

HATCH DISCHARGED.

prison work, declaring at that time that the said Cavanaugh was imprisoned at the age of 12 years, that he remained in prison for crimes successively committed until after he was 30 years of age, with a possible total liberty of six months, and that he was the most vicious and dangerous prisoner that he had ever known in the Michigan state penitentiary, which demand of yours was by the Board after endeavoring to reason with you, absolutely and positively refused. That on the following morning two of the members of the Board returned to their homes, Mr. Scott remaining to attend the session of the Knights of Pythias Grand Lodge, and that on that evening you walked into the Midland Hotel in company with the said Cavanaugh; that said Cavanaugh was within the state of Kansas and on his way to the city of Hutchinson at the time you made the demand of the Board and that you have since stated, and as we verily believe you furnished the said Cavanaugh money with which to pay his fare to Hutchinson from Chicago, and that you caused the said Cavanaugh to declare that he was a resident of Kansas City, Kansas, and that he was a friend of Mr. Cubbison of Kansas City, and that Mr. Cubbison had secured his appointment; that you put Mr. Cavanaugh to work and that he remained ostensibly at labor, for which you paid him in part until the meeting of the Board on the 26th of June, it being the next meeting after the one last mentioned, at which time the Board demanded the said Cavanaugh's discharge, all of which was at the expense of the state and without the knowledge, information or consent of the Board and absolutely in defiance of their expressed prohibition.

We further charge and declare that you have exhibited unreasonable bad taste and endeavored to place the Board in a compromising position by attempted arrangements and negotiations with railroad companies in evidence of which, we herewith present your letter addressed to Mr. Scott, a copy of which is as follows; the originally being marked "Ex. D."

"Hutchinson, June 5, 1895.
"TULLY SCOTT, Oberlin, Kan.

"SIR:—Mr. J. C. Jennings, Commercial Agent of Missouri Pacific Railway Co., had a conference with Senator Armstrong and myself this morning, in which he invited the Board to accompany him to examine the quarries on the Missouri Pacific Railway Co. He places the president's car at the disposal of the Board, and would like you to go directly after the next meeting in June.

"I expect there will be baked apples, milk, matches and such stuff and that the Board will have an opportunity to examine all the stone on the line of their track. I have written to Mr. Humphrey and if both of you decide to go, I shall let Mr. Jennings know.

"Please answer at your earliest convenience.
Sincerely yours,
"H. F. HATCH,
"Superintendent."

Which letter was written without the knowledge, or consent of Mr. Armstrong.

The Affidavits of N. L. Hollowell, C. E. Wilkie, John R. Vince, G. W. Livingston, and James Durkin, Marked "Ex. E-F-G-H-I-K" and Made a Part of this Statement.

STATE OF KANSAS, } ss
RENO COUNTY, } ss
N. L. Hollowell of lawful age and being first duly sworn deposes and says, that he is Assistant Superintendent of the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory at Hutchinson, that he is acquainted with H. F. Hatch, Superintendent of said institution, that soon after Mr. Hatch's return from Kansas City, where he had been with the Board of Managers to select furniture for the institution, said Hatch had a conversation with said Hatch about as follows, to-wit:

"Said Hatch told said Hatch that he and the Board had some disagreement in Kansas City regarding the purchase of said furniture, but that said disagreement was credible to him. That these disagreements were liable to arise at any time, but that when we done anything out there at the Reformatory we must all stand together, whether we were right or whether we were wrong, that if he did anything that was wrong said Hatch must stand by him, and if said Hatch did anything wrong he would stand by him, or in substance, this was his language.

"Affiant further says, that said Hatch has repeatedly told him that he expected to make him the purchasing agent of the institution, that he would have everything to buy, that Hatch said: Now, when beans are low, you come to me and say, Now, Superintendent, beans are low today and we had better buy a supply for a number of months, and we will wire at once for beans, or watch the markets when mess-pork is low, come to me and say, Mess-pork I think has touched bottom, I will say to you, wire for mess-pork, and by so doing we will always have supplies on hand and buy them cheap.

"That on or about Saturday, the 22nd day of June, 1895, said Hatch had a conversation with said Hatch in regard to the sewerage at the institution, in which he said, you buy sewer pipe enough to run to the creek, and be sure you get enough, and when we get the prisoners here we will put a shovel in each man's hand and get them out here by daylight or before, and we will have the sewer in the creek before anyone knows it. By the time the Board comes again the sewer will be complete and everything running smoothly, and no one will be the wiser.

