MORRIS TO HAYKEN.

Tell-Tale Letters From the Ex-Solicitor to the Furniture Agent.

HOW THE WILEY MORRIS WROTE.

Rapture, Surprise, Anguish, Despair, Disgust and Hatred are All Expressed in These Epistles

After the testimony of Martin Hayden was taken yesterday evening, several letters which had passed between Morris and Hayken were introduced and read in evidence. A few of the letters are given following. The "Allen" mentioned in these letters refers to County Attorney Whitlemonst

Dangerous Situation.

JANUARY, 19, 1896.

M. Hayken, Esq., Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Sir—The events under the new State government have been regarded and the criminal calendar of Salt Lake county assigned to Judge Hiles. Your case will stand for called about the 15th or 20th of next month. A continuance will be impossible, and all hands will have to go to trial on each. Judge Dey is perfectly satisfied with the situation except the unknown possibilities of Stratton's testimony. You can be can fairly to anything with no possibility of a conviction. Dey quite frequently says: "That man Stratton makes me nervous." Only this morning he said to me: "It makes the devilish uneasy to think what that man Stratton is going to be about." If I were in your place I would make a most determined effort to keep that fellow away from Salt Lake. Make overtures to him on my line—humiliate yourself if necessary. Bring about a meeting if it does you good—you must be kept away—for if he comes here he will be like Satan. Re-establish the friendship that formerly existed between you at any price. Don't delay in this matter, but get a move on yourself. You will remember that I spoke to you in regard to getting a receipt from Holbrook for money you said you returned to him—not having occasion to use them. Get his receipt for all such money and have some dated the time the money was returned to him when you had the settlement in January, 1895. This may become very important, and my advice is attend to it very promptly. Make no mistake about this matter. Dey told me what young Flossler said to you. This testing the case, his presence might do good providing he would so testify. Regards to Mrs. H. Yours, etc.,

J. R. MORRIS.

Morris in Very Poor.

FEBRUARY 9, 1895.

M. A. Hayken, Esq.:

My Dear Sir—The telecram from Adams was received O. K., but as I told you in Chicago, it is impossible for me to raise more than fifty for the purpose of getting employment for Stratton. When there I realized that it would be a "ten-strike" to help the fellow to a position and by so doing keep him in Chicago. I then said that if you could succeed in this I would try to dig up fifty. This I can do, and if it will help you wire me and I will send it along at once. I really haven't made a dollar for a year, and at the same time had to keep self and family going. Then again, I invested about $2,500 in that Idaho mine and it is now in litigation. Two of the selectmen, Roberts and Geddes, have left for Chicago, ostensibly to investigate elevators. Be sure and see today's Herald, which throws some light on the situation. It seems that Allen promised Davis the elevator contract, if the elevator came from what source it might. Thereupon Davis went to Chicago and commenced to "agree" with Winslow Bros. company, the Chicago people, and also interested Manufacturing company, and that respective bids came in accordingly, but all the time begging himself in the belief that it made no difference which company got the job Davis would get a "commission." However, trouble arose in that L. C. Trent & Co. of this city interfered and these felows can be their own machine. Now, inasmuch as the selectmen promised the job to Davis, they find it necessary to go to Chicago to "fix things" with the commissioners so as to keep Davis "in line." When the selectmen get to Chicago the Bridgeport people are going to make a desperate effort to get the job even if they have to put the plant in at bait price. I think that if Davis could be beaten out of a commission in this deal it would be a beautiful satisfying the time. If the Crane or Ohio people get the machine it must go through Trent in order to beat all Davis. I think from this you will get an idea of the situation, and you and your friends there must get your work to so soon as the selectmen appear upon the scene.

Roberts and Geddes left here last night. They go on the Denver & Rio Grande. Will stop at Spring, Reb. until tomorrow morning. They expect to arrive there over the Chicago & Alton on Thursday. However, my informant may have been mistaken about some of the details, and they may have continued right along last night, in which event they will arrive in Chicago in advance of this letter. They expected to stop at the Great Northern.

Yesterday morning the conspiracy case was called up on motion to set the indictment aside. The motion was sustained, and there is one less case than when you were here in December. Your cases were set for trial February 20th.

