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1873, two years after the time of was in the fall of 1875, when iam Allen. I was stumping Ohio In 1879 petroleum was discov- in company with the late congressered in Alleghany, and the former man Updegraff. We were billed for owner of the tract Jones had pur-purchased reassumed control of it, called Rushsylvania, in Union and leased it to the Bradford Oil county, I think. A stand had company. Jones knew nothing been erected on one side of the about this transaction until 1880, main street racing the open roadwhen the tract had ten large pro- way, in which had been placed ducing wells on it and had yielded benches made by laying planks on many thousands of barrels of oil blocks of wood and stones. Bewhich had been sold for the profit hind the stand and all along the of the oil company. The terri- sidewalk a large crowd of people tory was then valued at \$300,000. had gathered. When the hour Jones at once began proceedings came for opening the meeting no in the Cattaraugus county court to one occupied the seats except a recover possession of his land and big colored man, who sat with his an accounting for the oil on the elbows on his knees and his knees strength of his tax deed. The oil and his chin in his hands. Judge company disputed Jones' title to Coates, a prominent old gentlemen, the property on the clause of the appealed to the crowd to pass tax-sale law which makes tax around and occupy the aeats. deeds invalid if the purchaser does But they were bashful, and no-

"I was to speak first and judge to redeem the same with two years. Coats urged me to turn and speak The oil company claim that to the crowd where it stood. I James Hill, the former owner declined to do so. I said: 'Here of the tract, was occupying are the seats for the audience, and the premises when the doed here the audience ought to be.' passed to Jones, and received Judge Coates introduced me, no redemption notice, and the oc- nearly facing the throng at the cupancy was based on the novel rear, who gave me a round of appoint of law that, although the plause. I stepped to the front of owner was not living on the tract, the platform, and looking straight

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