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In our issue of last evening we gave a sketch of the case of Aaron Burr, the nature of the accusations against him and the course pursued towards him in the matter of bail. The case of Jefferson Davis was also alluded to by the U. S. Attorney last Tuesday when President Young made his appearance in Court. The occurrences which made the name of Jefferson Davis notorious are so recent and familiar that there is no necessity to dwell upon them at length. After the surrender of Lee and his army on the 9th of April, 1865, Davis and his Cabinet fled. On the 14th of April President Lincoln was assassinated, and a proclamation was issued, upon evidence obtained by the bureau of Military Justice, by President Andrew Johnson, on May 2nd, which declared that the atrocious murder of the late President, Abraham Lincoln, and the attempted assassination of Hon. Wm. H. Seward, Secretary of State, were incited, concerted and procured by and between Jefferson Davis and other persons named in the proclamation, and one hundred thousand dollars were offered as a reward for his arrest. Eight days after the issuance of this proclamation he was arrested. The most of our readers will remember the embittered feelings which were entertained against the rebel President in many quarters. The almost universal feeling in and out of Congress was that he should be punished. He was denounced by the newspapers as the man who above all others was guilty of precipitating the South into civil war and of deluging the country with blood. Yet, notwithstanding the gravity of his case, and the magnitude of the interests involved therein, when his counsel applied for bail, the U. S. District Attorney, on behalf of the Government, with Mr. Evans who was associated with him in the prosecution, seconded the motion of the defendant's counsel. The District Attorney even went so far as to argue that the Supreme Court, or a judge of a district court of the United States, may, in any case, even in capital punishment, taking into consideration all the circumstances, admit to bail, and speaking for himself and associate counsel he said they would be satisfied with bail in the sum of \$100,000. That amount of bail met with the approbation of Judge Underwood, recognitions were entered into and the prisoner was discharged. Subsequently a *nolle prosequi* was entered, and the case was finally dismissed.

In mentioning the cases of Aaron Burr and Jefferson Davis in the present connection we do not mean to institute any comparison between them and the case of President Young. Their cases are the complete antipodes of his; they have nothing in common, there is not the slightest analogy between them. We only refer to them to illustrate the difference, on the question of bail, between the decisions of the courts before which they were brought for trial and that before which he appeared. When President Young was refused bail on Tuesday last the entire community, "Mormon" and non-Mormon, with the exception of but few persons, were shocked. And well they might be. The case was an unprecedented one, and every unprejudiced man felt that the court, in refusing bail, exhibited a prejudice and vindictiveness unworthy of the ermine.

Where in the annals of judicial trials can a parallel case be found? It is usual for men to shrink from contests in which all the odds are against them. We do not believe there is a fair-minded man in the nation who, if he understood all the circumstances of the case of President Young, would have blamed him for keeping himself out of reach of process of the Third District Court. In fact we have heard public and prominent men thus express themselves, and some have gone so far as to say that he ought to keep out of the way until he would have some assurance that he could have a fair trial. But he has traveled four hundred miles, at a most incalculable expense of the year, from the southern to the northern region, to confront his enemies and to meet the accusations made against him. And after thus exhibiting his willingness to boldly meet the issue, the Court, whose regulation he voluntarily meets, refuses him the poor privilege of bail, even though numbers of non-Mormons, as well as "Mormons," citizens stood ready to go security to any required amount for his appearance in Court at any time that might be prescribed. We think that in thus refusing bail the Court did a stupid thing. Never was there a better opportunity for obtaining credit for magnanimity on cheap terms, suffered to pass unimproved.

Were there any good grounds for supposing that President Young was guilty of the deeds of which he is charged, then the refusal of the Court to accept bail might be less exposed to unfavorable comment. But who believes him guilty? Is there a person in this city, not interested in his conviction, who does not feel assured that this is a put-up job against him? Of what is he accused? Why a self-confessed murderer, says that he was counseled by him to commit his murder; or, if not this, he informed President Young that he had committed them and who is President Young, what is his life, what his past career and actions, to base suspicion upon that he could be the accomplice of a murderer? He has lived to the age of nearly 71 years, and most of that time in active and very prominent public life, the cynosure, in fact, of thousands of eyes, and who can point to a single well-authenticated incident during his long life that would justify the suspicion that he could be the confederate or the confidant of a murderer? True, his name has been reviled, and by whom? Not by the pure, or by those who have been brought into personal contact with him. That others should declaim against him is no more than might be expected. The world has been led to death, the best and holiest that ever trod the earth's surface, not excepting the Son of God himself, and President Young has to endure his share of its hatred.

