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PUBLIC FEELING.

The shooting of Joseph McMurrin by Deputy Marshal Collin on Saturday night is an affair to be regretted, whatever may be the truth of the matter or whether the account of the one or the other is true. That occurrence, with which the public is familiar, indicates better and more early than anything else the state of public feeling. It shows that the feeling between Mormons and non-Mormons in this city is intense, and that things are on a strain that it will take but little to lead to riot, and perhaps to worse things, and eventually lead us into civil war. The shooting on Saturday night was the outcome of this feeling. Taking the account of this affair as given by young McMurrin as true, it clearly shows that he was the aggressor, an aggressor without provocation or justification. That he disliked Collin and had a grudge against him was no excuse for assaulting him. If, on the other hand, what Collin says is true, that there were three or four in the lane, and he certainly did what ninety-nine men out of a hundred would have done. If the account of young McMurrin is true, Collin did what ninety-nine men out of a hundred would do. Collin was on his way home, he living in the lane, which is dark and narrow, when he was set upon by a man very much his superior in size and strength, and he defended himself as best he could. Another thing must be looked at in connection with the Collin case. It is but a week or two since he was set upon by another man, a man very much larger and stronger than himself, and was knocked down. Collin then made no attempt to shoot, but very properly left the law to deal with his assailant. But that occurrence was in broad daylight and on a public street. Yet how different were the circumstances when he was attacked Saturday night. He was proceeding home and was just entering the lane in which he lives, when he was attacked without provocation of any kind. If there were but the two men in the lane, Collin was the man who was assaulted, and considering the time and the place he was fully justified in resorting to the use of firearms to protect himself. If there were others with young McMurrin and they attacked Collin, there can be no doubt but that they intended to heap some indignity upon him, to maltreat him, or to murder him. If such were the case, then Collin behaved in a brave and almost heroic manner, and his assailants got their deserts.

At present it is impossible to know the actual facts in the case, and the state of excitement in which the public mind is at present makes it impossible to learn the truth, or if learned, to pay it a just regard. Thus far opinions formed as to the cause of the quarrel; whether the two men met by mere accident; whether the assaulting party was there by intention; whether alone or in company, have been based almost solely upon sympathy for one or the other party, and the political affections of the persons forming such opinions.

This affair, as we have said, shows the public feeling here more clearly than anything which has yet occurred. It shows in what a fever of excitement the public mind is over the enforcement of the Edmunds law, and that it would take little to bring about a state of affairs little less than anarchy. As such times it behooves all to discourage anything tending to make the excitement more intense, the feeling more bitter. Few can desire bloodshed, yet the unwise action of a few might lead to an armed conflict that would necessarily result in very great bloodshed. The state of feeling is such that if two persons of different sympathies should happen to meet and have an altercation, or in the excitement of the moment use hot words, such persons are very apt to resort to the use of deadly weapons. Surely, then, moderation and cool common sense will best become all under the circumstances, and will in all probability be the means of avoiding many sanguinary encounters. We trust that moderation and cool common sense will have sway, and it is to the interest of all persons and the general welfare that they should.

BETRAYED.

The English elections are practically over and the returns thus far indicate a Tory victory. But this victory seems to have been bought with bad faith, and already the Tories are repudiating all alliances with the Parnellites. They have betrayed their allies. The Tory papers are beginning, and simultaneously, too, to explain certain things that the public had been content to consider as plain and in no need of explanation. They say that Parnell advised the Irish voters to vote for the Tories, but now they boldly assert that he did so of his own volition, and that there was no understanding between the Tory leaders and Parnell. The Tories were once very certain that there was an understanding between Parnell and Gladstone consequent upon the release of Parnell from jail, and so certain were they of this understanding, and so well acquainted were they with all its details, that they called it the Treaty of Kilmainham Jail. Of the existence of any treaty between Parnell and themselves they mean totally ignorant. It is scarcely probable that Parnell need his influence in behalf of the Tories unless he understood that the Tories would stand by him in his fight

for reform in Ireland. If he had no understanding and advised Irish voters to support Tory candidates for the purpose of equalizing and counterbalancing the Tory and Liberal parties, his course shows him to be a most consummate political strategist, and that through strategy he has won what others have fought for with overwhelming odds in their favor, the balance of power in Parliament. Having this balance of power, he is in a position to trade with the one or the other party, or to force the hostile parties into an alliance which would be entirely defensive and never constructive. Tories and Liberals are foes of such long standing, and so bitter is their hostility, that it will be impossible for them to be in accord for any length of time even in a defensive alliance. It is quite likely that the present anomalous condition of affairs in English politics will result in a new election in less than a year's time, for now Salisbury will in all human probability be called to form a Ministry, and his majority is so small that he cannot hope to inaugurate and carry through any important legislation. A year will probably see the Liberals restored to power, with a majority equal to their majority of 1880.

A FEAR.

