

to happiness, and to the pursuit of religious liberty.

We have been told that the rights of the people would be taken from them. The Prophet Joseph Smith predicted that, one by one, the safeguards placed around religious liberty would be removed from us; but we have also been told that God our Heavenly Father inspired the men who established this country, who established the constitution of the United States; and the same Prophet whose words have been fulfilled promised us that we would eventually enjoy our rights and liberties. I pray that your lives may be above reproach, and that the sweet and peaceful influences of the Holy Spirit may descend upon you, so that you may be able to say in your hearts you are ready to suffer wrong rather than do wrong.

The choir sang the thanksgiving anthem

Praise waiteth for the Lord.

Benediction by Apostle John W. Taylor.

### PLOT TO ROB THE PEOPLE.

Another "Liberal" trick.

Of course it is only one of the many vile ones they have been engaged in, but still it is worthy of note to show to what depths of villainy they can descend.

The exposure of the R. G. W. registration frauds was a great annoyance to the "Liberal" party. Their leaders were willing to engage in such dirty work, but they did not want the respectable element to find it out. They did not want decent men to lose all respect for candidates elected by the grossest fraud of the age.

But the secrets were revealed in part. There is more yet to come. This carpet-bag outfit knows, and this it dreads. It knew that its despicable business had been uncovered by hands expert in bringing criminals to justice. It also learned that the man who had been instrumental in bringing before the courts the anarchists in Chicago, and the evidence against them, had secured evidence against the more unscrupulous anarchists who are endeavoring to rule or ruin Utah.

It would not do to have this testimony brought fairly out, or the more respectable portion of the "Liberal" party could not be kept in the ranks. The evidence of the damaging facts was so great that it could not be denied. So the next means at hand were resorted to. That was to blacken the character of the supposed witnesses, and cast a cloud upon their reliability.

With this object in view the "Liberal" organs gave the record of one Arnold, one Suffield, and a string of others who were alleged to be detectives. Their reputation was very bad, so the "Liberals" said, and they had "dispatches from W. A. Pinkerton, Chicago," to prove it. They charged that these men were employed by the People's committee, or by Mr. John Bonfield, or some one else, when the fact in the

case is that neither the People's Committee, Mr. Bonfield, nor any one in their employ, knows anything about these alleged detectives. They may be myths, and their records fabrications, like the "Pinkerton dispatches," or they may be the thugs, sluggers and sneaks that are employed by the "Liberal" committee; but the People's Party have not, nor do they now have, anything to do with them. They have heard nothing of them but what has been said by the "Liberals." But the attack of the party of fraud has not stopped them. Coupled with it has been an attack on Mr. John Bonfield, who was employed to ferret out registration frauds, and Mr. Jesse Barton, an attorney, who is a distant relative of Mr. Bonfield. Mr. Barton, though a lawyer who had a high reputation in Illinois, was summarily forbidden to practice by the great deputy registrars. The reason for this was the publication of utterly false charges in the "Liberal" organ.

To sustain their claim the "Liberal" committee posted and published a number of dispatches dated at Chicago, and signed by "W. A. Pinkerton." They doubtless thought they would be accepted as genuine. The trick was so bold, and the idea of publishing bogus telegrams of that nature so outrageous, that it was not suspected that an investigation would be instituted.

But the investigation was made, and it showed that *Pinkerton was not in Chicago*. He was not even in Illinois when the alleged telegrams were sent, so the signing of the name was a FORGERY. But the manager of his agency might have done so. Did he? Not a bit of it. Here is the proof. One of the bogus telegrams, published in a "Liberal" organ, asserted Mr. Barton had been indicted for perjury and for blackmailing. Mr. Barton telegraphed to Mr. Pinkerton and asked if he had sent such a dispatch. The answer of the superintendent of the Pinkerton agency reads:

CHICAGO, Feb. 6, 1890.

To Jesse B. Barton:

Mr. Pinkerton is not in Chicago, but I am positive he has authorized no one to do as you state.

D. ROBERTSON, Supt.

That dispatch revealed the crooked work. But Mr. Barton had also telegraphed to United States Attorney Ewing at Chicago, requesting him to make an immediate investigation, and if Mr. Pinkerton had sent such a telegram to proceed against him. Here is Judge Ewing's reply:

CHICAGO, Feb. 6, 1890.

To Jesse B. Barton:

Pinkerton is away. The telegram is denied at his office. I have wired Pinkerton at Cincinnati. Will send you his answer this afternoon.

W. G. EWING.

And now comes the testimony of Mr. Pinkerton Himself. It is a clincher on the "Liberal" game:

CHICAGO, Feb. 7, 1890.

To Jesse B. Barton:

I have just received the following telegram:

"Cincinnati, Ohio.—To W. G. Ewing, U. S. Attorney, Chicago: I never sent,

nor authorized any one to send for me, any telegram to Salt Lake, stating that Jesse B. Barton had ever been indicted in Chicago, or anywhere else, either for perjury or any other offense. If such a telegram is at Salt Lake I know nothing of it, as I never heard of Barton being charged with any offense, and don't know him personally." (Signed) W. A. Pinkerton."

W. G. EWING.

What do you think of it? All those "telegrams" with which the "Liberals" sought to malign the character of supposed witnesses, and which were claimed to be signed by Pinkerton at Chicago, were not sent by him at all, for he was not in Chicago. The name attached to the bogus dispatches was not that of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Pinkerton's representative at Chicago, but was "W. A. Pinkerton." Unfortunately for the plotters, the detective was at Cincinnati, Ohio, and their game of bogus dispatches from Chicago is now up.

What villainy will they resort to next?

But of two things we are certain: That every honest man who understands the true condition of things here will vote the People's Ticket; and if there is a fair election and an honest count, that ticket will be triumphant.

Ten days ago the "Liberal" organ made the following announcement:

"The honest majority of Salt Lake might as well know and understand that a plot has been conceived, and an attempt will be made to carry the election on February 10th by fraud or force."

From that time it has been a part of the business of the respectable newspapers of the city to lay that plot bare to the public gaze. The People's Central Committee had been busy ferreting out the great frauds of the registration, and a portion of the great mass of evidence they had accumulated was submitted to the consideration of the people.

Hundreds of non-residents were placed on the registration lists both in the city and outside. The most notable occurrence of the latter class was that registration train on the R. G. W., whereby several hundred names were added in Registrar Clute's precinct alone, and all for the "Liberal" party, in order that they might commit the grossest election fraud in the annals of our country. The other class of illegal voters on the registration lists got there by just the same means as that "slip" of Mr. Warner's name. This also was in Clute's district, but the fraud was not confined to that precinct. But it was confined to the "Liberal" party.

When these "Liberal" registration frauds were uncovered, that party resorted to another infamous proceeding, and in order to accomplish it placed their registrars beyond the reach of the courts, and by disregarding the law and the decision of the United States Supreme Court, sought to reduce the number of People's Party voters. In connection with this procedure hundreds of citizens were "challenged" when there was absolutely no basis