

by the immediate opening of saloons and gambling hells on Sunday, and the influx of a herd of loose women, white and colored. Then came the establishment of "stews" in disguise under the name of Novelty theatres, the lowering of liquor licenses, the raising of taxes, a marked change in the moral aspect of the place, and at last an outcry from the best people of both parties against the pollutions that had poured in like a flood and that seemed to find encouragement from the "Liberal" authorities.

We have drawn attention to this as a consequence of "Liberal" civic government in Ogden. It is a legitimate subject for newspaper criticism. The facts are open, notorious, irrefutable. Decent "Liberals" applaud the movement to suppress the evils, and admit that if the United States Marshal had not proceeded, these infamies would have continued to flourish. It is only the indecent, rabid, conscienceless and low-lived class, and the scribes that are with them, who are chagrined at the movement and the comments against the cause of the rapid growth of these social disorders. They may rave at pleasure. They only expose their own villainess and corrupt affinities.

It is stated that these "tin horn" gamblers, to the number of forty at least, as well as other vile characters fleeing from the wrath to come in Ogden and elsewhere have settled down in this city. The intimation that they are to remain and swell the "Liberal" vote next February enrages certain political manipulators. Well, it comes from men of their own party. It is freely uttered in Ogden. It is quite a probable event. There are doubtless other gamblers who are ranked as a more "respectable" class already here and doing regular "business." It is said they are known to the police. That may be true, and it is also likely that they escape the penalties of the law by strategy that makes it difficult for the police to obtain evidence against them.

Now what is the proper thing to do in order to suppress the evil that is carried on secretly in this city and which was publicly permitted to flourish in Ogden? We think it is union of forces between the municipal and Federal officials. There need be no conflict of authority. There may and should be perfect harmony, so far at least as the enforcement of the laws extends. They ought not to exist and defy the

laws and ordinances enacted for their suppression. If they do, it will be a standing reproach to the officers of the law, no matter whether the authority thus unexercised be local or national.

The ordinances of the city and the statutes of the Territory apply to persons who patronize gaming tables as well as to those who run them. In raiding the houses where gambling is carried on, the patrons of such places should be arrested and punished according to law, for they are equally culpable with the professional gamblers, who would have no room for their occupation if it were not for the frequenters of their dens.

It makes no difference whether these sports hail from Ogden or from Denver, whether they are here to support the "Liberal" cause, as stated, or not, whether they are "tin horns" or "respectables." They carry on their nefarious calling to the public detriment and against the laws and there ought to be ingenuity enough and determination enough among the officers charged with the execution of the laws to break up these lawless institutions which, it is claimed, are established in Salt Lake City and are patronized by substantial businessmen as well as young persons who are thus exposed to continual temptation. Let the work commenced in Ogden be continued in Salt Lake. If not, why not?

#### GEORGE DUNNING'S CASE.

EVIDENCE seems to be accumulating in support of the story of George Dunning, of Chicago, and there appears but little room for doubt that he was made the victim of a foul conspiracy. The narrative reads like a romance woven by the fertile imagination of a modern writer of fiction. It could be made the basis of a stirring sensational novel, if clothed with a few imaginative situations and episodes. According to what has been published, the skeleton of the tale is about as follows:

Dunning, a good-looking young fellow, was a newspaper circulator in Chicago. In pursuit of his vocation he made regular calls at the house of a millionaire who resided in his district. This wealthy old gentleman had a pretty daughter. The young lady and Dunning formed an acquaintance, and a mutual affection sprang up between them. As in the ordinary domestic

drama, the aged money-bags discovered what was going on. He resorted to a number of methods to break up the mutuality of the youngsters. Then came the conspiracy to dispose of young George Dunning.

A tough character named Frank Allen was engaged to commit a burglary, so arrange matters that the deed would be discovered and Dunning be arrested as an accomplice. The scheme was operated and carried in good shape. The two were tried, convicted and sentenced each to four years' imprisonment. Allen got a new trial, was sentenced to one year, and after being in jail two weeks, was pardoned. A new trial was denied to Dunning.

A lawyer surreptitiously engaged by the young lady to defend George, was bought off. The millionaire's daughter also wrote letters to Dunning's mother. An attorney, made pretense of an intention to work for the unfortunate victim of the plot, obtained possession of these epistles and that was the end of them.

By secret instruction to prison officials Dunning was placed at the hardest labor in the jail and was fast succumbing to the rigorous treatment until discovered by John Bonfield, the noted ex-detective, who procured a relaxation of the regime to which the convict was being subjected.

Mr. Bonfield also discovered that two checks of \$5,000 each had been negotiated through the Merchants' Loan and Trust Company, the cash having been paid to Mr. West, of the *Times*. This is alleged to have been hush money received by him, the condition being that the story about Dunning, which had been obtained by a representative of that paper, be not published.

The *Chicago Journal* has been hunting up the facts and has given a full and particular account of the remarkable story, which has greatly agitated social circles in the "Queen City."

During the whole stir, for some reason best known to those who have been working up the exposure, the name of the millionaire, the grim old villain of the drama, has been persistently suppressed. As money, as well as a love affair, has been at the root of the whole business, it can scarcely be doubted that the influence of wealth has superinduced the silence that has prevailed upon this point. The whole affair is an evidence of the potency of wealth and the corruptibility through its agency of ordinary