

During the Civil War, political parties often raised support for their cause through torchlight processions, or parades. Sometimes these processions, which resembled political rallies like we have today, became heated or violent. In this case, a man named James Campbell was killed in a fight that broke out during a procession held by the Democratic Party.

Using context clues, what do you think a torchlight procession would have looked like? Remember, Americans in the Civil War did not have electricity or flashlights.

REWARD OFFERED.—A proclamation has been issued by the Mayor offering a reward of \$1,000 for information which will lead to the detection of the murderer of James Campbell, who was killed during the attack on the Democratic torchlight procession, on the 29th of October.

THE MURDERER OF JAMES CAMPBELL.—His Honor, ALEXANDER HENRY, Mayor of the city, has issued a proclamation, offering a reward of one thousand dollars for information which will lead to the arrest and conviction of the murderer of JAMES CAMPBELL, who was killed on the 29th of October last, by an individual in the ranks of the Seventeenth Ward delegation in the Democratic procession.
