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Testimony that Gives an Insight Into the Wild Career that Ended in the Downfall of the First National.

HOW POSTMASTER ROLLINS ACCOMMODATED THE DEFENDANT.

Great Numbers of Notes of High and Low Degree Signed in Blank by Insolvents and Filled out by William E. Breese.

WITNESSES WITH NAMES ON NOTES DECLARE THEY DID NOT SIGN

How Overdrafts of the Bank President Were Replaced by the "Accommodation Notes."

Sensational Evidence Regarding the Bank's Reports to the Comptroller of the Currency.

T. D. McCall was the first witness in the bank trial yesterday morning. He testified that in May, 1897, he was insolvent; that he did not sign any notes for Leonard or any notes at all; that he did not sign the notes handed him and that he knew no other T. D. McCall in Asheville.

S. T. Dorsett was recalled and testified that the handwriting of the notes, with the exception of the signature, was Breese's.

The McCall notes were as follows: May 20, '97, \$493.62; May 13, '97, \$314, and one for \$900.

Philip Neal said that he never signed any notes; that he did not sign the notes handed him.

Mr. Dorsett was recalled and testified that they were in the handwriting of Breese, except the signature. There were four notes as follows: June 11, '97, \$350; March 8, '97, \$500; June 8, '97, \$594.95; March 8, '97, \$694.95.

Harper Stiles said he had signed one note for Leonard. The note was filled out afterward for \$561. The handwriting in the body of the note was identified as Breese's.

F. M. Whitaker signed four or five notes for Leonard in '97; they were blank notes. Leonard said he wanted \$10 on the notes. Witness was handed five notes, bearing his name and said he signed only two. The handwriting of the body of all five notes was identified by Mr. Dorsett as that of Breese, with the exception of one note in the handwriting of Penland.

W. W. Ward signed two notes.

S. F. Massagall signed blank notes for Leonard in '97. Some of those shown him he did not sign.

Policeman W. D. Taylor signed several notes at the request of J. E. Dickerson in 1897, when he was a street car conductor on railway of which Dickerson was treasurer.

J. E. B. Jenkins testified that he lives at Brevard; farmed seven years for Breese; signed four notes for him for \$10,000 on February 7, '97; owned \$2,000 worth of property, but owed something and lost property later. Renewed notes from time to time. Was sued and judgments obtained. Witness produced a note to himself from Breese assuming all responsibility for the four notes, agreeing to protect witness against all loss and pledging \$10,000 worth of bank stock, which was attached to the letter for the fulfillment of the agreement.

Postmaster Rollins identified eight notes handed him as bearing the signature of Lewis N. Hatch, with which he was familiar, and said they were filled out in the handwriting of Major Breese. Witness signed a number of notes himself for which he received an acknowledgment that he was not liable for the notes. As to his financial condition witness said he was able to pay his everyday debts and had some mortgaged property. Identified notes handed him as those he signed. One of the notes was endorsed "paid on account \$1,100." Witness said he never paid anything on any of the notes.

"What was the character of W. E. Breese at the time you signed the notes?"

"It was good."

J. B. Hollingsworth testified that he signed blank notes for J. E. Dickerson in '97. They were endorsed "J. E. Dickerson & Co."

"Was any such firm as J. E. Dickerson & Co. in existence?"

"It was the J. E. Dickerson company, I think"

J. S. Rice testified that he signed several notes for Breese.

J. Frank Aldrich, the present receiver of the First National bank, was sworn, and asked:

"How much have you collected since the failure of the bank?"

"I collected from notes \$7,852; from assessment, \$1,000 from sale of bonds, \$5,407, making a total of \$14,259; \$7,852 was collected from bank's assets, that is the notes in the bank. The bank has paid no dividend. There was an assessment on the stockholders, and one stockholder, Dr. George W. Fletcher, paid one per cent. of his assessment, paying \$1,000. The assessment was 100 per cent."

"What is the prospect of collecting anything more from the bank's assets?"

Objection, and question withdrawn.

A. H. Brown testified that when the bank failed \$59,420.95 was on deposit.

S. T. Dorsett testified that the following cash items were paid out for Breese during the months of May, June and July, and that they had not been replaced:

Men's Outfitter, \$6.75; News and Courier, \$11; Asheville Milling company, \$18.70; M. L. Miller, \$1.50; I. O. U., \$15.30; Western Union Telegraph company, \$1.43; Slayden, Fakes & Co., \$17.91; L. Swicegood & Co., \$24.80; Dr. M. F. Fletcher, \$4; Grant, \$3.25; I. O. U., \$5; H. Redwood & Co., \$3.40; Swannanoa Ice and Coal company, \$2.55; J. W. Goodlake, \$2.55; J. H.

