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THE OTHER SIDE.
 The Kingtree papers of last week published the other side of the difficulty between Capt John A. Kelley and Dr. A. M. Snider, in the shape of an affidavit from LeRoy Lee Esq., verified by Messrs. C. E. St. Amand and F. Will Fairly, these three gentlemen were in Captain Kelley's office at the time, and witnessed what took place.
 It will be remembered that Dr. Snider charged he was deposed into Captain Kelley's office and after receiving a severe beating was forced to sign a retraction of the charges he had made against the town council of Kingstree. Dr. Snider's letter was such a lengthy document we could not reproduce it, but gave the main points of his complaint, which was in effect, that he was invited into Captain Kelley's office for the purpose of going over the books of the town and was assured that only Captain Kelley and Mr. St. Amand clerk of council would be present, and the meeting would be friendly. That a cursory examination was made of the books, and when completed he was asked to sign a written statement previously prepared, which he declined to do at that time claiming, that while he could see nothing wrong, he wanted more time to look into the matter.
 According to Mr. Lee, whose statement is confirmed by the other eye witnesses there is a great difference between them and Dr. Snider, Captain Kelley is shown in a more favorable light, and Dr. Snider appears to have reached the conclusion that he was properly treated, because after having had his face beaten into pulp he said "Captain, I don't blame you, you have done no more under the circumstances than I or any other man would have done." A little later Dr. Snider got into a humorous mood and "remarked in a jocular manner, that if his back and kidneys had been well he would have put up a better fight." As we said last week, we do not know Dr. Snider, but according to Mr. Lee's affidavit, Snider must be a queer compound, hard to fathom, and his mental faculties need looking into.
 We have known Captain Kelley a good many years, and have always regarded him with esteem, but when we read Doctor Snider's signed statement, and on inquiry learned from reliable sources that he is a good man, we were horrified, because that statement was so foreign from our estimate of Captain Kelley that we reached the conclusion, if Snider's statement was true, Kelley's conduct was reprehensible, deserving of the severest censure, and should be denounced as arrant cowardice.
 Doctor Snider had charged the Kingstree town council with corruption. Captain Kelley is the Intendant, and when his maligner refused to retract, after having been given an opportunity to investigate the books, and had expressed himself as being "satisfied," Kelley's indignation at being refused the justice he regarded himself entitled to from this man, made him forget being an officer sworn to preserve the peace, and in sudden impulse violence was resorted to, which, when his passion subsided, we have no doubt he sincerely regretted.
 The Kelley side as presented by his friend, Mr. Lee, shows that Doctor Snider did not tell the whole truth, but gave such a coloring as would catch sympathy for himself, and obloquy for Captain Kelley. We are glad the Kelley side has been presented, and while we do not approve the course pursued by Captain Kelley, after inviting Snider to his office, we appreciate the fact that notwithstanding his official position, he is human and liable to err; the mitigating circumstances, as shown by Mr. Lee, removes the stigma of cowardice, and only makes Captain Kelley guilty of indiscretion under great provocation.
 Inasmuch as we gave an editorial expression last week, based entirely upon the truthfulness of Doctor Snider's signed statement, and it sworn to by its concluding language, which was, "I have told the truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me God, we deem it just to give to our readers Mr. LeRoy Lee's affidavit, and to state, also, the newspapers of Kingstree who are on the ground, know all of the parties, and all of the circumstances have not censured Captain Kelley's action. That they have made an effort to get Doctor Snider to furnish them with the proof of his charges of corruption against the town council and failed.
 Affidavit.
 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
 COUNTY OF WILLIAMSBURG.
 Personally appeared before me, LeRoy Lee, who being duly sworn, says: That on Monday afternoon, June 15, he walked over to Capt. Kelley's office, and on reaching the door, saw that Capt.

Kelley, Dr. Snider and Mr. C. E. St. Amand, town clerk and treasurer, were busily engaged looking over some books and papers, that the town council deposited started to withdraw, but that Capt. Kelley and Dr. Snider both assured deponent that they were not engaged in anything private and invited deponent in that deponent then opened the door and entered. When deponent seated himself he noticed that Mr. St. Amand was explaining to Dr. Snider the receipts and disbursements for the month of February, 1903; that the matter of investigation went on for some time, when Dr. Snider announced himself as being satisfied that everything was straight, that there were no irregularities, but Capt. Kelley insisted on his making a complete investigation, and after they had gone over the general fund, the deponent fund and assessment book were examined, and Dr. Snider thereupon announced himself as entirely satisfied with the result, using the expression: "that the books were as plain as the nose on your face." Capt. Kelley then asked Dr. Snider if there were any charges that he had to make, or any reports he had heard, which he said, "I could throw any light on, to which Dr. Snider replied that there were none; that he was entirely satisfied with the articles and that everything was straight. Capt. Kelley then said, "Well Dr., according to our understanding this morning, you were to make suitable preparation if you found anything straight or crooked, and Snider replied that he had nothing to explain or discuss that." Capt. Kelley then said, "Yes, you remember I told you this morning that the article published by you last week charging the town council with fraud and corruption was very bad and insulting to the town council, and to myself individually, and saying that if you found that the municipal affairs were straight, that the town council would expect you to make suitable preparation, and that you then said, 'Yes, I will certainly do what is right, I will give the Devil his dues, let alone a human being.'" To this question Dr. Snider replied, "Yes, I remember it," then Capt. Kelley said, "Well then, I expect that Dr. Snider said, 'I cannot do it this evening,' and Capt. Kelley replied 'I demand it.'" Dr. Snider said, "I refuse." Capt. Kelley arose and asked, "Are you armed?" Dr. Snider said, "No." Capt. Kelley then closed the door and locked it and put the key into his pocket, and then stepped to the chimney corner in the same room and picked up his palmetto walking cane (one he has had been constantly using for quite a while) and walked up to Dr. Snider and struck at him across the edge of the table. Mr. St. Amand jumped up and caught the lick on his arm. Capt. Kelley told Mr. St. Amand to get out of the way, and a struck again, which blow struck Mr. St. Amand on the head.