"Affiant further says that at another time said Hatch said to him, that where men come together from different parts of the state there was bound to be some difference arise between them, but that within sixty days if we stand together—meaning said Hatch and said Hatch—we will be running this institution ourselves.

Affiant further says that he is the Clerk and Assistant Superintendent of the said institution, that no applications for positions in said reformatory have been filed in the office of said Clerk.

"Affiant further says, that since he has been with said institution it has been the custom of said superintendent when anything was needed or supposed to be needed in said reformatory, to order the same himself or instruct affiant to order.

"Affiant further says, that the following bills for supplies are on file in said institution:
English Supply & Engine Co., \$128 11
U. S. Water & Steam Supply Co 267 04
Emery, Bird, Thayer & Co., 69 15
English Supply Co., 7 00
Burnham, Hanna, Munger & Co.
100 blankets, 210 00
Yost Incubator, 47 00

N. L. HOLLOWELL,
Subscribed and sworn to before this 8th day of July, A. D., 1895.

JOHN F. SMITH,
Notary Public.
My commission expires March 4, 1897.

STATE OF KANSAS, } ss
SHAWNEE COUNTY, } ss
James Durkin of lawful age and being first duly sworn deposes and says, that he is a resident of Shawnee county, Kansas, and is by trade a plumber, that he was employed by "Frazee & Wilson" of the city of Hutchinson, Kansas, to work at his trade on a contract between them and the Board of Managers of the Hutchinson Reformatory, that he is acquainted with H. F. Hatch, superintendent of the State reformatory, that while at work on the job the following conversation and incidents occurred between himself and Mr. Hatch and in his presence as nearly as he can recollect:

"On the first day that we were there we got into a conversation about the soil pipe coming down from the bath room through the story below and to the outside of the building, the contractor, Wilson, supposed the pipe to run one way and Superintendent Hatch wished it to run in another way, and asked him, the contractor, to deduct \$50.00 from his contract on account of the difference in cost of the two ways, upon examination of the specifications it was found that provision was made for running the pipe exactly as the superintendent wished to have it done, he says: Now, if you fellows want to get along with me, you have got to do things the way I want them, and Captain Stauber says this is the man you have got to suit, because he is the man that is going to live in the building, then I said, we will try to suit you as far as possible, but we are going to stay by the specifications; then he says, he did not give a damn for the specifications, the architect, or any Board or anybody else, he was going to have things done the way he wanted them. Then about the water supply coming from the kitchen over to the bath room he objected to the manner in which the pipes were run, and I says, where will you put them, and Mr. Hatch said, put them in the partition, and I says, how can we put them in the partition when the building is built, I said it would be different now, if they were building the building then we could put them in, but since the building is built, this is the best place to put them, and that is where the architect calls for it. Mr. Hatch says, I see you fellows are going to do it the way you want it, I says, no, sir, we are not, we can not do this job to suit everybody's ideas, we have got to follow the specifications, and when your job is done, I will have this job torn out and have it done to my own satisfaction, I says, when you tear them out, if you have not got a plumber I would like to get the job of doing it.

JAMES DURKIN,
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of June, A. D., 1895.

CHAS. T. MCCABE, Co. Clerk.
By JNO. R. WRIGHT, Deputy.

We also append to this statement a copy of the affidavit of G. W. Livingston:

STATE OF KANSAS, } ss
RENO COUNTY, } ss
G. W. Livingston of lawful age being first duly sworn, says, that he is a resident of Hutchinson, Reno county, Kansas, and a plumber by trade, that he is acquainted with "Frazee & Wilson" who had the plumbing contract for the Administration Building of the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory and worked for them during a portion of the time they were putting said plumbing, that he knows said H. F. Hatch, the superintendent of said reformatory, that he heard a controversy between H. F. Hatch and Jas. Durkin in regard to the soil pipe coming down from the bath room to the story below from the outside of the building; he said the pipe was not put in to suit him and he was going to have it torn out, that he was angry and boisterous and seemed very much excited and said he proposed to have it done his way and Durkin said, we are doing it the way the specifications call for, then Hatch said he did not care a damn for the specifications, the architect or any Board or anybody else, he was going to have things done the way he wanted them.
G. W. LIVINGSTON,
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of July, 1895.

