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### PRINTING FRAUDS.

THE ENORMOUS SWINDLES OF THE PRINTING RING.

We here insert a few extracts from the diary of Mr. Woodruff, confirmatory of his testimony, which will show that in most cases who he paid out money, or gave a check, it was entered, with the name of the party, and date of payment. We refer you to exhibit ("W," attached to Woodruff's evidence, containing a large number of extracts from his diary, bearing on the subject of public printing principally:

Saturday, January 4, 1873.—Received a dispatch from LeGrand relative to rumors about injunction on payment of printing bills. Mr. Arnold was present, and I exhibited temper which I should not have done. God grant that I may be saved from swearing. Sent reply to the dispatch, telling LeGrand that I would leave for Columbia to-morrow morning, and to keep the buffers quiet until my return.

Sunday, January 5, 1873.—Arrived in Columbia at 5 30 p. m.—Neagle and Minor came to see me. Promised to take care of Minor's note and to endorse it.

Monday, January 6, 1873.—Endorsed a note for Minor for \$500, sixty days. That I considered a company affair.

Tuesday, January 7, 1873.—Bowley proposed to take printing bills for his pay. Promised to consider matter. That will not do.

Tuesday, January 7, 1873.—Nash, Gleaves, Jones, &c., stayed late this evening. This Legislature has a hard set. I expect to be the most unpopular man going now. To disburse money and not be able to save any as it goes through is pretty rough to Josephus.

Wednesday, January 8, 1873.—Jackson is a fraud, and don't know how to make out printing bills.

Friday, January 10, 1873.—Whilst waiting breakfast, was called upon to go down stairs to Mr. Cardozo. He desired to say to me that he wished to have us take back some bills payable and warrant for Supreme Court decisions from Governor Moses, and he would give us a check for \$50,000—\$20,000 of which was to be paid to Moses. This was done. Gave \$500 to Gaillard; \$300 to Jervey.

Friday, January 10, 1873.—Chamberlain informs me that Melton is very apt to make us show our hands. Well, I am ready to do it. They are all a set of frauds. Trust LeGrand will make Sperry's note sixty days. It is a big fraud. Stayed up until 1 o'clock. Gleaves, Nash, Smalls and myself had an oyster supper. Smalls paid for it, and Nash eat it; and so it goes.

Sunday, January 12, 1873.—This

evening I had a talk with Chamberlain, and he agreed to bring about a reconciliation, which was effected in a very nice way. Jones and I called on Governor Moses and spoke to him about effecting a settlement. It was a hard day for Sunday, and I trust God will forgive us for our actions, as we could not help it.

Monday, January 13, 1873.—After breakfast went over to Benedict's and made further arrangements relative to printing affairs. Ordered him to make out two checks for our salaries as President and Treasurer of the company—\$10,000 to Jones and \$10,000 to myself. (This was small pay for two year's services.)—Also a check for \$3,000 for Cardozo. He did so, and gave each a check for \$10,000. I paid \$3,000 to Cardozo. Visited Berry's with Cain and asked him to let Cain have what he wanted.

Wednesday, January 15, 1873.—Received three boxes of champagne from Cooper & Taylor; also one basket. Ordered some cigars, also.—Nash called early this morning.—Well, we will have to take care of his friends. Paid Kinard an account of C. D. Hayne two hundred dollars. Yesterday drew checks for John Lee, one hundred dollars; J. H. White, one hundred dollars; H. J. Maxwell, one hundred dollars; C. D. Hayne, five hundred dollars; W. H. Jones, Jr., five hundred dollars. Arranged with Smalls.

Thursday, January 16.—Paid Berry, Sulzbacher, Duffie and several others. Promised Mr. Gleaves three hundred dollars. Drew check for Ransier for five hundred dollars; Holcombe two hundred and fifty dollars; Hollingshead one hundred dollars; Smalls five thousand dollars; Johnston five hundred dollars. This has been a day of much excitement to me.

