

no doubt about the admissibility of the letter it was in existence as basis of cross-examination. Although a novel case confronted the court the authorities seemed to be that where a paper had been destroyed or lost proof of its previous existence could be interjected. It seemed to be proper since the cross-examining counsel said the paper was not in his possession, and the witness denied knowledge of it, to interject proof of its existence as a basis of examination.

Thereupon Mrs. Louise Lowell took a seat in the witness box. She said that she had known Colonel Breckinridge since February, 1886, having become acquainted with him at the house of representatives, where she had an office to carry on business as a stenographer and typewriter in the corridor by the committee on postoffices.

WRITE LETTERS FOR HIM.

"Did you do work for Colonel Breckinridge?" Mr. Wilson inquired.

"I did."

"Did he bring manuscript of a letter to you?"

"He did, and I copied it in typewriter."

"How was that letter addressed?"

"I object," interrupted two or three of the Breckinridge attorneys, who protested that there was no proof of the letter having been mailed, but Judge Bradley said to sustain the objection would be to nullify the purpose of admitting the witness. The manuscript and copy had been returned to the colonel, Mrs. Lowell continued.

"Now, what was on those envelopes?" continued Mr. Wilson.

"Miss Pollard, 76 Upper street, Lexington, Ky."

"And how do you remember that?"

"I kept an memorandum book, in which I noted the address."

"Have you the book?"

"I have," she said, and the book was passed around for the inspection of the lawyers.

"Feeling sure that sooner or later I would hear more of Miss Pollard, and not wishing to trust my memory, I made that memorandum," she explained, and continuing, said: "He (Breckinridge) brought me two or three envelopes separately, then a package of a dozen small ones yellowed with age, and not such envelopes as a business man would use."

The question of the substance of those letters was objected to and the objection sustained for the present. The first communication, said the witness, was addressed to "My dear Sister Louise," and when Mr. Wilson urged that testimony of its contents should be admitted, Mr. Butterworth returned that there was no proof that it had ever been mailed or received, reminding Mr. Wilson that it was the ground taken by him regarding the alleged forged letter of Miss Pollard.

"I now give you notice if you have that letter to produce it," said Mr. Wilson to the defense.

"How can I produce the letter if I sent it to the plaintiff?" Colonel Breckinridge inquired in reply, whereupon Mr. Wilson remarked in his inimitable way: "You and I will have a little conversation after a while."

The witness, continuing, recollected that she had copied the letters for Colonel Breckinridge nearly every week, but said she could only prove having done fifteen or sixteen.

The judge having ruled out the examination concerning the contents of the letter, Mr. Butterworth made a brief cross-examination, asking Mrs. Lowell where she had worked and for how long. She had kept a record of the work she did for congressmen, with the amounts received, in an account book. She had an independent recollection of the address of Miss Pollard, since the matter had made a very deep impression on her mind.

"Are you acquainted with Miss Pollard?" was asked.

"I never saw Miss Pollard until this morning."

In her books she had merely entered the amounts of work done, the name of the party and the amounts charged, so that no congressman need worry for fear that the ledger will rise up to get them into trouble.

MORE DENIALS.

Colonel Breckinridge was recalled and gave emphatic denial to the previous witness' statement that he had carried to her the manuscript addressed to "My dear Sister Louise." Mrs. Lowell had done typewriting for him. He would not swear he had never given her manuscript letters to copy.

Colonel Breckinridge made other emphatic denials covering many of the statements of Mrs. Lowell.

After recess Miss Pollard was placed on the stand to prove that the letters in question had been received by her and destroyed. The defense objected to this line of testimony at this stage, but it was admitted by the court, exception being noted.

Miss Pollard described these letters as beginning "My dear Sister Louise" and "My Little Spittle," and addressed by a typewriter, and all signed in lead pencil.

Then Colonel Breckinridge was back

on the stand making flat denials concerning these letters. Having finished this branch of the subject, the defendant told of the events of the fall of 1887, when he and the plaintiff met in Washington near the Catholic institution "as a woman in her condition and a man supposing himself to be the author of her condition would meet."

"Do you wish to be understood as saying that you supported her in whole or in part during the two years she was at the academy of the Holy Cross on Massachusetts avenue," was a question to which the colonel responded:

"I would not wish to be understood as saying anything about it, if I could avoid it, but as a matter of fact my contributions to her were not lessened. They were irregular amounts and I understood they helped to pay her board at the academy."

Referring to the five notes of \$100 each drawn by the plaintiff and endorsed by the defendant in 1892, to pay Miss Pollard's expenses at the school of the Holy Cross, Colonel Breckinridge stated that he did not know what became of the notes, did not know whether they had been protested. Was sure that he had never received notice that two of them went to protest.