Law, \$3.80; W. C. Carmichael, 80 cents; W. N. Hatch, \$2.50; M. A. Killian, \$1.50; A. L. I. dues; W. N. Hatch, \$45.15; Asheville Milling company, \$17.50; H. T. Scott, \$1.50; J. W. Goodlake, \$5.40; State Register, \$1; J. M. Alexander, \$19.50; Asheville Daily Gazette, \$1.50; Candy Kitchen, 50 cents; Dickens, \$3.95; H. C. Johnson, \$23.51; telegrams, \$1.23; W. N. Hatch, 1.20; Normal and Collegiate Institute, \$44.50; J. S. Rice, \$1; W. B. Alexander, \$16.95; Patterson & Co., \$4.50.

A recess was taken.

Mrs. Moxey and daughter, of Philadelphia, were interested spectators at the morning session.

S. T. Dorsett was recalled when the session was resumed in the afternoon. He was handed the following notes and testified that they were filled out in the handwriting of Mr. Breese:

March 15, \$250, signed Penland and Sluder.

March 15, \$650, Penland and Sluder.

April 22, \$1,700, M. B. Penland.

May 30, A. K. Smith, \$1,200.

April 21, \$1,600, M. L. Smith, J. W. White.

May 7, \$5,000.

Witness said White was a colored driver for Mr. Penland.

Objection to this testimony—overruled.

Witness said that White was insolvent.

M. B. Penland was Penland's wife; A. K. Smith was a niece of Mr. Penland; M. L. Smith was a niece of Mr. Penland; J. R. Mock lives at Leicester; worked for Penland; L. J. Evans was a boy about eighteen years old, a clerk of Dickerson's; N. E. McQueen was a carriage driver. When the witness saw the papers the last time before the bank closed they were not filled up; were signed in blank and went into Penland's hands.

Witness identified the following notes as filled out in Breese's handwriting:

L. L. Baker, \$1,000, May 7; W. J. Callais, May 23, \$514.57; W. J. Callais, July 21, \$504.75; E. L. Baker, May 7, \$690.23; J. D. Brevard, \$1,300; W. J. Callais, July 27, \$2,800; W. J. Callais, March 13, \$2,100; W. B. Troy, July 28, \$790.10; collateral, W. D. Taylor, \$342.37.

Baker was a clerk of Dickerson's. Don't know his financial condition. Don't know Troy's financial condition.

W. J. Callais was called. He signed several blank notes. Was insolvent then. Was superintendent of the Carolina Woodworking company.

G. B. Goodlake testified he signed blank note for Mr. Dickerson; was working for Dickerson; owed Mr. Dickerson about \$119, but note was not given to cover debt. Note had been filled out for \$3,105.

Hollingsworth was recalled. Identified a note as signed by himself; was signed in blank. Note now reads May 12, \$255.12.

J. D. Brevard was sworn. Lives in Shelby; used to live in Asheville. Signed blank notes at instance of Dickerson. There were several renewals.

Dorsett recalled. "Are there any entries in the discount register after June 27?"

"No."

A. H. Brown was recalled and asked to give all credits after January 7 in Breese's account. He did so and gave the credits named in detail below.

S. T. Dorsett was recalled to tell of what credits consisted.

Witness said January 30 credit of \$177.09 was salary.

February 27 credit of \$177.09 was salary.

March 18 credit of \$950 was discounted notes.

March 20 credit for \$3,056.50 was notes, not entered on discount register. "Dick Foster and Elliott" written on the bottom of deposit slip. Witness was handed notes, which he identified as dated March 20 and signed by Foster and Elliott, amounting to \$3,056.50.

March 26, credit of \$2,086, consisted of

note discounted; not on discount register. Witness was handed notes, which he identified as being signed by Stiles and Gaze, which amounted to \$3,086, made out in Breese's handwriting.

The April 6 credit of \$690 consisted of discounted notes; not entered on discount register. Witness identified notes handed him as L. M. Coon and Albert Prop's notes, amounting to \$790, dated April 6. Corresponding to credit on that day.

The April 7 credit of \$314.94 consisted of N. Y. exchange.

April 30 credit was salary.

May 15 credit of \$129.83 consisted of rebate taxes.

Next credit of May 31 of \$177.09 was salary.

Second May 31 credit of \$641.69 was check of R. R. Rawls.

The last credit was on June 30, \$177.09 salary for month.

