

ANOTHER OUTRAGE.

There was no excuse or reason for the murder of the boy Burns at Cumberland last Saturday night. He had been arrested and was securely locked up in jail, and would have been brought to trial in a few days. His trial would have been no farce; there would have been no legal quibbles and technicalities to cheat the law of its just dues, and there is no reason to believe but that the law would have taken its course, and the criminal, no doubt, would have been duly executed.

The men who lynched Burns are greater murderers than he was, for while he shot his man while under the influence of liquor, and without premeditation, these men deliberately planned and carried their plans into execution. Without doubt, every one of them is guilty of murder in the first degree, and justice will not be done until every one implicated in it is brought before the bar and receives the penalty of his crime.

Without doubt, the deputy sheriff should be immediately removed, for he certainly failed in his duty, if he did not connive with the law breakers in carrying out their deadly purpose. The idea of a man standing with a weapon in his hand, allowed by the law to use it, and then failing to protect not only the prisoners, under his charge, but the property of the government of the State. The sheriff had heard that there were threats being made, but took no interest in the matter save to remove himself as far from the scene as his duty would allow.

Both of these men are as guilty as the wretches who murdered Burns. We do not in the least condone the crime of Burns, and would have been glad to have seen the law take its course and meted out to him the punishment he deserved, but we are unalterably opposed to any people taking the law into their own hands and meting out punishment as they see fit. Until those whose business it is to see that the law is duly executed and fail to do so are brought punishment, we may expect to hear of and see just such conditions as prevailed at Cumberland last Saturday night.