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## OILING LEGISLATION.

The Methods Practiced by the Standard Oil Company.

The Heavy Price It Paid for Peace—A Position and Five Thousand a Year to a Witness—Interesting Testimony.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—The members of the Pennsylvania legislature to investigate charges made against the Standard Oil company met in the Leland house. There were present Senators John F. Grady (chairman) and A. J. Herr, Representatives George S. Clark, James L. Graham, Jacob Ziegler, John W. Walker, Thomas McReynolds and Joseph J. McGinn, sergeant at arms. S. C. T. Dodd and M. E. Olmsted, of Pennsylvania, appeared as counsel for the Standard Oil company.

John D. Archbold, president of the Acme Oil company and a member of the executive committee of the Standard organizations, testified at length regarding his dealings with Mr. Patterson. In 1881 he made an agreement with Attorney Gen. Cassidy of Pennsylvania to furnish him with all the facts necessary to prepare a basis on which the state suit for back taxes could go to trial. These facts covered every point of the business relations of the Standard Oil company on which claims for taxes could be based. On this agreement the case was made up and went to trial, resulting in decisions by the court in favor of the Standard company. Before the trial came off the witness had an interview in New York with Roger Sherman, in which Mr. Sherman gave notice that Mr. Patterson would not be bound by the agreement of the attorney general with respect to dispensing with oral testimony. At this interview the witness said he raised the question whether Mr. Patterson could not be given a position by the Standard in which he could earn his living legitimately instead of by blackmailing the Standard. After the state suit was declared in favor of the company Mr. Archbold arranged with Mr. Patterson that if the latter would desist from his constant attacks on the Standard he would be paid \$15,000 for his expenses in previous cases and be provided with a position at \$5,000 a year.

Mr. Gowen, cross examining the witness, asked: "You know that Mr. Patterson was employed by the state to collect taxes against your company when you made your suggestion to Mr. Sherman. Why, then, did you wish to secure him in your service?" "The tax case had already been made up," said Mr. Archbold, "and Mr. Patterson's position in regard to it was settled."  
Q. How did you pay Mr. Patterson the first installment (\$7,500) of the \$15,000? A. In bank bills at the Stevens House.  
Q. Did you do that so that there would be no record by a check? A. No, sir; only to oblige Mr. Patterson; we never made a mystery of the matter.  
At this point representative Ziegler asked: "Did Patterson not try to prostitute the Producer's Union in Titusville to attacks on the Standard in order to benefit himself personally?" "That is the inference I would draw from his action," replied Mr. Archbold. "The reason why I ask him that," added Mr. Ziegler, "is because I was a member of the Union and that was always my opinion. I wanted it confirmed."  
Mr. Grady—You were sold out, probably, Mr. Ziegler.  
Mr. Ziegler—Never mind, my production was only a quart a day.  
The committee adjourned to meet in Philadelphia on December 30.

### A SPEECH BY GEN. SHERMAN.

**A Response to the Greeting of Five Hundred St. Louis Veterans.**  
ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 14.—Several posts of the Grand Army of the Republic went to Gen. Sherman's home and serenaded him. There were about 500 veterans in the procession. The general said he was glad to see many of his old comrades present, and thanked them for their hearty greeting. He had, he said, returned to St. Louis with the intention of making it his home, and he expected to spend the remainder of his days here. He referred to his former visits to St. Louis, notably in 1861, when the growings of war made every man suspicious of his neighbor. He was called on by the president to fulfill his oath of office to defend the country from foreign and domestic enemies, and he appealed to his assembled comrades to attest the fact that the oath had been fulfilled. He said that Pennsylvania was the Keystone state when the Union was a single arch, resting one end on Massachusetts and the other on Georgia. With its prosperity the country had grown into a grand arch, bridging into the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, with Missouri as the keystone of the vast arch. He was, he said, too old to share with his listeners in the pleasures of life, but he should watch them from the retirement of his home. He would welcome friends from Louisiana as well as from Massachusetts. St. Louis, he added, had many cherished memories, and he hoped they would all join hands together, and go on until they received the last call.