J. R. GILLESPIE,
Notary Public.
My commission expires January 7th, 1899.

We also herewith opened a copy of the affidavit of C. E. Wilkie:

STATE OF KANSAS, } ss
RENO COUNTY, } ss
C. E. Wilkie of lawful age and being first duly sworn deposes and says, that he is a resident of Hutchinson, Reno county, Kansas, and is a plumber by trade, that he is acquainted with Frazee & Wilson, who had the contract for putting in the plumbing in the Administration Building at the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory and worked for them during a portion of the time, that they were putting in the said plumbing, that he is acquainted with H. F. Hatch, the superintendent of said reformatory, and saw him around where they were at work frequently, that he heard a controversy in a conversation between said Hatch and one James Durkin about the water pipe coming down from the bath room to the story below and on the outside of the building, Durkin said I met Hatch in the hall and he began to talk

to Durkin about it, Durkin explained to him that the pipe had to run in a certain way and asked him how he wanted it, Hatch said he didn't know, Durkin said they would have to run it the way they were; and Hatch said if you fellows are mechanics, I am a damn fool.
C. E. WILKIE,
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of July, 1895.

J. R. GILLESPIE,
Notary Public.
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We also herewith append the affidavit of W. H. Wilson and make it a part of this statement:
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RENO COUNTY, } ss
W. H. Wilson of lawful age and being first duly sworn deposes and says that he is a resident of Hutchinson, Reno county, Kansas, and is one of the firm of Frazee & Wilson; plumbers in said city, that his firm had a contract to put in the plumbing work in the Administration Building of the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory, that he is acquainted with H. F. Hatch, superintendent of said reformatory, that while at work on the job he had the following conversation with Mr. Hatch, the superintendent, a controversy arose between him and Mr. Hatch as to where the soil pipe coming down from the bath room through the story below to the outside of the building should go, affiant supposed the pipe to run one way, and the superintendent, Hatch, wished it to run another way, and said to affiant that if he would allow \$50.00, that he could run it a different way from what the specifications called for, that upon examination of the specifications he found that they called for it to run the way the superintendent wished it, he so informed the superintendent, then the superintendent, Hatch, said to him, "that if you want to get along with me, you have got to do things the way I want them." Affiant told him they would try and suit him as far as possible, but they had to do the work according to the specifications, then Hatch said he did not give a damn for the specifications, the architect, or any Board, or anybody else, he was going to have things done the way he wanted them; he said further, that if they put that pipe in there he would tear it out, he didn't care a damn if they tore the whole floor up, he wasn't going to have that pipe in there. Mr. Hatch got very angry, used a great deal of profane and vile language and became very much excited. W. H. WILSON,
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We also herewith append a copy of the affidavit of John M. Frazee and make it a part of this statement:

STATE OF KANSAS, } ss
RENO COUNTY, } ss
John M. Frazee, of lawful age and being first duly sworn, deposes and says, that he is a resident of Hutchinson, Reno county, Kansas, and is one of the firm of Frazee & Wilson, who has a contract with the Board of Managers of the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory to put in the plumbing in the Administration Building according to the plans and specifications furnished him by J. G. Haskell, the architect of said building, that he is acquainted with H. F. Hatch the Superintendent of said Reformatory, that said contract is at this time almost completed, that during the time said firm was at work on said contract, the men in his employ made numerous and various complaints to him about the Superintendent wishing to make changes in the work and variations from the plans and specifications so that when the Architect came to Hutchinson, affiant informed him what Mr. Hatch wanted done, and he was instructed by the Architect to put in said plumbing exactly as the plans and specifications called for, that he afterwards had a conversation with Mr. Hatch relative to what the Architect had told him, and in said conversation he said to Mr. Hatch that Mr. Haskell said for us to go by those specifications and he would stand behind us, that I made the remark to Mr. Haskell that was all we wanted, then Mr. Hatch said, we will draw the line right here, and will show Mr. Haskell that he don't know anything about it, and he seemed to be very much excited, then he says, you stay with me and Heaven nor Hell can't get to you, at which time the conversation ended and I left.

JOHN M. FRAZEE,
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of July, 1895.

