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**Assassination of James King of Wm.**  
 BY JAMES P. CABEY.  
 San Francisco, May 14th, 1856.



ASSASSINATION

This city was thrown into a great state of excitement to day, by the assassination of Mr. King.

**THE ASSAULT.**  
 Mr. King did not draw any weapon, but was met in the middle of the street by Casey, who said, "Are you armed?"—to which Mr. King made no reply, but looked at Casey—Casey threw off his cloak and presented a large navy revolver, saying—"Draw and defend yourself," at the same time taking deliberate aim and covering his victim with a well directed shot, the result of which is known.

He then cocked the pistol again, but seeing his opponent stagger into the Pacific Express office, did not attempt a second shot; some person caught hold of him and told him to give up his arms, which he refused, and shortly fled; but on the approach of two or three officers, he remarked that he would go, but they must not take his arms, as he was not going to be hung.

The horrible and heart-rending occurrence, the shooting down of Mr. King in broad daylight, in the public street, has justly aroused the indignation of the entire community.

**THE CAPTURE FROM THE JAIL, MAY 18TH.**  
 The Executive Committee were formed in a hall square of about ten deep, directly in front of the jail and the "Citizen's Guard" formed a hollow square about them, and all appeared ready for action. A deputization of the Committee were delegated to call at the door and request the Sheriff to place them in possession of the prisoner, Casey. Without any hesitation the Sheriff required the roll of the prisoner and informed him that the Vigilance Committee were waiting at the door and demanded his person, and that he was compelled to yield him up.

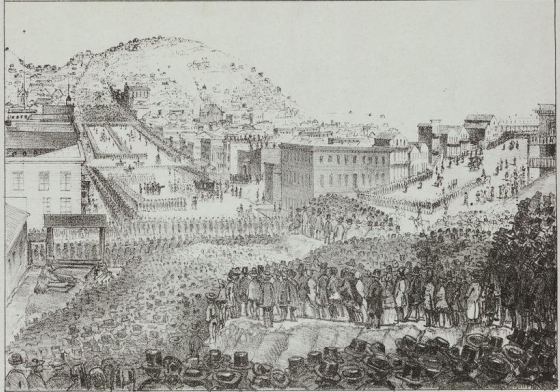
**THE FUNERAL MAY 22ND.**  
 Long before the hour fixed for the ceremonies at the church, Stockton street was literally thronged by men, women and children, almost looking up the street, from Washington to California street.

At the conclusion of the church services, the most imposing procession we have ever witnessed in California, was formed, and followed the remains to Lone Mountain Cemetery. The procession moved along Stockton street to Washington, thence down to Montgomery, thence to Bush and up Bush to the Lone Mountain Cemetery. The time occupied in passing a point while in Montgomery street, was thirty-five minutes. When the last portion of the procession left the corner of Stockton and California streets, its front had reached the corner of Dupont and Bush, a distance of about one mile.

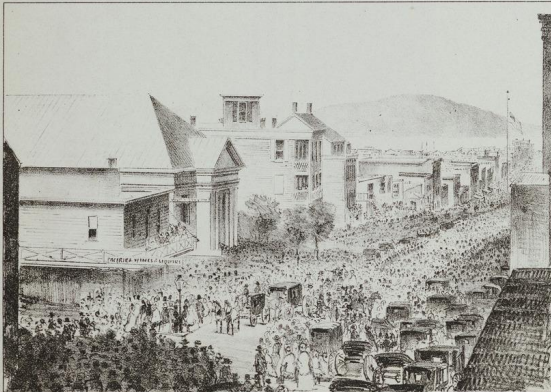
**EXECUTION OF CASEY AND COLE.**  
 While the last tokens of respect were being paid to the memory of Mr. King at the church, a very different proceeding was going on at the Rooms of the Vigilance Committee. Notwithstanding the great gathering at the funeral, the rooms of the Committee were surrounded by about 20,000 people, who had got an intimation of the proposed execution, and hurried to the spot.

The most formidable guard was arranged, which embraced all the arms of the Committee, consisting of about 1,000 stand of muskets and two field pieces. The streets in the immediate vicinity of the rooms were cleared by the soldiers, and the bristling bayonets that were directed in every direction, made the scene one of great solemnity. One of the field pieces was pointed so as to command Davis street from Sacramento street, and the other so as to command Front street.

At 20 minutes past one o'clock every thing being ready to carry out the designs of the executioners, the signal was given and the cord laid up the outer end of the scabbles, or platforms, was cut upon the roof of the building, and the doomed men were both launched into eternity. During this solemn and awful ceremony a perfect stillness and silence was observed by the vast throng who were spectators in the scene.

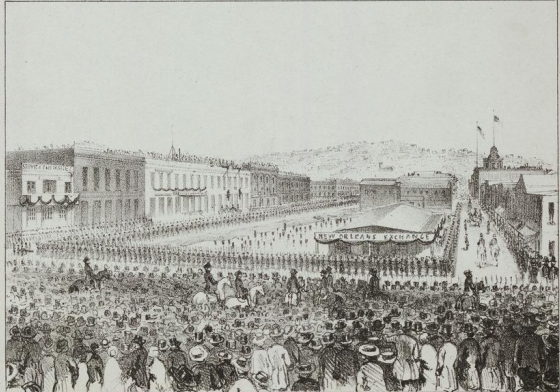


SURRENDER OF THE JAIL



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FUNERAL OF JY KING.



EXECUTION

\* Casey was executed for the murder of Gen. Richardson.