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Mr. Wm. Henry, of Chattanooga, Tenn., had rheumatism in his left arm. "The strength seemed to have gone out of the muscles, so that it was useless for work," he says. "I applied Chamberlain's Pain Balm and wrapped the arm in flannel at night, and to my relief I found that the pain gradually left me and the strength returned. In three weeks the rheumatism had disappeared and has not since returned." If troubled with rheumatism try a few applications of Pain Balm. You are certain to be pleased with the relief which it affords. For sale by Tallahassee Drug Co.

Card From Major St. Clair Abrams. [Times-Union, May 15, 1907.]

Editor Times-Union—The evening paper of this city in flaring headlines on yesterday afternoon stated that my son had pleaded guilty to the charge of libel. This is not true as, under no circumstances, would he have pleaded guilty to the charge. It is due to him, however, that there shall be published reasons why, by the advice of his attorneys, he withdrew his plea of not guilty and entered a plea of nolo contendere with a declaration of his innocence of the charge.

#### UNABLE TO TAKE TESTIMONY ABROAD.

When the proceedings were brought against him and Mr. Taylor we filed interrogatories and application for the issuing of a commission to take the testimony of two witnesses in New York, intending, if it was granted, to sue out other commissions. The state objected to the issuing of the commission and court sustained the objection, and it became apparent that, unless we could get the witnesses to come to Florida, we would lose evidence we regarded as material to the defense. I employed attorneys in New York to see the witnesses and ascertain if they would come to Florida and testify, I offering to pay their expenses. They declined to do so, but stated they were perfectly willing to testify in New York. As a result we were entirely deprived of the testimony of every person not residing in the state of Florida. Had this been a civil case there would have been no trouble whatsoever, and the remarkable anomaly in law is seen that in a quasi criminal or criminal case, where the liberty as well as the property of a defendant is at stake, if the offense is a misdemeanor, he is utterly deprived of his defense if the witnesses to prove his innocence live outside of the state.

#### PARTICULARS DEMANDED.

The movement of the state was

to make a motion requiring the defendants, if they intended to justify the publication, to furnish a bill of particulars. The court granted this motion and, after consideration, the attorneys for the defense declined to file the bill of particulars. This placed the defendants in a most extraordinary position. If we had filed a bill of particulars declaring a purpose to justify the publication, we would have been admitting that we intended to charge that the reports in circulation concerning Gov. Jennings were true. Now, at no time had there been any such intention on the part of my son. The article complained of distinctly negated that idea and it was, of course, impossible for us to say that the article intended something which it did not intend.

#### NO CRITICISM INTENDED.

In what I have said, or shall say, I wish to distinctly disavow any purpose in the slightest degree of criticising the rulings of Judge Shaylor. The very fact that he and I have not been particularly friendly for several years renders it a duty upon my part to state that throughout this case he has acted with the utmost impartiality and sincerity and no one can question the sincerity of his rulings. The effect of them, however, was just the same and it left us with only one defense possible.

#### THE ONLY DEFENSE POSSIBLE.

It being clear that no testimony would be admitted going in justification, we determined to offer such testimony as we believed would be available, setting up a qualified privilege to make the publication on the ground that it concerned the official acts of Gov. Jennings; that at the time of the publication he was being spoken of as a candidate for governor next year and at that time held the position of attorney for the trustees of the internal improvement fund at a salary of \$5,000 per annum, the largest salary paid to any man by the state except the governor himself. On this defense we would have claimed the right to introduce such evidence as would show that Mr. Alfred St. Clair-Abrams acted under a sense of duty to the people of Florida; that he simply made public the reports that were in circulation without any malice towards Gov. Jennings, but with the desire of having the matter sifted.

#### FAILURE TO SERVE WITNESSES.

Notwithstanding the earnest effort made by the different sheriffs and their deputies to serve certain witnesses, several of the most important ones could not be found. I have been told that in one case the witness was warned by notice in his office whenever the sheriff or his deputy came to the building in which he was and that he would immediately leave his room and secrete himself. Other witnesses in other counties to which the subpoenas were sent could not be found. These were in addition to the witnesses residing outside of the state whose testimony was entirely lost to the defense.

#### NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE.

Under the circumstances no other alternative was left than to withdraw the plea of not guilty, and plead nolo contendere with a protestation of innocence. This done, the judge fixed a fine which has been paid and this proceeding in the criminal court is ended.

#### A MARTYR TO DUTY.

I regard my son as simply a martyr to his sense of duty to the people of Florida. Having called attention to these reports, he may, if he pleases, drop the matter, but I now propose to take it up.

