

A MOB'S VENGEANCE.

Dan Adams Taken From Officers and Lynched.

GUILTY OF ATTEMPTED MURDER

Was on His Way to the Penitentiary for Seven Years.

He Was Taken From the Officers by the Indignant Citizens to the Union Pacific Depot Where He Was Hanged.

SALINA, KAS., April 20. [Special.] The excitement of the past week reached a climax here to-night with the lynching of Dan Adams. The lynching had no direct reference to the case of Mrs. J. M. Frost, assaulted last week, but undoubtedly the passions excited by that event led to the reckless action of the mob to-night in the hanging of Adams for a comparatively small crime when considered with the Frost crime.

This morning at the Union depot, Dan Adams, a notorious character, attacked Troy Shout, a popular young baggage agent, and very nearly killed him with a razor. The assault was unprovoked, as Shout had simply ordered Adams, who was loafing in the waiting room, to leave.

Adams left, but no sooner had Shout turned his back than Adams slipped quietly in again and began to cut Shout with a razor. After slashing him terribly in five different places Adams turned and fled, but was soon overtaken by the police force in a field not far from the city and brought back.

The bitter feeling which has prevailed against the negroes since the assault upon Mrs. Frost began to manifest itself in a decided manner at once and talk of a lynching was freely indulged in. In order to avoid trouble the officers immediately took Adams to the district court, where he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary.

It was believed that this prompt act of justice would do away with the intention of the mob of lynching him and to all appearances it did. The sheriff arranged to take Adams to the state penitentiary at 9:30 o'clock this evening.

When the officers arrived at the Santa Fe depot with their prisoner there was no indication of any mob, and the officers began to believe that they would slip away unnoticed with Adams.

Just before the train pulled out it was discovered that the last car, into which the prisoner had been taken, had been uncoupled from the train, and in an incredibly short time fifty men surrounded it, while a delegation entered, and, having overpowered the officers, seized Adams from under the seat, where he had been hidden, and carried him away.

The capture was so sudden and unexpected that the officers were powerless to act. There was no yelling or demonstration of any kind on the part of the mob, and after the prisoner had been captured he was quietly taken a block away to the Union Pacific depot, where his crime was committed.

He was not given an opportunity to talk, but a rope was hastily placed around his neck and hitched to a telegraph pole. Adams was brought up with a sudden jerk and the rope made fast to the pole, leaving him suspended only about two feet from the ground.

The mob then fired a few shots and disappeared as mysteriously as it came, leaving their victim choking to death.

Adams was a notorious tough and was always flourishing his razor.

The fact, however, that Shout will not die from his wounds, and Adams was on his way to serve out the sentence imposed upon him for his crime, has made the action of the mob extremely unpopular.

The common feeling, although among members of the mob who were defeated in their attempt to hang Hudson last week, has been that some negroes ought to be hung on general principles, and the hanging of Adams has satisfied that feeling. As soon as the mob had left, many people flocked to the depot, where Adams was still hanging, and in a few moments the dead body was nearly naked, as many tore off pieces of his clothing to carry away as souvenirs. After hanging in this condition for nearly an hour the coroner ordered the body cut down.

Great excitement prevails among the negroes, and some fear is felt that they will resent the bold action of the mob in some really desperate acts.