

COL. STERRETT VERY PEEVISH

Former Director of G. A. R. Encampment Breaks Into Three Columns of Print

IN HIS HOME NEWSPAPER.

Says His Niece Was Insulted by a "Lecherous Old Devil." Member of Executive Committee.

Col. F. M. Sterrett in a three-column communication to the editor of the Miami Union attempts to refute the charges made against him while acting as executive director of the G. A. R. encampment here last month.

The Union prints the communication on the first page under the date of Sept. 8 and opines in the headlines that Col. Sterrett "Clearly Refutes Charges." The colonel starts his dissertation with the statement that there are five daily papers in Salt Lake and that three of the five are of dignified character "and have always treated me in a fair and honorable manner and have said some very agreeable things about me."

The colonel then goes on to state that he furnished each paper with a locked box (at \$1 each) wherein he

placed whatever he wanted given out in printed form. This, avers the director, was the cause of all the trouble and the unkind things said about his administration. He resented the fact that reporters had the temerity to visit him in his private office for information, but does not mention that some even followed him into the bar at the Commercial club for enlightenment. The reception the reporters got after bolting into his office, he says, made them his enemies.

He avers that his "expert help" was criticized, and lied about by a \$15 a week reporter. He goes on to refer to his interviewers as "obscene and characterless scribblers," "ignorant" etc. He admits in his communication that there "are a few honorable and capable newspapermen acting as reporters in Salt Lake, but as a rule have never come in contact with a great quantity of brains as is represented in this calling in that city. I actually experienced nausea in my endeavor to consider them worthy of attention."

Col. Sterrett takes the alleged charges that have been made against him up in detail. Of the Rabbi fraud incident when that gentleman was insulted in Col. Sterrett's office the colonel concludes his paragraph with "I have nothing to regret in this relation."

Regarding his two nieces who were engaged at a decidedly big salary as stenographers the colonel denies that they were insulting, snappish and generally disagreeable. He says that the people of Salt Lake know these girls as cultured and refined young ladies incapable of being rude to persons who properly conducted themselves. He then clinches his refutation with a counter charge as follows:

"When Miss Pansy was poked in the ribs by a lecherous old devil with leering eyes of course she resented it. Shame to say he was a member of the executive committee."

REAL ESTATE MEN wanting deeds, contracts, greenbacks or other legal blanks, will find the latest forms at the Deseret News Book store.

PRaises ST. GEORGE EXHIBIT.

Col. E. W. Tatlock Returns from Fruit Exposition in Dixie.

Col. E. W. Tatlock has returned from St. George where he attended the fruit exhibit of the St. George Commercial club, and he is full of praise for the exhibit. He declares it was a show not surpassed anywhere in the country.

"I have seen exhibits," said Col. Tatlock, "but none that can be compared to this one in any particular. There was every kind of fruit except the tropical, and included in the exhibit were lemons grown in the open at St. George. If there was a railroad into that region so that the fruit could be shipped out by rail, it would do more to advertise the resources, from a horticultural standpoint, of that section of Utah than anything else that probably could be done."

"St. George is 36 miles from a railroad. It is therefore practically impossible to ship fruit out by wagon, the jolting and jamming over the hard road between St. George and Modena would spoil it for market."

Col. Tatlock says there were more than 100 varieties of grapes that can be grown nowhere else in this country, and that there was an abundance of figs, peaches, pomegranates, almonds, strawberries and melons.

"And of the hospitality shown," he continued, "I have never seen anything like it. The people of St. George had made preparations to feed 2,000 people, and when on Friday evening the people were seated about the tables, which had been spread in the tabernacle square, 1,400 was the number. And how they did feast."

The tables were so arranged that at each end there was stationed a ladies' corner band, one of which was from St. George, the other from Washington. In the center was a raised platform and on this platform the oratorical exercises were held and vocal

music rendered. Then there were electric lights in profusion, making it a scene which one will never forget. Every section of Washington county was represented, and there were many people from various parts of southern Utah.

"Among the speakers were P. M. Lyman, Anthony Lewis, J. Ed Taylor of the state board of agriculture, several local people and myself. Between the speeches there was vocal and instrumental music."

TWO MORE PROTESTS.

Two more protests against the state allowing certain land near the line between Carbon and Emery counties being filed upon for agricultural purposes were considered today before Register E. B. Thompson of the United States land office in this city.

The protests are made by E. William Ross and Rufus C. Hill, both of whom allege that the land is more valuable for coal than for agricultural purposes.

