

forces. All the persons found in the other armories were likewise taken prisoners, and together with the arms taken to the Committee Rooms. All opposition to the Committee in the city, seemed now powerless.

The arrest of Judge Terry and the circumstances which led to and attended it created a perfect furor. The embers and flames were lashed into a sea of fire. Both sides were raging, one demanding the destruction of the Committee and the release of Terry, many of the other party calling for his execution. In the midst of all this excitement, the Executive of the Committee commenced the trial of Judge Terry. It was long and tedious to all parties. The doubt which for a long time existed as to Hopkins' chance of recovery, upon which it seemed to be generally conceded, the life of Terry hung, was very exciting to the public, very painful to the friends of the Judge. Hopkins eventually recovered, Terry's trial was finally ended, he was declared guilty of some of the charges preferred, but was nevertheless unconditionally discharged by the Committee on the seventh of August, with an expression that he ought to resign his position of Judge. Previous to this time, viz: on the twenty-fourth of July, Dr. Andrew Randall had been shot in the bar-room of the St. Nicholas Hotel, by one Hetherington who had repeatedly threatened to take his life. Dr. Randall lingered one or two days in an unconscious condition, when he died. The killing was a cool, predetermined murder. The Committee arrested Hetherington, tried him, pronounced him guilty, and condemned him to death. He had some years before killed Dr. Baldwin under circumstances of great barbarity. On the thirtieth of July, Hetherington, and one Brace, who had been a party nearly two years before, to the murder of Capt. West near the Mission, and who was supposed subsequently to have murdered his companion in the crime, one Marion, in Alameda County, were taken from their rooms by the Committee, to a scaffold erected in Davis Street, and there executed by hanging. On the scaffold Hetherington was cool and self-possessed, and attempted to make a speech, but was soon interrupted by Brace, whose expressions and conduct were of the most shocking nature possible to be conceived. Total depravity seemed virtue compared with his moral perceptions, and character, as illustrated by himself on that fearful platform.

On the eighteenth of August the Vigilance Committee appeared in force at a Grand Parade and Review, preparatory to a dissolution of the organization. About three thousand men appeared under arms, formed in line, were reviewed by their officers and the Executive Committee, and afterward paraded through the principal streets of the city. This was their last appearance as an organized force, in public. Soon afterward their rooms were opened to the public, and many thousands visited them. At one period afterward it was feared that they would again be assembled for the purpose of rescuing two of their number from the operations of the law. Messrs. Durkee and Rand had been indicted by the U. S. Grand Jury for piracy, in taking forcibly from a small vessel in the bay, in obedience to the orders of the Committee, certain arms belonging to the State, on their way to the city. They were tried, and acquitted on the eleventh of September, and thus for the present all fears of a collision between them and the authorities passed away.

Since then few things worthy of particular notice, have occurred. Nearly all other subjects of discussion and interest, have been submerged in the excitement of politics. The candidates, the platforms, the parties, their principles, their calculations