

anxious to meet my wife, who was then in Salt Lake City, she having traveled over the plains the same season with Captain Hoyt's company. I have lived in Salt Lake City and Spanish Fork City since I came to Utah. I was the only man by the name of Green, that I know of, who came over in Captain Dame's company. No man was killed in that company by the name of Green, or of any other name, nor did I ever hear of any rumor of any one being killed in said company, until I saw the statement of Wardell recently in the papers. I am not a Mormon nor have I been for several years. I am not a believer in Mormon theocracy, but do believe it wrong to have any religious sect or body of people assailed by falsehood.

I would gladly refer to other points brought out in the course of the "investigation," and suggested by the press comments which have followed, but I am conscious of my trespass on your space.

In common with all others of my faith, I cherish fond hopes that a time will yet come when bias and prejudice will be laid aside, and when God-given reason will be allowed to exercise its royal sway in the study of the great problem of "Mormonism." The more thorough the investigation is, the deeper will be the joy of my people.

Sincerely, sir, yours,  
J. E. TALMAGE.

#### THE GILMOR SHOOTING CASE.

In the continuation of the Gilmor case on Saturday, Dec. 28th, Dr. Benedict was recalled, and testified that he had examined the wound of deceased carefully, and that the shot had entered in a direct line. The person shot must have stood erect when the shot was fired and directly facing the person who did the shooting. He stated that he had removed the clothing from Walkey, but saw no wounds on the arm or other parts of the body, except the central wound. It would have been impossible for a person, standing in the position described by the Gilmor family to have been shot in the way Walkey was. If he had had his rifle to his shoulder, as claimed, some of the shot must have struck his arm, but it did not; if he had been in the act of preparing to shoot he must have been in a position for some of the shots which entered his body to go in a slanting direction, but all of them went straight in; his breast must have been fully and squarely exposed to the shot, a thing which could not be if he was in the act of raising a gun to his shoulder.

Dr. Dart was the next witness called by the prosecution. He stated that he was familiar with firearms, and thought that a ball fired 300 yards from a rifle and striking the ground so as to plow a furrow between two and three feet, would necessarily be much battered. A ball claimed to have been found at the Gilmor ranch by Gilmor's boy on the day of shooting was examined. He thought the ball should be more battered for being fired the distance stated.

Dr. Benedict was called to exam-

ine the bullet. If a bullet is fired 300 yards he thought it would necessarily have to be changed more.

Mr. Spencer, a dealer in firearms, testified—A bullet is usually much out of shape after being fired 300 yards and striking the ground so as to plow a furrow three feet long. He thought the bullet looked as if it were of a defective mould. If the bullet be defective it would not be likely to go so swiftly from the rifle.

M. R. Evans testified to having shot a rifle a good deal. He thought the same as the other witnesses, that a ball fired 300 yards would be much disfigured; examined the bullet and thought it could hardly have been fired that distance.

To Colonel Kaighn—It may not be wholly impossible for it not to have been more flattened, but in my judgment it should have been more so.

Orson DeMott testified—I saw Joseph Walkey one day with Gilmor one day at my father's sheep camp; never saw Walkey raise his gun; heard Gilmor do some great cussing; Walkey ordered him off the ground; he had his rifle hung up in its case in the cabin; did not have it in his hands at all while Gilmor was there; when Gilmor left he had it in his hand but laid it on the bed; never saw him point it at Gilmor; Mr. Gilmor came to tell Walkey some of his sheep were on his land; Walkey took the gun down to kill a sheep; never heard Walkey say he would shoot the head off of Gilmor or anything of that kind; the boy said he was in bed when Gilmor came to the camp; saw him go west when he left; had only talked to his papa once about the matter shortly after it happened. All this happened about a month ago.

The pros cutlon rested. This was objected to by the defendant's counsel, who claimed that several witnesses had been subpoenaed and had not been placed on the stand.

Commissioner Greenman thought he had no right to say that the prosecution should place witnesses on the stand when they wished to rest the case.

Defendants still further demanded that such witnesses be placed on the stand.

Mr. Morse said the case was virtually not in his hands, but he was conducting it for the prosecuting attorney.

Judge McKay being sent for, said he had concluded not to put the officers who visited Gilmor's ranch on the stand. He had no hesitancy in stating why he did not do so. The defendant had taken out these officers for his own benefit, and now if he wanted them placed on the stand he could do it. For defense to ask prosecution to place them on was absurd.

The commissioner again ruled that he had no power to force the prosecution to place witnesses on the stand.

Deputy Springer was then called by the defense. He testified to having gone to Gilmor's ranch last Monday, on request of Deputy United States Marshal Vandercook. He found a dead man lying on the

ground, and near by was a repeating rifle, full cocked; it was found to have one cartridge in the chamber; about fifty rods southwest of the body, he found a mark in the soil, made by a bullet, which mark was about two feet long and about three inches deep. A little boy of Gilmor's was with him, and he picked the bullet up about eight feet further on; the ball was covered with black earth; did not serve any subpoenas while out there, as he had left the subpoenas at home, but told the witnesses to come; the day was disagreeable, and the soil muddy when they visited the place.

To M. Morse—I got out at the place about noon; never touched the body; when the boy found the bullet, I never saw him pick it up, but saw him in the act of raising up.

Deputy Franks was next called by the defense. He testified to having visited Gilmor's ranch under instructions from Deputy Marshal Vandercook; found Walkey lying about fifty yards west of Gilmor's house, with a rifle lying near the body; did not think that anybody had touched the body; found the gun cocked and one cartridge in it; found tracks of deceased going east, nearly in the direction of the house.

To Mr. Morse—I was not present when the bullet was found by Gilmor's little boy, but saw it shortly afterwards; it was then covered with black loam.

An adjournment was taken till December 30th, when the defense called Stephen Hansen. He testified—I heard five shots fired that day; when I heard the first shot I could not see any one; then there was a lapse of about 15 minutes, and another shot; about 15 minutes after this a third shot was fired, and I saw a man, whom I think was Walkey, about 300 yards from where Gilmor was driving the sheep; the smoke was near Walkey; 10 minutes later there were two shots close together and I saw smoke near Gilmor; I then went home and heard of Walkey being killed; I did not go over to the scene of the tragedy.

Several other witnesses were examined, but nothing new was elicited.

After the arguments, Commissioner Green took the matter under advisement till Thursday, January 2d.

#### ARCHITECTURE OF VENICE.

Travel the civilized world from end to end and you cannot find in it two places more poetical than Venice and Granada. Two cities which offer a greater contrast in their past history, present condition, or future prospects could scarcely be mentioned, but both are instinct with the spirit of poetry to such an extent that no other place in their respective countries is worthy to be compared with them. The latter, throned on the heights between the Genil and the Darro, guarded by the palace fortress of the Alhambra, overlooking the fertile expanse of a fruitful and smiling vega, and overlooked by the snowcapped peak of the Veleta, is past description beautiful; the former, camped low