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## A PEOPLE'S JUDGE.

Judge Tipton, of the Bloomington circuit, in a recent railroad case, rendered a decision which will probably open the way to very important results in regard to aid furnished by towns, cities, and counties in building railroads. Among other points, as we understand his decision, he says:

> The town and county bonds issued in aid of a railroad are a valid lien on it which cannot be destroyed or set aside by other liens of a fictitious character; and that when the railroad company fraudulently deprive towns and counties of their rights and interests by outside sale, lease or contract, the injured towns and counties may recover at common law.

It has heretofore been generally thought that when a county or town makes such a subscription, the money is gone forever—the only consideration that can be received back being the indirect benefits conferred by the road on local property. But Judge Tipton, in the case decided above, States that the interests of bona fide stockholders, whether individuals or counties and towns, are not to be submerged under any pretense whatever. In this view of the question there is no good reason why nearly all the town and county subscriptions to railroads in this State should not ultimately be recovered from the roads. A directory has no right to dissipate the interests of towns and counties by unnecessary debts, or profligate contracts, or watered stock, which impair the original stock. The courts have authority under the common law to hold directors to a rigorous account, to displace them if they abuse their trust, and to exact of them an administration of the road based on its actual cost, not its fictitious capital. If some proceedings could be authorized by our legislature to maintain the rights of counties as laid down in the decision, it would be a great relief to those counties burdened with railroad debts for which they never expect to receive any consideration.

## HOT AIR FURNACES.

### The Machines that are Used in Some Cities to Murder School Children.

[From the New York Times.]

With the facilities at our command it would not be easy to form anything like an accurate estimate of the number of deaths that have resulted in the cities and towns of this country, during the past ten years, from the system of heating employed in the majority of houses. Mr. Carl Pfeiffer, in his very interesting paper on "Sanitary Relations and Health Principles of Architecture," delivered last week before the American Health association, took particular pains to point out the effect of furnace heat upon the human constitution. The hot-air furnace, in its present form, was, according to Mr. Pfeiffer—"first employed at the end of the last century by a Mr. Strutt, of Beper, near Derby, for warming his cotton mills, and was soon after introduced into general use. Its distinctive feature is that its application of fire heat to metalic surfaces is a direct one, without the intervention of either water or steam, and it is this feature, which, in my view, makes it utterly objectionable, except, perhaps, in cases where the object is merely to produce a drying and warming effect of considerable intensity for specific manufacturing or laundry purposes. In all other cases it is to be utterly condemned. Indeed, there seems to be a general concession that the heat produced by hot-air furnaces is of the most injurious character in its influence upon health. Dizziness, coldness and languor in the extremities, feebleness of pulse, fainting fits—such are some of the symptoms that have everywhere been noticed to accompany this mode of heating, undermining health in its most susceptible department—the nervous organization. Air heated thus artificially, without contact of water, acquires an aridity which causes it rapidly to absorb moisture from the skin and lungs of persons exposed to its influences, and the evaporation, by its refrigerating effect, contracts the blood-vessels at the surface, while other parts not being exposed to this influence, become in consequence, surcharged with the fluids which are repelled from the extremities."

The very best authorities agree as to the injurious influence of hot-air when not modified by vapor of water. The doctors have hitherto only very feebly protested against the hot-air furnace. Indeed, we venture to say that scores of them have given the matter so little attention that this fruitful agent of disease would be found doing its deadly work in their own houses.

Many a young girl has been hastened to the grave through a fondness for sewing or reading "over the register." In homes where stoves are exclusively employed for heating purposes, the danger from dry air is by no means inconsiderable. The heat radiated in this way is capable of modification. Very few modern stoves are without facilities for warming water, yet it would be safe to say that in fifty cases out of every hundred they are neglected. By carefully keeping the water-warmers filled, the atmosphere may be maintained sufficiently moist for healthy respiration. A failure to do so will cause the nervous disorders referred to by Mr. Pfeiffer, just as surely, if not speedily, as the blighting breath of the furnace. There is another point in connection with the subject of hot-air furnaces which ought not to be lost sight of. It is that in regard to the decomposition of animal and vegetable matter by the action of dry heat. During the warm weather the flues which connect the furnace with the rooms up stairs draw into them by degrees a vast quantity of the particles that emanate from human bodies. When the first cold "snap" comes, the furnace is set going at full blast. Decomposition begins almost immediately, and the odor produced has often caused surprise in the family. To find a reason for "the dreadful smell" has perplexed many an honest house-keeper. When the head of the family returns from the city, exhausted by the labors of the day, he is "knocked down" by it. The consequences very often are a display of bad temper and spoiled dinner. The wife, driven to her wits' ends to find a solution for the mystery, arrives at the conclusion, finally, that the unfortunate man who was paid for cleaning the furnace had given no equivalent for the money. Not a comforting conclusion, it is true, nor a just one, so far as the cleaner was concerned, but the only one that could be come to by a person lacking the knowledge which is supplied in the paper of Mr. Pfeiffer. There are few house-keepers who have not innocently done the furnace-cleaner injustice oftener than once. Mr. Hood, who is given as an authority on this question, says: "Not only will the hot-air furnace," which is particularly liable to these objections, act powerfully in decomposing the floating particles of extraneous matter contained in the air, resolving them into sulphuretted, phosphuretted and carburetted hydrogen, with various compounds of nitrogen and carbon, but it will likewise decompose a portion of the vapor contained in the air, absorbing the oxygen and liberating the hydrogen.

Surely facts like these ought to be sufficient to convince the most stubborn friends of the furnace of their error in keeping it any longer.

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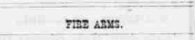

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