

ures, leading of necessity to bloodshed and civil war; yet with the instinctive cowardice of demagogues, when danger threatened them they fled from the scene of difficulty, leaving their deluded followers to fight out the quarrels which their leaders had invoked. The world can and does respect men who have the courage to risk their lives in vindication of principle, whatever that principle may be; but the world just as certainly despises the craven, who, on grounds however sacred, stirs up sedition among the people, and when the crisis comes, plays the coward, in leaving those whom he has influenced to bear the consequences of his reckless counsel. We need not state in which category the men whom we have sketched in this article, belong.

#### Kansas Leaders--The Triumvirate of Demagoguism.

Affairs in Kansas have, to use a theatrical simile, passed through the whole range of representation, from simple farce to more serious drama, and from that to the saddest and most fearful tragedy. The name is legion of those who have wrought this shame upon the country, and this misery upon themselves. We apologise for none. We condemn all. The country might well witness, with the calmest complacency, the whole clan of Nigger Drivers and Nigger Worshipers, of Border Ruffians and Free-State Demagogues, "suspended by the neck," in the language of the judicial sentence, "until they be dead, dead, dead." We believe that nine-tenths of the Kansas agitators deserve such a fate more richly than do the same proportion of the criminals who are annually executed throughout the country. There has been neither reason, nor forbearance, nor good faith exercised by either of the important interests there towards the other. The differences commenced in folly, proceeded to mutual wrong, until they have reached the present climax of reciprocal and bloody outrage.

Yet, in taking a survey of the whole gang of scoundrels who are living and fattening upon the ruin of Kansas, and the disquiet of the Union, the persons of ANDREW J. REEDER, WILLIAM H. ROBINSON, and JAMES H. LANE, stand out beyond all others, in heartless and disgusting prominence, as the triumvirate of Kansas demagoguism.

REEDER commenced his career in Kansas nominally as Governor, but really as speculator. The whole power and influence of his official position were prostituted to the accumulation of wealth. To this end he first allied himself with the southern interest, and sanctioned, by the most solemn official acts, what he has since declared to be fraud, corruption, and outrage of the most flagrant character. He continued this affiliation until it became evident that his speculative projects would not realize his anticipations, when he made a new alliance with the northern fanatical interest. From this date he has warred against his former associates, and most desperately of all has he warred against his former self. The statements which he has since made under his personal oath, and the acts which he performed under his official oath, so belie each other, that it is certain ANDREW J. REEDER, Governor or Minister, has been guilty of the most gross and unaccountable perjury. He stands before the calm-judging men of the country now as either infamous, or a fool.

ROBINSON first became notorious in California, as a land-robber. In Sacramento he headed a gang of desperate men in an attempt to possess and hold by force a large portion of the property in that city against the rights of its legitimate owners. For a time he was successful. The public authorities were weak, and the orders and decrees of courts were defied and resisted at the point of the bayonet. He was accustomed to parade through the streets of that city at the head of his force, murdering without trial or scruple, those who dared to assert their rights. Sacramento was under a Reign of Terror, and Robinson was its Marat. On the formation of a State government in California he was elected to the Legislature. One of his first acts there was to vote for JOHN C. FREMONT—the most prominent of the land-holding class against which he had been warring—as Senator of the United States. The indignation to which this traitorism gave rise among his followers caused him to leave the capital of California at night, and embark from San Francisco the next day, in order to save his neck from the gallows. When next heard from he was engaged in stirring up strife in Kansas.

LANE, the last of this triumvirate, showed to the country that he was a weak man and a braggart, in his controversy with DOUGLASS. Even the abolition journals, much as they wanted to make a hero of him, felt forced to condemn him in that. It is generally understood and acknowledged, even by his friends, that he is a vain and foolish man; but the fact, equally certain, is not so well known, that he is a most arrant scoundrel. While he is going about the country feeding the voracious maw of abolitionism with wonderful tales of horror which have been enacted in Kansas, and drawing tears from the eyes of weak women and weaker men at the recital of wrongs done to women and children in Kansas, he is himself guilty of worse crimes than those charged against even Border Ruffians. But a few days since, at the Dearborn Circuit Court, in Indiana, the wife of this same LANE, martyr, hero, and saint, of Abolitionism, procured a divorce from her husband, on the ground of "willful desertion, and," as the record modestly proceeds, "unhusband-like conduct." The lady who felt obliged to resort to this extremity of the law, has borne children to him, and they are still living, dependent upon their mother for support, while the father is vagabondizing about the country mouthing lies, and coveting notoriety. We confess that we have little respect for the scoundrel who thus violates his conjugal vows, and deserts the wife of his bosom, and the children who are born to him; yet we admire such a man infinitely above those who flatter and laud him as a hero and patriot, for the venal purposes of political success. LANE, clothed in disgrace as he is, is respectable in contrast with his flatterers.

These are the men—REEDER, ROBINSON, and LANE—who have arrogated to themselves, and have been invested with, the leadership of the "free State" interests in Kansas. They have counseled the most desperate and violent meas-