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The War on the Monopoly.

A brief history of the causes of the present excitement prevailing throughout the Oil Region, may not be uninteresting to the general reader outside of this locality.

WHAT THE S. I. CO. ARE.

The Southern Improvement Company are regularly incorporated by charter from our State Legislature. To show how comprehensive a charter they have, we give the following sections of the document:

SECTION 1. That the incorporation hereby created shall have power to contract with any person, persons, corporations or any other party howsoever formed, existing, or that may hereafter exist, to build, contract maintain or manage, any work, public or private, and supply or furnish all needed material, labor, implements, instruments and fixtures of any and every kind whatsoever, on such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the parties respectively; and shall have full power and authority to hold and own securities of any form, either as collateral or otherwise, and dispose of the same at pleasure, and shall have the power to hold, own and dispose of such other personal or real estate as a majority of the stockholders of said corporation may at any time approve, in writing, or by resolution, at any meeting of the stockholders.

SECTION 3. The capital stock of said company shall consist of two thousand shares of stock, of the value of fifty dollars each, being one hundred thousand dollars, with the privilege to increase the same, by a majority of the stockholders, at any annual or special meeting, to such amount as they may from time to time deem best.

THE EXTENSIVE CHARTER.

The Petroleum business which in short dozen years has assumed an importance only third in extent and value among the mineral products of the country, seemed a prize worth going for.

PREPARING TO GO HOME.

For a year past the refiners of Cleveland and Pittsburgh have not made money, as they say, and attribute it to the general mismanagement of the Petroleum business here.

THE TRUE CAUSE

consists in the fact that their refiners are located at too great a distance from the place of production. Refining can only be made profitable at the place of production. The producers naturally decline to

GIVE A BONUS,

to Cleveland or Pittsburgh refiners, to enable them to compete with the refiner on the Creek. The difference in the cost of refining in the two localities, is little less than the cost of freight. It has become, financially

A MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH

with the outside refiners to effect this. Being foreseen, some time ago, this charter was fished up, and the organization of the Southern Improvement Company effected under their charter.

WHO THEY ARE.

The company consists of the leading refiners of Pittsburgh and Cleveland, and one or two brokers and commission men of Philadelphia and New York. These worthies formed a plan to monopolize the entire Petroleum business, and a short time since presented it for the consideration of the several managers of

THE OIL REGION RAILROADS.

A favorable rate of freights, and the granting of a drawback to all members of the S. I. Co., they contracting to furnish for shipment a specified amount of oil, was all that wanting to complete the matter. The facts go to show that the railroad companies went into the arrangement, and appointed P. H. Watson, of the L. S. & M. S. R. R. as the arbitrator.

HOW THEY ACCOMPLISHED THIS.

The S. I. Co. represented to the railroad companies that they owned or controlled all the Creek refineries, and represented the bulk of the refining interests of Cleveland and Pittsburgh, and could easily secure the producing interest. They in fact had possession of

THE ENTIRE PETROLEUM TRADE,

and that this being the case, they would handle the business, make freights uniform, and effect a perfect revolution of the Petroleum trade.

THE BARGAIN MADE,

the virtuous members of the monopoly put their own refineries into the company at par, and went to work buying out the other refineries for thirty per cent. upon the cost of construction. By a

GROSS MISSTATEMENT OF FACTS

they have succeeded in obtaining control of the entire refining interests of Cleveland, except 2,000 barrels per day, and have effected the same thing, nearly, in Pittsburgh. The Creek refiners, though approached and sorely tempted

WOULD NOT SELL OUT!

This proved a sad obstacle to carrying out the plans of the organization. Though offered full price in cash for their works, and

a share in the plunder, the noble refiners of the Creek

HAVE STOOD FIRM.

The general up-rising of the people of the Oil Region has demonstrated the fact that they will stand by the Creek refiners, and the two combined, will be enabled to crush the monopoly in the start. The people of the Oil Region feel competent to manage their own business.

THE S. I. COMPANY

as per agreement with railroad companies, were to have the purchasing and shipping of our entire product, amounting to about 5,000,000 bbls. per annum. On this they were to be allowed an average drawback off one dollar per barrel, making thereby \$5,000,000 per annum out of the oil producing interests, besides being enabled to monopolize the whole Oil region.

HOW THE PHILANTHROPISTS ARE MET.

The producers, refiners, and general people of the Oil Region, are a unit in their opposition to the monopoly, and have resolved to organize fully a Protective Association that will prevent the Southern Improvement Company from obtaining

A SINGLE BARREL OF OIL.

Our people are competent to manage their affairs successfully, and fail to recognize any right the S. I. Co. have to the monopoly of the same. All we ask is

A FAIR CHANCE.

Fair rates of freight, with no drawbacks or discrimination of any kind. Our prices we are willing should be reduced only by the fixed laws of supply and demand, by the privilege to sell oil to customers who will give the most for it. We want the whole world for customers, and are unwilling to be under the power of any outside organization. We have fully organized to crush out monopolies of all kinds. We have the power and will gain the victory. During our fight we reasonably expect the sympathy of all men opposed to unprincipled monopolies, that are sucking the life blood from the people, and paralyzing every industrial branch of business in the country.