It is probable that the President will not attend the funeral of Vice-President Hendricks. If he does not, it will be because of the urgent request of friends, not to owing to the danger attendant upon the journey from Washington to Indianapolis. In this request Mrs. Hendricks has joined, she like others deeming it for the public interest that the President do not attend the funeral. The solicitude upon this fear does credit to the hearts of those who entertain it, but scarcely to their understandings. There is no more danger in a journey to Indianapolis than to Buffalo, and the President would to Buffalo to vote, and no harm came to him. If the President were to die, it is true the Executive of the Government would be in the hands of the Republicans. Certainly no one is going to assassinate the President to bring about such a result, and we don't believe the Republicans desire any such thing any more than the Democrats desired the assassination of Garfield. Where is the danger, then, of the President's going to the funeral of Vice-President Hendricks? The United States are a Republic, and in this fact lies the safety of its highest officers. Body guards and long lines of troops along the routes of progress are fitting things for kings and kingdoms, but they are out of place around Presidents and in Republics. It is necessary to guard American Presidents in the same manner that European monarchs guard their kings and emperors, then are the United States far different from what they once were. If the President concludes to remain at Washington out of deference to the wishes of friends, well and good; if he remains because he believes the fears of friends are well founded, then it is not well and good.

CHANGE OF FRONT.

The decision of Judge Zane in the city prosecution cases for low conduct, has given rise to many and various comments. We believe Judge Zane decided according to what he deemed the law to be, and that he so decided because he thought it the law, and for no other reason. Apparently, others do not think so. The Herald, of yesterday morning, in commenting on the decision, used the following language in regard to Judge Zane:

And we have hoped that he was not a canting hypocrite, but a person who entertained a real horror of sexual sins and marital incontinence. We certainly did not believe that after all his professions, after all that he had said and done, he would have the brazen effrontery, the bold inconstancy to stand before the community as the professor of the law, and harbor the defender of the adulterer and the shield of the prostitute.

Does Judge Zane so stand? That the ordinance under which the prosecutions were brought was not sufficient to cover the cases brought under it, is sincerely to be regretted, and that there should be ample provision made for that class of cases no one with any proper instincts can doubt; but did the Court render its decision for the purpose of becoming "the defender of the adulterer and the shield of the prostitute?" It was charged by some that the city brought these prosecutions for the purpose of blackening the characters of men who were active in the enforcement of the Edmunds law, or who were known to be hostile to the institution of polygamy. The Herald of November 25, in commenting on these accusations, said:

The friends of the men who are under arrest for alleged lewd and lascivious conduct, and the "suspects" generally say that this movement is not in the interest of morality, but is purely retaliatory. No one has any right to say this, for so far the police officers have not gone outside their sworn duty; they have simply made the arrests, and have not been given an opportunity to prove the charges.

Should not the same indulgence be given to Judge Zane that the Herald asked for the police? It seems to us it should. If his decision were wrong, was it wrong honestly or was it wrong corruptly? In answering this question, the important element of intent comes in, and according to whether that intent was honest or dishonest must Judge Zane be acquitted or condemned on the Herald charges. Has not the Herald charged front on the question of motive which arrests sworn officers?

In its comments on the decision the Herald also had this:

His "Honor's" reasoning and language in this opinion are not marked by the clearness characterizing most of his decisions. Reading the opinion one gains the impression that the writer set out to reach a conclusion by a course of reasoning, and finding with his reasons, reached the conclusion nevertheless.

was attempted and that he strained a point to uphold the ordinance, and that if he stretched the law, he stretched it in favor of the city and the ordinance. This is an entirely different view from that taken by the Herald, and shows that if Judge Zane erred in his decision, he erred on the side of virtue, and not because he desired to become the "defender of the adulterer and the shield of the prostitute." When the Herald makes the charges against Judge Zane that it does, we answer in the language of the Herald, "No one has a right to say this."

It is two weeks to-day since the case of Cannon vs. United States was argued before the Supreme Court, but a decision has not been arrived at yet. When it does come, the question of the proper construction of the habitation clause of the Edmunds Act will be definitely settled. It is an important question, and one that all will be glad to have finally determined.

DON CARLOS, the Spanish Pretender, says he will remain quiet so long as Spain is tranquil. This is a very good resolution and the one always taken by pretenders at such times, but the trouble is that they are all like Buck Farnshaw, who quelled the riot before it ever began.

MEDICAL.

Dr. F. FOOTE, Senior, Of 120 Lexington Avenue, New York. Hereby cautions the public NOT to employ or communicate with a man styling himself "Dr. Foot, Jr." without making due inquiry.

This man came to Salt Lake City representing himself as the son of Dr. E. B. Foote of New York, the well known specialist, and was subsequently proved by affidavits. As rumors came into Salt Lake City from Dakota and Montana from an ex-convict there, he changed his name and represented himself as the son of a more noted specialist in New York City than Dr. E. B. Foote, the well known author. Dr. J. P. F. Foote, of the well known Trow's Directory, in New York City (forty years in the directory business), Ex-Governor FRANK FULLER, of Utah, and the Hon. ANAK WARMAN, for many years Postmaster in New York City, also surveyors of the Fort, gave their affidavits that there are no other doctors in New York City with the name of Foote or Foots, excepting Dr. E. B. Foote, the author of "Medical Common Sense," etc., and his two sons, Dr. E. B. Foote, Jr., and Dr. HERBERT F. Foote. The genuine Dr. Foote, Jr., will hereafter always employ the initials, E. B., in designating his name. Hereafter he has been known not only at home but wherever his publications have been circulated, by the name of Dr. Foote, Jr., greater care will be taken hereafter, in view of the fact that an unprincipled person has assumed to profit by his and his father's reputation.

Those desiring further and more detailed information in respect to this matter, will receive it by addressing Box 418, Salt Lake City, Utah. Persons having information of advantage to plaintiffs will gladly communicate the same to W. W. Ivey, with Sutherland & Melville, Salt Lake City.

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