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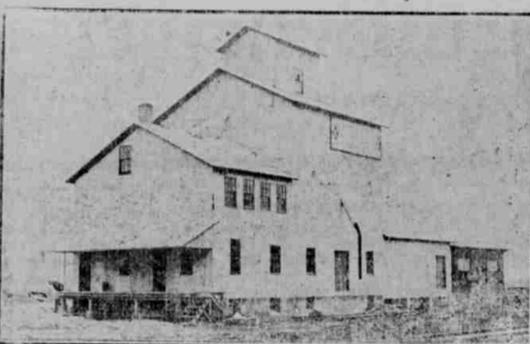
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MONTIGEL, NALDRETT JUDGEMENT ISSUED

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Luce county, he was approached by several different men who wanted to buy the timber upon his land and also the timber I had sold to him, as well as that upon other lands that had been taken about the same time. Not coming to any agreement with these men who were, as I understand, timber jobbers, some warm words arose between them and they went away with the remark that they would fix him. At this time the patents had all been received and recorded in Luce county.

Soon after this alteration, some one made a complaint at the title land office that we had not complied with the law in making our location and proofs, and the land office sent out agents over the country to make an investigation, which resulted in the United States commencing action against us by filing a bill of complaint praying that the patents be annulled, alleging fraud in that we had not brought our families to live upon the lands.

Prior to the filing of this bill of complaint, Mr. Naldrett, obtained a loan from one, Isaac Hewett, of Maple Rapids, giving to him a quit claim deed, not only to the land he had located and for which he had a patent but also the timber which he had purchased from me. This loan from Mr. Hewett, I know nothing about, neither did I ever know or see Mr. Hewett, and in no manner whatever had I anything to do with it. I never even knew that Mr. Naldrett had made the loan until after the decree was made in the case above referred to.

When the suits were commenced, Mr. Naldrett employed W. A. Leet, then of Ithaca, to look after his interests, and knowing that I had sold my timber, and never thinking for a moment there was anything wrong, or that the patents would be set aside, did not employ an attorney, but left it all with Mr. Naldrett and Mr. Leet. I was not at the hearing but had I known of the lien of Mr. Hewett upon the lands for money that had been loaned by him to Mr. Naldrett, I should for the further protection of myself, have employed an attorney to represent me in the matter. The result of this proceeding was, that the patents were set aside, but it was decreed, that inasmuch as Mr. Hewett was an innocent purchaser, or mortgagee, (it was held the quit claim deeds were mortgages in fact to secure him for the loan) his lien would hold against the lands.

After this decree was made, which took from Mr. Naldrett and myself the title of our lands, I paid back to Mr. Naldrett, the money he had paid me for the timber, as I felt obliged to do under my covenants of warranty.

Remember that when we made our final proofs for the land we paid the government \$1.25 per acre, which the government retains after setting aside our patents, on the theory that where a fraud is committed none of the money paid in the commission of the fraud can be recovered. But also remember, that while the decree taken is upon the theory of a fraud upon the government, yet such a thing was the farthest from my mind at any time, and even when I first went to Luce county, I wanted to be certain that I was right and could take the land without bringing my family upon it, and thus the reason I went to the county clerk of that county who had experience in those matters and secured the information aforesaid. Remember also, that so far as the loan from Hewett by Naldrett was concerned I was absolutely without any knowledge of such a loan, never had one cent of the money, and didn't even know about it until it was brought in court and then didn't know about it until I learned the government had succeeded in setting aside the patents, but notwithstanding all this I now have a judgment against me and which also runs against Mr. Naldrett as well, of \$8,495.19.

For the purpose of removing the cloud from the lands in question oc-

casioned by the lien of Isaac Hewett, and which the United States court held was a lien because he, Hewett, was an innocent mortgagee, that is, he loaned the money and took the quit claim deeds as security at a time when the record showed good title in Naldrett, the United States filed a bill in the Federal Court for the purpose of obtaining judgment against the writer and Mr. Naldrett for the amount of the lien.

Upon this latter bill both Mr. Naldrett and myself made a fight and everything was done that could be done to defeat a judgment against the writer as he and his attorneys feel he was and is absolutely innocent of any fraud or wrong in the matter, but on account of the old decree taken in the first instance from which no appeal was made, and which decree held that both he and Naldrett had committed a fraud upon the government, the court held against us and the present decree was entered. This decree provides first that execution issue against Naldrett and Montigel, and if not satisfied, then that the timber on the land be sold and Mr. Hewett's claim paid, but even then the judgment is not cancelled against the defendants, but remains against them until by them paid.

