

"OILY GAMMON."

How Oil Stocks were Put upon the Market—How Promises were Broken and Hopes Blasted—The Tribulations of the Small Speculators—An Inside View.

The oil excitement that so violently affected the entire community in 1864 and 1865 has, as our readers are aware, completely abated, and become a thing of the past. Oil stocks and oil lands no more occupy the prominence in the business and speculative world that they usurped, to the exclusion of better and more reliable interests. But after the storm came the calm. The flood had left its traces behind. Crushed hopes and ruined fortunes mark'd it's ebbing; and the interval of quiet that has followed, and the review of the situation it has produced, has bred in many the desire to avenge disappointment upon those most prominent in organizing and encouraging the hopes that proved so delusive. The fact is patent that the prevalent excitement was taken advantage of by unscrupulous parties, who hesitated not at any assertion or statement, no matter how extravagant or fraudulent, that would aid their enterprise. Equally true it is that others of honest purpose and intention were induced by the glowing prospect of the sudden acquisition of wealth to lend their names to organizations, and active assistance to their management, whose territory has proved to be worthless, and whose only success has been in wasting in unprofitable and useless development the subscriptions of too confident stockholders.

Now, however, that the season of calm reflection has returned, trouble is beginning to assume formidable shape for all these, the honest as well as the fraudulent. Those who then, relying on the glowing statements of the prospectus and the advertisement contributed their money, now realizing the fact that it has departed from them forever, are scanning more attentively the promises that were made to the ear only to be broken to the hope. Sover consideration has sought legal advice and enlisted its aid; and the result is seen in the numerous criminal prosecutions that have been instituted, and which are now engrossing the attention of our Court of Quarter Sessions, and in the invoking of the milder but equally effective aid of a Court of Equity. One of these latter cases we defer to give an abstract of them.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

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MAN STABBED DANGEROUSLY.—About 9 o'clock last night Thomas Gallagher was stabbed by Thomas Summers, in the neighborhood of Gray's lane and Marshal's road. It seems that they had been visiting at a house in that locality, the owners and several of their friends and relatives, including Miss Summers, leaving the premises in charge of three women servants. Thomas Gallagher went to the house to court one of the girls, yesterday and summons and his wife went also to pay a visit, and stayed all day. In the evening they got into a quarrel, and at 8 o'clock he went to the house of his wife and the abdomen. The news of the affray did not reach the station house until after 10 o'clock this morning, and Summers made good his escape in the meantime. Gallagher was taken to the Pennsylvania Hospital.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY AND RESCUING A PRISONER.—A prosecution, individual, named Martin McMurtry, a native of the East End late, was before Alderman Fitch, charged with the above offense. He made a violent attempt to rescue a prisoner at Sixteenth and Thompson streets, yesterday.

ASSAULT.—William Van Fleck was arrested on the stoop charge at his residence, No. 918 N. Third street. At a preliminary hearing before Recorder Enos he was held in \$1500 to appear again, when more evidence can be brought forward.

ASSAULT WITH A CLUB.—For some time Lewis M. Hoffer, at No. 731 Chestnut street, two German men, back of Shalm street, Cincinnati, have been at largeheads. About 11 o'clock, Saturday night, Hoffer, while on his way home, stopped at a larger beer saloon and took a glass of beer, and saw Muich in the saloon, but no words passed between them. Muich, however, was passing a lonely spot on the sidewalk, and Hoffer, who had slipped out and armed himself with a heavy club, sprang out and knocked him down, and beat him in a fearful manner. He managed to escape, however, and giving the alarm, Muich was soon arrested, and after a hearing this morning, before Alderman Enos, was held in \$1000 to answer.

AN EXEMPLARY OFFICIAL.—The following are the collections made by John H. Ingraham, late Revenue Collector for the First District, from November 13, 1865, to August 3, 1866, inclusive:—

December.....\$415,433.01
January.....370,000.00
February.....324,279.83
March.....245,217.68
April.....350,609.27
May.....465,788.51
June.....423,338.14
July.....417,494.73
August.....81,304.73
Total.....\$8,730,420.79

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CHILD ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.—The Little Prince, Mr. L. H. Lutz, at No. 731 Chestnut street, while on a visit to Germany, a year ago, day met with a distressing accident from a pistol in the hands of a little boy, only six years old. It appears that the boy had found the loaded pistol among some playthings, and while trifling with it, it was discharged, and the load of small shot took effect in the face of Mr. Hoffer's little girl, who is now six years old. She was taken to her home in a very critical condition.

STEALING RAIMENT.—A man named Dr. Walsh was arrested early this morning for the larceny of one hundred dollars worth of clothing. He lived with a German family named Becker. About 11 45 o'clock last night some one of the family heard him go up-stairs and rummage about in a very suspicious manner, and then go down again, and when he told me him, when he went down with the cloakroom in his possession. He attempted to escape, but was arrested by Officer Heitler. He was committed by Alderman Lutz in default of \$1000 bail.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY ON AN OFFICER.—Daniel McCarty, while in the tavern corner of Walnut and Water streets, became very angry from the effects of drink, and was ordered out. He then made an assault on the woman waiter, who, however, and the terrible inveterate case so easily cured, prove it to be the most wonderful remedy known to the civilized world. Remember, used inwardly only; contains no mercury, colchicum, minerals, metals, or any injurious. Lately reduced from \$10 to \$2 per bottle. Warranted to cure every case, or the amount paid positively returned; or the only remedy so guaranteed. Prepared by Dr. Fitter, Graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, now one of our oldest physicians; advice gratis; selected to call. No. 29 S. Fourth street, below Market.

