

Answer. Shoemaker, Beachem & Co. was the firm. He was a practical engineer, machinist and millwright who knew all about it.

Question. Are you in any way interested with Shoemaker & Co.— as silent partner in the concern?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Have you no interest whatever in that business?

Answer. None except so far as my brother's interest and mine is concerned in the Block and Pump making, and I will tell you, that is if you will let me.

Question. Proceed.

Answer. My brother and I are each one-half interested in all we make. If I make a dollar by serving on a jury, or as a witness, he gets half of it. We divide all we make.

Question. He gets half of this?

Answer. Yes, sir.

By Mr. *Blakistone*. You get one-half of that Railroad contract?

Answer. He is interested in that. He has the Block and Pump business, and builds the Railroad, while I superintend, and one-half I get he gets, and one-half he makes in the Block and Pump business I get. Is there any impropriety in that?

Question. Then you get half he makes in the Railroad business?

Answer. Yes, sir; my name is not associated with Shoemaker, Beachem & Co.

By Mr. *Pratt*. Question. Were you aware, at the time of this assignment, that you were to be the general manager or superintendent, or whatever is your present position on the Railroad?

Answer. No, sir; it was suggested to me afterwards.

Question. Was your brother aware, at the time he voted for the bill, that you were to have this office?

Answer. No, sir, there was no such thing entered his mind.

Question. Was the written communication that the grantees sent to the Committee a true statement of what you knew?

Answer. It was as near as I can recollect at the time.

By Mr. *Hambleton*. Did you state all you knew in that communication?

Answer. Perhaps I could not tell if I saw it. What I stated was true.

By the *Chairman*. Look at that book and state whether it is a true copy of the record book opened by the grantees of that ordinance.

Answer. [Look at the book.] Those names are right.

Question. Will you endorse the truthfulness of that certificate?

Answer. I would have to see the original. I do not think I ever read that in the original book that was subscribed to. As to this being a true copy of the book I have no doubt.

Question. Read the latter clause of the 7th section of the ordinance as copied here.

Answer. [Reads.] "And the said associates shall give notice of the time and place of opening said book, in the newspapers of that city, ten days previous thereto; and in the event of more stock being subscribed for than said company are authorized to issue, the same stock shall be divided pro rata to each subscriber."