A. H. Brown recalled. Was handed several papers which he said were signed by Breese, Penland, Dickerson and Rawls. All were in handwriting of Breese except signatures, he said.

Government announced that the papers were reports of defendant to compiler of evidence, and they were offered in evidence.

Defendant objected to introduction—overruled.

The report of May 14, 1897 was handed witness and he was asked to give over drafts on report.

He recalled that they were \$4,303.23, secured and \$6,020.00 unsecured, making \$10,323.23.

Witness was asked for actual over drafts according to ledger.

He said they were \$51,903.08.

The over drafts of officers on May 14 according to report was \$5,000, said to be over draft of W. H. Penland.

Ledger showed the following over drafts: Penland's \$6,957; Brevard R. M. Co., \$400.43; J. E. Dickerson, \$1,215.76; J. B. Dickerson & Co., \$6,675.93; Breese and Penland \$1,111; Carolina Woodworking Co., \$6,754.93; M. C. Penland \$3,628.45.

In the report of March 9, 1897, the over drafts were \$5,700 secured; \$1,110 unsecured.

Ledger showed overdrafts on that day to be \$30,252.78.

Report said over drafts of officers were \$1,300; R. R. Rawls, Ledger shows over drafts on that day to be \$5,310.10 against Breese; Brevard Roller Milling Co., \$500; W. H. Penland, \$3,944.27; J. E. Dickerson, 2,915.07; Carolina Woodworking Co., \$6,224.87; M. C. Penland, \$2,378.57.

The report of Dec. 7, 1896 the over drafts were \$6,310.10 secured and \$910 unsecured.

The ledger showed an overdraft on that day of \$16,177.

There were no overdrafts against officers on that day according to report.

According to ledger over drafts of officers were as follows:

Breese, \$2,844.68; B. R. M. Co., \$931.86; Penland 764.36; M. C. Penland, \$1,344.93; J. E. D. & Co., \$1,894.89; E. W. W. Co., \$5,433.67.

The report of July 14, 1896. Showed overdrafts of \$5,420 secured and \$682.10 unsecured.

Ledger showed overdrafts on that day were \$16,000.

Report showed overdrafts of officers to be nothing.

Ledger shows following: Breese's overdraft, \$140.25; B. R. M. Co., \$4,921.84; J. E. D. & Co's, \$4,019.32; E. W. W. Co's, \$2,216.09.

The report of October, 1896, showed the overdrafts to be \$3,116 secured and \$328.10 unsecured.

Ledger showed the total overdraft to be \$2,897.82.

Report showed no overdrafts against the officers and directors.

Ledger showed them to be \$2,499.34, as follows:

Breese, \$35.37; B. R. M. Co., \$865.19; J. E. Dickerson & Co., \$1,419.70; C. W. W. Co., \$2,343.65.

The report of Feb. 28, 1896, showed overdrafts secured, \$10,306.89; unsecured, \$427.10.

Ledger showed overdrafts to be \$15,236.

Report showed overdrafts of officers to be \$395; as follows:

Penland, \$19.85; Dickerson, \$25.33.

Ledger showed total overdrafts to be \$5,200.

Overdrafts of Breese, \$863.64; J. E. Dickerson, & Co., \$549.13; Carolina

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American Lesson has Been Effective on the Mass of the Natives

Lawton Arrives and is Ready to Begin His Campaign in the Interior of the Island;

Washington, March 10.—A long despatch was received from General Otis tonight setting forth the present situation on the island of Luzon. The American lesson, he says, has been very effective on the insurgent army, and he has no doubt the great majority would surrender but for the influence of the leaders, who are doing all in their power to bolster up the rebellion. The American officers believe the time is now ripe for an aggressive movement, and it was thought a sharp, rapid campaign in the interior would end the rebellion.

SENDING TROOPS TO PHILIPPINES

Transports Secured for Three Regiments Lawton's Campaign.

Washington, March 10.—The war department is making excellent progress in securing transports for sending troops to the Philippines. Arrangements were completed today for three of the six regiments under orders and necessary directions issued. All will have sailed by April 18. Now that General Lawton has arrived at Manila, it is expected that an active campaign against the Filipinos will begin. General Otis has telegraphed that the men were impatient to begin operations, and added that they would be gratified very soon.

'TO TRY NATIVE TROOPS

Battalions to be Organized For Manila and Havana.

Washington, March 10.—For the purpose of experiment the administration has determined to enlist some native troops in Cuba and the Philippines and possibly in Porto Rico. The natives will be trained with an intermixture of American soldiers. Alger has authorized Otis at Manila and Brooke at Havana to organize a battalion each of natives, but the matter is left within their discretion.

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