Smawley, the well known drayman of this place, concluded a short time since, that a times were dull and money tight, he would take a "new departure" and seek "new field and pastures green." Accordingly like the Arab, he "folded his tent and silently stole away" as he supposed to the more busy fields of Oil City. Arriving there he sought the mayor and took out a license for the privilege of driving a dray inside the city limits, paying therefor at the rate of \$12 per annum, and proceeded to business. He drove through the main thoroughfares every day for a week, looking about for the huge piles of merchandise, the car loads of coal and other articles to be hauled, but alas, they were minus, and small, heart sick and disgusted he mounted his staunch dray and drove back, never to leave, as he says, until the last building is torn down and Petroleum Centre is no more. Here is Smawley's account of expenses while in Oil City:

To packing up and moving,	\$10 00
To license,	12 00
To board for self and horse,	25 00
Incidental expenses,	9 50
Total,	\$57 10
By cash received for carting,	2 50
Out of pocket by the trip,	\$54 60

Smawley thinks he was fortunate in having a team of horses along to bring him back, otherwise he would have miserably perished in the streets of Oil City.

DEAD OR DYING.—Where the hair is un-naturally dry, you may be sure that it is dying; and unless artificially vitalized, it will soon be as dead as leaves in November.—Feed the withering fibers and stimulate the torpid scalp with Lyon's Kathairon, and the evil, which must otherwise soon culminate in baldness, will be speedily remedied. It is absolutely necessary for the health of the brain, that it be kept moderately moist with a preparation capable of nourishing and invigorating it. Lyon's Kathairon fulfills these conditions, and is the only article that actually puts new life into the capillary tubes, through which the natural nourishment has ceased to pass. This pure and harmless vegetable preparation is absorbed by the skin of the head to the roots of the hair, and passes into the fulfillments by the force of capillary attraction.

The imperious gentleman whose indignant neighbor told him he was next door to a fool, expressed his hearty endorsement of the somewhat reflective statement.

Mr. S. A. Woods, who has been seriously ill for a few weeks past, we are pleased to learn is rapidly recovering his wonted health.

One of the London papers says that, among the things not generally known is the fact that the periodical literature of America is assuming a higher tone, and is even now, at its best, fit to stand side by side with the best which is being done in England to-day. Which is a gratifying concession on the part of our patronizing literary coarsers.

The Oil Suit.

Yesterday morning in the District Court, (Judge Kirpatrick's branch) the cases of S. McClurkan vs. Lockhart & Frew et al., was proceeded with. These actions, seven in number, are brought to recover on promissory notes alleged to have been drawn by the Pittsburgh Petroleum Company, otherwise the "bull r.g." of 1869. Messrs. Barton, Marshall and Achaon appear for plaintiff, and Messrs. Hamton, Shairs, Woods and Watson for the defendants.

The case of the plaintiff was opened by Mr Barton, after which notes, amounting in the aggregate to \$43,500 were offered in evidence, and the plaintiff rested.

Mr. Hampton then opened for the defense and said that they expected to prove that the notes came into possession of plaintiff by a fraudulent combination with Dr. Hoelster, by which they were lifted with money belonging to the company, and retained in his possession instead of being returned to the individual members of the firm. Mr. Lockhart was the first witness called, and was still on the stand at the time we close our report.—Mal.

PLUMBER CORRESPONDENCE.

More About the Highway Robbery—

Accident.

PLUMBER, March 8, 1872.

MR. EDITOR:—Since reporting to you the assault and robbery of Daniel Deio, near this place, I have called to see him, and I learn from him that he was assaulted and robbed as before stated. In the desperate struggle he pulled out a handful of the villain's whiskers. Some think Deio was drunk and fell from his horse, but that cannot be so. Deio last evening was very low, and doubts as to his recovery are entertained.

On Tuesday evening a serious accident occurred near here at the Oberly well. A Mr. Davis, of Shaw farm, with two other men, while drawing casing, was struck by the tough handle in consequence of the rope breaking while twisting or unscrewing the casing. His nose was broken and a terrible gash cut in his forehead. Dr. Menze dressed his wounds and he is now doing well.

G. S. D.

A man was found at Hall's Corner, Westchester county, New York, Monday night, apparently frozen to death. The body was taken to Tarrytown, and a coroner from Hastings held an inquest over it, a verdict being rendered accordingly. The body was placed in a coffin and started for Sleepy Hollow Cemetery. As the coffin was about to be lowered into the grave a noise proceeded from it, causing the interment to be delayed long enough to discover that the man was alive. On Tuesday night the supposed corpse was sitting by the fire at Tarrytown depot, reflecting on things earthly. His name has not been ascertained.—He said he would "take sugar in his."

The Sacramento, Cal., Grand Jury, in their report on the County Jail, say: "We would recommend the removal of the jailor, P. McGowan, for taking prisoners out and strolling around the city with them in dead hours of midnight, leaving the control of the jail to one of the prisoners."

Local Notices.

S. M. Pettengill & Co. 37 Park Row, New York, and Geo. P. Kowell & Co Advertising Agents, are the sole agents for the Petroleum Centre DAILY KNOWN in that city. Advertisers in that city are requested to leave their ads with either of the above houses

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Per H. H. WARNER, Clerk. dec. 21-1f.

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