

shares since then. I have paid par for some within the last four months."

"Well, how much have you now?"

"I don't know just how much."

"It is a matter of record, isn't it, and easily got at?"

"Yes, but I don't recollect, and haven't got the time to look at it. Have you any more questions?"

"Several."

"Go ahead."

"How much real-estate paper has the German Savings Bank?"

"I can't give you the figures. Pretty much all our loans are made on real-estate securities. I should say that pretty much all our paper is real-estate paper."

"How much of your own paper does the bank hold?"

"I decline to answer. I don't recollect just how much. It's my own business, anyhow."

"How much of your own paper have you, and who are the makers?"

"The German Savings Bank has very little matured paper, but I will tell you this: that the interest has been paid up promptly on very nearly everything, although we have had to make some foreclosures. The paper is running current."

"How long a time does it run on the average?"

"About a year."

"Who are some of the makers?"

"I decline to answer."

**WHO CONSTITUTE THE FIRM OF HENRY GREENEBAUM & CO.?**

"Elias, David, and myself."

**What are the assets and liabilities of the firm?**

"I decline to answer. As I said before, that is my own business."

**What is their capital stock?**

"I decline to answer for the same reason."

**How much of your paper covered by real estate is the firm carrying?**

"I decline to answer for the same reason."

**How much does the firm owe to depositors or on certificates of deposit?**

"I decline to give figures. I don't think the public is interested to know, or has a right to know them. We haven't any depositors. What we owe is in the shape of bills payable. I can't see how any public interest is served by giving detailed figures."

**Approximate results will do.**

"Well, I decline to go into that subject."

**WHAT OTHER ASSETS**

**has the firm besides their paper and lands?**

"We have investments in bank stocks—in these two banks."

**How large?**

"There you are, after figures again. I decline to give them."

**What is the nature of the other assets?**

"Well, we have a number of open accounts and bills receivable. Besides them, there is our real estate."

**But you won't tell us what that amounts to.**

"My friend you are too inquisitive. What purpose will it serve to give you these details anyway? Our firm hasn't failed, and we don't intend to fail. We are honoring all our drafts, and paying money over the counter, and intend to do so. Why should I make out a schedule, then, of our assets and liabilities? I shall suffer heavily by the suspension of these two banks, but our firm will go through all right, if we are let alone. So what useful purpose will it serve to drag it into these matters?"

**But won't the connection of your firm with the two banks come out through the courts?**

"Oh, no; they are entirely separate and distinct institutions."

The reporter did not exactly see how the Receiver's reports could fail to indicate the liabilities of the firm or its members to the banks, but he got no satisfaction on that score.

**THE NEW YORK HOUSE.**

**Who constitute the firm of Greenebaum Bros. & Co., of New York?**

"The same persons who constitute the firm of H. O. Greenebaum & Co. here."

**How much capital do they represent?**

"They did represent \$150,000, the last I heard."

**What was the cause of their failure?**

"Their connection with the Chicago Institutions. The Chicago troubles made large drains upon their cash means and their resources, and have caused curtailments of their foreign credit, so that they had to suspend. As they express it, they hope the suspension is merely temporary, and I think it will be nothing more than that."

**What are their assets and liabilities, and how are they distributed?**

"Their liabilities are probably \$250,000, can't tell about the assets, and I don't know how the assets or liabilities are distributed."

**How much does the firm owe abroad?**

"I don't know."

**Coming down to home affairs, is it true that Hoyne, Horton & Hoyne have drawn up**

**A DEED OF ASSIGNMENT**

**for you, and that O. H. Horton is to be your assignee?**

"No, sir, there is no truth at all in that story. I do not expect to make any assignment. I expect to meet my creditors here with what resources I have, and with the aid I shall probably get from my friends. Our firm will pull through. Why," continued he, "one firm in this city has signed a subscription paper, started by my friends to-day for the purpose of seeing how much aid I could get in case of a rub, and that firm is down for \$10,000."

Mr. Greenebaum furthermore produced the aforesaid paper, and on it was the name of a leading Hebrew house with the amount stated opposite.

"Now you will better understand," he continued, "my reasons for not desiring to make any detailed statements. In justice to my friends who are coming forward to help me out, I ought not to—cannot—do it. People lose confidence in a man who talks too much. All I want, my friend, is to be let alone, and I shall do the best I can and our firm will come out all right."

**HOW MUCH PROPERTY,**

**Mr. Greenebaum, have you conveyed within the past ten days, and for what purpose?**

"Why, for that matter, I have been selling property here for money for some time to pay debts. I have been selling it to meet current demands in my business. I don't know that I have sold very much in that time,—perhaps \$15,000 or \$20,000 worth."

