

No 4858 Equity

4th Ans. They talked to me over the matter, they did not urge me. Of course it was with my consent. They said they would see me through if it hung on me. I was a little unwilling in the first place; but I studied over it and of course gave my consent.

5th Cross Int.

Please state what you thought was the only chance

5th Ans. I thought that was the only chance of making the money for the estate which I represented

6th Cross Int.

Then you really did not want the property, but wanted to take chances in making the money which you thought you ought to make for the estate you represented. Is that so?

6th Ans. If it had been knocked off to me I would have taken it. At those figures, I wanted it. It would then have been over the mortgage would it not?

7th Cross Int.

Did you employ Messrs Levy and Mauloby to attend the sale and bid for you?

7th Ans. I spoke to Mr Levy about attending the sale and authorized Mr Mauloby to bid for me when they both came.

8th Cross Int.

Did you confer with your brother William H Steel about employing Mr Levy to attend the sale and bid for you?

8th Ans. No Sir.

9th Cross Int.

Did you tell your brother William H Steel that you intended to have bidders at the sale?

9th Ans. No Sir. I had not spoken to him prior to the sale.

10th Cross Int.

Before you went to the sale had you made up your mind to become a bidder for the property?

10th Ans. Not positively.

11th Cross Int.

Then when did you positively make up your mind to become a bidder?

11th Ans. After I saw the property was going very low.

12th Cross Int.

Was it before Messrs Levy and Mauloby promised you pecuniary assistance or after?

12th Ans. It was after of course. They said they would back me on that point.

13th Cross Int.

What amount of property or money are you worth?

13th Ans. I was offered \$4000⁰⁰ for my real estate and have about \$1000⁰⁰ worth of personal property.

14th Cross Int.

Was your mind made up to sell your property and buy the mortgaged property of your brother Frederick A Steel?

14th Ans. Oh, no Sir; but of course that was the intention.

15th Cross Int.

You say that before the property was knocked down, you intended to put another bid. Did not the auctioneer announce before he knocked it down and give notice to all interested that he would knock the property down at the bid of \$59⁰⁰ per acre unless some advance bid was made?

15th Ans. I did not hear him do so.

16th Cross Int.

Did you make a bid on the property yourself or did you bid entirely through Messrs Levy and Mauloby?