Thursday, January 16.—Cardozo gave us check for one hundred thousand dollars. I propose to give Cardozo twelve thousand dollars out of this. That will be a big thing for him. If we had Parker we would probably have had to pay half of it and then not get it. Jones and self will come out clear about thirty thousand dollars between us, or fifteen thousand dollars each.

Friday, January 17, 1873.—Drew checks for B. F. Whitmore for five thousand dollars; S. A. Swails for two thousand five hundred dollars; C. Brookbanks for one hundred dollars; R. H. Gleaves for three hundred dollars.

Friday, January 17.—Well, I think I have made Whitmore, Smalls, Nash, Stephen Swails and some others my friends, or they should be if they are not. But I wonder if I will ever get on a healthy basis from the wolves. I hate Neagle.

Saturday, January 18.—Gave J. M. Smith a check for three hundred dollars; Nash a check for three thousand dollars; White a check for fifty dollars. Now, I think that is enough for the wolves.

Monday, Jan. 20, 1873.—Drew a check for Corwin for three hundred dollars; McIntyre two hundred. Had a conversation with Tim Hurley to day. I thought we had quit him, but he is still very pressing. Tim has money enough, and why he should keep our nose to the grind stone is very strange indeed. Had a consultation with Bowley, and he promised to do what we wanted. He told me he was willing to let everything else go by the board, if he did not get that appropriation through for printing.

Friday, January 24, 1873.—Gave John Lee check for one hundred dollars, and promised to give O. Smith. The per diem bill with fifty thousand dollars for current printing went through second reading to day without a dissenting voice. This shows

the justice of our claims. I think this is as it should be. Drew check for Smith for five hundred dollars. Must give Cain and Jervey some more and old Ford fifty dollars.

Friday, January 24.—Paid Cardozo five thousand dollars to day. He ought to feel good.

Tuesday, January 28.—Settled bills of Mr. Stanley, Fagan Bros. and others. Taylor sent some liquor, for which I suppose he must receive pay certificates. Am sick of this liquor business. Must give Cardozo five thousand dollars more as soon as possible. Ten per cent gets him every time. That is better than to let it remain idle in the State Treasury. Agreed with Jones that Hurley should have two thousand five hundred dollars.

Thursday, January 30.—Neagle has beaten us all through, and I am still afraid of him. He is a perfect nightmare to us. Jones gave Tim a check for two thousand five hundred dollars to day. I think that is enough for Tim. He is another sharper.

Thursday, January 30.—Suppose by the time the Legislature adjourns the wolves of the executive departments will scent more keenly for Jones and Woodruff.

Thursday, January 30.—Cardozo, I must admit did very well, he has tried to save us from the crowd, and does not want to allow them to make so much out of the appropriations. They are all a damned set of wolves any how. I suppose they will unite against us for blood. McIntyre is hot after me.

Friday, January 31, 1873.—Gave McIntyre check for two hundred dollars. Me. said it was better than nothing. His Rollins girls are a nuisance.

Saturday, February 1.—I think Jones could stand a little more skinning, but I have been already peeled. Don't want any revenge. Jones agrees to give Neagle ten thousand dollars more, that is, each of us to pay him five thousand dollars. I suppose we will have to give it to the voracious wretch—I am sick.

Monday, February 3.—Felt sick about Neagle all day. Can't get it off my mind. Dropped in to see Neagle and asked him to make some sort of appropriation and relieve us. He is a terrible ogre, and regular sucker and scare-crow. Hurley looks daggers at me since, he was paid so much. The President and Speaker came to see me this evening and wanted some certificates made out.

Tuesday, February 4, 1873.—Gave Mr. White a check for \$75, and we agreed to stand by each other to the last.

Tuesday, February 4, 1873.—We will have to stick by and take care of Cardozo and give him another \$5,000 just as possible for the public good. We owe it to him. I wonder how Jones will work any how.

Wednesday, February 5, 1873.—The only thing I regret is the payment of \$10,000 to Chamberlain.

Friday, February 7, 1873.—Nash frightened me badly to day by saying that the committee on Finance propose to reduce the printing to \$25,000. Paid Nash that \$5,000 too soon. Ought to have kept half of it back—what a fool I was.