ROBBING A STORE.—L. Helmhold was arrested yesterday, charged with robbing a money-drawer of the store No. 122 South Eleventh street occupied by Charles E. Kiley as a furnishing store, of \$210 in money and a gold watch. He and some friends of his went to the store, and during the absence of Mr. Kiley, he and his党友 took the money and the gold watch. He had a hearing before Alderman Becker, who held him in \$1000 for a further hearing.

STOLEN HARNESS.—Last night the establishment of Mr. Newhall, who has a carriage factory on Schoolhouse lane, at 12th and 13th avenue, in the Twenty-first Ward, was entered and a valuable set of single harness, valued at \$150, was taken. Some negroes were seen prowling around the place about the time, and some persons on them; but as yet no arrests have been made.

ARSON.—Martha Williams was arrested on Saturday, charged with setting fire to the bed clothing and furniture of a room at No. 403 N. Franklin street, where she resided. The room was set in a blaze, but was soon put out. Martha was found in the next room at the time of the fire, and was committed to prison; but as yet no arrests have been made.

FERDY DAVIS' PAIN KILLER.—We are glad to learn that Perry Davis' Pain Killer is having so large a sale in this city. We have every reason for believing that it will be almost never failing care for pain, and as such, is a medicine no family should be without.—Montreal Pilot.

SOLD BY DRUGGISTS AND GROCERS.

time, the bill charges that the defendants were constantly representing to persons, whom they thereby induced to buy stock, that these bonds were purchased for the Company from the original owners at the said pretended prices; and that they, the defendants, made no profit whatever which the general stockholders did not make.

The bill further charges that certain of the land was and is wholly unfit for the purpose for which it was required, and is not nearly, if not quite, worthless; that certain other tracts alleged to contain 2000 acres cannot be found or located, and the title is a fraudulent and pretended title; and that the whole were bought in the most careless and reckless manner, the main design being the carrying out of the fraud described. During all this time the Company, its management and affairs, have been wholly under defendants' control. The complainants charge positively that it was by reason of these prospectuses, publications, and statements that they were induced to subscribe for the stock, and pay for the same; that it is now worthless, or nearly so; that they have demanded a return of the money paid by the defendants, but the defendants refuse. They, therefore, ask equitable relief, as follows:

1. That the articles of association, charter, purchases of lands, meetings, votes, resolutions, and all other steps in the organization of the Company may be decreed to be, so far as the complainants and all others in a like position are concerned, a fraud and a nuisance.

2. That the defendants may be decreed to refund or repay what compensation were induced to pay for the stock, with interest.

3. That defendants may be enjoined from making any disposition of the property of the Company, but that the same may be held or retained as security for the money obtained from complainants and other parties.

The above comprises substantially the averments of the bill. When the answers are filed, we will endeavor to give an abstract of them.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

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HEARING OF THE CASE OF SAMUEL STEWART.—Captain S. D. Franklin's assistant being "worn," said I know defendant, Samuel Stewart; I have purchased this money in my hand from him on the 2d day of June, 1866, from Mr. Franklin's house; no one was present; in Mr. Stewart's house there may have been one man with whom I was not acquainted.

Ho. by United States Commissioner Hibber in \$6000.

KEEPING A DISORDERLY HOUSE.—Every now and then the police make a descent on these wretched places. Last Saturday morning Daniel Kerr and Catherine Kerr, who, it is some time have kept a house of notorious bad character at No. 629 Broad street, were occupying the house, and were the whole neighborhood with their pestilential stench. They have been reported to the Mayor as nuisances and should be suppressed out of regard for the health of the city.

DIED.—BARKLEY.—On the 5th instant, Mrs. JANE BARKLEY, in the 69th year of her age, wife of John Barkley, deceased, son of John Barkley, No. 18 West Washington street, on Wednesday morning, the 5th instant, at 10 o'clock.

BINKERT.—On the evening of the 4th instant, at 7th and Broad streets, JOHN BINKERT, aged 90 years and 10 months.

He relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M., on Friday afternoon, August 9, at 3 o'clock; at Willey Lodge No. 14, I. O. O. F., and the Order in general; and the Odd Fellows Lodge, No. G. B. A. on the Benjamin Society, Frankford, Philadelphia, and Bradbury Street are invited to attend his funeral.

HESS.—On the 5th instant, after a long but severe illness, Mrs. HENRIETTA, wife of John Hess, aged 59 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M., on Friday afternoon, August 9, at 3 o'clock; at Willey Lodge No. 14, I. O. O. F., and the Order in general; and the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

JAYBINS.—On Sunday, the 5th instant, JOHN M. son of John and Eleanor Jenkins, aged 20 years and 9 months. He died at 11 o'clock, Saturday evening, surrounded by members of the West Philadelphia family, No. 82 Fairmount Avenue, and the members of the Fire Department in general, also the workmen of Nease Gavit's machine shop, are to attend the funeral, from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M., on Friday afternoon, August 9, at 3 o'clock; at Willey Lodge No. 14, I. O. O. F., and the Order in general; and the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

PATRICK.—On Sunday, the 5th instant, PATRICK, son of Samuel S. Pearson, a native of New Haven, deceased.

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PIETERSON.—At 11 A.M., Delaware, the 5th inst., HENRY CHAK, son of J. Howard and Carrie E. Peterson, was buried at 12 noon.

The family is invited to attend the funeral from 10 to 12 o'clock.

REINHOLD.—On Sunday, the 5th instant, CAPTAIN ELIZABETH, widow of Samuel S. Pearson, a native daughter of New Haven, deceased.

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