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Letter from the Oil Region.

Sept. 22d, 1870. P. (IRAY MERK:-If you have never visited the Oil Region of Pennsylva. visited the bound do so at once. The Oil Region of this State is a wonder. The That the earth should provide such as disagreeable substance as crude oil is disagreeable substance as crude off is truly wonderful; and any person who has any desire to be any body should visit the Oil Region of Venango County. The great curiosity, a flowing well, has ceased to exist. Wells are no Jonger permitted to flow-modern improvements and experience have shown that flowing wells are not profitable; so that now a flowing well is not to be so that now a nowing well is not to be seen in all the Region. In old oil do ings, all of the good and most noto-rious wells were flowing wells. Many of your readers will remember the Co quette, Jersey and Reed wells -all ele gant wells in their day, but now noth ing but dirty looking holes in the ground. Millions of dollars they have made for their proprietor, and they ought to be respected now that they are played out, and, in comparison to what they once were, defunct. The oil business now is quite a different ar-rangement to what it was in the early part of 1864 and 1865. The business no more guessing and speculating, but hard working and close watching. A man now can borrow money at eixty days, lease territory, pat down a hole, and be ready to pay his rent at maturity with more certainty than in any other business, provided he uses ordinary discretion in his location.

A visit to the Oil Region will con vince any one that there is more mon ey being made there now than in any other part of the United States. Some few days ago. I found myself travelling on the Allegheny R. R., passing Par ker's landing, which is on the other side of the River from the Rail Road. This place some short time ago was all the attraction, but it is now rather on the decline. It has had its day and added largely to "the wealth of the County. Passing along up, Franklin and its vicinity presented itself. The side of the Bluff on the way to Oil City just above Franklin presents a lively appearance of new derricks, which is a sure sign that there is a new oil dis trict struck, and I was informed that they were getting good wells, averag ing twenty five barrels of heavy oil. This Bluff was thought a few years ago to be worth nothing, a few wells had been put down along the creek across from the old mill in Franklin and found worthless, but a few hun dred yards further struck the sand, and now they are putting down wells as rapidly as possible Culver's pet city, Reno, is played out. Oil City, the old part, has been visited by a tire recent which has wept from the street to then a slow fower part up to oppo site to where the old Crapo House one stood. The Crapo House is gone and its site is now the opening of a tunnel on what they call the Jimtown Rail Road. There are nor business houses or dwelling houses on the other side of the way below this.

Passing up from the old Crapo, we find all of the buildings from the old flowing well on the point, which received so many,gone to the Iron Bidge The Iron Ridge is now free. The other side 51 Oil Creck is the business place and is about as lively as down Broad way in New York. Cottage Hill still hangs in the air, and is still the resi dence of the tashionables. Venango city, on the other side, is looking quite Venango like a Yankee town and has many fine wooden buildings. Some of your read-ers will remember this place better by the name of Laytenia. Several Rail Roads have their de-

pot in this part of Oil City. The At-lantic & Gt. Western, Allegheny Val ley, the Franklin and Jimtown and the Oil Creek road. The Juntown has

man put down a well on thie Dafzell property, near the line of James Me-Cray, which prove to be a big well. Leases were immediately taken on the James LeCray, at one thousand dollars bonus, and half the oil on the acre lease, and soon all the territory James McCray wished to lease was taken. It does not take as long now as it did in 1864 and 1865 to put down a well; three or four of these leases o McCray's proved to be extraordinary, nove of the wells, being less than a hundred barrels, and are as high as three hundred and fifty barrels per day. There are now down and pump ing some eight wells on this farm, pumping about seventeen hundred bar rels per day, and some forty more be ing put down as rapidly as possible. Among the now producing wells is the one called the General R. E. Lee; the working interest, which is one-half of the production, belongs to J. M. Kepler, of Philipsburg, and two other gen-tlemen of Petroleum Centre, who heretofore have been very unfortunate in the oil, This R. E. Lee well produced at first about two hundred barrels, but it is now producing one hundred and

forty to one hundred and fifty barrels per day. J. M., Kepler and his partners are-putting lown four other wells in this territory, and in a few days will have one or two producing.

