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EVENING NEWS.

Monday, - November 6, 1876

What One Woman Did

Four years ago the "talk of the town" in New York was Jim Fisk, the "prince of Erie" and heir apparent of the realm of speculation on Wall Street. He had fallen in the town of a night. How he came, his antecedents, his backers,—his motives were for a time profound mystery. All that the public knew came from the surface. He had in his favor the incontestible, irresistible prestige of success. Whatsoever he touched turned to gold; whatsoever he touched by some means found a new ownership—all that he saw was his own. How he got it the world for a time took no pains to inquire. A Boston boy of narrow training he graduated as a "smart" fellow, nothing farther. He came into the metropolis with a few thousand dollars, and in five years those thousands were double as many millions. He possessed himself of the Erie railroad. He possessed himself of the magnificent white marble pile built by Pike, of Cincinnati, the most spacious and elegant theatre in the world; he possessed himself of lines of colossal steamers between New York, Boston, and Long Branch. Indeed, of his possessions, it would require a catalogue more fatiguing than the maritime inventory of Homer to give anything like completeness. With success and wealth he gained all that these irresistible agencies give in such a capital as New York. He was the friend and patron of the President of the United States and speculated on that intimacy, as the imperishable record of Black Friday will forever attest. He controlled Wall Street when he chose and was in his way the most abhorred, the most admired, the most shunned, and the most dreaded and most courted youth in the metropolis. Fathers with marriageable daughters did not court him nor mammas, anxious for matches—but he was the lord of many a destiny, the arbiter of many a fate, where chance threw two lives in his way—which brought him to the end of his career.

Nor is it the romance, the picturesque dramatic contrasts which make the story worth retelling. Two events within ten days of each other, suggest a word of useful moralizing upon the vanity of human wishes and human achievements. It is a more than usually pointed lesson of the baleful ending to man's lawlessness and woman's unwomanliness. It was in the very glory of his political and financial combinations, with the courts and legislatures at his command, that Prince Erie met Josephine Mansfield, a woman very well known to Chicagoans as the wife of a once popular actor, Frank Lawlor. She had been well reared, and accustomed to the modest graces of life. Her father was a journalist of limited means, and her youth was given up to only the simple phases of domestic life. She was educated well if not thoroughly and possessed some of the charms of manner inevitable to a well stored mind. Unhappily for herself she possessed a beauty which did not find scope in her by no means congenial surroundings. She was eager for the world, and the admiration which she felt the world was ready to lavish upon her. She was fascinated with the stage, and because her passion for display could best be gratified on it, she resolutely pushed herself upon it. She saw and married Lawlor, and for a time the devil of unrest was stilled within her. She was surrounded by a new world. Devotion, flip deep, and adoration, hollow and insincere as the emotions she assumed, were here beyond measure.

But the contented heart, which the psalmist sings as a continual feast, was not hers. She had seen but little of the world yet. She longed for the wider possibilities of the great city. Thither, at her desire, Lawlor took her in the summer of 1871. The woman who craves other admiration than that of the domestic circle is on the high road to ruin; to wish for devotion outside of wedlock is wanton, and this Josephine Lawlor soon acknowledged to herself was the secret desire that stung her into unrest. The will of a wanton is the inspiration of Satan, and she soon found a way to break from the yoke that held her. The notorious divorce lawyer, House, whose wife was last week tried and acquitted for his murder, was called in, and made the Mansfield a free woman. She obtained a presentation to Fisk. He was young, susceptible, enamored, and at once acceded to her will. He bought her a sumptuous brown-stone near the Grand Opera, and while Ann and Rose Bell illustrated the sensuous fascinations of opera bouffe on the stage, Fisk and Helen Josephine enacted the bouffe of love's young dream in the sinful relation of concubinage. His wife and family lived in Boston while this notorious dalliance went on in New York. But satiety seems to have been as keen a source of discontent to the fortunate woman as the first meager results of the wider field of life she had entered with such intoxicating visions of delight. Though Fisk lavished the wealth of Indian argosies upon her, her errant heart was untouched.

