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MIKE DONNELLY'S LAWSUIT.

THERE'S nothing like sticking to it, particularly in a lawsuit. Consider the case of Michael Donnelly of New York. Back in 1891 Donnelly brought suit against Patrick J. McArdle, his partner in the junk business. They were making money, but had disagreed, and Donnelly wanted an accounting and settlement. His partner thereupon produced an alleged bill of sale tending to show that Donnelly had transferred his interest to McArdle for \$1.00. Donnelly maintained that when he signed that bill of sale he did not know what he was doing.

That doesn't look like a tremendously difficult matter for the courts to decide. If the average intelligent American were asked to referee such a dispute between neighbors he could probably settle it fairly in about fifteen minutes. But this case wasn't in the hands of the average intelligent American. It was entrusted to the elaborate and costly machinery of American Court Procedure that we've built up. And here's the result:

The matter has been before thirty-six justices of the state supreme court. It has been before the appellate division six times. Ninety-three lawyers have been employed, some of them of national prominence. Several hundred witnesses have been examined in New York City and Albany.

But—the plaintiff at last has won

A. M. SIMPSON COLLIDES WITH DREDGE MICHIE

The A. M. Simpson while going out to sea this afternoon collided with the bar dredge P. S. Michie. The Michie sustained some damage and sent for the tug Powers to bring her back to Empire. The Simpson proceeded to sea and was evidently not damaged. The accident occurred near the mouth of the bay. The extent of the damage to the Michie is not known.

his suit. He has been awarded a judgment for \$48,000. And it only cost him \$186,000 in lawyer's fees and other expenses, and twenty-three years of his life.

STRAWBERRY HISTORY.

The strawberry originated from about 130 species. It is a native of the Andes mountains and the north temperate zone. The strawberry is so called because the long stems resemble straws. The strawberries may be grown in any region between Florida and Alaska. The United States has alone 1000 varieties. The first strawberries introduced was in 1834, the Hovey berries, a variety which was originated in Massachusetts.

The strawberry's botanical name is "Fragaria Rocacea." It is so called because fragaria means fragrant and rosacea means rose color. The strawberry was made its present size by cultivation and the crossing of two kinds of berries. The cultivated forms were all derived by hybridization and crossing of three kinds.

LET US TALK IT OVER

THAT was a splendid statement of Coos Bay's needs made in The Times last evening by Mr. C. A. Smith. It might properly be called a preaching of the path of duty that leads to prosperity. "Coos Bay needs more factories, more sawmills, more wood working establishments and above all more people who will cultivate and develop the lands around here."

That's something on which the Chamber of Commerce and the community might get together to advantage. More people to cultivate and develop the land is probably Coos Bay's greatest need at this time.

It is a marvel to every stranger who arrives here, as it is to Mr. Smith, that a country with the agricultural, horticultural and truck gardening possibilities of the Coos Bay country should be importing continuously vegetables and fruits that might be grown at home.

The degree of prosperity enjoyed by a country or a community is in exact proportion to the extent that its exports exceed its imports. The community that sends money from home to purchase that which might be produced locally is impoverishing itself and endangering its prosperity. Every steamer arriving from San Francisco and Portland brings hundreds of dollars' worth of vegetables and fruits that might be produced on Coos Bay or in the Coquille Valley.

It is time that this section awakened to the importance of this matter. It is not only a drain upon the community but it retards development.

At present there are thousands of idle men in all the cities along the Pacific Coast. There are thousands of acres of idle land in the Coos Bay country and the Coquille Valley. Let us bring the idle men and the idle land together and have both get busy producing things for the world's needs.

The task may be a difficult one but it is not impossible or insurmountable. It may require some money but more than that is required a systematic and feasible plan by which the project may be worked out in a practical way. It is a task that is worthy the best thought and the best effort of our best men. A committee embracing some of the prominent and practical men of affairs on Coos Bay and the Coquille Valley and some of the prominent ranchers of the county should get together to consider this important subject.

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