"Now, refresh your memory," began Mr. Wilson, this testimony having been elicited by a succession of questions, "do you not know that notice of the protest was sent to you both in Lexington and Washington?"

He did not, and the attorney asked, "Do you know the particular office for which those last notes were drawn?"

"I do, very well."

NOT FOR WEDDING CLOTHES.

"Was it not to enable her to purchase her wedding trousseau?"

"Nothing like it. There is not a scintilla of truth in it."

The cross-examination having drifted to the renewal of relations in 1889 in Washington, the defendant was asked: "Did you ever have a room in the northwest section?"

"We did try that experiment, but of all the unsatisfactory experiments that was the worst I ever tried. We had not been there more than three or four times before the plaintiff said that it seemed every window within three blocks had eyes when we went in there and I was sure that the people were standing on every doorstep in sight every time I went. I am a rather peculiar looking man, so people remember me; so we gave that up."

"Now," said Mr. Wilson, a little later, alluding to defendant's criticism of Miss Pollard's falsehoods in saying she had been to dinner at his house to account for her absence, "you are a fatherly-looking man, and she a young girl, both of you from Kentucky. Can you conceive of a better excuse for her than that she had been to dinner with a respectable elderly gentleman like yourself?"

"Nor can I conceive of a keener one to be used afterward for a suit like this," was the reply.

He had frequently met the plaintiff in the house of Mrs. Thomas, on H street, but had never seen her sewing in his life.

"Did you not meet her once there when she was using this basket, that had belonged to your wife?" Mr. Wilson inquired.

"Never; never under heaven," answered the colonel, striking the witness box.

"Did not a servant come in while you were with her and she was using that basket?"

"No servant ever did, for I never knew for a moment, until it was brought in here, that she had that basket."

He had met Miss Pollard in New York in September, 1892, but not "improperly," and met her "improperly" there in February, 1893.

"Where did you go then," Mr. Wilson inquired.

"I can't tell the place. I simply hired a coupe and she got in and I told the driver to take us to some safe place. He took us close to the elevated road, up toward Fifty-second or Fifty-third streets. It was a large building that looked like a hotel."

Here Mr. Wilson suggested that as it was near the hour for adjournment, and he desired to take up an entirely different line of examination, it was hardly worth while to proceed further and the court adjourned.

MRS. FAULKNER DEAD.

The Aged Mother of the Senator Dies at Winchester, Virginia.

MARTINSBURG, W. Va., April 3.—Mrs. Mary W. Faulkner, the widow of the late Hon. Charles James Faulkner, died suddenly at the residence of her son-in-law Dr. Wm. S. Love, at Winchester, early this morning of congestion of the lungs. She was seventy-seven years of age. Mrs. Faulkner was apparently well yesterday evening and until within twenty minutes of her death did not show any evidence of illness. She had spent the winter in Washington with her son, Senator Faulkner, and was stopping a few days with her daughter Mrs. Dr. Love, previous to returning to her beautiful home "Boydville" in this city. She was a daughter of General Elisha Boyd, a prominent Virginia statesman of the early part of the century and married Mr. Faulkner in 1833. Of this union there were eight children: Senator C. J. Faulkner, Judge E. Boyd Faulkner, Mrs. Thomas S. Boeck, Mrs. John Campbell, Mrs. Dr. J. W. McSherry, Mrs. Dr. W. S. Love, Mrs. S. P. Price, and Mrs. Flood. Mrs. Faulkner was a general favorite wherever she was known.

During her husband's wide career in the field of statesmanship and diplomacy she was his constant companion and helpmate. She was a charming conversationalist and a generous friend. The home Boydville has been the scene of many brilliant social gatherings and is known as one of the most hospitable homes of the south. Many prominent persons from a distance have been invited to attend the funeral on Friday afternoon.

PARKERSBURG REPUBLICANS

Victorious Over All Opposition—Five Out of Six Candidates Elected.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., April 3.—In a city election here to-day the people showed they are tired of Democracy by electing five Republican councilmen out of six to be elected. Republican, Democratic and Citizens' tickets were in the field. The Citizens' ticket was the first party-prohibition movement and drew largely from the Republican ranks. The majority interest in the Francis Murphy temperance revivals aided this. E. C. George, W. P. Anderson, W. B. Hupp, W. P. Lattinon and C. P. Morrison are the Republicans elected. I. H. Wright is the Democrat. A large vote was polled and considerable interest taken. The majorities ranged from 20 to 78. The vote to ratify the issuing of bonds for \$65,000 for a city building carried by a very large majority. The election was a splendid endorsement of the Republican business and economical council.

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