Sunday, February 16, 1873.—Gave McIntyre a check for \$100, and told him I would do anything to satisfy him. That is the last he will get.—Am resolved not to ask the President to sign any more certificates for him or anybody else.

Tuesday, February 18, 1873.—Gave W. H. Jones, Jr., a check for \$500, that ought to silence him on the printing matter and make him help.

Wednesday, January 19, 1873.—Cardozo paid \$15,000 more on the

printing. Wants us to get McKinney a piano out of that. Propose to draw \$1,000 out of office funds for Cardozo.

Thursday, February 20, 1873.—Told LeGrand to send for a piano for McKinney. He thought it was musical gratification. Holcombe wants some money, so does Ransier. Have already done well by Ransier, but will take care of his notes.

Friday, February 21, 1873.—The Senators are mad because I helped McIntyre to \$5,000 for his Colleton Gazette.

Saturday, February 22, 1873.—They are striking for more money. Owens, Nash, Gillard are after me with a sharp stick. Swails wants me to do something for Dr. Moore. That is passing strange. The idea of Patterson's brother-in-law wanting a pay certificate is something delightfully funny.

Monday, February 24, 1873.—Owens called and requested me to draw pay certificates for sundry parties. The President refused to sign until he saw the Senators. I thought he was right. Told Cardarelli I would take care of Whitmore's bill Charlie Green and Sperry, of the House, came for money. Sperry said he was in distress and had lost everything he ever had. That is good, considering he never had anything. Promised to help them.

Tuesday, February 25, 1873.—Very heavy demands were made on me this morning by Tim Hurley and others. If Tim could only get a certificate for legislative expenses it would throw him on Cardozo. Whitmore told me a number of friends were getting up something to surprise me. Owens is probably head in this affair. Ordered a big oyster supper at which were present, Nash, Cardozo, Gaillard, McIntyre, Owens, Jones, Clerk of the House, and others. It was a jolly affair, but no presentation.

Wednesday, February 26, 1873.—This is the day for the adjournment sine die. What a relief. Have drawn up nearly all my certificates. The President of the Senate refuses to do anything for Hurley. Saw Cardozo and he promised to pay \$10,000 of Benedict's certificates. Was compelled to ward off a good many Senators. The session to day lasted till midnight. Drew check for J. H. White for \$100. The President of the Senate was puzzled how to act so as to preserve peace in the family. After finishing business had a grand supper furnished by P. Ilock. Present—Lieutenant Governor, Judge Wright, Senators Nash, Jervey, Cain, McIntyre, Lee, Hayne, Clinton, Owens and others.

Saturday, March 22, 1873.—Made a trade with Hoge, giving him the Republican Printing Company's bill for \$1,000 and taking \$500 for it. It was a big thing.

Wednesday, April 16, 1873.—Crews called and I had an amusing chat with him. He is a good fellow and if all were like him, I could get along with the printing. Several Senators also called—Gaillard, Maxwell, Jones, Jr., Cain and several others. Can't do anything for them. It will be, I fear, a dry summer. Is it not about time for them to dry up? I am getting tired of this continued pressure.

Saturday, April 26, 1873.—Had quite a lesson to day. Since purchase of Board of Trade house, some of my old acquaintances, who had remained friendly, now ignoring me. Amongst the latter was Captain Courtenay.—It can't be helped. I suppose he thinks I have made my money by some imposition on the public. There may be something in it, and I don't believe public men with public business are any of them too careful with their overcharges. I can't do

better with the printing under the circumstances.

Wednesday, May 26, 1873.—Hoge proposed to pay bill of Republican Printing Company by warrant on his contingent fund for \$500, and I to give him a receipt for \$1,000. Will have to do it to get along with business and keep peace in the family. Hoge is a huge hog. Was compelled to bluff several applications for money; promised a good deal when in my power; also promised Minort.

Wednesday, November 26, 1873. Gave Benedict an order for \$200 to pay note of Senator Jones for Green fields buggy.

