

Statements From Mr. B. E. Koon In Defense of His Brother And Attacking Testimony Taken In Investigation on Wednesday.

Mr. Butler E. Koon, at present a member of the city police force, is a brother of the late Mr. Ben. M. Koon, against whom as guard of the chain gang several of the charges of cruelty to convicts were made in the testimony taken by Referee F. H. Dominick on last Wednesday. Mr. Butler E. Koon was himself a guard on the county chain gang for four years, up until December, 1902, having preceded his brother as guard. From the knowledge of the workings of the gang gained during his four years' service as guard, and in defense of his brother, he desires and requests space to make a few statements in reference to the testimony taken at the investigation on Wednesday. His statements are as follows:

"The members of the gang, are as low characters as there are on earth, but during the time I was with the gang as guard they were treated as kindly as it is possible to treat this class of men. They were whipped only in order to make them work and only enough to make them work. They were given tobacco, which was purely a kindness on the part of the authorities. They were also provided with warm and heavy clothes in the winter. I never saw a man come off the gang who deserved a pension and I am only sorry that there are not more of the criminal and worthless negroes on the gang and subject to the lash.

"The testimony of Mr. Albert Schroder in the investigation on last Wednesday I believe to have been inspired largely by spite. During the summer of 1902 there was a log in the ground at the creek below Mr. Schroder's house for a ford, which had been put in several years before. Mr. Schroder claimed that the log caused the water to back up and did damage to his land. He entered suit against the county, coming to the supervisor with tears in his eyes. I took the gang to the place and cut a ditch about three hundred yards long and eight or ten feet wide, though in my judgment the log was doing no harm whatever. I also took out the log. After the ditch was dug Mr. Schroder came to the supervisor and offered to compromise for \$50, telling the supervisor that I had said he was entitled to the damages. I had told Schroder no such thing. Supervisor Schumpert was overruled by the board and Schroder was given \$50 damages. Every since that time Schroder has had it in for Supervisor Schumpert.

"While I was near Mr. Schroder's house Schroder repeatedly told me that he wanted a place on the gang, saying that the negroes ought to be whipped even more than I was having them whipped and made to work.

"I am satisfied that my brother, Mr. Ben M. Koon, did not whip the negroes like Mr. Schroder says was the case. My brother would frequently come in on Saturday nights and talk to me about the workings of the gang, and if anything I believe he was too easy on the negroes. I desire to state that I believe Mr. Schroder slipped up in this part of his testimony.

"I am satisfied in my belief that any charges of cruelty in the treatment of the gang brought against my brother are not true, and if my brother was living they would be proved false.

"I believe that Schroder is the cause of the whole investigation and that Schroder's activity lies in the fact that he failed to get a place with the gang, and in his spite against Supervisor Schumpert. I believe that Schroder's testimony is directed largely against my brother because that gentleman is dead and not here to defend himself.

"The investigation on Wednesday is likely to leave an impression with the people of the county that the gang was cruelly treated by my brother, which is not true, and the whole affair was caused by Schroder."

Message Told After 40 Years.

Whelling, W. Va., Friday.—"Oh I could die in peace; I could die in peace if I only were home with my wife and little children, but it is so hard to die here, far from home and among strangers."

Col. Delaney, of Cobb's Georgia Legion, moaned these words nearly forty years ago as he lay dying in Stanton Hospital, Washington City. He had been found mortally wounded on a battlefield by Union soldiers and had been taken a prisoner to the hospital.

"You can live only a few hours," the surgeon told him on making his rounds one day. Calling to his side, "Johnnie" Wright, a boyish Union soldier recovering from a wound, Col. Delaney, said to him: "Read to me from the fourteenth chapter of St. John." The young soldier, a devout Christian, read the chapter to the bronzed veteran when he had finished the Colonel took from his pillow a daguerrotype of his wife and children and kissed it farewell for them. The end soon came.

Years passed. The young soldier became a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Ohio, and in his sermons sometimes referred to the brave Confederate's death. He now lives at Bridgeport, Ohio, across the river from Wheeling. He determined recently to attempt to find the address of the widow or relatives of Col. Delaney, that he might tell them the details of the soldier's last moments.

He had a statement inserted in the Confederate Veteran, a paper published at Nashville, by Col. Cunningham. An eager reply came from Mrs. Hull, of Athens, Ga., a daughter of Col. Delaney, asking for the particulars of her father's death. They had tried in vain to learn more than that he had been killed in battle.

And now, in a Georgia home, there is a letter that will be handed down from one generation to another. It is the minister's reply and it tells how a brave Confederate died.

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- Big close out in Towels 1000 at - - - 12 1-2c
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