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## The Standard Oil Trust.

The methods of the Standard Oil Trust were the subject of investigation by the Industrial Commission at Washington. Frank S. Monnett, the attorney general of Ohio, who, during the past few months, has been fighting the Standard Oil Company in that State, was on the stand during the greater part of the day. By reason of his official position Mr. Monnett has been able to secure much detailed information concerning the practices of the company against which he testified.

The next suit was brought against the Standard Oil Company of Ohio, in which it was charged that the organization was a constituent part of the Standard Oil Trust. The supreme court of Ohio, as a result of the suit, issued a decree against the company, restraining it from doing business in the State unless it severed its connection with the trust.

The connection between the Standard Oil Company of Illinois and several other oil companies in the State could not be plainly established and independent suit was brought against them. Among the companies affiliated with the trust against which suits were brought were the Ohio Oil Company, the Solar Refining Company, and the Buckeye Pipe Line. The charge was that of violating the public policy of the State by being affiliated with interstate and State companies.

In November, 1898, another suit against the Standard Oil Company of Ohio was filed, charging it with contempt of the first decree issued by the supreme court in not breaking its connection with the Standard Oil Trust. The case is now pending.

In the shipment of oil by railroad or pipe line the Ohio combination charges the independent producers as much as 400 per cent more than the affiliated companies pay for the shipment of their products. "The power of the combine," said the witness, "lies in its ability to control the means of transportation and the discrimination which it practices against outside concerns."

By this means competition is effectively stifled. The building of a pipe line along a railroad which carries large quantities of crude oil does not lower the cost of transportation. Although oil can be shipped by pipe line much more cheaply than by rail, the Standard uniformly keeps up prices.

The Standard Oil Company of Ohio was organized on the 10th of June, 1870, with a capital stock of \$1,000,000. At different periods since that time the capital stock has been increased until it now amounts to \$102,387,000.

At the order of the court demanding that Secretary Squires of the Standard Oil Company, produce the books of the company showing how the trust certificates are maintained, the officers of the company refused, giving an evasive answer. Evidence was subsequently procured by the attorney general to show that the books had been burned. The officers maintained that this is not true, but Mr. Monnett said that it is a reasonable supposition. In view of the evidence introduced that the books were destroyed, in speaking of the effect of the order of the court declaring it to be doing business in violation of the trust law of the State, the witness said:

"The decree has not bothered them, except in bookkeeping."  
John D. Rockefeller, the witness thought, controls alone the affairs of the Standard Oil Company. From his trust certificates of the Standard Oil Company of Ohio he receives an income of \$101,700 a year, and as president of the company he receives \$50,000 per year. His interests are so distributed that he can control the affairs of the trust without the aid of his confederates. There are only seven shares of the Standard Oil Company's stock held by persons outside of the combine.

Since 1882 the Standard Oil Company of Ohio has discharged at least two-thirds of the men employed by it. The refining plants at Marietta were practically dismantled. The plant of the Argand Refining Company, of Parkersburg, W. Va., was bought by the combine. By agreement the plant will remain idle for ten or twelve thousand dollars a year. The power of the Standard Oil Company and other corporations lies in their ability to control transportation. Although the interstate laws forbid discrimination in freight rates, the Standard has secured rates from the Southern shipping points in Ohio to New Orleans which are much lower than those granted to independent producers.

The agreements with the railroad companies are not direct, but an indirect contract is entered into, by which the law is evaded.  
The witness expressed himself very strongly against the extortionate methods employed by the Standard Oil Company and other corporations. He referred in especially strong terms to the use made by corporations of State and national laws to impose upon the public. He thought it just as unlawful for a corporation to make money by charging the public an exorbitant price for an article as it is for a man to make counterfeit coin and pass it into circulation as genuine. He thought the extortion practiced by many trusts is contrary to the fundamental principles of the Government. Mr. Monnett expressed the belief that the trust question should be settled by laws

## BORN IN A TREE.

Family of Eleven Brought Up in a Tree Trunk in Tennessee.

It is not an ancestral mansion, though it has been some 500 years in building. The beginning of it was a sturdy sapling, standing in a tiny cove high on the side of an East Tennessee mountain. By and by the sapling became a hollow tree. Notwithstanding the hollow was so big a tall man could lie stretched at length in it there was an outer shell of sound wood and plenty of vigorous leafy boughs for shade.—The hollow itself was rain and storm proof, so a couple of the mountain folk took up their abode in it.  
They did not bother about furniture. There was no room for it, even in a hollow tree measuring seven feet across. The man put down a floor of pinecones—that is, rough slabs split from smaller tree trunks. For a bed they had dried leaves, and for covering skins of various animals round about. The woman knew how to dress them Indian fashion, so they served in large part for clothes as well as cover.  
An axe, a rifle, a bullet pouch, a powder horn, a hunting knife, an iron pot, a water pail, a jug, two or three big gourds, a bread tray, and a meal log summed up the family's movable possessions. Cooking was done Gypsy fashion at a log fire some little way off the entrance to the tree. Generally the pot sat beside the fire sizzling and stewing. The only bread was wash cake. For drinking there was a choice of sassafras tea, unsweetened, and moonshine whisky.  
The man, of course, was a moonshiner. He was also a dead shot—particularly in the case of a revenue officer. He was able thus to feed his family by working about half the time—His wife looking after the clothing, exchanging surplus poultry twice a year for coarse cloth, salt, and snuff at the nearest crossroads store, fifteen miles away.  
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A Santa Fe special run by Major Max Luna received a reply from Governor Roosevelt to a message urging the Governor to express himself in favor of holding the Rough Riders' reunion at Albuquerque. The Governor says: "My belief is that New Mexico has the first call and if it desires the reunion should have it. I will favor anything the majority of the regiment wishes."

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