It has been published that Gov. Jennings has been completely vindicated. If he is satisfied with a vindication resulting from a plea of nolo contendere brought about by his attorneys successively resisting efforts to take testimony outside of the state and our inability to serve other witnesses, I do not think the people of Florida will be. I have not the slightest malice towards Gov. Jennings. I sincerely hope that the reports current concerning him are not true, but I feel that the gravity of these reports calls for something more than the sacrifice of my son in the manner and under the circumstances under which he has been sacrificed, and I do not propose to rest until their truth or falsity is ascertained. If the ma-

chinery of the criminal courts is to be used to prevent giving publicity to reports affecting the integrity of our officials, it is time that this should be made an issue before the people of the state and I propose next year before the primaries are held to make this very question an issue.

"With malice towards none and charity to all" I propose to dedicate my time to this.

#### REPUTATION OF FLORIDA AT STAKE.

The reputation of this state, for several years past, outside of its limits, has grown steadily worse and worse. It may be, and I sincerely hope is, that the reports in circulation concerning officials of this state are utterly false, but, if they are, there must be found some method of ascertaining and making public their falsity. If they are false, none will rejoice more than I will. I am entirely out of the field of political aspiration; I have no axe to grind, but, as a citizen of Florida and a Democrat, feeling a natural interest in the good name of the state, I think it is necessary that, when reports of the character referred to are put in circulation, they should be made a political issue and should be thoroughly ventilated.

#### OUR DEFECTIVE LIBEL LAWS.

This whole trouble has arisen from the wretched character of our libel laws. In Pennsylvania and some other states of the union the law itself gives a perfect defense in a civil or criminal proceeding for libel where the publication complained of affects the official acts of any person, or where the matter is of such a character that the public should know it. We need such a law in Florida.

This case of my son demonstrates that if, in the performance of a public duty, publicity is given to reports affecting the integrity of an official, the citizen or journalist who calls attention to such reports from a sense of duty to the public can be thoroughly and effectually deprived of any and all defense if the testimony which would vindicate his right to advise the public of the existence of such report can only be had outside of the state, as all that will be necessary then is to procure a criminal information against him and he will be utterly helpless, no matter what the evidence may be beyond the limits of the state.

#### AN INTOLERABLE SITUATION.

Such a situation is altogether intolerable. Reports of all kinds affecting men in office have been in circulation in this state for several years and still are. So far as my son is concerned he can patiently wait and bide his time and appeal to the people of the state of Florida at the proper time, always bearing in mind that "The mills of the gods grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly fine."

ALEX. ST. CLAIR-ABRAMS.  
Jacksonville, May 14, 1907.

#### He Fought at Gettysburg.

David Parker, of Fayette, N. Y., who lost a foot at Gettysburg, writes: "Electric Bitters have done me more good than any medicine I ever took. For several years I had stomach trouble, and paid out much money for medicine to little purpose, until I began taking Electric Bitters. I would not take \$500 for what they have done for me." Grand tonic for the aged and for female weaknesses. Great alternative and body builder; sure cure for lame back and weak kidneys. Guaranteed by all druggists. 50c

#### Holland News Items.

HOLLAND, FLA., May 20, 1907.

We have been having plenty of rain for the past few days, which of course was good on crops. Corn crops are as nice as could be expected, and gardens are just fine. Everybody have been very busy setting out potatoes.

Miss Florrie Allen spent the past week at Hopedale with her many friends.

Miss Fannie Allen spent the past week at Jackson Bluff with friends and relatives.

Misses Florrie and Ollie Allen spent the day Sunday with their sister, A. O. P. Harvey.

Messrs. Claude and Oscar Allen made a flying trip to Antioch church Sunday last.

Miss Georgie Grisett was the guest of Miss Sarah Williams Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Annie Harvey is spending two or three days with relatives at Bloxham.

Mr. Hintz Barineau and Mr. Jim Thomas made a flying trip to see their mothers Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Allen was the guest of Mrs. Fannie Williams Saturday p. m.

Mrs. McCohen's baby is very ill, but hope it will be better soon.

Mr. Joe Thomas and Miss Lillie Richards was married at the home of her parents the first Sunday. Hope them a long and happy life.

Messrs. Carter Harvell and Jack and John Vase were the guests of Misses Fannie, Florrie and Ollie Allen Sunday p. m., and all called on Mrs. Henry Rudd, and had some nice music.

Mr. H. C. Allen made a pleasant trip to Tallahassee Monday.

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