Tuesday, December 2, 1873.—Have been pressed by the House members to tell them what Jones is going to do for them. Would like to help all of them, and especially poor Abram Dannerly. But, goodness gracious! Jones ought to satisfy these poor men.

Saturday, December 6, 1873.—Paid T. C. Dunn \$1,000, W. E. Holcombe \$1,000, John Wilson \$500, Jerry Hollinshead \$500, and others. Did my best to please everybody, but the appropriation is exhausted.

Saturday, December 6, 1873.—Everybody doubled on us. I would like to leave the Comptroller General out in the cold.

Monday, December 8, 1873.—Paid Senator Jones \$1,000, Clinton \$1,250. Hurley got \$5,00 from office. Paid Corwin \$1,500, Judge Hoge \$5,000, Whitmore \$5,000. Gave orders for the payment of others but they were not paid just then. The fact is if it had not been for that \$50,000 current printing, I would have been nowhere. Jack Little thought he ought to have something, but he can't get it. Gaillard proposed to take \$2,000; that's reasonable, and I am glad of it. A great many are complaining of Jones. I cannot help it. He must take care of the House, and I will take care of the Senate. Should not wonder if Hurley is dissatisfied. The Senators are getting cheekey.

Tuesday, December 9, 1873.—Took a receipt for 2,400 from Cardozo to day, in the nature of a certificate from Frankfort for \$4,000.

Tuesday, December 9, 1873.—Paid Johnston \$900, Martin \$1,000, Swails \$5,000. Judge Hoge appeared well pleased and came into our office.

Wednesday, December 10, 1873. Benedict paid out a good deal on my account to day. Paid Dickson \$300, Maxwell \$2,500. The pressure has been very great, but I guess we will get through by degrees.

Thursday, December 11, 1873.—Nash was paid off to day \$5,000, and I suppose he feels correspondingly happy.

Friday, December 26, 1873.—Will not pay a cent hereafter to any one unless they vote and help me pass the appropriation for printing. If they do that then I will get whatever they call for. Will have to let the Senators pay their own bills. Was glad to hear that Cardozo had gone to New York. We have done all we can or ought to for Governor Moses.

Sunday, December 23, 1873.—Had a visit from Colonel Montgomery and Rouse. Received letters from Benedict relative to injunctions. The wolves are after our blood again.—Read Beecher's sermon on "True Economy." It was not at all applicable to the Legislature.

Friday, July 17, 1874.—Wish Elliott would support me for State Treasurer; would at once commence studying finance in earnest. My first payments would be the accounts of the Republican Printing Company. Printers are the light of the world, and should be taken care of as preferred creditors.

Attention is called to the testimony of A. O. Jones, Clerk of the House and a member of the Republican

list, as possible, these demands. Instead of following the practice of a fund in the hands of a few individuals, we undertook the distribution of our favors and to make them general." The witness (Jones) also submitted a large number of checks, now in the hands of your committee, most of them endorsed, representing amounts paid to different members of the House in consideration of their votes, or non-opposition to the printing frauds that were being perpetrated under the guise of legislation.

Your committee deem it proper to append a list of names and amounts, so that the people of the State may see how universal and bare-faced this business of bribery and corruption had become in reference to appropriations for public printing. The following members of the House were paid by checks on the South Caro-

son, 50; S Green, 740; Wm Dannerly, 25; C H Sperry, 350; Richard Bryan, 150; C D Andell, 100; Thos Hamilton, 250; Caesar Sullivan, 50; N B Myers, 300; John Boston, 50; J A Bowley, 4,700; James Mills, 50; C F North, 50; S J Keith, 300; S S Bridges, 50; T Hurley, 2,500; Lewis Simmons, 50.

Jones further says that "the foregoing checks were all made out in the order of the parties named, and are endorsed by them; that check 101 for \$2,250 was given to Mr. Benedict for Dr. A. B. Bosomon. No. 103, payable to Carolina National Bank, for \$500, was to take up a note for C. S. Minort, held by said bank; also check No. 40, payable to R. M. Smith or bearer, for \$350, marked loan in parenthesis, not endorsed."

[CONCLUDED NEXT WEEK.]