

A WAR UPON THE NEGROES IN INDIANA.

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The excitement and riotous acts of an ungovernable mob, for two or three days past, bid fair to place this city on the same equality with other cities of the Union, which have become notorious for permitting a certain class of individuals to trample the law of the land under foot, and boldly commit deeds that cry to heaven for revenge. On last Wednesday, a family of negroes, consisting of nineteen persons, who reside four miles below the city, got into a quarrel with some neighboring white persons, named Edwards, and the result was the negroes came off victorious, having wounded several of the whites severely, and one of them fatally. The blacks were arrested and brought to this city for trial. The evidence went to show that the blacks were the attacking party, and Recorder Mills, before whom they were tried, held them to bail in the sums of \$1,000 and \$500 respectively, for their appearance at Court. This decision of the Recorder incensed the people to a great degree, inasmuch as one of the whites, at least, was considered to be wounded fatally. The blacks gave the required security and started home, but got only a mile from the city when they were beset by a gang of men whose determination it was to hang some of them. They, however, managed to escape and reached home in safety. On Friday night a mob from this city, aided by some citizens of Henderson, Ky., again attacked the negroes in their house who it appears, had been previously advised of the intention of the whites and were fully supplied with arms and ammunition for their defense. At this battle the negroes were again victorious, having wounded five whites seriously, and one so dangerously that he is not expected to recover.

On Saturday, another mob organized themselves, and mustered out of the city, openly avowing that they would hang the negroes or die in the attempt. They endeavored to get a cannon, but being foiled in this, they sent to Henderson for a six-pounder. At this juncture, the Sheriff mustered a strong force, and also started for the proposed battle-field, where they arrived in advance of the attacking party, and putting the blacks in wagons, brought them to the city, and put them in jail for safe keeping. Many threats are made that the jail will be torn down and the negroes tried before Judge Lynch, but it is hoped that this last act, at least, will be prevented.

Last night an attempt was made to burn the house of the attorney who defended the negroes on trial; and also a building belonging to the ex-Sheriff. Where the matter will end, time only can reveal.

It is only a few nights since a band of ungovernable spirits took possession of the fire engines and deluged a number of houses inhabited by people of not the best reputation. Considerable damage was done to property, which the city will have to pay for.

It was announced from the desk of one of our churches to-day that bad whisky was the cause of all the existing troubles. If this is the fact, we have any quantity of the material necessary to get up a "big misery." As a matter of news, I will merely state it is believed that there are three hundred whisky shops and quite as many frail creatures in this place, which is certainly more than a supply for a village of twelve thousand, and will perhaps serve to account for some of the lawless acts that are committed here.