

whether we understand it or not. Men may feel to condemn the course that is pursued by the Almighty, but if they will only wait they will yet see the redemption of Zion and the Lord will show forth his wisdom against those who set up their ideas against His counsel. Men complained of Jesus, of His actions, and mode of life, for the men of God are always targets for the venomous shafts flung by wicked men, but God has invariably shown to the world that He will manage His affairs until Zion shall be redeemed.

The speaker related an incident in the life of Joseph Smith, when his friends counseled him against the whisperings of the Spirit of God. He followed their advice, which resulted in his martyrdom. Here we see that the complaints of the people are not always prompted by the Spirit of Truth.

I desire to testify that Joseph Smith was a true prophet, inspired in all his career to set up a Divine work. Brigham Young and John Taylor were also inspired by the same Spirit. And I testify that Wilford Woodruff is a prophet of God, a man who is daily in communication with the Lord and receives revelations, so that his word to us is the word of the Lord, and if we criticize his words, we criticize the Spirit of God. But if we will sustain the Priesthood generally, God will pour out His blessings upon us, notwithstanding the difficulties that now apparently surround us, until Christ comes, whose right it is to reign.

The choir sang the anthem:

"Lord, what is man?"

Benediction by Elder E. R. Tripp.

SHOT HER SEDUCER.

At half-past six September 29th at the corner of C and First Streets, in the Eighteenth Ward, Amanda Olsen shot a sporting character of this city named Frank Hall, the shot being instantly mortal.

Hall was walking down the street with Mrs. Ann Hart, who lives at No. 277 C Street; as the two passed a tree, Miss Olsen was observed standing behind it, and she made a remark the terms of which were not distinguished. As the couple reached the railway track in the centre of the street, and only a few feet from where the girl was standing, she drew a revolver and fired, the bullet entering Hall's forehead and passing entirely through his head, came out behind the left ear. He dropped to the ground, exclaiming "Oh dear!" and expired without a groan. She immediately proceeded to the police station, announcing what had taken place; and stating that she wished to be placed in custody, was taken to the county jail. She was quite uncommunicative, only saying that Hall had seduced her and that she did not wish to talk about it until she had consulted with her attorney.

Some months since Hall went east. Shortly afterwards Mrs. Hart, widow of the late William Hart, formerly an employe of the Utah

(Central (now U. P.) shops—sold her home in the Eighteenth Ward and left the city also, leaving the impression behind her that she was going to California to visit relatives. She did not, however, go westward, as recent developments proved. She returned from the east quite recently, bringing Hall's children with her, and he followed a day or two afterwards. Mrs. Hart was stopping with her mother, and it appears that Hall must have been visiting Mrs. Hart there immediately previous to the tragedy that ended his career.

It seems from all accounts that Hall was a married man but was not living with his wife. He was thirty-eight years old and had two children, of whom he was taking care. He had lived with Mrs. Hart for over two years, and she had introduced him into the Olsen family. The acquaintance thus formed grew and seemed to be mutually pleasant for a time, Hall's conduct up to a certain point giving out no indication of any such damnable design as he is charged with. But his acquaintanceship, while properly restrained as related to the other members of the household, was not so as to the girl, and he soon began to make protestations of love. The impediment in the way of a marriage with Miss Olsen, that is his living and undivorced wife, he proposed to remove as soon as possible by obtaining a legal separation. The old familiar story of man's treachery and woman's weakness, in all its shades of light and darkness, with all the customary details, seems to have never been more exactly repeated than in the instance of which we write. She yielded in spite of her parents' opposition and promised to become his wife; but the submission to his wishes meant one thing to her and another and vastly different thing to him. A natural instinct replete with noble feeling and gentle sentiment, panoplied in a woman's innate chastity, on one side; on the other that disposition to destroy the virtue of the innocent, panders to animalism and break away from all the restraints imposed by honor, manliness and decency—the gratification of a sensual appetite and the unholy conquest of a victim—on the other. This is how the case stood if all we have been able to gain in the way of information shall prove to be correct; that it will, seems entirely inevitable.

Miss Olsen's father, John F. Olsen, corroborates this view throughout. He says the acquaintance between Hall and his family was of about a year's duration. He took the daughter out very often, riding and walking. The marriage question was presented and rejected, but she was determined and he reluctantly yielded. Hall went east last November and she became very low-spirited in consequence, and when he returned she made a confession to her parents. She said that one night, shortly before he left the city, he paid her his usual visit. The parents had gone to bed and after Hall and the daughter had talked for a few minutes about

marriage, he threw a handkerchief over her mouth and after threatening her if she resisted or uttered a sound, he brutally outraged her. Then he told her that his only reason for doing this was to make sure that she would be true to him. When she finished the confession she said: "I swore vengeance on this man and I prayed to God for strength to do it."

Mr. Olsen is employed in the furniture establishment of J. C. Sandberg, opposite the Valley House, and was on his way home from the shop when he was attracted by the crowd which had gathered at the place of the shooting. The dead body of Hall was lying upon the ground, and upon his being informed by Mrs. Hart that it was his daughter who had slain the man, he was completely overcome and swooned, being then conveyed to his residence.

A News representative called at the residence of Mr. Olsen September 30th, but he and his wife were absent. The following additional statement by Mrs. Olsen, which is taken from the *Herald*, sheds more light upon the dark subject:

"I can add something to this," said Mrs. Olsen. "A few days ago I went down town with my daughter and we found this man. She wanted to know what he was going to do, but he refused to talk while I was there, and asked her to go with him alone and talk it over. She consented, and they went to a restaurant and went into a private room. Then he said he would never marry her, and tried to make her submit to his desires again, but she felled him to the floor with a chair and came out."

Miss Olsen is 23 years of age, has a petite figure and is quite good looking. She has been employed for some time in the knitting factory conducted by Mr. Pearson on West Temple Street, between South Temple and First South. The gentleman bears abundant testimony to her worth and reputation, there being nothing whatever against her except her intimacy with Hall. On Friday last she complained of not feeling well and went home; on the following day she sent word to Mr. Pearson that she was still unable to be at the factory, and the next he heard of her was when informed of the homicide last night.

Hall's body was taken to the undertaking establishment, near the knitting factory, shortly after the shooting. The inquest began there at 2 p. m., before Coroner Harris.

Miss Olsen has been taken from the cell to which she was assigned and is now quartered with Police Sergeant Merrill at his residence. She is suffering considerably from nervous prostration. By agreement the case will be heard on Thursday, Oct. 2nd, at 10 o'clock, before Justice Laney. County Attorney Murphy and his assistant Eichnor will prosecute and Judge Powers will defend.

Following is the letter which Amanda Olson had on her person at the time she slew Frank Hall. If anything had been wanting to