Both sections contain 150 acres, one of them being situated in section 21, township 15 south, range 8 east, and the other being in township 16 south, range 8 east. Testimony was taken today but a decision will not be rendered until Receiver M. M. Kaighn arrives in the city. He is at present in the north-west.

PROF. EATON ON TEMPERANCE.

During the fourth period, when all pupils were excused from classes, Principal George A. Eaton delivered a temperance lecture to all the boys of High school in the Gym assembly, between 600 and 700 boys attending. He spoke chiefly on the best habits and the conduct that a high school boy should cultivate and incidentally referred to the lack of interest the first and second-year boys took in football, urging them all to get out and try for the team.

RAILROAD NEWS.

EMINENT COUNSEL ARRAY.

Defendants in Interstate Commerce Hearing Ably Represented.

The defendant roads in the coming noted suit before the interstate commerce commission in this city will be represented by the best legal talent at their command, including P. C. Dillard of Chicago, P. L. Williams and G. H. Smith of this city for the Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line; P. F. Dunn and P. C. Durbrow of San Francisco for the Southern Pacific; Leroy Clarke of Denver for the Denver & Rio Grande; W. R. Kelly of Los Angeles for the San Pedro. It is not known yet who are to represent the eastern roads, but it is believed Judge C. M. Dawes of Chicago will represent the Burlington lines.

TELEGRAPH SUPERINTENDENTS

Sessions Being Held Here by Men From Harriman Lines.

Important meetings of superintendents of telegraph of the Harriman lines, west, are being held in this city. One was held yesterday, another today and the meetings will end probably on Friday. The sessions are for the purpose of discussing the common interests of the system, standardizing and making more uniform the work.

Those in attendance at the meetings are: Percy Hewitt of Houston, Tex., representing the Sunset lines; B. F. Forbes, local superintendent of the O. S. L.; F. S. Hawkins of the Southern Pacific, at San Francisco; E. A. Kippel of the O. R. & N. at Portland, and J. B. Sheldon of the Union Pacific at Omaha. The latter is chairman of the meetings.

The superintendents were met here by Earl K. Dyer, engineer of the Western Electric company, who came from San Francisco, to attend the sessions.

The telephone train dispatch service of the Rio Grande at Midvale was installed by Mr. Dyer on May 1st last, and either this afternoon or tomorrow the superintendents, piloted by Mr. Dyer, will make an inspection of the circuit there. The next meeting place of the superintendents will probably be at Chicago.

NEW N. Y. C. MAN.

A. C. Burrows, formerly traveling passenger agent at Denver for the New York Central lines, has been transferred to this city, where he is on duty today. Mr. Burrows will cover Utah, Nevada, Idaho, with parts of Montana and Wyoming. He has been 15 years with the Central. Mr. Keyes remains with the Salt Lake office, but is to confine his attention to freight matters.

DISCUSS RATE CASE.

The directors of the Commercial club traffic bureau are meeting afterwards, to discuss the evidence to be presented at the coming session in this city of the interstate commerce commission.

KENT O. KEYES LEAVES.

Commercial Agent K. O. Keyes of the New York Central in this city, leaves tomorrow on a trip to Chicago and New York.

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All who desire to consult the list of the representative professors and music teachers of Salt Lake should read the "Musicians' Directory" in the Saturday "News."

PREST. TAFT APPOINTS TARIFF COMMISSION

Beverly, Mass., Sept. 14.—President Taft has appointed the new tariff commission, or board, which is to assist in the execution of the new tariff law with special reference to applying the maximum and minimum clauses to nations which are friendly to their tariff relations with the United States. The new board consists of three members—Prof. Henry C. Emery of Yale, chairman; James B. Reynolds of Massachusetts, now assistant secretary of the treasury; and Alvin H. Sanders of Chicago, at present editor and proprietor of the *Breder's Gazette*. In announcing the selection of this new board, authorized by the Payne tariff bill, the following statement was given out at the executive offices:

"The president and secretary of the treasury have agreed upon the plan that these gentlemen are to constitute the board, and are to be given authority to employ such special experts as may be needed in the investigation of the foreign and domestic tariffs."

It had been a question until as to whether the new board should consist of three or five members.

There has been discussion ever since the passage of the Payne bill as to just what authority the tariff commission shall have.

It is stated that when the president once was asked whether he preferred the name "tariff commission" or "foreign tariff board," he replied with a smile, "I have no particular choice. You know that a rose by any other name—No announcement was made as to what salaries the three commissioners are to receive. Congress appropriated a lump sum of \$5,000 to cover salaries and the expenses of investigations."

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