

In Defense of Salina, Kan.

To the Kansas City Times.

SALINA, KAN., April 27.—The many uncomplimentary remarks made by the newspapers throughout the West in regard to the lynching of Adams is considered by Salina citizens as entirely uncalled for. The action of the mob is not indorsed by a majority of the citizens. They did not know a lynching had been planned and the news was received with much astonishment. The deed was executed by less than a dozen men, who performed their work quietly and with little demonstration. There is not a city in Kansas that contains a more refined or humane people, and the lynching of Adams is a circumstance that is liable to happen in any community. A mass meeting of the colored citizens was held and the following resolutions adopted:

WHEREAS, That a citizen of Saline county, State of Kansas, or in any State should be molested and unmercifully and without provocation slaughtered while in the discharge of his or her duty as employed or otherwise, is one of the most heinous and vicious crimes which should be discouraged and denounced by all law-abiding citizens, and every effort put forth to lawfully punish the perpetrator of such a crime; therefore be it

Resolved, That we indignantly denounce the cutting of Mr. Shout as a heinous, villainous and unprovoked crime.

Resolved, That we as citizens of Saline county, Kansas, extend to Mr. Shout, his family, friends and other relatives, our sincere sympathy in their sore affliction, and we pray that he may speedily recover.

Resolved, That we denounce the brutal, barbarous and lawless manner that Dana Adams was taken from the authorized officers of the law and murdered as one of the most heinous crimes, and is a disgrace to any civilized people.

Resolved, That all law-abiding citizens are hereby called upon to do all in their power to suppress mobs and mob violence.

Resolved, That we demand the sheriff and other officers of Saline county to put forth every effort in their power to arrest and secure the punishment of the murderers of Dana Adams.

Resolved, That we call upon good citizens to do all in their power to suppress the idle loitering upon the streets of the city of Salina.

Resolved, That we denounce and deny any and all rumors that the "negroes of Saline county are preparing to use any unlawful means in retaliation for the murdering of Dana Adams" as false reports.

Done by order of the colored citizens of Saline county, Kansas.