

call from the president a meeting was held at the post office in Sioux Rapids, October 4, 1879, at one o'clock p. m. G. W. Struble was elected vice president, and John Halverson, treasurer, to fill vacancies. David Tillet, O. G. Tabor, G. W. Struble, and Knudt Stennison were admitted as members; and for the benefit of those who wished to join before the next meeting, "The treasurer was instructed to receive members into the society on their payment to him of the required admission fee of one dollar; provided persons so admitted shall be subject to a majority vote of the society for confirmation or rejection." A motion was carried that the society be known and called the "Sioux Rapids Vigilance Committee," with its headquarters located at G. W. Struble's hotel at Sioux Rapids. A hundred handbills were ordered printed and the country again posted with notices.

At the next meeting J. M. Hoskins, Chas. Cuthbert and S. Olney, Sr., were received into membership.

These were the last members admitted to the society, and although its organization was kept up for some time afterward, its history as an active force may well be said to have ended with the winter of 1879-80. The object for which it had been organized had been accomplished. During its whole history not one of its members lost a horse, nor was it ever called upon to bring a thief to justice. And what justice the captured thief would have been brought to is well expressed by the words of one of its members: "We never had occasion to hunt down a thief after we organized, but if we had captured one we all knew what would have happened to him. He would never have stolen another horse!"

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THE Michigan Constitutional Convention have adopted a clause extending the elective franchise to Indians and their descendants and have adopted a resolution extending to the people, as a separate proposition, the question of extending the same to the African population.—*Western Democrat, Andrew, Iowa, Sept. 6, 1850.*

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