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THE DOLLAR WEEKLY BULLETIN.

John H. Oberly & Co. have reduced the subscription price of the Weekly Cairo Bulletin to one dollar per annum, making it the cheapest paper published in Southern Illinois.

On the re-assembling of the legislature on Wednesday, there was not a quorum in either branch. Twenty-seven senators were absent and one hundred and four representatives.

We publish to-day the correspondence between Attorney-General Reed and Gov. Palmer. As the matter now stands, Gov. Palmer certainly gets the better of the state's attorney.

The account of the unprovoked attack on an offending citizen of New Orleans, by Pineback, the lieutenant-governor of the state, and his party, is perhaps exaggerated by the New Orleans Republican, the Grant paper which published it.

President Grant has had an opportunity to show his intention to observe the rules of the civil service commission. A certain radical senator had promised a colored man the position of messenger, and the application was made on the second of January.

Senator Wilson of Massachusetts, in his speech before the republican state convention of New Hampshire, endorsed Gen. Grant's administration. With a few exceptions he declared, it has been a model of wisdom and honesty.

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There is no more interesting spectacle than to see the effects of wit upon the different characters of men than to observe it expanding caution, relaxing dignity, teaching age and care and pain to smile, extorting reluctant gleams of pleasure from melancholy, and charming even the pangs of grief.

The watch-trick gang have been reaping a golden harvest at New York, but the police have lately interfered with their operations by the arrest of a number of the swindlers. The following is the modus operandi of the gang.

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Fifty thousand dollars in seven percent. bonds sold Wednesday at 2 1/4 cents premium.

A man named Billings, his wife, and another woman, name unknown, were found murdered at Windsor-Lochs, Connecticut, Tuesday night.

Governor Brown, of Missouri, has sent Adjutant General Sedgel to Saline county to investigate the reported outrages there Christmas.

Sickles denies that he has any share in the attempt of the English stockholders to change the management of the Erie railroad.

No pupil will hereafter be permitted to enter Rock Island schools without first being vaccinated.

The Colorado legislature convened on the 1st at Denver. Both houses are largely republican.

Tuesday's business at the London stock exchange was the heaviest transacted in many years.

Augustus Schell has been elected president of the New-York historical society.

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PALMER AND REED.

SHARP PERSONALITIES.

PALMER AHEAD.

Cairo, December 29th, 1871. It is exceedingly, John M. Palmer, Springfield, Ill.

The morning papers of last Saturday contain some of the correspondence which has passed between you and me in relation to the unfortunate killing of the late Col. Grosvonor. As this correspondence came from Springfield, I suppose you furnished it. I have been so pressed with business in the prosecution of criminals, that I have not had time to write you till now.

I received your letter dated Nov. 20th which was not mailed till the 22d or 23d ultimo. In it you complain that I did not correct Judge Williams when he charged the grand jury. On the next day after I received it, I wrote and mailed you a reply, explaining the whole matter. I did not keep a copy of the letter, but I will remember the substance thereof. I stated in it that the time Judge Williams delivered the charge was not my attention was diverted by a person who wished to speak to me about a case to be presented to the grand jury, and that I did not hear that part of the charge of which you complain; and that when I read the charge in the papers, I saw that the judge must have misunderstood me, and that I spoke to him about it, and that if you had been wronged by the act of mine (whether of omission or commission), I sincerely regretted it. As I heard nothing from you, I supposed you were satisfied with my explanation, till I saw the correspondence in question published as above. But it seems you were not satisfied. I do not know what more I can do or say to satisfy you. But with all due respect, I submit that there is no real or substantial difference between Judge Williams' charge and what I told him.

I told him that I had seen statements in the newspapers that you had written me your letter of the 30th of October, before I received it. The newspaper paragraphs gave the substance of that letter. Will you not agree with me that the giving of the substance of the letter is equivalent to giving your letter in full? I know Judge Williams had no intention of doing you any wrong, for he is a gentleman of unimpeachable integrity, and has a kind heart, and would not, under any circumstances, knowingly wrong any one, high or low, rich or poor.

After I received your letter of October 30th, I wrote to you that the case in relation to the unfortunate killing of Col. Grosvonor should be fully, thoroughly, and impartially presented to the grand jury, and that I would prosecute to the best of my ability any and all persons who might be indicted. I also suggested to you that I did not think I had any right to advise the grand jury upon the effect of the evidence in any case. I am still of that opinion, and am fully sustained by the laws in a quotation heretofore given. That letter you did not see fit to communicate to the general assembly in your message, although you furnished your first letter to me. The suppression of my letter might create the impression in the minds of persons who are ignorant of the facts that it was the desire of the officers of the law here to suppress a full investigation of the case. The grand jury was composed of the best citizens of this county—men who are the peers of any in this state—and they gave the case a careful, candid and full investigation, and found no bill against any of the parties accused. For their action I am not responsible; and if the result does not please you, I know of no way to remedy it.

