

# EXPOSED!!

The Corrupt Methods of the Railroads Exposed by One of Their Own Hirelings.

W. C. Holden, the Editor of "Liberty," Testifies to His Own Boondoggling and Treachery.

An Interesting Affidavit.

NOTE:—We make no apology for laying before our readers the following document. It is the most complete exposure of the corrupt methods of the corporations that has ever been published. The publication of this letter is timely on account of the light it throws on Senator Paddock, who comes up for re-election next winter. The maker of this affidavit is W. C. Holden, the present editor of Liberty. Certainly there is nowhere in history a blacker record of treachery than is here given. Many persons may wonder why a man would thus testify to his own perfidy. The explanation is this: When he made the deal with Kimball, the latter required him to give a note and mortgage "as a sort of guaranty, you know," and to "conceal the illegal nature of the bargain."

It seems that the Union Pacific's political managers were not satisfied with Holden's services. So they sent down Fred Nye, their go-between, to foreclose the mortgage. Holden then had the choice between losing his property or losing his reputation. True to his natural instincts, he chose the latter.

The affidavit is printed in full to forestall the charge of garbling. It can be found in the court records of Buffalo county.

The italics and small caps are ours. In the District Court, Fifth judicial district of Nebraska for Buffalo county.

FRED NYE, Plaintiff, vs. WILLIAM C. HOLDEN, Defendant. Answer.

FIRST DEFENSE.

Now comes the said defendant, William C. Holden, and for answer to the petition of the said plaintiff denies that the plaintiff has a special ownership in the goods and chattels mentioned in his petition.

Defendant admits that the pretended notes and mortgages described in plaintiff's petition were signed and delivered by him to the said plaintiff, but charges the fact to be that said notes and mortgages were executed and delivered in violation of law and contrary to public policy;

That the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars mentioned in the said plaintiff's petition was obtained by the defendant from one Thomas L. Kimball of Omaha, Nebraska, at that time and yet one of the officers of the Union Pacific Railroad company, and with an unwritten agreement between the said Kimball and this defendant to the effect that said money was so furnished this defendant as compensation for services to be rendered by defendant in his capacity as newspaper editor and otherwise in carrying elections for the benefit of the said Union Pacific Railroad company.

That at that time it was expressly agreed between the said Kimball and

the said defendant that the said defendant who was then publishing the Central Nebraska Press at Kearney, Nebraska, should advocate the election to the United States senate, of such a man as might be thereafter designated by the said Kimball or other persons acting under the direction of the said Union Pacific railroad management.

That at that time the availability of A. S. Paddock and Albinus Nance as candidates for United States senators was discussed by said Kimball and the defendant;

That at that time this defendant inquired of the said Kimball whether Paddock or Nance would be most satisfactory to the road, meaning the Union Pacific railroad management, to which Mr. Kimball replied, that Mr. Paddock had been very friendly to the road, but might not be available as a candidate, and that Mr. Nance was a successful young man and the road might take him as its candidate;

That it was then understood and agreed between the said Kimball and this defendant that either Mr. Paddock or Mr. Nance would be the choice of the Union Pacific railroad management for United States Senator and that defendant agreed to support either Paddock or Nance, but expressed a preference for Nance who seemed to be the preferred candidate of the road, as then expressed by Mr. Kimball;

That at this interview the said Kimball and defendant only were present, and that plaintiff Nye was not present and did not participate therein;

That this interview between the said Kimball and this defendant took place at the Union Pacific Headquarters Building in the city of Omaha, Nebraska, a short time prior to the date of the mortgage first mentioned in the plaintiff's petition;

That at that time it was agreed between the said Kimball and this defendant that this defendant should execute and deliver his notes and a mortgage on defendant's printing materials, to whomsoever Kimball might send with the money, and for such a sum as the said Kimball might send, which it was then agreed should be twelve hundred dollars;

That thereafter on the date of the mortgage first described in plaintiff's petition, the said plaintiff, Fred Nye, appeared at Kearney with the sum aforesaid, twelve hundred dollars, and in pursuance of said agreement with Kimball, delivered the sum to this defendant and took the notes and mortgage first described in plaintiff's petition;

That prior to the date of the said Nye's appearance with the money this defendant had had no communication with him concerning the matter, had never borrowed any money of said Nye or talked of borrowing any;

That when said Nye so appeared at Kearney with the money and took said notes and mortgage, he stated that the said Kimball had sent him up with the money and that he came up at the request of said Kimball to carry out the arrangements made before that time between said Kimball and this defendant;

And this defendant further says that the object and purpose of taking said notes and mortgage was to make the transaction appear as a loan when such was not the case, and for the purpose of concealing the illegal nature of the bargain;

That it was never the intention of the said Kimball and said defendant

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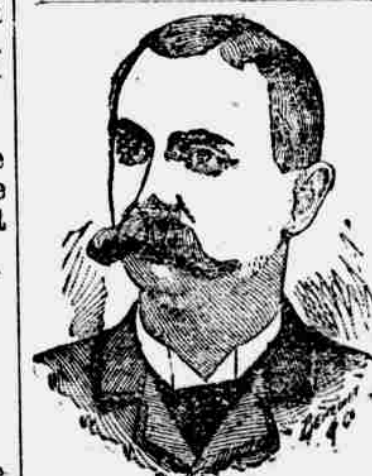
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