

number of dollars. He is worthy of contempt, and should be prevented from going at large until symptoms of reformation have appeared.

There is one feature of this fish subject which, when calmly considered, is really surprising. Persons who are fully cognizant of the violations of law which fish depredators commit, who are personally and directly interested in the food supply which this class of offenders are destroying, and who display a commendable public spirit, generally fail to take any practical steps in the direction of vindicating the law. If an intelligent citizen were to see some person engaged in destroying a public bridge, or burning a public building, what would he do? Go at once before a magistrate and make affidavit to what he knew relative to the crime, that the offender might be arrested and punished. A person who unlawfully takes or destroys fish, robs the public of a food supply, is the enemy of society, and should be legally dealt with.

#### ALL MANNER OF EVIL FALSELY.

THE perfidy displayed in spreading the most abominable falsehoods about the Latter-day Saints and their religion is truly appalling. As an instance we quote from a late issue of the Portland (Oregon) *Telegram*. Speaking of the recent investigation before the Third District Court, that journal says:

"The fate of many, who having violated the oaths of the Church, had been subjected to great torture, their throats cut from ear to ear and their intestines torn out, proves the society to be a desperately murderous one."

This infamous statement is made in the face of the fact, notoriously known here, that after the most diligent efforts, inspired by the hope of making political capital and satisfying their personal hatred of the Church, the only case of throat-cutting and alleged blood atonement produced by the anti-"Mormon" "Liberals" was that of William Green. The latter was said, by the apostate "Mormon" Wardell, on the witnessstand, under oath, to have been murdered near Green River, in 1862, because he had left the Church.

It is proved beyond all possibility of question, that not only was this same William Green never murdered by having his throat cut, etc., but that he is alive and well today, is not now a member of the Church, and is a resident of Spanish Fork, Utah County, Utah.

At this point it appears to us to be an appropriate idea to, once in a while, as occasion may seem to demand, present the affidavit of the murdered man, as his case furnished all the proof that was produced at the investigation to show that the "Mormon" religion involved the death penalty upon those who apostatized from the Church and disobeyed the Priesthood. Here it is:

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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 city, 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,

[SEAL.] Notary Public.

#### THE EXPOSURE HURTS THEM.

WITH satanic zeal the active "bosses" of the "Liberal" party have expended their inventive powers in fabricating the most infamous and damaging falsehoods about the "Mormon" people. When these products of infernalism have been coined they have scattered them abroad with a prodigal hand. This has been the "plan of campaign" from the beginning.

The philosophy of the method is this: If the "Liberals" could cover the "Mormon" people with the odium of a bad name, they might slightly concluded that they could carry out their nefarious schemes against them with comparative

impunity. Give a man an unsavory name, however undeserved, and he can be abused and trampled upon with impunity by his enemies. He will receive but little aid, comfort or sympathy from the public. So with a community.

This is the reason why, before an election or previous to an appeal to Congress for special anti-"Mormon" legislation, the country is flooded with falsehoods about the Latter-day Saints and their religion. Hence the recent effort, before the Third District Court, to prove that the theological system of the "Mormon" people involved the death penalty upon apostates from the Church, or those who disobey the Priesthood. The only bloody example of the execution of this alleged penalty was manufactured at the instance of the "Liberal" anti-"Mormons" by Martin Wardell, an apostate, who, under oath, told a trumped up story about the murder of William Green, near Green River, in 1862.

Judge Anderson—probably against his own inclination—announced that the murder was "disproved," so overwhelming was the evidence in that direction. The organ of the anti-"Mormon" "Liberal" party held to it that the story was true, notwithstanding that it was completely annihilated by proof.

Even now that William Green has been discovered as a resident of Spanish Fork, in the County of Utah, adjoining this, a distance of 65 miles from Salt Lake City, the "Liberal" organ still absurdly, wickedly and foolishly sticks to the unmitigated falsehood, as will be seen by this paragraph in its issue of this morning:

"The hunt for Green threatens to become as monotonous as the search for Charlie Ross or Stewart's body. Every few days somebody has heard of this, that or the other person being able 'to tell all about Green,' and when this, that and the other person has been round, they don't know anything at all."

Now, seeing that Mr. Green is a non-"Mormon" and a "Liberal," but, as it appears, an honorable one, the villainy of insisting—for outside political effect—that he was "blood-atoned" in 1862, must be apparent to everybody with the one-thousandth part of the average honor, manhood or conscience. But the reason for the tenacity displayed in adhering to this trumped-up murder case is plain enough. It was the only sanguinary death penalty incident