

Raleigh, N.C.,
Sept. 22, 1887.

Judge A.W. Young,
Mayville, N.Y.

Dr Sir:

Yours of the 19th to hand.

Some new features appear in Columbia case. We did not know of the charges against him in Buffalo and Jamestown. I presume that if he were to escape sentence in Mayville he would be handed over to either the authorities of Buffalo or Jamestown at once; and it would seem useless to pay him out of this trouble into the hands of another perhaps worse. We are not able to pay him out, if it were even possible, in all of these places. I have talked with home folks about the matter and all are agreed that, if they could be sure of his escaping prosecution in these other two places if released in Mayville, they would send the \$50 at once; otherwise they consider it a useless expenditure and want you to see if through the mercy of the Court you could not make the plea of insanity and thus get him in some, inebriate asylum where he might reform.

We are all anxious to do what we can

for him, but, having no warrant of his good behaviour even if he got clear of this scrape, and being too poor to make useless expenditures, we want to do what is both best for the boy and ourselves. Let us know what the chances are for getting him into some reformatory. The sheriff wrote me that his sanity was questioned at the time of his arrest. It is true that he had an uncle to go crazy. How long do you think, if convicted, would he have to stay in the penitentiary? Please let us hear from you on these points as soon as possible.

Very respectfully,

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