

people on account of their religious convictions. The call closed with these inflammatory words:

Hesitate no longer. If necessary lay the axe to the root of the tree. It is our will that unless you can engraft upon the present territorial stock the noble scion of liberty, you must destroy the stock, root and branch, and organize in lieu thereof, a territory whose administration shall be loyal to liberty and law.

That this destroying process was to be carried on very much by the same means as are now alleged the Amorines intend to employ soon became evident. All over the Territory reports came that workmen were notified by zealous employers that they would have to either join the league or quit work. Contributions were levied in this way in many instances. And further, that proceedings of this kind were in full accord with the official program is gathered from the language of the league leaders at the time. The following morsel appeared in the *Tribune* and was reproduced in the *News* of December 28, 1886:

Let 'em beg, let 'em squeal, but let the good work go on. Let us act as we talk, or for the future keep still. I trust the miners will all join the league and never rest while a Mormon is employed in their respective camps. They have got the organization anyhow, since they are in the majority, if they all join, and can make of it what use they please. And if they don't and can't make it answer the purpose of a boycott of Mormon labor in the mines, they are fools to have sought to do with it.

Such warfare against one religious body was neither "inhuman" nor "outrageous." But now, when it is waged against another, it is said to be both. Could the Amorines teach some of the religious people who once joined political demagogues in a cruel combat against the Mormons what it is to be trodden down unjustly, some good might come of their otherwise evil intentions.

A POWERFUL SEARCHLIGHT.

Searchlights are conspicuous items in the domain of science just now, and it is to be recorded that to our own country, as usual, belongs the high honor of constructing the largest and most powerful one in existence. It is now being set up, or perhaps by this time is in place, at the World's Fair. We are furnished with a circular descriptive of its dimensions, points and characteristics; as to size an idea of the searchlight's proportions may be gained from the picture accompanying the circular, in which a man of ordinary size reaches but little over half way to the top, its measurement being about 10 feet 6 inches high to the upper side of the ventilator on the top of the drum, while the total weight is about 6000 pounds, but so perfectly is it mounted and balanced that a child can move it in any direction. The reflecting lens mirror used in this projector is 150 centimeters, or 60 inches, in diameter. It is a concave spherical mirror of the Magoni type, free from spherical aberration, reflecting a sensibly parallel beam of light. It was manufactured especially for this projector in Paris, France, and is a most perfect specimen of optical work,

three and one-fourth inches thick at the edges and one-sixteenth of an inch thick at the center, and weighs about 800 pounds. The metal ring in which it is mounted weighs about 750 pounds, and the total lens, ring and cover, weigh about 1600 pounds. This great mirror is mounted at one end of the big drum, the outer end of which is furnished with a door consisting of a metal rim in which are fixed a number of plate glass strips five-sixteenths of an inch thick by six inches wide. Inside this drum and sliding upon ways arranged on the bottom, is placed the electric lamp, the source of the light which is reflected by the mirror.

The machine is entirely automatic in its action and the lamp has a luminous intensity of 90,000 to 100,000 candles, while the reflected beam equals 375,000,000 candles! This is an intensity which the mind cannot grasp nor the eye appreciate; it approaches more nearly the fierce luminosity of the sun himself than that of any previous mechanical device in ancient or modern times.

NONE BUT THE BRAVE, ETC.

Of the inner lines of the wives of great men usually very little is known; for such women, though frequently great themselves, are almost always content to endure a subdued sort of existence, if not, indeed, one of constant self-denial. The serious illness of Princess Bismarck recalls that she is one to whom the foregoing remarks well apply, and it also recalls—what will be of greater interest to the general reader—the bold courtship of the stout young soldier who afterwards became the iron chancellor of the greatest military empire of modern times. A well-informed correspondent of the *New York Sun* devotes a column to the life of the afflicted and bedridden lady, from which we condense an account of the episode alluded to. Princess Bismarck's maiden name was Johanna von Puttkamer, and she was just entering her twenty-fourth year when she was courted by Otto von Bismarck, a young man of good family and much promise, though he had yet to win his spurs as a soldier and had given small sign of the signal ability in statescraft which he afterwards developed. The fraulein's parents were staunch conservatives and inveterate "pietists." As such they were strongly adverse to any union with the avowed representative of other opinions, and forbade their daughter to accept the advances of her suitor. But they had to deal with a man who refused to be thwarted in any of his intentions, and they found that opposition was useless and even dangerous. Finding himself repulsed, Bismarck adopted a plan which, unconventional as it was, met with full success. Having been told that he would not be received if he called, he heard that the Puttkamers were to give a large evening party to which naturally he had not been invited. Nothing loath, he made his appearance in the crowded drawing room, and offering his arm to Fraulein von Puttkamer he boldly passed with her from group to group, and audibly in-

formed all the other guests that he was affianced to her. Startled and stunned by this audacity, the parents had not the presence of mind to deny the engagement on the spot, and later on prudence and common sense prevailed over wrath and prejudice, and they agreed to give their formal consent rather than brave what would have been a public scandal compromising their daughter.

The marriage which soon followed has proved in every sense a happy one, and her critical sickness at this time cannot fail to prove an almost crushing affliction to her aged lover. For, while at the height of his sovereignty and power she did not seem in the least elated, so on the other hand she has manifested no disappointment at the profound change in their fortunes. This equanimity is in such marked contrast with the pitiful conduct of her husband, who makes but a sorry success of the attempt to conceal the teeth of the wolf under the mane of the lion, that her death, should it happen at this stage of affairs, could scarcely fail to complete the wreck of peace and contentment which he seems determined to bring upon himself.

THE CITIZENS' MOVEMENT.

A number of prominent and influential taxpayers of this city got together yesterday evening and took the initiatory step toward formulating an independent ticket to be voted for in this city in November. The gathering was altogether non-partisan as to its entirely and purpose, but was composed of representatives of every party that figured in the last election—Democrats, Republicans and Liberals. The details of this preliminary work will be found in their proper place in our local columns.

If anything had been wanting to make complete the indictment against the majority of the powers that be in this community, certainly such a movement supplies it. We are confronted by a condition and a bad one. Irresponsible men hold responsible positions and dishonest ones have been thrust into places of trust, all having a tendency to waste our substance, weaken our energies and impair if not destroy our credit. Exposure, removals and censure have had no sensible effect; it has been but lopping off one of the hydra's heads, another immediately appearing to bite and annoy in place of its predecessor. This, in the natural course of things, must cease and since it will not come to a standstill of its own accord it behooves those who foot the bills and are most concerned to stop the procession themselves. This, as we understand it, is now designed and the necessary measures partly under way.

The *News* is not committed to any political organization, but it is committed to the cause of good government and the furthering of the best interests of the greatest number. When we see the array of names which the movement just inaugurated causes to be placed before the people for their suffrage, we will then announce what support if any we can give the ticket.