

**MOTOR-CAR PATENTS.**

**Judge Hough Sustains the Selden Claims Against Two Automobile Concerns—The Whole Industry Affected.**

New York, Sept. 19.—Judge Hough in the United States Circuit Court yesterday handed down a decision in the famous Selden automobile patent cases, sustaining the Selden patents, as against the Ford and the Panhard automobiles. The decision is of importance to the automobile trade, inasmuch as the Selden patents are so fundamental as to cover what Judge Hough calls "every modern car driven by petroleum vapor as yet commercially successful."

The suit, that of George B. Selden and the Electric Vehicle Company against the Ford Motor Company and C. A. Duerl & Co., the O. J. Gode Company, John Wanamaker, and others, the Socio Anonimedes Anciens Establishments Panhard & Levasor, Andre Massenat, and Henry and A. C. Neubauer. It has been pending in the United States courts for several years, and vast quantities of testimony have been taken.

The list of defendants was framed so, as to include both manufacturer and dealer. Judge Hough in his decision recognized plainly the peculiar character of the litigation and the consequences that flow from it. He says, after discussing the particular claims of the litigants:

"No litigation closely resembling these cases has been shown to the court, and no instance is known to me of an idea being buried in the patent office until the world caught up to it and passed it, and then embodied in a patent only useful for tribute. But patents are granted for inventions. The inventor may use his discovery or he may not, but no one else can use it for 17 years.

"The 17 years begins whenever the United States court may so decree by its patent grant. That the applicant for patent rights acquiesce in the delay or even desires delay is immaterial to the courts, so long as the statute law has not been violated.

The first claim is regarded by Judge Hough as the most important, and he holds that both of the defendant companies have violated it. He describes the claim as follows:

"The combination with road locomotive, provided with a suitable running gear and including a propelling wheel and steering mechanism, of a liquid hydrocarbon engine of the compressed type, comprising one or more power cylinders; a suitable liquid fuel receptacle, a power shaft connected with and arranged to run faster than the propelling wheel, an intermediate clutch or disconnecting device, and a suitable carriage body adapted to the conveyance of persons or goods."

The other claims held to be violated relate to particulars of the construction generally outlined in claim 1. There are five of them altogether, and the court holds against one or the other or both of the defendants in respect to each one.

In conclusion, Judge Hough sums up the bearing of the case on the automobile world outside the holders of the Selden licenses as follows:

"The statement of the complainant's position seems sufficient to show that the subject-matter of these suits is the modern gasoline automobile. The defendants are severally the manufacturer, seller and user of the Ford machine (a well-known American make), and the maker and importer of the Panhard, a celebrated and typical French product. If these defendants infringe, it is because the complainants own a patent so fundamental and far reaching as to cover every modern car driven by any form of petroleum vapor and as yet commercially successful.

"If I have correctly apprehended it, there was room for a pioneer patent, and it must be held that on its face and in view of the art Selden's was such a patent. This means that Selden is entitled to a broad range of equivalents."

Judge Hough, in his opinion, also rebukes sharply the practice of lawyers in most cases in taking great masses of testimony, and cites the Selden patent cases as notorious offenders in this respect. In those particular cases, about 32 big volumes are required to contain the testimony, pleadings, and argument.

Representatives of the defendants stoutly asserted last night that the effect of Judge Hough's decision would not be appreciably felt so far as they or the automobile business at large is concerned. They said that the cases will be fought to the last ditch. They will be taken now to the Circuit Court of Appeals, and in case that tribunal sustains Judge Hough they will be carried on up to the Supreme Court. By that time, the defendants say, the Selden patents will have expired.

The Selden patent cases have already been in the public eye at intervals for several years, and, according to those who represent the Ford and the Panhard concerns, it will be

several years more before a final decision is reached.

Job E. Hedges, the legal adviser of the American Motor Car Manufacturers association, in this city, said last night that while he had not personally handled the patent cases he was quite sure that an appeal would be taken to the Circuit Court of Appeals and the whole case whipped out before that tribunal. Mr. Parker, a Detroit lawyer, has been representing the American Motor Car Manufacturers' Association in the Selden cases. He was not in town last night.

Andre Massenat, an official of the Panhard Company in this city, said after reading of Judge Hough's decision that he felt quite sure the matter would not be allowed to rest where it stands at present.

"This is only the first court," said Mr. Massenat. "It will doubtless be taken to the higher courts in due course."

