

person was violated by Mortenson in the death room of his wife, contains the ingredient of pathos. Perhaps the public are not familiar with the full details of the case, but so far as the facts are known it will be the general opinion that the grounds for an indictment against the young woman were anything but strong. The evidence appears to show that she was simply the victim of the destroyer of her virtue, and nothing but pity can properly be experienced towards her. Her mental condition soon after the perpetration of the brutal act of Mortenson showed great distress. Her demeanor subsequently—notably in the court on the occasion of her arraignment—was in the same line.

The attempt of the principal in this disgraceful case to throw odium upon the girl he had so foully wronged is an additional evidence of his low and despicable nature. But his crime in chief was sufficient proof upon that point.

The action taken by Judge Blackburn, in imposing a nominal fine and releasing the accused, will receive general endorsement. It was practically in the nature of a discharge without penalty.

LIBERAL "MORALITY."

THERE could be nothing more demonstrative of the hypocritical pretense of the preservation of public morality in the assaults made upon the "Mormons," legally and politically, than the developments of "Liberal" impurity of principle and character during this municipal campaign.

Aliens in all respects qualified for citizenship have been prevented from naturalization, solely because of their belief that plural marriage is religiously right though legally wrong. Others have been obstructed because, though entirely repudiating polygamy in belief and practice, they belong to the "Mormon" Church. At the same time, men whose lives are openly immoral have been admitted, and a judicial decision is now reached that fornication is of itself no barrier to admission and no evidence that a man who has committed it is not of good moral character!

It has been proclaimed by "Liberal" representatives, in open court, that nine hundred and ninety-nine men out of a thousand have committed sexual sins, which are crimes under the same law that provides penalties for polygamy. These offences are "Liberal" every day af-

fairs. It has been admitted by our opponents, official and otherwise, that they are not usual with the "Mormons." Attorneys in court who object to a man's naturalization because he is a "Mormon," are highly indignant that any objection should be made to a "Liberal" because he is an adulterer or fornicator!

And now Judge Anderson rules that one or several acts of this character do not make a man immoral, if secret, but only when he is continuously and habitually lewd. And yet the Edmunds-Tucker Act provides a penalty for a single act of this kind, and the law was supposed to have been passed in the interest of general morality and to take away the odium of the appearance that its penalties were only enacted against the "Mormons."

God preserve us against the morality of the "Liberal" party, which sustains prostitution in Ogden and champions fornication in Salt Lake. And let the country judge of the moral intentions and spirit and actions of the thrice condemned hypocrites, who pretend to oppose "Mormon" plural marriage on the ground of its immorality!

THE SEIZURE OF COUNTY PAPERS

THE course taken by Mr. Cutler on Nov. 12, in regard to the action of members of the grand jury, will be commended by the people of this county. The only exceptions will be those "Liberal" people who are ready to support every movement which is thought to be inimical to the majority, even if it be the most palpable of illegalities.

No member of the grand jury had any more right than a private individual to slich a paper or book of any kind from the office of the County Clerk. Vouchers, it appears, for the care of which the County Clerk alone is responsible, were taken by certain members of the grand jury from his office without permission and without request.

It is claimed by a stupid apologist for this outrage, in the organ of the "Liberals," that receipts were left for these vouchers. But it is not claimed that any application was made for them, that anything was said about taking them, that these alleged receipts were presented to anybody, or that the persons who appropriated them, under whatever pretext, had any right or authority to seize public papers or take them surreptitiously from their lawful custodian.

The County Clerk was required by the grand jury to bring before that body certain books and papers, and among them the very vouchers which, unknown to him, some members of that body had abstracted from his office during an examination of his records. He very properly refused to be sworn in regard to the matter in private, so that the actions of these persons might be exposed in open court.

There have been several improprieties committed by persons who imagine, because they are grand jurors, that they are of almighty importance and endowed with powers denied to ordinary mortals. They should be taught the lesson that they are as much under the law as anybody, and that they have no right either to resort to intimidation or forcible possession of public or private property. Let every officer be respected in the lawful exercise of his calling, and let officers also show proper respect to the rights of other officers and of every citizen.

ILLIBERAL "LIBERALISM."

EVERY day we hear of men being refused work or discharged from employment, because they will not promise and agree to vote the "Liberal" ticket. "We have no use for Peoples' Party men," is the general expression in their case. And yet a terrible howl was raised by the "Liberal" organ when a young man, who had posed as a member of the People's Party, but who was really a supporter of the "Liberal" outfit, was discharged by his employer solely because of his deception.

The fact that he was replaced by a straight, acknowledged "Liberal" was not given to the public by the dishonest circulator of anti-"Mormon" fables. But this single case was repeated, time and again, as proof of "Mormon" bigotry. And yet, as we have stated, there is no end of instances in which so-called "Liberals" have exhibited their intense partizanship and illiberality toward those who differ with them in politics.

We have no disposition to dictate any employer in his choice of workmen. That is his affair. But we only wish to show that the discrimination alleged in a single instance on the part of People's Party men, has been exercised in numerous cases by so-called "Liberals" in various parts of the city. We have the proofs. "Those who live in glass-houses," etc.