

SEWING MACHINE PATENTS.

Adverse Report of the House Committee, Adopted by the House, March 10.

The memorialist, Allen B. Wilson, on the 12th day of November, 1850, obtained letters patent covering the invention of the device for feeding sewing machines. These letters patent were re-issued in two parts, Jan. 22, 1856, and Dec. 9, 1856, and at the expiration of the term of the letters patent an extension thereof was granted by the Commissioner of Patents for seven years. The extension expired November 12th, 1871. So that for twenty-one years Mr. Wilson has had the benefit of the protection of the patent laws, and has been the recipient of great advantages accruing therefrom.

The invention was a very important and useful one, supplying a mechanical principle in the manufacture and use of sewing machines, and had long been felt necessary to their successful operation. Its value was at once recognized, and by various arrangements with the inventor it was adopted by all the more important and extensive manufacturing in the United States, the inventor becoming a stockholder in one of them. In addition to this, the several sewing machine companies using this invention conceived the idea of forming a combination for the purpose of buying up and using for their joint and sole benefit the several patents which had been recognized as valuable to their trade. Their combined wealth enabled them to do this, and, taking this invention as a basis, they did form an association known as the Sewing Machine Combination, by which they have succeeded in controlling the trade throughout the United States for many years.

The power thus consolidated in their hands has been used oppressively and tyrannically in many instances; it has been able to keep the prices of the machines at an unusually exorbitant figure; it has brought great wealth to the companies and individuals belonging to it; and it has stifled the growth of a free and healthy competition, and by this means has kept from the public other and useful machines which could have been sold at a much less price.

Your committee are satisfied that the memorialist has been fully and amply recompensed for all his trouble and expense in the invention and development of this device; indeed, from a position of comparative poverty he has been raised by it not only to competency but to wealth.

From the statistics furnished us in the examination of this subject it appears that this sewing machine combination, in one of the companies of which Mr. Wilson was and is a stockholder, sold during the

Year 1870.....	343,599 machines.
" 1873.....	442,813 "
" 1874.....	389,506 "

Making a total of 1,175,918 machines.

These machines are retailed to the public at an average price of \$65, and it further appears that they can be manufactured and sold, including a reasonable profit, at \$32.50. This "combination" in 1856 fixed the fee for licenses to use this and other patents owned by it, at \$15; in 1860 it was reduced to \$7; in 1863 to \$5, and in 1870 to \$3. In addition to his profits as stockholder in one of the "combination companies," Mr. Wilson was entitled to, and no doubt did receive, a portion of the royalties paid in license fees under the above scheme.

With one exception, which will expire next year, all the patents introduced and used by this combination are at an end, and the motives for such a combination will end with them; and then it is believed that the sale and manufacture of sewing machines—a trade now so great and extensive, affecting directly almost every family in the land—will be thrown open to a free and healthy competition, which cannot be but highly advantageous to the public.

Your committee are satisfied that the public have paid very heavily for said invention, and that the inventor has been fully rewarded; and they therefore are of the opinion that the prayer of the memorialist ought not to be granted, and recommend that the memorial do lie upon the table.

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Salt Lake City, Nov. 5th 1875