

WHITSITT v. RAILROAD COMPANY.

The act of March 3, 1875, c. 137 (18 Stat., pt. 3, p. 470), did not change the jurisdiction of this court to review the final judgment or decree of the Circuit Court.

APPEAL from the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Colorado.

Mr. Amos Steck for the appellants.

Mr. Bela M. Hughes, contra.

MR. CHIEF JUSTICE WAITE delivered the opinion of the court.

Although the act of March 3, 1875, c. 137 (18 Stat., pt. 3, p. 470), gave the circuit courts of the United States original cognizance of suits of a civil nature arising under the Constitution and laws of the United States, where the matter in dispute exceeds, exclusive of costs, the sum or value of \$500, it did not change our jurisdiction for the review of the judgments and decrees of those courts. That depends now, as it did before, on the value of the matter in dispute, which must exceed \$5,000. This record does not show in express terms or by fair implication that the value of the property in controversy reaches that sum.

Appeal dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

COUNTY OF WILSON v. NATIONAL BANK.

1. The Circuit Court has jurisdiction of suits by or against a national bank, without regard to the citizenship of the parties.
2. A bond, whereby a county acknowledges its indebtedness in a certain sum, payable, at a time therein mentioned, to company A. or the holder, if it "be transferred by the signature" of its president, is negotiable, and, on his transfer thereof by indorsement to "bearer," the latter may in his own name sue thereon.
3. The county court of Wilson County, Tennessee, had, after certain preliminary proceedings were taken, lawful authority to subscribe, on behalf of the county, for stock in the Tennessee and Pacific Railroad Company, and to issue bonds of the county in payment therefor.