

Answer. Precisely.

Question. And you called upon these gentlemen to open these books, and they objected?

Answer. I did not call upon them. It was understood, as I said before, that these gentlemen objected to open these books under the advice of counsel.

Question. But you feeling that it was your duty, did open them?

Answer. I did.

Question. Were you present when the books were opened?

Answer. I was.

Question. Do you know where those books are?

Answer. They are on deposit in the Bank of Commerce, subject to my order, and the gentlemen connected with the subscriptions.

Question. Will you be kind enough to furnish those books to the committee?

Answer. I will furnish you with an order in conjunction with the other gentlemen. There was a gentleman furnished by the subscribers, to act in conjunction with the grantees.

[A *Mr. Thompson*, present in the committee room, stated that he had a copy of the books, certified to by *Mr. Travers*, as a correct copy. At the request of the committee, *Mr. Thompson* handed the copy to the Committee.]

Question. [To witness.] Will you look at this copy and say whether, or not, it is a correct copy?

Answer. [Looking at the copy.] That is a true copy.

Question. Where was this book opened?

Answer. At the saloon taken by the company on St. Paul street.

By *Mr. Blakistone*. Question. What company?

Answer. It was taken by the grantees and assignees.

Question. And these subscriptions were taken at the rooms of the company?

Answer. Yes, sir.

By *Mr. Gordon*. Question. The subscriptions, you say, were taken at their rooms on St. Paul street?

Answer. At the room originally taken by the assigners; but they afterwards gave notice that they had removed their office to another part of the city. The hall was thus left in possession of the original grantees.

Question. At the time of the subscriptions?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. Were these subscriptions of stock taken at the first meeting?

Answer. The ordinance required that the books should be opened within sixty days, and that ten days' notice should be given of the time and place, which notice was duly given. The books were kept open for the space of five days, as was required; and I was present from time to time, as were the other grantees, and superintended the subscription.

By *Mr. Blakistone*. Question. Were the books opened within the sixty days, and were they kept open for five days?

Answer. They were.

By *Mr. Gordon*. Question. Do you know the subscribers to this stock?

Answer. Some of them.

Question. Do you know *Dr. B. L. Bussy*?

Answer. I do not know him.

Question. I see he was a subscriber for \$25,000.

Answer. There were some very large subscriptions.

Question. Is he a man of substance, a man of large means, who can afford to subscribe for that amount of stock?

Answer. I do not know. There is a subscription there for \$65,000,000.

Question. Here is the name of — *Durham* for \$60,000; do you know him?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. Is he a man of means and wealth?

Mr. Turner. We do not consider him worth over \$59,000.