

SUPPLEMENT TO THE MINERS' JOURNAL.

[The following statement of Rev. L. M. KOONS, and accompanying correspondence, were crowded out of the *Journal*, and we publish them as a Supplement to the paper.—Eds. *Miners' Journal*.]

TO THOSE INTERESTED IN THE TRUTH.

That the public may have the benefit of statements other than my own relative to Colorado Territory, and to refute the assertions made by a certain H. P. SLATER, accusing me of misrepresentation in my statements of that new and developing country, and to lay before this community the facts as gathered by Mr. RUSSEL, in reply to a letter of inquiry, written him by J. W. CONARD and H. P. SLATER, both of which are appended, and to show the animus of the men, thus scenting on the track of my conduct, I submit the following letters, replies, and affirmations. The several writings will explain themselves, and it only remains for me to ask a careful perusal of the whole.

L. M. KOONS.

POTTSVILLE, PA., Nov. 12, '67.

Mr. THOS. RUSSEL:

Denver, Colorado:

Dear Sir: My employers, BARCLAY BROS., publishers of the *Pottsville Standard*, have incurred the enmity of Rev. L. M. KOONS of your city, by publishing the letters of HARRY P. SLATER in regard to his false statements about Colorado, and also by publishing a "local item" stating that KOONS had been, "brought up before the Lutheran Synod in Pottsville, charged with appropriating to purposes of speculation the sum of \$1500, which had been given him to build a church in Denver," &c. Now, while I have no doubt that the statement is true, many people seem to think that the ministers who were present will not admit it for fear of disgracing the church; so SLATER, who is a friend of mine, advised me to write and ask you: Did KOONS buy a mission lot in Denver? Did he pay cash for it? What did he give for it? Did he speculate in lands or other property? What is his character as a minister and a man? Were the statements he made in this County at different times, as to Colorado being a good country, &c., true or false? Had he a congregation there? And if so, how many persons? Can you, or any persons or person of your acquaintance who is "posted" in regard to the facts, come to Pottsville in time to give your evidence in December Court, as KOONS has prosecuted the BARCLAYS for libel, founding his charge on the "local item" mentioned on the first page of this letter, (said "item" having been published in the *Standard* of Oct. 5) I have sent a copy of it to THEODORE HAAS, and a copy of the paper to Mr. F. STANTON, editor of the *Denver Gazette*, who will no doubt show it to you. By answering at your earliest convenience, and giving me any facts in relation to the man KOONS, you will greatly oblige

Yours, respectfully,
J. WARREN CONARD,
Ass't. Editor *Standard*.

Now, by answering the above questions you will confer a great favor. I would like very well to see KOONS shoved up the spout, and all the information you can give regarding the above subject will be gladly received. Now, do not fail to answer soon, and give KOONS Hell when you do write. I will send you a *Stand-*

ard soon. Hoping that you are enjoying good health, I remain ever your humble, and devoted friend.

HARRY P. SLATER.

DENVER, NOV. 21st, 1867.

J. W. CONARD:

Pottsville, Pa.:

Sir: In answer to your letter regarding Rev. L. M. KOONS:

You ask if any person or persons of my acquaintance could come to Pottsville, in time to give evidence in December Court? Who is to pay the expenses of such persons? I do not know of any one who would go to Pottsville to give evidence against Mr. KOONS, but could get plenty to go and give evidence for him. There are some men, if you would hunt for them, who would swear falsely against him. You then ask, "Did Mr. KOONS buy a mission lot in Denver?"

He bought a house and lot, and then converted the house into a church.

"Did he pay cash for it?" He did.

"What did he give for it?" He paid \$3500 for the house and lot; he got a library for the Sunday School; papered the church; had pews made; furnished light, fuel, &c., all at his own expense.

"Did he speculate in lands, or other property?" He bought a great deal of property and sold a portion of it.

"What is his character as a minister and a man?" He was liked by all his congregation, and many persons who did not belong to his church. There are, of course, some persons who like nobody but themselves.

"Were the statements he made in this County at different times, as to Colorado being a good country, &c., true or false?" They were true, as you can see by looking at any of the Colorado papers.

"Had he a congregation there? And if so, how many persons?" He had about 20 regular members, besides many persons who did not join the church.

The above I have obtained from reliable parties.

Hoping the above will meet your approval, I remain

Respectfully yours,
T. W. C. RUSSEL.

TERRITORY OF COLORADO,
County of Arapahoe.

I, MONROE J. HERR, Clerk of the Supreme Court of said Territory, do hereby certify that T. W. C. RUSSEL, personally known to me to be

the person who subscribed to the within letter, appeared before me this twenty-second day of November, A. D., 1867, and made oath that he verily believed the contents of the within letter to be true.

L. S.

Given under my hand and the seal of the said Court officially, this twenty-second day of November, 1867.

MONROE J. HERR,
Clerk Sup. Court.

DENVER, COL., NOV. 20, 1867.

We, the undersigned, late of the County of Schuylkill and State of Pennsylvania, now residents of the City of Denver, County of Arapahoe, and Territory of Colorado, having read in the *Pottsville Standard*, published in the Borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill County, and State of Pennsylvania, a letter bearing date the second day of June, A. D., 1867, or thereabouts, and signed H. P. SLATER making certain charges against Rev. L. M. KOONS, late of the Borough of Pottsville, County and State aforesaid, now a citizen of the City of Denver, Colorado, asserting that said L. M. KOONS made certain statements in Pottsville and elsewhere, calculated to mislead and deceive such persons as should place any reliance on his statements, and made with a view of inducing emigration to this section of country, knowing that his statements were false and calculated to undeceive the unsuspecting:—Now, therefore, the undersigned, late from the County of Schuylkill, and now residents of the City of Denver, voluntarily offer our testimony that we have found the statements of L. M. KOONS, made in Pottsville, respecting the present and future prospects of the City of Denver and the Territory of Colorado, of its immense mineral wealth, and the richness of its soil, and salubrity of its climate, true in every essential particular, so far as came under our observation during the time we have been residents of the Territory of Colorado, and would cheerfully offer our testimony of the truth of the statements made by the said Rev. L. M. KOONS, while on a visit to Pennsylvania, in the fall of the year 1866, and the spring of the year 1867.

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