J. R. GILLESPIE,
Notary Public.
My commission expires January 7th, 1899.

By order of the Board of Managers, this 9th day of July, A. D. 1895.

JNO. ARMSTRONG,
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J. S. MAY,
Notary Public.
My commission expires Dec. 11th, 1895.

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FINDINGS OF THE BOARD AND ORDER OF REMOVAL H. F. HATCH, SUPERINTENDENT.

SIR:—From all the evidence, statements, and from the personal knowledge of the Board, as recited to you in the statement of fact, we, the Board of Managers of the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory, find and conclude that you have been guilty of each one of the following charges preferred against you by this Board on the 26th day of June, 1895, as follows, to-wit:

First. General insubordination and defiance of the authority of the Board of Managers.

Second. Contracting for and purchasing goods and material for and on account of the state without the knowledge or consent of the Board of Managers.

Third. Flying into violent and seemingly uncontrollable rage and passion, evincing a temper wholly unfitted for the Superintendent of a Reformatory prison, and your confessed inability to control yourself at such time.

Fourth. Ignoring, repudiating and countermanding orders of the Board of Managers previously given.

Fifth. Threatening to ignore the lawful authority and usurp the prerogatives of the Board of Managers.

Sixth. Conspiring with officers and prospective employes with intent to form a combination having for its purpose, antagonism and disloyalty to the Board of Managers, and to defy the authority of said Board.

It will be observed that the state in situation of which we have charge and for which you were selected to superintend, is not yet a reformatory or a prison. It is simply in course of preparation to become such. In the hope of saving the state in preparing the institution for the reception of prisoners by reason of the experience, good judgment and integrity, of which we then believed you possessed, having reference to the time at which you were appointed, we selected you at such early date and before there was a Reformatory to superintend.

Your actions, conduct and proceedings from that time to this, have thoroughly convinced this Board that you are in no sense a proper or fit person to superintend a reformatory prison. We feel, believe and find, that you have outraged every sense of propriety belonging to the trust we confided to your keeping. The very nature of a reformatory prison demands that the Superintendent should have extra-ordinary latitude and range of discretion in the conduct and general management of such a prison after it shall become such. This latitude and this discretion can only be given in honor and intelligence by a Board of Managers after such Superintendent shall have established with the Board a confidence born of respect, integrity and capability. Instead of establishing yourself in the confidence of the Board, your acts have been such as to excite suspicion and distrust, and to force a conviction in the minds of this Board that you are mentally and morally unreliable and unfitted for the work designed and intended to be accomplished at a reformatory prison.

For the reasons hereinbefore recited, we hereby remove you from the office of Superintendent of the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory at Hutchinson.

By order of the Board of Managers, this 9th day of July, A. D. 1895.

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HUTCHISON, KANSAS.

ARE BIRDS GUIDED BY STARS?

An Attempt to Solve the Great Mystery of Bird Migration.

In an article on "Birds of Passage" the Chautauquan says if one desires an explanation for the great mystery of bird migration, there being nothing else that will answer, he will have to accept the theory of hereditary knowledge, a knowledge of the unfailing stars. The Great Bear and Orion appeared at the same time in our region, even when the divisions of land and water were very different than they are today. That the stars are the guides of birds agrees with the fact that they fly at remarkable heights, often above the clouds, and that wanderers lose their way when they stray into clouds and mists. On starlight nights straggling birds are seldom noticed. When the sky is overcast, when the night is dark, but especially when a fine rain is falling, multitudes of traveling birds are heard. They will call often, doubtless for the purpose of keeping near each other; and often great numbers of them bound against the windows of lighthouses. Thus Gatzke has observed that on Oct. 28, 1882, from 10 o'clock at night till the next morning golden-crowned wrens bumped like snowflakes against the lighthouse of Helligoland, and that on the following day golden-crowned wrens sat on every square foot of Helligoland. Toward the end of the summer, along into the fall, it was not a rare occurrence on dark nights to see, through the light of street lamps, birds flying over inland cities. The experienced observer recognizes by its call the curlew and the strand-snipe, sea-swallow and seagull, occasionally hears even the flap of their wings. But no bird is visible in the darkness. On dark nights no stars appear; then it is that the straying bird loses his way. The stars are the most plausible guides to birds in their migrations. But only the future can tell us whether they really serve in that capacity.

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