Everything is moving along nicely at this end. All the attorneys say there is no possible danger of a bad result. Of course these gentlemen while in Chicago will make all kinds of overtures and promises to Stratton and Fryer so as get them back here. Perhaps it would be well to notify Carey and Holbrook of their coming so that they would be well on their guard. Thinking tells—the selectmen—are liable to do anything on earth to make their point. They are apt to make all kinds of statements and promises. However, these matters—the conspiracy—now is off their hands and beyond their control. They are in the hands of the court, and the selectmen are powerless, except, perhaps, in working up evidence and setting the attendance of witnesses.

In short, watch the corners well, keep a stiff backbone and maintain the overtures Whitlemore, and be not a jangly complainer.

Let me hear how you progress in all matters. Dry wrote you yesterday care of Carey & Carey, Regards to Mrs. H. Yours, etc.,

J. R. MORRIS.

SALT LAKE, FEB. 14, 1895.

M. A. Hayken, Esq.:

Dear Sir—I herewith inclose you draft of $50 as per I quote through Adams. This I lend to borrow. Good get nothing from Hamberger and this is the very last I can do. Keep a watchful watch on movements of Roberts and Geddes. Nothing new. Everything all right at this end. Keep me informed of any new developments. Wrong address on telegram.

Yours, etc.,

J. R. MORRIS.

213 W. N. T.

Since writing a thought occurs. It is time it is inexpedient to getting a position, perhaps as you could also to write you a letter somewhat as follows:

CHICAGO, FEB. —, 1895.

Mr. M. A. H.:

My dear sir—In answer to your question of yesterday so to whether I will go to S. Lake the last of this month to be a witness to the conversation against J. R. I have to understand that I am not going there nor will I go at any intimate time."

Yours, etc.

Wants Him From the Other End.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, 2/18, 1896.

M. A. Hayken, Esq.:

My Dear Sir—Some things have cropped out within the past few days that may interest you. In the first place you will remember that your claims were set for trial commencing on the 17th, and the only one set for trial against me, the one in which Davis says that Hamberger and I sometimes of him a bribe, was set forth to be when the time set for the trial of your case was changed to the 20 ult. Whitlemore asked to have mine set for March 6. This was granted. Yesterday he called on Loubourow and begged that some one be given to have my case go over till March 8 without being required to make a formal application for continuance. At the same time to secure Loubourow a telegram from Davis dated at Chicago the 15th, saying that he, Davis, had been very busy and fallen and broken his right arm in two places, and asked Whitlemore to send him $150. About 9 o'clock last night Loubourow telephoned Whitlemore that a continuance of my case would be agreed upon, but that they could arrange matters in open court Monday (tomorrow) morning. Whitlemore answered that he was going away today (the 18th) to be gone for a week. We informed that they have to go to Chicago to try and wind it either and the jay into line. Also to take care of Weary and Swinney. However I will ascertain just what is the morning and advise you of his movements by wire.

Varian told a friend of mine that their county prosecutor were all broke up and disorganized. He said "They (meaning the defense) have got control of our witnesses and we can't get them here when wanted." I think that Florence's loss would increase the boy's wages just a little, anyway. This would show that he is appreciated. His wages are fifteen dollars a day now. Wish you would write to me soon and fully as to whether Stratton has yet secured a permanent position. I have the pounce of some money the middle or last of the coming week and if you still need it I may then be able to help you some. Day has been checking up your accounts with the company during 1894 and also your checks, and tells me that everything is in excellent shape and that he can see no earthly fear of the result if your work is well done at that end. Up to date Whitlemore has only convinced one man out of about twenty tried by him since becoming public prosecutor. Have you got onto anything concerning the selectmen and their elevator deal? Write me at once. Martin, the situation as seen from the other end.

Yours, etc.,

J. R. MORRIS.

Glad Hayken's Not Dead.

SALT LAKE CITY, 2/20/96.

M. A. Hayken, Esq.:

Friend Hayken—Glad to receive your letter and learn from the phone that you are so hale and hearty. From the many rumors about it was for a time, a difficult to determine who was killed and who wounded. If Davis's neck instead of his arm had been broken it would have met the hearty approval of many people whom I know.

Geddes and Roberts have returned from their junket and tell of wonderful work performed. I send you some clippings from the Herald. You may by-the-bye, not fearing otherwise, I believe.

I am rather inclined to think that Foster is playing a double game and will lose from one to concert whether Stratton dies. What kind of a job has that fellow got? Is it permanent or is he simply visiting?

Allen is still out and evidently bent on mischief. In my opinion he will try and buy perjured testimony. Hence he needs watching all the time.

