

could not be impeached. He drove the team, the use of which was charitably given to Wardell and family at the Missouri river, and that team only, into this city.

The family all testified to similar effect. They described the old man's failing of talking over imaginary affairs until he appeared to believe them himself. They none of them knew anything about the man Green. Other witnesses were brought forward as fast as it could be learned who was in the train in which this horrible crime was alleged to have been committed, and they all testified that no such thing occurred to their knowledge, and that no such person as Green was in the train.

The "Liberal" organ exaggerates greatly the number of persons in the company, and wants to know where are the other members who did not testify. Why, the defense placed such a number of them on the witness stand that the court cried "enough," and pointed out the fact that it was useless to further multiply the already overwhelming proofs of the utter baselessness of the Wardell story.

Among all the fabricated horrors which have been "Liberal" used for many years and exploded, as this falsehood has been, no one ever heard before of this Green story, which was sprung on the people in the vain hope that from its very novelty no means would be readily found to refute it. Whatever may be thought of the plainly cranky soul that was used to hold up this new-fangled horror to the gaze of the world, be he lunatic or liar, or a compound of both, no fair and honorable mind can fail to view with disgust and contempt the infamous effort of the "Liberal" organ to make it appear that his falsehood is a fact and that it is evidence of "Mormon" murder of apostates.

The same vile and reckless libelers and their associates have tried for many years to make the world believe that killing men for apostasy was a doctrine of the "Mormon" Church. They have never been able to substantiate their false assertions with a single scrap of proof. And when challenged to name a case of the practice of such a monstrous creed, they have utterly failed to do so. For outside effect they have referred to the shooting of some noted horse thief, or murderer, or person guilty of crimes too filthy to name who, in early times here, received summary and deserved punishment

for his guilt. But never before have they presented a case which seemed to bear the color of the crime which they charged against the "Mormon" Church, and the committing of which would be in violation of its fundamental articles of faith and of revelations it holds to be divine.

We once more declare that there is nothing in "Mormon" doctrine or teaching, public or private, which enjoins, justifies, excuses or palliates the crime of murder, which the killing of a human being simply for apostasy would most assuredly be. We say again that the hundreds upon hundreds of persons who have apostatized from the "Mormon" Church, and who are still alive and have never been personally attacked, are breathing, walking proofs of the falsity of the assertion that death is the "Mormon" penalty for apostasy.

The liars who make the assertion and those who write it, if they were capable of shame would long ago have been shamed out of their vain repetitions of this monstrous falsehood by the complete lack of anything in the shape of evidence. But they appear to be incapable of feeling that chagrin which an ordinary falsifier would naturally experience under similar conditions. And so without one scrap or shred of proof, they continue to tell their old vile untruths, in order to accomplish their base ends and work out their villainous purposes.

This whole web of wickedness and falsehood has been woven by "Liberal" leaders and lawyers for political purposes. For a time they may seem to succeed. They will chuckle and guzzle over their fancied triumph. But time works for truth and God is over all. And when they imagine the prize bought by falsehood and dark intrigue is within their grasp, their hands will be paralyzed, the object of their ambition will recede, and they will receive only humiliation and sorrow for their pains. The just can afford to wait. But they must watch and work also.

A SCANDALOUS PUBLICATION.

OGDEN has been agitated for several days past over a domestic scandal floated by the *Union* of that town. It involved the family of a well-known citizen, the name of its head being so nearly given that there could be no mistake regarding identity. The editor of the *Union*—C. S. King—was subsequently invited into an office room by the

enraged citizen. The latter informed Mr. King, so it is stated, that he had to do one of three things—make a complete and unqualified retraction, otherwise be shot, or shoot the person addressing him. The editor chose the first. The retraction was complete and abject, being an acknowledgment that the scandalous statement was utterly and totally false in every particular. This was published in the following issue of the *Union*, but under it was a qualification which amounted to an assertion that the original assertion was true, rendering the apology a great deal worse than the first accusation.

We do not know whether the scandalous reflection made in the *Union* regarding a private family is true or false; in the absence of proof, we are bound to believe it to be a fabrication. But even if there were truth in it the publication of the scandal was a contemptible piece of business. It was of a nature which showed that if a wrong had been committed, the principal had done all that he could under the circumstances to repair it, and public journals could, under such circumstances, let the matter slumber in the domestic circle concerned in it. To do otherwise is not legitimate journalism. The editor of the *Union* ought to be ashamed of himself.

TOTALLY IRRELEVANT.

AFTER all the evidence adduced before Judge Anderson as to the alleged status of other people, and the blood-and-thunder romances which have been carefully collated by the "Liberal" fanatic whose warped mind has been bent in this direction for over a quarter of a century, and the windy philippics of the pettifoggers who vainly tried to make those stale and tattered stories respectably presentable, and the distortion of the views and sentiments of "Mormon" leaders, not a scintilla of reason has been brought forward to show that the applicant Moore, whose case was involved, is not of good moral character and well disposed toward the Constitution and Government of the United States.

Further: There has not been any substantial proof presented that there is anything in the recognized doctrines, ordinances, order or discipline of the "Mormon" Church which renders its members in any way disloyal to the United States.

The perversion of facts, of testi-