

dell. A short distance from Green River, William Green was taken out of his wagon by a number of "Mormons" and, because he had apostatized, a blood-atoner seized each arm, while another cut his throat. The body was robbed and carried away, Wardell and other spectators of this sanguinary spectacle being told to "keep quiet," and "say nothing about it."

In answer to questions Wardell gave the names of persons who, besides himself, had seen the assassination. Among those were a number of persons now deceased and some still living. Among the latter were George Wardell, son of the witness, and Joseph Follett. He also stated that the hapless victim of blood atonement was a resident of Farmington, Davis County, Utah.

Besides a large number of other witnesses who were in the immigrant company with which Wardell traveled who testified that no such murder ever occurred, the two specially named by Wardell gave evidence to the same effect. Here, for instance, is the evidence given by

GEORGE WARDELL:

"I am the son of Martin D. Wardell; he is in the court room; I came with him, in 1862, in Captain Dame's company. I am not a member of any church; do not believe in 'Mormonism'; remember crossing Green River; there was no man killed in our train; father crossed the plains only once; if there had been a man named Green killed I would have known it; I heard of nothing of the kind; I did not drive Green's wagon, nor hear of it; I only drove my father's wagon; The Church gave us the wagon at Florence, Nebraska, for us to come in, and I left the wagon in the Tithing office; never heard father relate this story before; we came through late in the fall of 1862; do not remember Billy Williams, or George Snyder; no man from our camp was killed; never heard of any man being killed on the trip across the plains."

Here is the substance of the statement made on the witness stand by the veteran

JOSEPH FOLLETT:

"I was 75 last June; reside at Weston, Idaho; lived in Utah 27 years; came in 1862, in Captain Dame's company; there were about sixty wagons; I remember a man named Wardell in the company; I worked with him a couple of years afterwards in Salt Lake County; Wardell had his wife and children on the plains; no man of our company was killed, nor was there any killing that I know of; Wardell's story about the killing is entirely false; nothing of that nature took

place; I never heard of such a thing till last Wednesday, when I was called to this city; there was a woman killed in our train by being run over by a wagon; an old gentleman from England died in our camp; he was sick when we started; no one was lost from our camp."

A number of witnesses were produced who testified that they had resided in Farmington since 1853, and that Isaac Green was the only man of the name of Green who ever lived in that town, that the said Green is now living in Wellsville, Cache County, and had been seen by the witnesses within a short period.

The defense offered to produce Mr. Green if sufficient time were given. The court said it was unnecessary, as the Wardell-Green murder would be considered *disproved*.

In the face of these facts and the direct statement of the court, the chief "Liberal" and anti-"Mormon" organ, published in this city, in its issue of Thursday, Nov. 28th, in a long, tedious column and a half editorial, labored to show that the assassination was a fact, indulging in a lot of sickening stuff about the truthfulness of the humble carpenter, Wardell, at the same time throwing journalistic mud at the witnesses whose testimony smashed the wicked story of that venomous crank. We here quote from the article in question:

"No one who saw the witness on the stand, aside from the fact that one is a Mormon, bound by oath to conceal the fact, even if true, would hesitate which to believe. Follett's wildly streaming hair and glittering gray eyes would mark him a fanatic anywhere, while the quiet, thoughtful, gentlemanly bearing of Wardell would commend him as one who was entitled to confidence in any matter that he knew."

It is presumed that the Judge "saw the witness on the stand," yet he stated that no further evidence on the point was needed, the murder having been disproved.

The logic of the "Liberal" organ is that the veracity of a witness is to be gauged by the length of his locks and the color and brilliancy of his eyes. According to this rule it will be eminently proper for a person called to testify in any important case to have his hair cut *a la* Pompadour before appearing on the stand; also to look out of his eyes with a fishy expression, or the pacific gaze common to the sturdy, ruminating ox. If the veteran Mr. Follett had been placed in the hands of a barber and subjected to a

short crop by having the clippers run over his cranium before appearing in court he would, according to the "Liberal" rule of judging the quality of evidence, have been implicitly believed, especially if his eyes were devoid of glitter, and expressionless as a stone fence.

On the other hand, Wardell's "quiet, thoughtful, gentlemanly bearing" indicated he was "entitled to confidence in any matter that he knew." As the mythical trumped up "Mormon" murder was one of the things that he never "knew," because what never existed cannot be known, in that regard he was not entitled to confidence.

To make the picture complete the veritable murdered Mr. Green appears upon the scene, in the form of the following affidavit:

TERRITORY OF UTAH, } ss.
COUNTY OF UTAH }

William Green, being duly sworn, on his oath says: I am an Englishman by birth, fifty-five years of age, and now a resident of Spanish Fork anty, Utah County, Territory of Utah. I crossed the plains in 1862 in Captain Dame's company; I knew a man by the name of Wardell; he crossed the plains and came to Utah in the same company as I did. We traveled together until the company arrived at a point near William Kimball's ranch in Parley's Park, where I left the train ahead of the company, being 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.

WILLIAM GREEN.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 28th day of November, 1889.

WILLIAM CREER,
Notary Public.

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Now it appears that William Green was not, so far as he can recollect, murdered and robbed by "Mormons" because of apostasy, and it will be scarcely held, even by the "Liberal" organ, that such a circumstance could have occurred—the story of the "gentlemanly and thoughtful" Wardell to the contrary