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BUTTE CURRENT NOTES.

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GEIGER'S TESTIMONY CONSPICUOUS BY WHAT HE DIDN'T REMEMBER

His Deposition in the Libel Suit of Fred Whiteside Against the Miner—Couldn't Recall Any Pledges—Sense of Duty Made Him Vote for Clark. Money From His Mother's Estate. Wouldn't Say Where She Lived.

The depositions of several witnesses in the libel suit of Fred Whiteside against the Miner Publishing company, which were taken at Libby recently, were filed with the clerk of the court yesterday. The depositions are those of State Senator John H. Geiger, R. H. Clinegan, Hans J. Hanson, Frank M. Leonard and A. R. Gibson. The testimony of Senator Geiger is interesting chiefly because of the questions he refused to answer. His direct examination was conducted by Attorney C. P. Connelly, and in answer to the usual preliminary questions Geiger stated that he was 41 years of age, that he was state senator from Flathead county and that he was a contractor, prospector, miner and "different things" by occupation. "Have you any contracts on hand now?" asked Mr. Connelly. "I don't care to discuss my private affairs with Mr. Connelly at all," said Geiger after Attorney Bickford had entered an objection to the question. "I simply asked you the question, not what the contract was, but if you have any at this time." "Yes," Geiger said, "but by mining business I mean the developing some prospects and selling them." "What prospects do you own or are you developing at this time?" "That is my private affairs and I refuse to answer it." "I will get you to state whether or not you have at this time, or have had in the past, since your residence in Libby, any income from mining?" "This is my private business and I refuse to answer." "You say you are developing some prospects, I will get you to state whether or not you mean by that you are personally developing those properties or have some one in your employ developing them for you." "Right at the present time I am neither working myself nor have anybody else working; my time has been occupied by this inquisition at present." "Did you have yesterday any one developing mining properties for you?" "That is my private affairs and I refuse to answer." "You state that you are a state senator from this county?" "Yes." "When were you elected to that office?" "I think the record will show it was on the 5th of November, 1898." "On what ticket?" "The republican ticket." "Will you state whether or not you were nominated in a republican convention?" "I think the political records will show that I was; that is my understanding." "Is that a matter of public notoriety, is it not?" "I will get you to state at the time you were nominated in that convention whether or not you pledged in the convention as to how or for whom, or for what, political faith you should cast your vote for United States senator, in the legislature about to convene, if elected." "I don't remember what was said or done that day particularly." "No." "Will you state, or have you sufficient recollection to state, whether you made any pledge of that kind?" "I don't remember it to a certainty whether I did or not; I probably did, but what they were I don't remember at the present time; I cannot recall." "I will get you to state whether or not at the republican county convention of Flathead county, held in the court house of the county seat of Flathead county, in the town of Kallispell, September, 1898, in the presence of the delegates of that convention, and particularly in the presence of the chairman and secretary of that convention, you stated that you had been around legislative hall, where money was stacked up like cordwood for the purpose of bribing members of the legislature to betray their party, and that you and these stated at the same time—this being in response to your nomination—that you hoped that if you ever voted for any one but a republican for United States senator in the future, that these stated at the same time—that you came back from the legislature." "A long objection on many grounds was recorded, and then Geiger answered: "I do not sufficiently remember what I did transpire that day or what I said, to answer upon oath, and therefore I refuse to answer the question." "That is my business; it is private and I refuse to answer it." "You refuse to answer the question?" "Yes, it is private." "Did you make a political canvass of Flathead county prior to the election last fall?" "I did." "How much did that canvass cost you in cash?" "I don't remember how much it cost me." "Have you any idea?" "No; no idea that I could testify to." "If that canvass or campaign cost you any money you may state whether or not you then had the money or whether you were compelled to borrow or did borrow any money to enable you to make that campaign." "I guess that is my business whether I borrowed any money or not." "Do you refuse to answer the question?" "Yes." "What ground?" "It is my private business." "I will ask you whether or not you refused to answer the question on the ground that the same might tend to incriminate you?" "I refuse to answer the question; it is a private matter." "Did you during that campaign last fall borrow any money from W. A. Clark of Kallispell or the Montana National bank for the purpose of paying your expenses during the campaign?" "It is my private affairs and I refuse to answer it." "Did you borrow money from A. R. Gibson of Libby during that campaign?" "I don't know whether I did or not during the campaign." "Will you say that you did not?" "I said I didn't know whether I did or not. I borrowed some money from Mr. Gibson, but really I don't remember when it was, whether it was before the campaign started or afterward. I borrowed \$25." "You may state whether or not you repaid that amount, and if so, when?" "I repaid it, but really I don't know what date it was." "Was it before or after you returned from the legislature in Helena?" "I think it was some time in April; I am not certain." "State whether or not during the campaign of last fall, when you were a candidate for the senatorship, you borrowed any money of John Clark of Libby?" "I don't remember whether I did or not, but I am under the impression I did not." "I will get you to state whether or not you borrowed from him at any time just prior to that campaign or after the campaign and before you went to Helena to assume your office?" "I really can't remember whether I did or not, but if I did I should refuse to answer the question; it is my own private affair." "I will get you to state whether or not just before you left Flathead county to go to Helena to assume the duties of your office as state senator, you borrowed of Harry Keith of Kallispell, manager of the Missoula Mercantile company, any money?" "No, sir; not that I know of." "Did you during that campaign borrow from Mr. Keith any money?" "I would like to be enlightened as to what length of time or what date you call the campaign." "Prior to the election and on the date of the election." "I don't know as I borrowed any money from Mr. Keith. Mr. Keith let me have some money to pay expenses as a delegate to the state convention, and if I was a borrow it has never been paid by me; that is the way it was considered." "Do you know how much that was?" "No; I can't recall to my remembrance how much that was." "Did you receive that money from Mr. Keith because of your inability to pay your own expenses?" "That is a private affair; I refuse to answer it." "Did you receive or borrow any money from Frank Nash of Kallispell during the campaign last fall, or at the time of your contest for your seat in the senate?" "I don't remember when it was, but sometime within the last two years; I guess that comes within the scope of your question if I borrowed, I think \$10 note. I am not certain, a few dollars, certainly I borrowed a \$10 note from Mr. Nash, but I am not certain it is not." "Is it not a fact within your knowledge that Mr. Nash, just prior to your coming to Helena to assume your seat as state senator, held in trust for you an amount of your contest for your seat in the senate, a certain sum of money which had been contributed by your friends and political supporters to aid in defraying your expenses?" "I am unable to say whether he did or not; there was a rumor, at least I remember of hearing—I am not certain of any transaction of that kind—I don't remember it to a certainty." "You were a party, were you not, to a contest for your seat in opposition to Mr. Whiteside?" "What?" "Did you pay out any money in connection with that contest in the way of expenses?" "I think I paid out some money to defray my expenses." "Do you know how much?" "I don't." "Was that your money?" "It was." "Was that money that you borrowed for that purpose?" "That is my business and I refuse to answer." "Do you know W. A. Clark of Butte?" "How long have you known him?" "I have known him by sight for a good many years." "Do you know or have you had any personal acquaintance with him aside from the fact of knowing him by sight?" "Yes." "What was the extent of your acquaintance?" "I met Mr. Clark several times, how many I do not know. I was introduced to him. I was present at his banquet in Helena. I think I passed the night of evening with him, said 'How do you do?' or something of that kind." Geiger said he had an idea he met Mr. Clark in Butte some years ago. "Do you have any idea, W. A. Clark of Butte any conference, conversation or negotiations, directly or indirectly, in relation to his candidacy for the senate, and in connection with your vote thereon, prior to the vote which elected Mr. Clark senator?" "I do not think that I did." Geiger said he did not understand the question and it was repeated to him. He then answered it in the negative. "Do you know with what political party Mr. Clark of Butte affiliated at the time of his candidacy for the United States senate and up to the time of his election?" "It is generally understood that Mr. Clark was a democratic candidate, but I never asked the gentleman whether he was or not." "You may state how many votes you cast in the last legislature for the office of United States senator during the sitting of the legislature." "I guess three votes; I think it was." "On different days?" "No; I think it was only upon two different days." "For whom was your first vote cast?" "Charles R. Leonard." "For whom was your second vote cast?" "For the same purpose." "For whom was your third vote cast?" "For the Honorable W. A. Clark of Silver Bow." "You may state what the consid-

