

been preferred by one of the gentleman's political bed-fellows, Mr. Wm. Ochs. No wonder, in view of this "most unkindest cut of all," everybody should have lifted up their voices and exclaimed, "Och hone! sure and what's the matter now?"

The reason is made clear in the account of the dramatic entertainment given in our local columns. The first act of it was performed on Saturday, Feb. 8. It was all about the alleged dispatches from W. A. Pinkerton. It was important, for political purposes, that they should be shown to be genuine and not spurious, hence the immolation of the magnanimous Mr. Lannan, who was placed, we believe voluntarily, upon the altar of sacrifice for the weal of his party. As nobody could be induced to believe that he is a forger, not being that kind of a man, the performance was not all tragic, partaking much of the nature of a travesty, with Mr. Lannan as the hero and Mr. Ochs in the role of heavy villain.

The object of the performance was presumably not to show that Mr. Lannan was what he is incapable of being—a forger—but that the dispatches alleged to have come from W. A. Pinkerton, of Chicago, were unalloyed political gold dust. The basis of the intimations made that they were at least not all real was the annexed, which appeared in the *Evening Times*, an organ of the "Liberal" party. That the reader may note the fact that the *Times* declares that the "dispatch was received at Liberal headquarters," we insert the whole thing entire, including headlines and introductory remarks:

"PEOPLE'S PEOPLE!!

The Kind of Men Employed by the People's Party.

Plug Lawyers, Drunken Perjurers, Blackmailers, Gamblers and Vagrants the Cohorts of the People's Party.

The Darling "Detectives" Hugged to the Bosom of the Latter-day Saints Shown Up.

Pinkerton's Detective Bureau.—
"Hades Raked With a Fine-Toothed Comb Could Produce No Worse."

Just as we go to press the following dispatch was received at "Liberal" headquarters from the Pinkerton Detective Agency in Chicago concerning the paid heelers of the People's Party, who have been securing affidavits along the Rio Grand Western.

The men employed are merely mirrors reflecting the actions of the People's party machinations:

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—To the Liberal Committee:—In answer to your telegram: Jesse B. Barton is supposed to

be a lawyer of little practice and no standing; is interested in some mining property in the West with a man named Goldberg. Barton located permanently somewhere in Utah. Might be recommended by parties you name.

A SWEET-SCENTED RECORD.

Barton was Indicted for Perjury in Pennsylvania.

In 1888 he was indicted in Chicago for blackmail.

VILE VAN ARNOLD.

Van Arnold is looked upon in Chicago as a swindler, blackmailer and perjurer. Have been looking after him as a vagrant.

KLITE ELA.

Wm. Ela, an associate of gamblers and a drunken sot, plugger around gambling rooms. Never to my knowledge served time.

Will endeavor to send newspaper articles about Arnold.

W. A. PINKERTON."

The following day Mr. Barton telegraphed to Mr. Pinkerton and asked if he had sent such a dispatch, and here is the reply of the superintendent of the Pinkerton agency:

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.

The same gentleman also wired to U. S. District Attorney Ewing, at Chicago, asking him to investigate, and if Mr. Pinkerton had sent such a dispatch, to proceed against the latter for highest damages. Here is the reply of Judge Ewing:

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.

The same gentleman sent along a copy of a dispatch from Mr. Pinkerton, which is here inserted.

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 anyone 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.

With the exception of the fact that Mr. Pinkerton was not in Chicago—it is understood he had been absent from that city for a week previous to the reception here of dispatches claimed to have been sent to him from there—the evidence

of forgery is all directed at the alleged telegram which appeared in the *Times* of Wednesday, Feb. 5. That organ of the "Liberals" claimed that it had been received at "Liberal headquarters." We claim that it was spurious, or at least tampered with, so as to reflect upon Mr. Barton. This being the case, just why Mr. Lannan should have been arrested instead of one or more of the successors of C. Sum Nichols, is not clear on any other than political grounds.

We believe this alleged legal investigation to be simply a move on the "Liberal" checkerboard.

We repeat: That bogus or manipulated dispatch—it was one or the other—was asserted by the *Times* to have been received on February 5, at "Liberal" headquarters. There has been no denial or retraction in the columns of that paper, and none from the "Liberal" managers. Therefore, taking the position that the dispatch was bogus or worked over, a gross injustice and slander has been perpetrated upon Mr. Barton, and the "Liberal" managers have made no disclaimer or protest; consequently if a libelous crime has been committed by the *Times*, are they not *particeps criminis*?

It has not yet been shown that a forgery was not perpetrated in regard to all of the dispatches. There is reason for the belief that Mr. Pinkerton was not in Chicago at the time that any of the dispatches with his name attached were received here. Is it not possible that the "Liberal" managers may have made the victims of "misplaced confidence" by some person in Chicago unauthorized to use Mr. Pinkerton's name? We do not assert such to be the case, but there is yet a deep shade upon the claim that they came direct from him or from anyone empowered to act for him in the premises.

In any event, the assertion of the child-like and bland Ochs to the contrary notwithstanding, we hold Mr. Lannan to be innocent, and, so far as we are concerned, he may be discharged with his marble brow adorned with a new laurel of unwilted shamrock.

LATHROP, Mo., Feb. 14.—The temperance crusaders today formed a regular organization by electing Mrs. E. A. Kinney leader. It was determined to hereafter enforce the law governing the sale of liquors in a manner similar to that employed a week ago, when the stock of several saloons was destroyed.