Now, morally, I do not owe the government one dollar. I paid it the price asked for the land at the time I made my final proofs. Then the patents are set aside by the government and the money paid by me retained. Then a judgment is subsequently taken in which I am required to pay an obligation I never contracted and of which I never saw or received one cent. My attorneys advise an appeal but this I am not in a position to do, and so must abide what not only myself but my attorneys feel is an unjust judgment against me.

In this latter proceeding, the United States was represented by the District Attorney, F. C. Wetmore of Cadillac, and his assistant, E. J. Bowman, of Greenville. Mr. Naldrett was represented by O. G. Tuttle of Ithaca, and the writer by James G. Kress, of Alma, and Edwin H. Lyon, of St. John. Mr. Hewett was represented by John A. Brown, of Chicago.

Very respectfully,
JOHN MARTIN MONTIGEL.

CARD OF THANKS.

In memory of our beloved Earle we express our sincerest gratitude to the many friends who by their kindness, their floral offerings, and their presence assured us of their loving thoughtfulness during his illness and in the hour of our sad bereavement. Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Holmes and Family.

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W. B. Pury and wife, C. F. Shadley and wife, E. J. Atkinson, S. S. Youngs and Gilbert W. Hand were among a party of 26 guests who motored from Bay City to spend the afternoon in Alma Sunday. They took dinner at the Wright House and complimented Mr. Brearly very highly on his service and dinner.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Herb Becker spent Sunday in Harrison.

C. L. Delavan spent Sunday in Ann Arbor.

Peter Millay of Saginaw Sundayed in Alma.

Rastus Farrington of Ithaca was in the city Monday.

Rev. Carr of Breckenridge spent Monday in Alma.

Joe Ford and Frank Way spent Monday in Ithaca.

Mrs. Roy De La Genesta spent the first of the week in Alma.

Miss Marjorie Delavan of Ann Arbor is visiting in the city.

Miss Edna Van Duzen of Breckenridge shopped in Alma Monday.

H. W. Leonard and family of Coe Sundayed with H. C. Lake and family.

Henry Breece and wife of Toronto are guests of their parents in this city.

Edwin Smart and Stanford Phillips of St. Louis were Alma callers Monday.

Mrs. Thomas Crawford of Breckenridge was an Alma business visitor Monday.

Nelson Beeson and family spent Sunday in Elwell with Mrs. Beeson's parents.

William Layman and wife left Saturday for a visit in Big Rapids and Mecosta.

Mrs. Clifford Sheplar of St. Louis was a guest of J. C. Converse and family Sunday.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Davidson, 536 Wright avenue, last week.

Mrs. Dell Totten and son, R. W. Totten, were guests of Mrs. Henry Adams Monday.

O. R. Miller of Lansing was in the city on some Arboriculture business the first of the week.

Miss Jessie Nauldreth of Northville has been spending the past two weeks with friends in the city.

Mrs. Arthur Lippert has returned from Wolverine where she spent some time as the guest of her parents.

A very pretty and unique window display of shoes has been arranged at the Economy Shoe Store this week.

Mrs. C. L. Delavan and daughter, Margery of Ann Arbor are the guests of friends and relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ingersoll of Breckenridge were guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Parker one day last week.

Miss Alma Rhinehart of Bay City returned home Monday from a visit at the home of H. F. Allman and family.

Mrs. A. C. Thornburgh left Monday for Battle Creek en route to Owatonna, Minn., where she will visit her son.

Miss Beulah Brown is in Lansing, where she has accepted a position in one of the large stores of the Capitol City.

Arthur Lippert, mail carrier at the Alma postoffice, returned to his duties Saturday after enjoying a 15-day vacation.

W. T. Green of St. Louis is the only jeweler who will represent this county at the International Convention at Chicago this week.

Wilbur F. Price, genial and all-around postoffice employee, is with his family spending the week at Bear Lake, near Vestaburg.

Miss Laura Frickholm and Miss Elizabeth Lovette spent Sunday in Alma enroute from a visit in Ludington, to Kalamazoo.

Edward P. Holmes and son, Clare E., of Gulfport, Miss., were in Alma Sunday in attendance upon the funeral services of Earl Holmes.

Karl Adams is spending a two weeks' vacation from the Savings Bank, at Detroit and Port Austin. He is accompanied by his wife.

A letter from George H. Peery orders his Record sent to 1329 East 28th street, Kansas City, Mo. Mr. Peery says that his family is now pleasantly located at the above address, and that prospects are excellent for a good auto truck business this fall.

The Friday Bay City Times gives Wilbur Lane credit for some fine fielding and batting in the Toledo-Bay City game at Bay City last Thursday. Lane has played creditable ball for the Republics in left field, and played that position for Bay City Thursday.

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