

city he met old friends, and talked the matter over. Of course it was shown him that the marriage of his wife was invalid, and could be easily set aside. It further appeared that his wife was coerced into marriage by Rodgers. The latter was a foreman in the mill owned by Lennon, and he threatened Mrs. Lennon that unless she married him, he would take possession of the mill by foreclosing what he pretended was a mortgage he had on it.

Lennon has gone back to Ireland to claim his wife, and to give the police and people of County Down one of the most beautiful ghost scares that Crofton Croker or Mrs. Hall ever wrote about.

DEMOCRACY AND DISCIPLINE.

THE explanation which the war department of England gives for the mutinous spirit exhibited in the army is that there is getting to be too much intelligence in the ranks. The soldiers are becoming educated in the principles of human freedom. In other words they are growing democratic.

This is no doubt as true as it can be. It was proven long before the pets of the English army shocked her Majesty by refusing to obey orders, that an educated brain will not endure abject subordination, that it will face death with a more invincible front than it will the thought of being a slave.

* To the mind of the Queen this is no doubt an appalling discovery. She cannot hope with free education scattered broadcast over the land, to close the ranks of her army against it. It is the nature of such an infection to spread faster and be most malignant where it is most resisted. To the Queen it is a more serious matter by far than rebellion in the Commons. Democracy has carried its work in that branch of the government beyond the hope of reversal long ago. So if the Queen's discipline is now to be mocked in the army, whither shall she go for somebody to rule? Her army parades are about all she has left of her glory, and with her soldiers in rebellion even this harmless occupation is gone.

But while the Queen trembles we do not observe any symptoms of alarm in other quarters. For royal parades a democratic soldier is worse than useless; he is a menacing burlesque and a nuisance generally. But for the defense of liberty and of country, if the country is his affair, he is the best kind of a soldier. He is the kind that won this great Republic from an English monarch, and has defended it through all its perils. In an army of

such men enlisted in such a cause, education is no terror.

The idea that intelligence is essentially insubordinate is a fallacy. The discipline which makes its foe in arms tremble is that whereby physical manhood is fortified and controlled by the best and noblest faculties of the mind. Such a soldier may not be much of a machine on parade, but when he shoots it is where it will do the most good. He feels that he is enlisted for business and not for foolery, and when his vocation is degraded by unessential and unbusinesslike servilities he is liable to mutiny.

In this country there is no punishment prescribed in the books for being manly; every son of America knows that, and it looks as though England would have to come round to the same habits of discipline. These repeated revolts against snobbish exactions may prove to be as useful to the progress of freedom as was the beheading of a king.

WHO WERE THE TRAITORS?

WE have proved by the returns of the election published in all the papers, that a considerable number of professing Republicans, while voting for former "Liberals" who were on the Republican ticket, scratched the "Mormon" names on that ticket and voted for the straight "Liberals."

The lowest vote cast on the Republican ticket in this city, was 338 for Harrington, "Mormon," and the highest, 412 for Kimball, ex-"Liberal." Here is a difference of 74. How many former "Liberals" who joined the Republicans went back on their fealty entirely and voted the whole "Liberal" ticket, we do not know, but have no doubt there was quite a number. We believe this because that is an old "Liberal" method. The figures of the municipal election at which four "Gentiles" were put on the fusion ticket, with the understanding that the whole ticket was to be supported by both parties, proved beyond contradiction that hundreds of "Liberals" voter for the four "Gentiles" and scratched the rest of the ticket in favor of "Liberals."

It cannot be proven that any "Mormon" Republican was untrue to his party or voted for men of his own faith and rejected others. What bad faith there was in the Republican ranks was displayed by former "Liberals," and the figures prove it beyond truthful contradiction.

BUTTE, Mont., August 11.—In the Davis case, yesterday, seven more witnesses were examined on the subject of Eddy's handwriting.

A COWARDLY SLANDER.

THERE is nothing more mean and cowardly than the way in which the Salt Lake *Tribune* ghouls assail the dead. Governor Axtell would not succumb to the *Tribune* lash while he was the Executive of the Territory, so he was maligned and abused and secretly slandered by the *Tribune* gang, and when he was transferred to another Territory, their malevolence followed him to his new appointment. Now he is gone from this world and its injustice they talk of him in this way: "It is believed that for a moneyed consideration he sold out to the 'Mormon' Church." And on this surmise they make the final statement, as an excuse for slandering him in his grave, that "he in life betrayed his trust and violated his solemn oath." The statement is a lie, the rumor on which it is based was groundless fiction.

Governor Axtell simply tried to do what was at that time an impossible thing, namely, to reconcile the "Liberal" conspirators with the people against whom they were plotting. No man spoke more plainly than he to the "Mormon" people as to the supremacy of the law and their duty to obey it. But he did not hold himself aloof from thousands of people who had never broken the law, nor understand it his duty to move solely in the narrow circle drawn by the *Tribune* for all Federal officials. He did not consider his "trust" to be the interests of a little faction, nor did he take any oath to receive his orders from the *Tribune* office. Therefore he betrayed nothing and violated no oath. Governor Axtell desired to break down the wall of prejudice that divided the people, and have no opposition here except on national party lines.

If there is anything smaller and more contemptible in the ways of the scandal-monger than this method of the *Tribune's*, we have never heard of it. "It is believed that he sold out to the Mormon Church," therefore "he betrayed his trust and violated his solemn oath." That is *Tribune* logic and *Tribune* defamation. No greater depth of depravity is reached than the *Tribune* custom of slandering the living and defaming the dead.

Henry Shroeder, a wealthy and prominent member of the Catholic Church of Fort Dodge, Iowa, was arrested on a charge of graveyard vandalism on the 10th inst. The fence of the cemetery was taken and chopped for firewood, the tombstones were defaced and mutilated. Shroeder, though very earnest in his protestations against the sacrilegious work, was arrested and charged with the offense.