### The Dominion Excited.

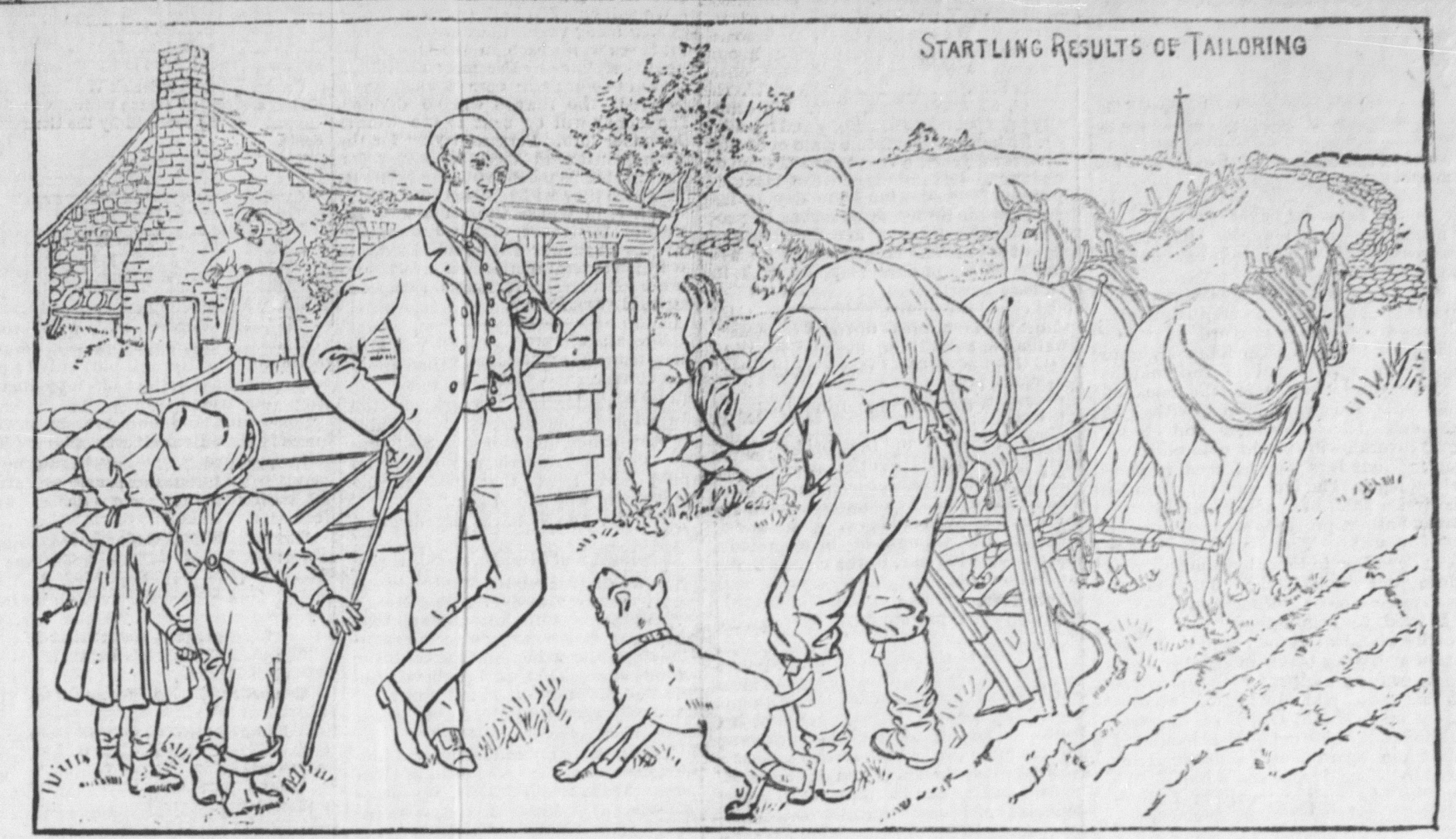
OTTAWA, Can., Nov. 14.—Strong protests are coming from the Roman Catholics of the Dominion, asking that a change be made in the oath of office taken by the governor general and provincial governor on being sworn into office. Exception is taken to that portion of the oath which declares that no foreign prince, person, prelate, state or potentate shall or ought to have authority, jurisdiction, etc., ecclesiastical or spiritual, within the limits of the country. It is held that the essential element of religious liberty of the people is the exercise of the authority of the pope and bishops of persons professing the Roman Catholic faith, and that the retention of this feature adopted by Henry the Eighth is in violation of the treaty of 1763, guaranteeing to the Roman Catholics of Canada freedom of worship. No little excitement exists on the subject.

### Unpopularity of the Postal Note.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—The postal note does not seem to grow in popular favor, and even its friends admit that it has not met their expectations. Reports received from all sections are to the effect that as a substitute for the money order the postal note is a failure. The sales do not seem to increase, and people do not appear disposed to adopt the note for the transaction of money except where only a small amount of odd cents is involved. The sale of the postal note has thus far not decreased the use of the money orders, except in very rare instances.

### Investigating the Standard Oil Company.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—A committee of the Pennsylvania legislature began a hearing at the Leland hotel in the investigation of certain charges against the Standard Oil company. The members of the committee present were Senators John C. Grady, of Philadelphia; A. J. Herr, of Harrisburg; and Representatives J. L. Graham, of Pittsburgh; Jacob Leigler, of Butler county; McReynolds, of Bucks county; George S. Clark, of Philadelphia; and Walker, of Erie.



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