At the meeting of the present term of court when all criminal cases were set for trial, they were arranged by members on the calendar, and it was only the day before yesterday that we discovered that two of the cases against me had not been set down at all. Loubourow at once made motion that they be set for trial as well as the others. Whether this was a trick on the part of Whitlemore and Varian or simply an oversight remains to be seen.

Judge Dey was operated on for piles last Sunday and has not been at his office since. He is confined down to day. If he does not show up I will go to his house tomorrow.

By the way, you haven't written me the particulars of your fall and how the accident occurred. Wish you would. Where is an old Davis fall? Walter Murphy suggested that he broke his arm in "pulling your leg."

Everything at late end seems in good shape.

Holbrook has recently sent me copies of the Michigan Farmer and the Furniture Journal, both containing commentaries on the situation by L. F. Crosby. Tip top. The boys here are all right. I talked with Carey yesterday. He is staunch and true.

I was thinking that Mrs. H. could find no fault, feel now (at least, with your notes from home. Give her my kindest regards. Yours, etc.,

J. R. MORRIS.

Still Worries About Stratton.

SALT LAKE CITY, 3/6, 1896.

M. Hayken, Esq.:

My Dear Sir—Your two letters received O. K. I wrote to care to Carey. Was that correct? Would shall I address my letters addressed? To your residence or care of Carey? Or care of Adams? By the way, your letters to me are not all directed properly. The one was to 213 N. W. T. should have been addressed, 2 N. W. T. I do not think there is danger of the letters going astray, because if improperly directed. We have cultivated what Allen says is not to get the East each—with accompanying you, and as a consequence have resorted to all sorts to succeed in getting him home. Varian worked that Hayken said the home cases to go over until Allen's return. This was yesterday afternoon, and as a complimentary Varian consented to take them up on the 9th at the time stating that Allen must be here, as we (Varian) knew nothing about the cases, and would not try them in Allen's absence. Another lack to force Allen here was for Hamberger and I to insist on our cases being set for trial. This was done systematically, and finally got them set for April 6 and 7th, the last two days of the term. Of course, Wednesday agreed then to be tried then. I showed your letter—the one telling of the removal of the plaster case—to both Dickson and Greer. They sympathize with you to the fullest extent. Dey says that if the new bill levied or sent for sale was strong as he hopes for, that no can same his one time for the trial of your case. If you haven't made your affidavit as yet, make it strong. Show only the pain and anguish occasioned by the removal of the plaster of Paris. In instance of Allen, the fact that such wanton cruelty has relapsed the faith of the home in a dangerous degree. The slender evidence we have of Allen's telling the statement—the scandalous and mystifying to public. I am continually struggling to throw the job into hands that will keep Davis from getting a benefit out of it. That man Davis is a scoundrel first water, and whether he and Allen have got each other by the ears and have parted company, I very much doubt. Davis knows too much for Allen to give him the "dirty stick." Everything is in good of all right in every sense of the word. Allen as a prosecutor is a mere nullity. Time for this year he has continued but six prisoners, and "six musicals" have convicted, as I am informed, but not been sentenced upon and short prisoners. Judge Powers, who is assisting Harry Hayes, says that he connected to a postponement of the Hayes cases so that Allen might be here to prosecute—that he knows Allen was than any prosecutor he ever entered a case against. The operation Day underwent was quite successful. He is now at work, the cause as usual, his ailments that he might of the Chicago right away after the 15th, and he may not. Hence you see he is quite nonchalant. However, you may depend that Day will get to Chicago and see the people before your cases are called for trial. Rest Sir—get a permission job, or is he one of the way only temporarily? Keep me well informed in regard to matters and things there. I may go to Chicago shortly myself. The only matter that seems to worry Whitlemore is the fear of Stratton getting in it, however. Hope you may get along as well as possible. If you was only here to assist Day in the trial, that you would personally see to the entertainment of Allen. Regards to Mrs. H.

J. R. MORRIS.

Rising in Up to Date.

APRIL 14, 1895.

M. A. Hayken, Esq.:

My dear sir—It would seem that our letters each other in the mails. Your last to me was received last a day or so after sending one to you, and as it was with some prior thereto. Since February we have continually been on the jangly, either in defending ourselves or trying to make it uncomfortable for the other fellows—and we are still at it. Whitlemore is using every possible effort and employing the services of Varian