**WILL TEACH FARMING.**

**High Schools Expected to Have Agricultural Courses.**

Columbia, Sept. 22.—Regular agricultural courses in the high schools of the State within the next few years is predicted by many. Two high schools in the State already have agricultural courses. If the present plans are carried out a very excellent agricultural course will be offered during the coming year at the new high school at Brunson, in Hampton county. On November 12 Commissioner Watson, Prof. Ira W. Williams, of the United States farm demonstration work, and Prof. A. G. Smith, of the United States bureau of plant industry, will go to Brunson for the purpose of meeting the people of that section and talking the matter over with them. At the Brunson school a practice farm will be conducted, both for the boys and girls. A number of acres will be set aside for this work. The United States expert now in charge of the practice farm will also teach agriculture in the school.

The United States bureau of plant industry under the direction of Prof. A. G. Smith, is conducting some excellent experiments at the Downer School at Beech Island in Aiken county, and the farm demonstration workers are doing good work at the Gen. Sumter Memorial School.

**NEW ROAD FOR SUMTER.**

**C. and N. May Build Line to Blowing Rock, N. C.**

Georgetown, Sept. 22.—Messrs. Nichols and Reid, general manager and general passenger agent, respectively, of the C. and N. Railroad Company, were in this city Monday, with the view of looking into the feasibility of operating a line of road between this port straight through to Blowing Rock, N. C., which route would be through a new territory to Sumter, thence over the Northwestern Railroad to Camden, thence to Chester, and from there by the most direct course to the North Carolina terminus. These gentlemen state that they are in earnest and mean business. If the findings made are satisfactory the road will be built.

Messrs. Nichols and Reid were taken in charge on their arrival in Georgetown by W. H. Andrews, superintendent of the Georgetown and Western Railroad, and R. S. Farr, general manager of the Atlantic Coast Lumber Corporation, and shown around the city in the fine automobile of the latter, after which they were taken for a view of Winyah Bay as far as the jetties on the ocean tug Williams. Mr. P. A. Wilcox, of Florence, was also here and accompanied the party on the water trip. The outlook is encouraging for the opening up of this line, which would mean so much to the country traversed.

**BIG THING FOR GEORGETOWN.**

**DuPont-deNemours Company to Build \$150,000 Plant.**

Georgetown, Sept. 21.—The plant mentioned as likely to be established here by the DuPont, E. I. de Nemours Powder Company, for the production of wood alcohol and by products from the refuse lumber of the Atlantic Coast Lumber Corporation mills, is now an assured fact. A plant costing in the neighborhood of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars will soon be erected, and operations will begin as soon as same is completed. Mr. Raymond S. Farr, general manager of the Atlantic Coast Lumber Corporation, is now negotiating with the DuPont-de Nemours people for the location of the plant in close proximity to the mills, and will be in position to give further details regarding the new industry to be started here, within a short time.

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**Native African Says People of His Country Employ Vegetable Diet to Fight Disease.**

Durham, N. C., Sept. 21.—J. S. Orcorde-Terry, a native African, graduate of Cambridge, Eng., and medical missionary studying here, declares in a newspaper article that the natives of Africa cure 90 per cent. of pellagra by herbivorous treatment, and he gives the formula.

The doctors have taken his suggestion and are working upon some of the Durham cases to see what efficacy there is in the remedy. Terry says the doctors cure 65 per cent. of the African cases, while the natives have still better luck. The African says he has followed the best British doctors into the afflicted homes in his country and that they have not regarded the disease as one of great danger.

**COMMISSIONERS VISIT WALTERBORO.**

**Four Members of the Winding-Up Board Take a Look.**

Walterboro, Sept. 22.—Considerable interest attached to a visit of the dispensary winding-up commission here today. Those present were W. J. Murray, chairman; Avery Patton, J. J. McSwain, and J. N. Wood of the commission and Louis W. Haskell, Esq., attorney, with the commission. They arrived on the morning train and spent the day at the Colleton Banking Company, presumably making some investigations in connection with their official duties.

Dr. Murray declined to give out anything for publication. They left on the afternoon train. State Auditor W. B. West was also in town, but his visit had no connection with that of the winding-up commission.

**VICTORY FOR MISSIONARY.**

**Charges Against the Rev. Mr. Morrison, in Congo, Withdrawn.**

Leopoldville, Belgium, Congo, Sept. 22.—The charges brought against the Rev. W. W. Morrison, an American missionary, by one of the Congo Concession Companies, which has a monopoly of rubber gathering in the Kasali region, have been withdrawn, but the plaintiffs reserve the right to bring suit later for damages. The Rev. W. H. Sheppard, another American missionary, has been sued for \$6,000 by the same company for "calumnious denunciation," the suit being based on an article which appeared in the Kasali Herald. Judgment in this case will be rendered on October 4.

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