that there is something in the theory of spiritualism: that Scotty may be able to materialize before them at the most uncanny times and in the most uncanny places and lay bare before them his gaping wounds, remind them of the heartrending appeals of his little child for mercy and thus haunt them to perdition.

Scott's murderers must be run to earth. This is not only a duty, but an absolute necessity in order to check these outbursts of lawlessness. The people should not allow themselves to become terrorized and made to lie down in silence. The men who compose this ring are known from center to circumference and there is a way to make them quit and protect our homes. This is what we think of mob law as applied in this instance.

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