Yet, though this is the case, he possesses the love and respect of his fellows to an extraordinary extent. By those who know him best, and who have had ample opportunities of knowing the leading men of the nation, he is viewed as the greatest of living Americans, and this opinion is shared by thousands of his countrymen who never saw him, but who rise superior to petty prejudices and clamor, and judge him by his works. If good works accomplished are the measure of a man's greatness, who of his contemporaries can compare with him? True, he has not fought bloody battles; but "peace hath her victories, no less renowned than war," and these he has achieved. From early manhood he has labored with all the ardor of his strong and energetic nature for the salvation (we use the word in its broadest sense) of his fellow-men. Comfort, worldly ease, his good name, and popularity have never been sought for, and the loss of them have never been shunned. Before the death of the Prophet Joseph Smith, he was famous for the devotion, zeal, self-abnegation and energy with which he labored for the benefit of mankind. Since that event he has stood forth as the greatest leader of modern times. Under his guidance a wide-wrought, plundered and stripped people were led forth from the midst of their persecutors into a far-distant and repelling wilderness. Not only were they led here in safety, but through his wise management, thousands from the United States, from Europe and from every quarter of the globe have been brought to people the wilderness, to open farms, to build cities, to plant settlements, to establish factories, to create industries, to change the desert into a country of marvellous beauty, the joy and admiration of every visitor. Where was once a howling wilderness, now President Brigham Young, under God, has founded a prosperous and happy State. Travel from Idaho in the North to Arizona in the South, from Colorado in the East to Nevada in the West, and in every village, on every road and cultivated piece of ground the visitor will see the impress of his genius; and not only upon the landscape, but upon the busy and fertile brain bestowed benefits; but the neighboring States and Territories have profited by the lessons which he has taught. If Utah is to day filled with a thrifty, well-governed, peaceful and happy people, to whom under the Almighty is the credit due? If her valleys resound with the hum of industry, if her fields and gardens teem with fertility, if her granaries with grains and fruits, if her streams are utilized to turn the tireless wheels of mills, factories and the multiplied industries of a great people, if her various governments, municipal, county and territorial, are not burdened by debt and her people are lightly taxed, if drunkenness, prostitution, profanity and other vices are hardly known in her borders, and school and meeting-houses abound in every neighborhood, and the voices of prayer and praise to the Great Supreme ascend from nearly every family circle throughout her wide extent, who above all men has been mainly instrumental in producing these results? Let the people of Utah be asked, and with one loud and united acclaim, they will make the unrelies and mountains reverberate with the name of BRIGHAM YOUNG as their greatest earthly benefactor. Can they be made to believe that he is the confederate or accomplice of murderers, that he conspires at or sanctions crimes? Perish the thought, it is a libel on common sense, a stupendous lie, which those who framed, propagated and acted upon know to be a lie which every thinking mind in America and in the world is satisfied is a lie, which will yet be proclaimed world-wide as a lie, and which will yet cover its authors with confusion and disgrace as one of the foulest lies ever attempted to be palmed upon the world.

If the Court had been capable of unprejudiced reflection, if it would have let the least glimmer of common sense penetrate its obfuscated intellect, on Tuesday last, it would have felt, without other evidence, that for a man of deeds so illustrious, of life so distinguished as President Brigham Young, to be refused bail because a vile criminal accusation of crime, would be a gross outrage, and it would have instantly released him upon his own recognitions.

(SPECIAL TO THE DESERT NEWS.)
By Telegraph.
Afternoon Dispatches.
PER WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH LINE.
EASTERN DISPATCHES.
NEW YORK. - The committee on custom house had S. P. Lindsay on the stand again this a. m.; he offered a copy of the agreement between Col. Ross and Blaby, by which the former was to have \$5,000 a year for his influence in sending the general order business to Blaby's store. But when it was found that Blaby's store had been removed, he was not given more money. Lindsay here stated his reluctance to make further disclosures as he was challenged last night at a hotel, but could not say who challenged or whether the challengers were officials. Lindsay further testified that he wished not to be charged in sending the general order business to Blaby's store, and that he was not interested in the matter. He was understood that fifteen thousand would not pay the expenses of this case.

Boston, 5. - Governor Washburne was inaugurated to-day. His message showed the total funded and unfunded debt to be \$29,000,000. The Governor thinks the prohibitory liquor law, repealed four years ago, was the best of that time in active and very prominent public life, the cynosure, in fact, of thousands of eyes, and who can point to a single well-authenticated incident during his long life that would justify the suspicion that he could be the confederate or the confidant of a murderer? True, his name has been reviled, and by whom? Not by the pure, or by those who have been brought into personal contact with him. That others should declaim against him is no more than might be expected. The world has been led to death, the best and holiest that ever trod the earth's surface, not excepting the Son of God himself, and President Young has to endure his share of its hatred.

CHICAGO, 5. - The Grand Duke Alexis gave a public reception at Fremont House last evening, and reviewed two or three thousand curious citizens, who marched in solemn procession past him, the ladies generally receiving a shake of the hand, and the men continuing to stare at him with open mouths. The Duke and party left this morning for St. Louis. It is hardly probable that the Duke will be able to visit California.

St. Louis, 5. - A dispatch from Jefferson City to-day says that Democratic Governor Claiborne will make there next Monday, and will issue an address to the people of the State, endorsing the passive policy, and earnestly urging it to be the declared voice of the State with the coming contest. The added was signed nearly every Democrat in both branches of the legislature.

WESTERN DISPATCHES.
Various - Batch of Australian News.
SAN FRANCISCO, 4. - Barley County was this morning sent to the county court for trial on a charge of gambling. Bail, one thousand dollars. The gambler arrested yesterday are not yet disposed of.

WHEELING, of the exploring expedition, who arrived from the expedition Sunday last, says in a few days the expedition will be completed.

GOLD 1004, bonds 1104, 1122, greenbacks quiet, by selling.

ST. LOUIS, 5. - The New South Wales parliament, has negatived the governor's proposal reducing back lands to five shillings and extending railway.

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GEORGE SWAN, Secretary.

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