

# The Dillon Tribune.

## THE MOEN-WILSON CASE.

The Principal Parties to a Famous Law-suit.

At present dates the Wilson-Moen case stands as the great mystery. The watery-eyed young man who yet has a square jaw



LEVI P. WILSON.

and an insinuating nose, you observe, sues Philip L. Moen, Esq., for \$100,000, alleged to be due him on a contract. There had already been paid him on that contract \$50,000, he says, and it is admitted that a very large sum had been paid. Wilson was a poor and illiterate youth who did not learn to read and write

when he was a boy. He never went to school. He has never given any evidence of being a poor boy who worked his way up till providence blessed his labors and made him a millionaire. On the contrary, the only marked ability he seems to have manifested was a talent for spending money. That talent he cultivated assiduously and joyously, till he fairly rivaled Coal Oil Johnny in capacity to run through with wealth.



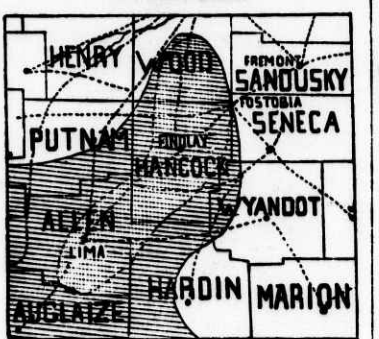
PHILIP L. MOEN.

The defendant in the case is Philip L. Moen, of Worcester, Mass. The farmers of America will immediately be in sympathy in a lump with Wilson, when it is mentioned that Moen made his millions out of the barbed wire fence patents, of which he is owner. They will say they hope Wilson will gouge him well, as he has gouged them with barbed wires for the past twenty years. However, the barbed wire fence patent has run out, and Wilson plainly has gouged him well.

Moen owns a beautiful residence in Worcester, and is a highly respected citizen. He refused to pay the \$100,000, hence the law suit, which he has won at the first trial. But the law, instead of clearing up the matter, has only deepened the mystery. What did Moen pay Wilson so much money for? However weak Mr. Levi Wilson's whiskers are, his power of keeping a secret is sufficiently strong. Moen denies there was any secret at all worth speaking of, and declares it was a case of pure blackmail. But why, then, did he pay this shrewd young man \$350,000?

So far, the affair shows that secrets can be kept, even in our age of the world, in spite of newspapers and detectives. One surmise is that there was a woman story in the respectable Mr. Moen's case, and that he wouldn't have had it get out for all the world. Innocent citizens of the first water have been trapped by atrociously wicked women before now, even when the citizen was 60 years old and no handsomer than Mr. Moen.

But on the other hand, Wilson says, in the statement made to his lawyer, that Moen "told me to dress the other man well, and give him everything he wanted, at his expense." According to this, it was a man who was in the case. Wilson claimed only to be the agent for this other man, and says the sums of money were got for him. Moen again vowed that there was no other man, and that Wilson spent the money "his own self."



**OIL AND GAS FIELDS IN OHIO.**  
These Minerals Found in Limestone for the First Time.

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It is an interesting question whether this vast quantity of oil and gas has been recently formed in the bosom of the earth for the use of man, or whether it has existed all these ages since the world began, and man has only just stumbled upon it. The probabilities are that these marvelous illuminants are recent formations.

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