eration, if there was any, for your voting for William A. Clark of Butte, a democrat, for the office of United States senator.

"It was the sense of the caucus of the republican members of the assembly." "Were you a member of, or were you present at the caucus you refer to?" "Yes." "You may state whether or not in that caucus you voted affirmatively for the action whereby the caucus decided to vote for the Honorable William A. Clark, a democrat." "No, sir; I did not." "Did you vote at that caucus in the negative on that proposition?" "No, sir; I did not. I asked to be excused from taking any part in it." "You have stated that you voted for William A. Clark of Butte, a democrat, for the office of United States senator, and that the consideration thereof was the action of the republican caucus to which you have referred; I will now ask you whether or not that was the only consideration that induced you to vote for William A. Clark of Butte, and if that was not the only consideration you may state what the other consideration was." Mr. Bickford made an objection on the ground that a member of the legislative assembly is not obliged to respond at any other time or place concerning any act or thing which he has done as a member of the legislative assembly, or of a political party, and because any act or thing done by him or any vote cast by him on any proposition of public moment is not a matter for investigation in this case, and because the plaintiff has no right to call such acts or votes in question. After the objection had been recorded the witness answered: "I don't wish to be understood that I consider that a consideration; I consider it a duty to be guided by the caucus." "I will now ask you if that sense of duty was the only motive that prompted you to vote for William A. Clark for the office of senator?" "Yes, that and the consciousness that I was doing to the best of my ability my duty to the state of Montana." "I will now ask you to answer the questions along a different line. Mr. Geiger said he did not remember what the assessed value of his property in 1898 was or how much property tax he paid prior to his election, and refused to say whether it was as much as \$10." "Was the amount of property tax paid by you in 1898 as much as \$4?" "I shall have to refuse to answer it the fourth time." "What property have you bought either for yourself or others since the adjournment of the last legislature?" "That is my private business and I refuse to answer that." Geiger was asked if he had purchased several trunks and other personal property and refused to answer. He denied that he bought a store building and land on Main street in Kallispell, and when asked if he negotiated the purchase of it for one G. G. Geiger he said: "That is my private business and I refuse to answer it." He was asked if he had purchased any property from the Libby Townsite company, but he refused to answer because, he said, the question was too indefinite, and he did not understand what Mr. Connelly was trying to get at. He said he was in charge of some buildings which he was erecting for parties.

"What parties?" "Eastern parties." "Who are the eastern parties?" "That is my business and I refuse to answer it." "Do many buildings are you putting up in the town of Libby?" "Three." The witness was asked if he was not erecting the buildings for his brother, G. G. Geiger? "That is my affair; I refuse to answer." He said he also had some improvements made on his own residence, and that he paid out some money for them. "Where or from what source did you get that money?" "Well, the money came from several sources." "You may enumerate the sources." "I got some money from home—from mother's estate; I brought money from the East, and these last improvements (Continued on Page Ten.)

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