

patriotic hero he would never have taken a course to divide his people into ferocious factions, under the concealed pretext that he alone could save his country. He would have ignored self for the cause which he professes to love, and retired instead of remaining and breaking the home-rule forces into antagonistic parts.

It is possible to make some allowance for the semi-insane enthusiasm of the thoughtless masses over the advent of the man whom they had set up in their estimation as a hero. It is difficult to extend this charitable view in relation to the creation of a heroine out of Mrs. O'Shea. That person was cheered to the echo, sharing the questionable honors showered upon the man with whom she had been associated in a shameful scandal. What a debased moral status is here exhibited, when the populace can cheer and applaud a woman whose chief merit for popular recognition consists of committing repeated breaches of the moral code and of her marital vows with the leader of the Irish home-rule party.

Parnell's descent upon the office of *United Ireland* and his expulsion of the editor and his chief subordinate, was a high-handed outrage. The reason for it was that this journal had insisted upon his retirement. The matter for the pending issue of the paper consisted largely of resolutions passed by provincial branches of the National League, insisting upon Parnell being deposed from the leadership. The latter was evidently determined, so far as possible, to have these expressions of a healthy Irish sentiment suppressed. To do so he resorted to violent means. In reading the account of this proceeding one can hardly help admiring the sub-editors, because of their plucky resistance to this invasion. They were overcome, of course, but they were not defeated without a struggle and a vindication of the Irish fighting instinct, which is generally uppermost in the constitution of Irishmen. The victors were not allowed to remain long in peaceable possession, being as summarily ejected by representatives of O'Brien as the former incumbents were by Parnell and his henchmen.

Parnell keeps up his ugenerous attacks upon Gladstone, asserting that the latter's love of home rule for Ireland is only "skin deep," but his hatred of Ireland was not of that character. This is reprehensible. Gladstone has shown himself in-

capable of hating any people. However mistaken he may sometimes be in his methods of attaining the object, the elevation of all people has been his aim during his long and brilliant career. These attacks upon him by the alleged and fallen Irish patriot are reprehensible, and emanate from the mind of an ingrate.

The segregations into bellicose factions and bitterness exhibited by the Irish people over a man who has become degraded in the eyes of the right-thinking portion of the world, raises the question as to the ability of that country to conduct a pacific and healthy government. This Killkenny cat business does not increase confidence in the stability of institutions that might be manipulated by such men as Parnell, who belongs to a class which must rule or they will ruin. People who have not the good sense to throw off such characters show poor judgment and no self-control. But we still cling to the idea that the major portion of the Irish people are ready to repudiate Parnell since he has shown his total unsuitness to be their leader in any capacity. He lacks two essentials of leadership—truthfulness and morality.

Later news states that Parnell had retaken the office of *United Ireland*, having, by the aid of his followers, carried it by assault.

A NEW NAME FOR IT.

It is amusing to note the parrot-like echoes that are being sounded by some prominent "Liberals" to the theory advanced by the finance committee of the City Council regarding the recent steal in the recorder's department. Nothing criminal about it at all. Merely "carelessness." The official in whose accounts the defalcation occurred was merely a trifle slack and unmethodical and hence took, in a kind of slouchy way, as it were, for his own use, \$1751, or at the rate of \$220 a month during his incumbency. That is the theory advanced by leading "Liberals." Yet they say at the same time, "there should be a public investigation and the guilty person be known." Guilty of what? Are you not stating that nobody is guilty and that the man who took that money is honest? What do you want an investigation for, when you have judged the matter already on a star chamber, whitewashing, alleged examination and report?

Let it be remembered hereafter

that when a "Liberal" official takes the public money for his personal use it is merely an act of "carelessness." Well, now, this is immense! Then, suppose the person who got away with that \$1751 did take it in a fit of abstraction, why is the abstractionist not named? The public treasury was plundered by a person guilty of "gross carelessness." This is a new name for an offense of that character, and is worthy of the inventors.

A pretended demand is made by the morning "Liberal" organ for an open investigation of other departments, and it claims to be in a position to furnish evidence of crooked work. It will soon be seen whether or not the demand is genuine.

In a local morning contemporary Mr. C. H. Parsons is represented as answering an interrogatory regarding the defalcation in the recorder's office, as follows: "Not one of that City Council will be re-elected except L. E. Hall." Mr. Parsons probably did not have the fact in his mind that there are six alleged councilmen who could not possibly be re-elected under any circumstances, for the reason that they never have been elected. They retain the seats they usurped in defiance of that fact, settled by a judicial decision of His Honor Chief Justice Zane.

WE DENY.

"A GENTLEMAN brings us an item which we would like to submit to the DESERET NEWS for confirmation or denial. He says, in 1876 Weber County was a part of the Third Judicial District; that in that year he was one of the committee appointed by the grand jury to investigate the records of Weber County and of Ogden City. He avers that at that time Elder C. W. Penrose was editor of the *Ogden Junction*, and at that time the Ogden City records showed that the Council had appropriated, at different dates, some thousands of dollars in all, to pay assessments on *Junction* stock. On being questioned, the Recorder did not have the stock in question, but referred the gentleman to Mr. Penrose. He says he called on Mr. Penrose and asked him to show him the *Junction* stock belonging to the city, when the Elder confessed that the city had none of the stock and never had any of it."

We do not consider that we are under any obligations to notice the falsehoods, or perversions of the truth, which daily appear in the columns of the Salt Lake Tribune. Occasionally, however, something is published which we do not think it wise to pass by with that silent contempt with which we treat most of the ravings of that paper. The foregoing extract from the leading