

HEIR TO MILLIONS.

Engineer Chenoweth Claims a Large Portion of Baltimore.

Says It Belonged to His Ancestors, and Was Leased for 99 Years.

The Lease Has Expired and He Hopes to Recover the Property.

Alexander Crawford Chenoweth, engineer in charge of the Croton Aqueduct and a son-in-law of the late ex-Mayor Fernando Wood, believes he can show that he is heir to a large slice of the city of Baltimore.

He has placed the matter in the hands of a firm of New York lawyers, and a legal inquiry is now going on preparatory to the beginning of proceedings to recover the property from the present holders under the old lease.

The property included all that part of Baltimore known as South Canton, together with all that property lying in or near the city known as Dimean's chance, now rising into some hundred acres, and 640 acres of land in the outskirts of the city, known as Juncoberry Forest. It is worth many millions of dollars.

In his investigations Mr. Chenoweth discovered that when Lord Baltimore—for whom his ancestor, William Chenoweth, was a grantee of land—was discredited and all his rights in the American settlement abrogated, King Charles II. of England issued a proclamation ordering all his American subjects who had received such grants from the former proprietor of the colony to send in applications for new titles. Mr. Cromwell did this and received royal titles for all the land which Lord Baltimore had owned.

Mr. Cromwell's granddaughters, Patience, to whom he willed the property, died intestate, and her estate was divided among her children. It was, therefore, leased for ninety-nine years in 1701 to Charles Dimesan, a Frenchman, who was Chenoweth's grandfather.

Mr. Chenoweth has traced back the American Cromwells, who he says, are not descended from Oliver Cromwell's family, to William Cromwell, who came to this country in 1640 and settled in Baltimore. He died in 1680, and was succeeded by his son, John Cromwell, who was Chenoweth's grandfather.

When he began his investigations, Mr. Chenoweth thought he had no near relatives, but since he has been digging out the genealogical records of his family he has discovered an array of relatives, both near and distant. If the validity of his claim is established, they will all come in for a share of the property, but it is not known how much would be made.

"If the guilty parties are found they will be dealt with," was his parting injunction.

FIRST CATCH OF BURGLARS.

Several Arr'y for Recent Crimes in Brooklyn.

Is agent of L. Campbell's order to the captain of the various Brooklyn precincts to look out for burglars and sneak thieves, a large number of robberies were reported at Police Headquarters this morning.

At the trial of James J. O'Connell, 157 Congress street, was entered, and a gold watch and chain worth \$25, and \$11 in money were found on him.

During the night burglars forced an entrance into Robert Ross, grocery, 618 Broadway, and obtained about \$10 worth of goods.

A white-glass window in Daniel J. Stock's store, 75 Broadway, was broken and the burglars got \$11.

Richard Davis, of 217 Navy street, was arrested in New York last night with a large quantity of stolen goods.

A house worth \$10,000, in Brooklyn, is for sale. It is situated on the corner of 10th and 11th streets, and is a fine residence.

The officials excuse the increase on the ground that the tax office today amounted to \$2,884,351, an excess of \$200,000 over the first day's receipts last year.

HOG CHOLERA EPIDEMIC.

Swine Dying by Hundreds on Long Island Farm.

Notwithstanding the fact that hog cholera has been prevalent on Long Island for several weeks, the health authorities of Brooklyn have taken no measures whatever to prevent the sale of diseased meat.

The farmers whose swine have been affected have been keeping the fact quiet, for fear it would hurt the sale of meat. They might have succeeded had it not been that the disease reached the city through the sale of diseased meat.

This was reported to the charity committee by Dr. Sylvester, and it then became known to the health authorities.

A great deal of Long Island pork is sold in Brooklyn, and it is general that diseased meat is sold for sale and for consumption by the meat inspectors, who are connected with the health department.

THEIR NARROW ESCAPE.

Foundation Wall Falls Just After Seven Men Quit Work.

Seven Italian laborers digging the foundations for a new tenement-house to be erected at 60 Hamilton street, had a narrow escape from death today.

They had just quit work at noon, and had hardly left the excavation when the foundation wall of the tenement fell, falling outward and crushing the men.

The bodies of the men were found in the place where the men had been digging.

The police of the Madison street station are making an effort to save the bodies of the men, as there is danger of its collapse.

The same fate befell upon the contractor, who, it is said, neglected to shore up the wall next to where the excavation was being made.

RATE CUTTING IN THE NORTHWEST.

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