 By this time deponent had rushed around the table and jerked Mr. St. Amand out of the way and taken the stick from Capt. Kelley, leaving Capt. Kelley and Dr. Snider, who by this time was on his feet in front of Capt. Kelley, facing each other, then they clinched, and in a few seconds Capt. Kelley had floored Dr. Snider and jumped on him and commenced beating him in the face with his fist. Dr. Snider in a few seconds said to deponent, "Take this man off me." To which deponent replied, "No, Dr. Snider, not until you say you have got enough and you will make satisfaction." That in a few seconds more Dr. Snider said, "Take him off. I have got enough, and will apologize." That deponent then took Capt. Kelley off.
 Capt. Kelley, for the first time, produced the written statement which was published. Before signing the statement Dr. Snider said, "Capt. Kelley, I want you to understand that I am not going to be forced to sign anything, but there is nothing in this statement that I find any objection to and I will sign it," and he then sat down and signed it. After the statement was signed Capt. Kelley asked Dr. Snider if anyone helped him to prepare the article signed "More Anon." Dr. Snider then said, "No." Capt. Kelley then said, "Dr. Snider, will you swear that no one assisted you in preparing that article?" and Dr. Snider replied, "Yes, I will; no one helped me." Dr. Snider then said, "Dr. Snider, W. H. Kennedy wrote that article and carry it to your house for you to sign and you could not read it and he had to carry it back and get it copied and you then copied it and had it published." Dr. Snider hung his head and said, "Since you seem to know something about the facts, Capt. Kennedy did prepare a skeleton and I filled it in."
 Capt. Kelley asked Dr. Snider how much of the article did Capt. Kennedy write and Dr. Snider said about one-third. Capt. Kelley then got the article and asked Dr. Snider to show him how much Capt. Kennedy wrote, and Dr. Snider pointed out about one-third of the article. Capt. Kelley asked Dr. Snider why he went to Mr. Wilkins and explained to Mr. Wilkins that he did not mean the article published over the signature of "More Anon" as any reflection on him (Mr. Wilkins), but he meant to refer to the article of Heller and Dr. Snider said he did not tell Mr. Wilkins that. Capt. Kelley then said, "Mr. Wilkins said you did," and Dr. Snider said, "I did not tell Mr. Wilkins that," and Capt. Kelley said, "Gentlemen, bear witness to that."
 Dr. Snider then asked for some water and was shown by Mr. Fairly into the back room of the office building, where he bathed his face and soon returned to the front room and said to Capt. Kelley, "I don't blame you, you have done no more under the circumstances than I or any other man would have done." Capt. Kelley then replied, "Yes, Dr., I am sorry that you have been made a fool of and used as a cat's paw by W. H. Kennedy." Dr. Snider remarked in a jocular manner, "that if his back and kidneys had been well he would have put up a better fight." Then Capt. Kelley said, "When your back and kidneys get well, if you want satisfaction, just name the time, place and circumstances and I will give it to you." At the same time he handed back to him the written statement saying, "Here, take it and tear it up. I don't want it till you are satisfied," and Dr. Snider replied that "he had signed the statement voluntarily," and handed the statement to deponent, and then addressing Capt. Kelley said, "he did not court further trouble and would like to be friends, that it was cowardly to live at enmity," and then at the suggestion of deponent, Capt. Kelley and Dr. Snider shook hands and parted apparently friendly.
 Deponent further avers that the foregoing is a true statement, and that at no time did Capt. Kelley ask Dr. Snider to furnish a certificate that the books were correct, but that the statement which Dr. Snider signed was prepared for the first time after the fight, and deponent further avers that anything published by Dr. Snider last week inconsistent with this affidavit is absolutely false.
 Sworn to before me this 30th day of June, A. D. 1903.
 L. S. B. C. WHITEHEAD,
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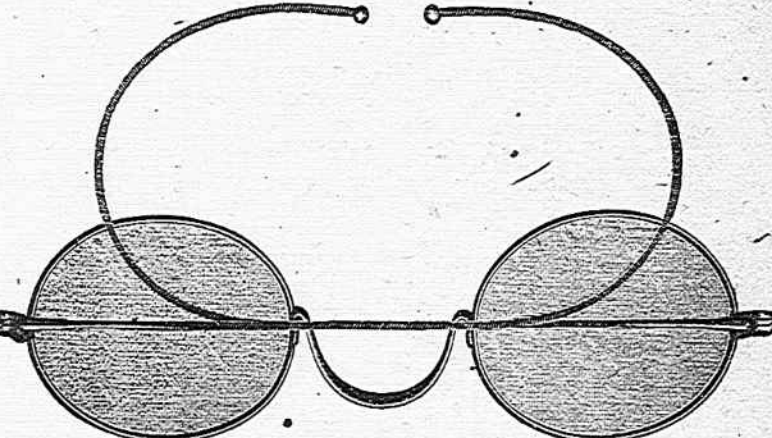
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