

From the Louisville Courier of March 6.

A GAMBLER LYNCHED.—We learn that a gambler of the name of Williamson, suffered the penalties of Lynch Law at Hickman a few days since, at the hands of the passengers of the steamer St. Paul. It appears that a party of returned Californians started for St. Louis on the boat from New Orleans; but as the boat was about leaving port, a police officer came on board and cautioned the passengers to beware of gamblers and pickpockets during the trip, at the same time informing them that several of the fraternity were on the boat.—This made the Californians extremely cautious, and wary of approaches of their fellow-passengers.

Some distance above Memphis, this man Williamson, induced one of the gold diggers to visit W's state room to try a bottle of fine brandy. He drank some of the liquor, which almost made him sick, and he rushed into the cabin, crying out that he was poisoned.

It appears that the liquor had been drugged with morphine. The Californian, after recovering from the effects of the drug, attempted to shoot Williamson with a pistol, and pursued him all over the boat. The Captain interfered, and pacified the passengers by telling them that he would set Williamson on shore at the first convenient landing. The boat stopped at Hickman, and the passengers then took the law in their own hands, and seizing their victim, proceeded to the woods, tied him to a tree, and gave him sixty-seven lashes on his back, and turned him loose. Our informant states that every blow brought blood from the poor wretch; whose screams could be heard a mile.