One day Fisk brought a new personage upon the scene. He came to dine with the prince and his mistress. The meeting was an eventful one—for the three. The comer was Edward S. Stokes, and he fell as madly in love with Mansfield as she fell passionately in love with him. For he was all that Fisk was not. A man of singular personal beauty, of something above the animal order, he had been since boyhood the distraction of women's hearts. He had become involved in business, and, confiding his embarrassments to Fisk, had received prompt assistance from that generous bacchanal. The mutual passion was soon apparent to ever so dull and unsuspecting an observer as Fisk, and he made an explosion. Mansfield unhesitatingly selected Stokes and defied Fisk, but she did not know how much the silky lover could be when aroused. He had the whole judicial machinery of the city in his interest, and at once proceeded to strip the woman of all that he had lavished upon her, and by an audacious stratagem secured a lodge for Stokes in the Ludlow Street jail. Life, in short, was made a burden for both the lovers, and finally, in a fit of ungovernable rage, the two men, meeting on the great staircase of the Grand Central Hotel, Stokes shot the stout prince with deadly effect, and the feud that lust began, as is always the case, ended in blood. The excitement and surprise in New York had not been equaled since the Nathan or Burdell murder. Stokes was of good family. A young man of unobtrusive irregularities of life. The husband of a charming wife and the father of a pretty baby. His association with anything of the Fisk stripe had never been generally known and his appearance as the assassin was a shock, which did not die out for many a day. Of course the trial was an exciting one. Arrayed against each other were the strongest passions which can find their way even to the footstool of justice. Thousands had been corrupted by the glare of Fisk's career. Thousands of young men admired him and were eager to emulate him. Thousands who were not young admired him because he made vice so splendid that its hideousness was concealed, and other thousands who did not stop to reason admired him because he was a "success." On the other hand those who measured the debauchery of which he had been the cause and the misery of a hundred nameless sorts, to which his unchecked profligacies gave rise, were filled with a bitter, relentless hatred, which very likely also found expression at the trial. No jury could be found to acquit Stokes the first year, and the spoiled darling of wealth and high breeding grew haggard and despondent in the gloomy cells of the Tombs. He lay there fully fifteen months before the second trial was concluded, and he received sentence for four years in Sing Sing. This was in time commuted to three, and next Saturday he will walk out of Auburn, the wreck of the magnificent, manly beauty he presented four years ago. He has grown grey and bent, and his friends will find it difficult to recognize him. Meantime, his father and mother have gone to their graves in anguish. His wife's life is embittered and stained. His child an outcast among her equals and her own life but a troubled span, and for what? The lawless favor of a shameless wanton! The loathsome embrace of a creature who could sacrifice the most precious gift of womanhood for the gratification of a passing whim. When will women learn the lesson—when will men learn the valuelessness of smiles that are bought in the market?—*Chicago Times, Oct. 28.*

ADDRESS TO VOTERS.

HEADQUARTERS PEOPLE'S TERRITORIAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE,

SALT LAKE CITY,

October 28th, 1876.

To the People of Utah:

Tuesday, November 7th, 1876, is the day fixed by law for the qualified voters of this Territory to express their will in the election of a delegate to the Forty-fifth Congress of the United States. It is important that upon that day all voters should repair to the polling places in the precincts where they reside and deposit their ballots for the man whom they desire to fill that position. George Q. Cannon has been nominated as Delegate to Congress by the unanimous vote of the People's Territorial Convention, composed of representatives from every county in the Territory. He is the choice of the people. You know him, and we are therefore relieved from the necessity of enumerating his qualifications for the position. You know that in him we have a representative man who has been thoroughly identified with this country since the first year of its settlement and who has served honorably and faithfully, and with credit to his constituents and himself, as delegate in the Forty-third and Forty-fourth Congresses.

