

EDITORIAL

{THE “MOUNT PLEASANT COMPASS.”}

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OUR esteemed contemporary, the *Mount Pleasant Compass*, comes out with grave matter in its February 15 issue. It is no less grave a matter than that its existence is threatened, owing to the hostility of one Francis A. Stratton that the paper has incurred by reason of its fighting the said Stratton, who represents and wields the power of several grasping corporations, the Consolidated Gas Company of New York, among the lot.

A few weeks ago, upon our suggesting to the *Compass* that it may get itself into trouble with the distinguished resident of his county, John D. Rockefeller, the *Compass* shivered a lance in behalf of the gentleman, stating that Mr. R. always knew when he was in the wrong, and could be relied upon not to persist in wrong doing.

Now, it seems to us that, somewhere and some how, the rumor reached us that Mr. R. is a leading owner of the New York Consolidated Gas Company, above referred to as being used by Mr. Stratton to undo the *Compass*. Unless the rumor is one of the “slandorous falsehoods” and “falsehoodsinous slanders” that a wicked generation loves to pile on the devoted head of the pious John D.R., why not inform Mr. J.D.R. of the wicked conduct of Mr. S., and, cause the now recuperating recluse of Jekyl Island to call his man Stratton off? Does not Mr. Rockefeller always take back tracks when in the wrong?

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