**But all efforts to ascertain whether he had conveyed any property in another way—so that it would pass into the hands of third parties and could not be clamped down upon to discharge stock liabilities, were skillfully warded off. The reporter made one more pertinent inquiry by directly asking Mr. Greenebaum the object of the conveyance of the Humboldt Park property to Cashier Schaffner a few days ago to secure his note of \$50,000.**

"Oh," said he, "that was for money borrowed to meet demands on Henry Greenebaum & Co., and Schaffner is nothing but a trustee."

**All the satisfaction that the reader can get out of the foregoing answers he is at perfect liberty to enjoy.**

**THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS**

**have been recorded by Henry Greenebaum:**

Document No. 101,215—Sarah and Michael Greenebaum to Henry Greenebaum, quit-claim deed, dated Dec. 6, 1877, three lots on Augusta street, southeast corner of Kedzie avenue; also lot on Centre avenue, southeast corner of Adams street, with buildings. Consideration, \$1.

Document No. 101,230—Henry Greenebaum to Sarah Greenebaum, wife of Michael Greenebaum, quit-claim deed, dated Dec. 6, 1877, West Randolph street, northwest corner of Union street, fifty-six feet, south front; also Adams street, 148 feet west of Morgan street, fifty feet, south front, with buildings and improvements. Consideration, \$1.

Document No. 101,237—Henry Greenebaum to Nelson Morris, warranty deed dated Dec. 6, 1877, lot on Green street, 50 feet south of Adams street; lot on State street, 50 feet south of Thirty-eighth street; and three lots on the same street, between Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth streets; also two lots, north front, on Flournoy street, between Hoyne avenue and Leavitt street. Consideration \$12,000.

The three foregoing deeds were filed yesterday. The following were filed the day before:

Henry Greenebaum to H. Schaffner, trust deed, dated Nov. 20, 1877, covering twenty-six lots, near Central Park, to secure a note of \$25,000, due in one year at 8 per cent; also, Henry Greenebaum to H. Schaffner, trust deed, dated Nov. 20, 1877, covering parts of blocks 1 to 5, and 7 and 8, Central Park Addition, to secure eight notes of \$10,000 each, payable in one year with 8 per cent interest.

**HENRY GREENEBAUM.**  
**AN INTERVIEW WITH THE PRESIDENT.**

When it became known at the bank that the concern would be put into the hands of a Receiver, the small army of depositors who were there to draw out money, and had been told that they could not get it, looked a little blue about the girls, so to speak, but the more intelligent of them had little to say, except that they believed Mr. Greenebaum had done the best that he could; that they were sorry for him, and especially for themselves, and that they had no doubt the best thing that could be done for the bank was to turn it over to a Receiver, and let him wind it up. There were others, among them who couldn't understand it. They appeared to be a good deal dazed, and sat around on the hard benches, or stood up in little knots around the room, asking each other what it all meant. By-and-by it began to dawn on them that the bank would pass out of Mr. Greenebaum's hands, and into the hands of the Court. The most interesting question then was, what they would get out of the bank, and when they would get it, and the assurances of the bank clerks that they would get dollar for dollar, and that at probably no distant date, tended greatly to encourage them. The fact is, that bank failures have become so common of late, that the last one failed utterly to cause anything like excitement. While it gave food for regret, and plenty of it, there were no harsh words, no accusations of official dishonesty, and the poor depositors who had sworn by Henry Greenebaum for years were disposed to look upon him as the victim of a series of misfortunes. And so they came and went during the day. At different times The Tribune reporter endeavored to get the undivided ear of Mr. Greenebaum for conversational purposes, but so great was the pressure upon his time by people who had business to transact with him, that it was not until late in the evening that a chance afforded itself. Even then it was brief, and the

**ANSWERS TO A SERIES OF QUESTIONS**

on a variety of matters corresponding unsatisfactory, all of which may be accounted for by reason of a decided repugnance on Mr. Greenebaum's part to talk, and also by reason of the frequent interruptions to which the interviewer was subjected by outsiders coming up and buzzing the gentleman on a thousand and one matters of business. Without the blank spaces to designate these breaks in the conversation the interview proceeded somewhat as follows:

"How much do you owe the German National Bank, Mr. Greenebaum?" was what the reporter propounded as a starter.

The reply was brief and pointed. "I decline to answer," said the little banker.

"Why?"

"I don't think it's a matter that the people have any right to know about. It's my own business. Two institutions have been broken up on my hands. Do you want to break up the third? The firm of Henry Greenebaum & Co., if they are let alone, will pull through all right."

The reporter deprecated either design or desire to break up the third institution, but ventured to remark that the public who were interested in the German National would like to know how much of a claim that institution had on Henry Greenebaum & Co.

"Whatever it is," was the reply, "it will be paid. That's all I've got to say about that."

**HOW MUCH OF THE GERMAN SAVINGS BANK STOCK DOES THE FIRM OWN?**

"David and myself originally bought forty out of the 200 shares. We have purchased some