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THE DODD RAID.

EDITOR OF SENTINEL: Without knowing much, if anything, about it, rome of our local papers have on several occasions alluded to an incident that occurred during the war, and which, at the time, created in the counties of Jasper and Newton an intense excitement, and had nearly resulted in a desperate and bloody conflict between citizens belonging to these two counties. I allude to what is known as the "DODD RAID."

During our late civil war much was said and done that was calculated to stir up a spirit of animosity between the two political parties. Democrats were opprobrieusly called "copperheads," and denounced by Republicans as disunionists Everything that could be devised by their political opponents was resorted to to make Democrats appear odious and disloyal. All this was endured without much apparent resentment, but with a firm determination to maintain their loyalty and their principles. Instead of resenting the infamous and insulting imputation that they were characterized with the nature and venom of a deadly serpent, they effected to misunderstand their meaning and adopted as a badge the copper cent, the national coin, with the head of the Goddess of Liberty conspicuously displayed.

It was under such circumstances that the leading Democrats of Jasper and Newton decided to maintain their political organization, and through it declare their principles and their fidelity to the Union. Pursuant to this end, they concluded to hold a public meeting in Morocco, but found it somewhat difficult to secure a speaker. The name of Dodd was suggested, who at the time was a resident of Indianapolis, and had by some means got his name before the public as an advocate of Democratic principles. Nothing was known of his antecedents. To the citizens of Jasper and Newton he was an entire stranger.

After consultation it was decided to solicit his services for the contemplated occasion. The invitation was accepted, and when the appointed day arrived he was on hand. The meeting was largely attended; but when the time for speaking came it began to rain and continued to pour down till the speaker had concluded. Although exposed to a drenching rain, a large audience was present throughout the speaking; but the result was not satisfactory, and Dodd was invited by Mr. G. W. Spitler, of Rensselaer, to make a speech at that place on a day appointed, in the near future, and readily consented. The announcement was made from the stand by Mr. Spitler, who did not live to see his appointment carried out, being a short time afterward killed by lightning. The meeting was also announced in the Newton County Democrat. Soon after this announcement editorial articles appeared in the Republican paper published in Rensselaer declaring in the most positive and offensive language that no meeting or democratic speaking would be tolerated in Rensselaer, and that Democrats would not be permitted to carry the American flag through their streets. This insolent threat aroused, as it was designed to, a feeling of resentment, and a determination to carry out, in defiance of these threats, the contemplated meeting.

In the meantime the Republicans of Rensselaer had organized and armed a military company under the command of a fanatic for the avowed purpose of preventing the Democrats from holding their meeting.

When the day arrived on which the meeting was to be held there was a general turn out from both counties. The demonstration was an imposing one. In front of the long procession waved, in ample folds, and not a star missing, the American flag which was carried unmolested through the streets of Rensselaer. So imposing was the array that the "Home Guards" concluded not to parade on that occasion.

The speaker took the stand and was listened to by an immense crowd. It must be confessed he was neither discreet nor judicious in his utterances. He was playing a game that deceived both parties. Under less excitement his abusive language would have been disapproved by those in whose interest he pretended to be enlisted A friend said to the writer, at the close of his speech: "You may rely upon it, that man is doing us no good."

Soon after the speaking was over I was informed that Dodd was at Mr. Ballard's residence and had expressed a wish to see me. I found him writing. As I approached him he handed me a note for perusal which was from the captain of the "Home Guards," and which was replete with threats and insults. After reading this he handed me another note, which was his reply to the one received, and was quite as disrespectful and taunting. After some conversation in reference to these notes, I said to him: "Dodd, I understand it is your purpose to remain here till to-morrow. When the crowd have left you will be at the mercy of your enemies. Suppose they arrest you, what will be the result?" With perfect composure and without any apparent apprehension he replied: "I have nothing to fear. They may arrest me and take me to Indianapolis. I am personally and intimately acquainted with Col. Baker, the Provost Marshal, and other leading authorities. I will report at headquarters, and that will be the end of it." I was at a loss to account for his nonchalance. There was no occasion for his remaining in Rensselaer. He could have left with the crowd and avoided the annoyance and humiliation of an arrest, but this and subsequent events developed the fact that Dodd was carrying out a scheme that had been concocted by leading Republicans to drive the Democrats into a false position and accomplish their political destruction. Though unsuspected at the time, it was doubtless Dodd's intention to provoke an arrest, be carried to Indianapolis, and, as on a subsequent occasion, imprisoned so carelessly as to admit of his escape. By this means, odium and suspicion would be cast upon those with whom he had been associated. It is not supposed that it was his intention, or the design of those who had sent him forth as a secret emissary, to involve the two parties in a deadly conflict, but such had well nigh been the result.

In the evening, when all had retired to their homes, Dodd was arrested, guards stationed and other means resorted to to prevent egress from the town lest the word should go forth, but, in spite of these precautions, the news was heralded abroad. Swift messengers were at hand.

"Speed, Malies, speed! the dun deer's hide,
On swifter foot was never tied;
Speed, Malies, speed! Such cause of haste
Thine active services never braced."

"Nor slack'd the messenger his pace;
He told the hour, and named the place."

By 10 o'clock next morning wood and dale, in the vicinity of Blue Grass, were swarming with Democrats fiercely intent upon Dodd's rescue, armed with such weapons as they could most readily secure. Leaders were chosen and preparations made for a hasty march into Rensselaer. Fortunately, before the time arrived, it was suggested by one who considered "discretion the better part of valor," that one or two persons should drive into town and demand the release of Dodd before resorting to extremities. This suggestion was favorably considered. Wesley Spitler and Thomas Barker were selected for the purpose. It was not long before they returned with the glad news that Dodd was released.—Three rousing cheers resounded through the woods, and the Dodd Raid was at an end.

Though the rescue of Dodd was

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