

WAGNER'S 2,000 VICTIMS.

In Frederick county, Md., about 2,000 of the suits instituted by Dr. Harrison Wagner, the professional litigant, against citizens of the county, were settled, the defendants being compelled to pay various sums, ranging from \$50 to \$75 in each case. The operations of Wagner are without a parallel in the United States. About two years ago he was generally considered to be harmlessly insane. His actions were calculated to confirm this theory, and his eccentricities were regarded with indifference by every one who knew him. In the fall of 1879 Wagner caused much amusement by going before an obscure country magistrate, and entering several hundred suits for damages against leading citizens, chosen at random in all parts of the county, who had never seen or had any dealings with him. The amount of damages sued for in each for in each case was between \$90 and \$100, the limit for which suits can be brought before magistrates in this State. No attention was paid to the supposed lunatic's suits, and the cases were soon forgotten, but were several times recalled to memory by notices of hundreds of other suits being brought by Wagner, who frequently entered as high as one hundred claims against one person.

Early in 1879 Wagner disappeared from public notice, but in the fall of that year the entire community was thrown into a furor of excitement when it was learned that Wagner had commenced proceedings to enforce judgments in 1,800 of the suits. It was then learned for the first time that the persons sued, having failed to appear before the magistrate to answer, judgments had been entered in each case for the amount named in the complaint. Wagner made no effort to collect the judgments until a year had expired, when by law the power of appeal had lapsed. In November last, therefore, he was possessed of 1,800 judgments, averaging \$75.00, against about three hundred county residents and corporations. Each judgment was endorsed, "by default and 'no appeal taken,'" and of course they amounted to a lien on any property owned by the defendants.

During Wagner's absence several persons against whom he had obtained judgments died, and his first move was to file the judgments in the orphans' court as claims against the estate. Martin Shank, one of his victims, had died and left an estate valued at \$8,500 to his wife and three small children. Wagner filed judgments against the estate amounting to \$6,200 and the orphans' court was compelled to postpone the hearing of the claims several times in order to avoid the necessity of admitting their validity. At length several citizens employed counsel for Mrs. Shank, who filed an application for an arrest of judgment on the ground of fraud. The same policy was pursued by all the other victims, and since that time the cases have been dragged along in the courts, the indications pointing to Wagner being eventually successful in enforcing all of them. The courts ruled that the failure of the victims to contest the suits was in law a virtual acknowledgment of the justice of the claims, while the further failure to take an appeal from the magistrate within the period prescribed by law placed them beyond remedy.

After he had begun to enforce the judgments Wagner found the county too hot to hold him, and went to New York city, where he now is. The proceedings against his victims have been carried on by counsel there, and the settlement made in nearly all the cases, it is thought, will net him nearly \$10,000. He does not pretend that he had any legal claim for damages in any of the cases, yet he has succeeded in obtaining considerable portions of the estates of several deceased residents of the county, besides mulcting hundreds of farmers of hard-earned money.

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