Many voters have felt so secure of the result of our elections in times past that they have been careless about voting. If it did not happen to be perfectly convenient for them to go to the polls at the proper time, they would neglect to vote, feeling quite satisfied that the men of their choice would certainly be elected. The time has now come when indifference should be replaced by active interest, not that there is any danger of the result, but we owe it to ourselves to faithfully exercise the elective franchise and show the nation our political strength. Besides, we have unscrupulous foes to contend with who are constantly plotting to get the control of the affairs of the Territory into their hands. They call themselves "liberals." Their liberality consists of continual assaults upon the rights of the bulk of the people of the Territory, of persistent efforts to strip them of every privilege of citizenship and of the most desperate attempts to get themselves into places of emolument and power. To accomplish these ends they have recourse to every kind of dishonorable means. They fabricate the most atrocious lies; they circulate the most abominable slanders; they aim to destroy the reputation of an entire people; they adopt falsehood as their platform and use misrepresentation as their weapon; they denounce the "Mormons" as either imbeciles or monsters; and the "Gentiles," who do not join them, they stigmatize as traitors and "Jack Mormons;" through their libelous organ they whip every federal official remorselessly into line, or, if he fears their lash and yet has too much self-respect to abase himself, they drive him from the Territory. Professing to be "liberal," they use the most odious tyranny. While protesting hatred of the "rule of priesthood," and constantly crying out against its influence, as restrictive of the free agency of the citizen, they ostracise and place under ban every one who does not bow to their mandates.

For several years this party has sought to gain the ascendency in Utah. No better illustration of its contempt for the rights of the people need be given than the fact that one of its candidates for Delegate to Congress, who only received 108 vostes, contested the election of the delegate elect, who had received over 12,000 votes. The ground of contest was that he was a "liberal" and the votes he had received were "liberal" votes, while the sitting delegate was a "Mormon" and had received "Mormon" votes, and therefore he claimed the seat! Still proceeding upon the same frivolous assumption, its candidates for the same position have since that time entered upon three different contests before Congress for the seats of the delegates elect. And yet this party, with such a record, prates about its respect for law, its regard for the constitution, the sacredness of the rights of American citizens, and the high esteem it entertains for the expression of the people's will through the ballot-box.

We have no fears that any man or woman of sense and experience will be deceived by its pretensions. But its members and candidate would have you believe they are your true friends; that they have your welfare at heart; that if they could control the Territory you and it would prosper; that the civilizing agencies they have introduced into your midst are those which you most need. Their regard for the people of Utah is like that of Joab for Amasa, when he asked him, "Art thou in health, my brother?" and took hold of him as if to kiss him, while he ran his sword into his ribs.

If any single one of the many bills which these "liberals" have framed here and sent to Congress to be introduced there had become law in the form in which it was sent, the citizens of this Territory who are Latter-day Saints would have been placed in a condition more terrible than slavery. To get these bills made into law they have spared neither time nor means. For years they have not allowed a session of Congress to pass without having a delegation at Washington to urge their passage. Their most unscrupulous, adroit and rancorous members have been selected as their representatives. In no single instance, we judge, have these men failed to exhibit the qualities which suggested their selection. Their imaginations were most fruitful and, as we are informed, ghastly tales of robbery, brigandage, outrage and murder, alleged to have been committed by the people of Utah, were "liberally" related. Their principal characteristic (as indeed is that of the party) has been their economy of truth. Who can believe or have confidence in such a party? Its record is one continuous list of outrages upon the rights of the people. There have been pollution in its touch and contagion in its presence. To attain its ends it has trampled upon and defied the law, encouraged and given aid to lawbreakers, fostered and protected vice and stopped at no foulness. If it could secure control of our Territory, what a fate would be ours! This, however, will never be while the people of the Territory are true to themselves and to the principles of true liberty.

In contradistinction to these "liberals," there is a class of people in this Territory, honorable citizens, who, though not "Mormons," have never been in sympathy with this so-called "liberal party" in their attacks upon the majority of the people of Utah. The hatred of that party to them has been as intense, overbearing and arrogant as if they were "Mormons." They have used every means to coerce them to join their ranks, but many of this class, having large interests here, have always ignored their violence and been opposed to the transfer of the government of the Territory into their hands. These people came here to transact business, to make money, not to wage war upon the pioneers; and they have been willing to live and let live. Their independence is most commendable.

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On Tuesday, November 7th, every qualified voter should exercise the right to vote. Do not suffer threats, abuse or trickery to deter you from being at the proper polling place on that day. An All-wise Providence led us to this country, has preserved us here, and has helped us to secure our rights; let us take the proper steps to still further maintain them, and always remember that "ETERNAL VIGILANCE IS THE PRICE OF LIBERTY!"

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