I have leave to refer you (upon the question of the duty of a state's attorney in a grand jury room) to vol. 1, section 495, of Wharton's criminal law, with which you are familiar. But it is his duty during the discussion of the question to remain perfectly silent, unless his advice or opinion in a matter of law is requested. The least that you can do is to induce the grand jury in their decision upon the effect of the evidence, is an unjustifiable interference, and no fair and honorable officer will ever be guilty of it. It is very common, however, for some one of the grand jury to request the opinion of the public prosecutor as to the propriety of finding a bill. But it is his duty to decline giving it, or even an intimation on the subject, but in all cases to leave the grand jury to decide independently for themselves.

I hope you will not withhold this letter from the public. Respectfully yours, CHARLES H. REED, State's Attorney.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT. CHARLES H. REED, Esq. DEAR SIR: Your letter of December 20th is before me. You inform me that "the morning papers of last Saturday contained some of the correspondence which has passed between you and me in relation to the unfortunate killing of the late Colonel Grosvonor," and that "this correspondence came from Springfield, I suppose you furnish it."

The papers to which you refer were furnished by my direction to the reporters of the Tribune and Times; but they do not refer to what you so gently call the "unfortunate killing of Colonel Grosvonor," but to a question of veracity, to which you and Judge Williams are the only parties. You say in the letter before me that "on the next day after I received it (my letter of the 30th), I wrote and mailed you a reply explaining the whole matter."

I received no such letter; and upon inquiry of Gen. Harlan and others about my office, he and they informed me that none such had been seen here. You inform me now that you stated in your last letter that you did not state that part of the charge of which I complain, and that when you read the charge in the papers, you saw that the Judge must have misunderstood you, and that you "spoke to him about it," but you do not inform me whether you did or did not in the last letter, as you do now, "that there is no real or substantial difference between Judge Williams' charge and what I (you) told him." Your statement that the Judge misunderstood you, and an argument coming from you to prove that he did not, if found in the same letter, would read so badly, that any friend of yours might be excused for "suppressing it."

It is quite clear to me from your closing paragraph, that your purpose in writing the letter before me was to change or obscure the real question, which is: whether you or Judge Williams made a false statement; and the means you have chosen and by which you hope to achieve this result, are insinuations directed against me, and eulogies upon Judge Williams and the grand jury. I will not press the issue of veracity, as it is entirely of the facts before them, and I will not allow you, a state's attorney, whose duty it is to know and enforce the laws, to praise to men a judge who did not do his duty, or a grand jury, who, leaving all the facts before them, disregard the laws without challenge.

You know that the law whose sworn ministers Judge Williams, yourself and the grand jury are, or were, denounces and punishes the killing of a human being under such circumstances as attended the death of Colonel Grosvonor, as either murder or manslaughter, and that he had been a soldier, hero, honorable wounds received in the service of his country. He was guilty of no crime or fault. Yet no man who has read Judge Williams' charge can doubt that its effect was to mislead the grand jury as to their duty, and to pander to the popular demand

that the persons guilty of Col. Grosvonor's death should not be put upon trial. I remember now the name of but one member of the grand jury—and they are no doubt, as you say, respectable men. They heard such evidence touching the death of Col. Grosvonor as was laid before them; what that evidence proved I do not know; and am not prepared, for that reason, to express an opinion upon the correctness of their final conclusions. But I think I pay them an compliment when I express my belief that they will hereafter be ashamed that they so far forgot their duty as to thank persons for disregarding and subverting the laws the jury were sworn to enforce.

I do not censure those who believe the military forces rendered valuable services in Chicago, for being grateful to General Sheridan; but feelings of gratitude do not dispense with the obligations imposed by the oaths of public officers and grand juries to enforce the laws, and public justice will long suffer from the sad mistake of Judge Williams.

There are other points well made in your letter. Amongst them is your argument and authorities cited to prove that you have no right to obtrude your legal opinions upon a grand jury. As I never advised you to do so, there is no need of proof that such a course would be improper; and Judge Williams' advice to the grand jury upon that point, like much else in his charge, was as useless as unbecoming. As you will see, I have said much in this letter that ought not to have been published until after you had an opportunity of seeing it. I therefore suggest that, if you think it proper, you furnish both your letter and mine to the newspapers.

Respectfully, JOHN M. PALMER.

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