Early in the oil excitement in 1864, our friend, Geo. M. Kelper, secured a loss from laws Midlease from James McCray of an acre in this field where there are now so part of 1804 and 1805. The certainty i many producing wells. George put is reduced to a science, to a certainty i many producing wells. George put no more guessing and speculating, but down a hole at that time, but was thought a little foolish for going up on the hill. After considerable expense and much trouble, George succeeded in getting a large vein of gus, so strong that it interfered with pumping the well, the gas being so strong some times as to run the succor rods up through the top of the derrick, but George did not get oil. The lease was an old fashioned lease and had no for feiture in it, and now it is among the most valuable on the James McCrav farm. Jacob M. Kepler and his par ners are now putting down three wells on this acre lease. This land of James

McCray's, has a history. Doctor Egbert, in 1864, they say, offered McCray three hundred thous and dollars for his land, which includ ed some two hundred and seventy ncree, but McCiny refused to take it People said Doctor Egbert was a fool for making the offer and James Me-Cray was a fool for not taking it. It is estimated now that McCray will re alize at least three millions of dollars from this very land, and a calculation is made that his income is five dollars per minute at this time. If this is cor rect, what will his income be when all of the wells are down and producing James McCray is a gentleman of from 45 to 47 years of age, tall and square shouldered, rather thin in the face. whiskers and beard slightly sprinkled with white; and appears to be perfect ly well qualified to take care of his present income. He, I believe, is a mem-ber of the Presbyterian church at Petroleum Centre, and is ready to do anything necessary towards forwarding the interest of the church in a pecuniary way. Very much to the disappointment of many who hang around him for the purpose of making money out of the drippings from his tat dish, he is discreet in his transactions and mod est and moderate in his wants, looking and acting as unlike a millionaire as one could imagine Altogether he appears to be just the man to have money, and who will make a substantial e of his good fortune, and not waste it in foolish investments to amuse him self or a set of hangers on who follow in the wake of a wealthy man. Wil ham McCray,a brother of James,owns the land adjoining As yet there have

been no great strikes on the land of William McCray. James McCray and William are both Democrats, which may be one reason why they are to specially favored with good fortune; William McCray being worth some

two hundred thousand. The experience and losses of several years in the oil region bas quite chang its depot on the site of the old (ripo ed the old fashioned way of putting House, in old Oil City, and cuts through down wells, and, indeed, the whole system. Now, after a lease is secured, a hole is put down to the solid rock like an ordinary water well for a conductor pipe, then the earth is filled in around and the hole is put down rapidly for about 325 ft. about 8 inches in diame through the old Graff Hasson; now all and a casing is put down on the rock, built un, through the Clapp and have which is called the montain sand This casing is let down and then haul ed up a few inches and let drop, so that it fits at the bottom water tight or nearly so; the sand punip is then run lown and twenty five or thirty feet of water is taken out of this casing ; then the heavy tools are put down again, and the whole run down some five hundred feet. The hole now, after be ing cleared of the borings, is reading for the tubing. The hole is put down through what oil men call the third sand, and some ten or fifteen feet be low it. This third sand is a very im portant feature to oil men, as it has been ascertained that where it is very deep or thick that the wells are larger and more likely to last. This white sand is not a rock but a mixture of pebbles and sand, running down from half the size of a pea to the ordinary sand and is as white as pewter sand. Drillers say the upper surface is often This third sand is some very hard. forty feet thick on the James McCray. More anon. OBSERVER.

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SHERIFF'S PROCLAMATION.

1, D. W. WOODRING, High Shereff'of Centre county, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do betteby made known and give notice to the deckars of the county aloreantd, that an elec--lectors of the county aloresaid, that an elec-ion will be held in the said county of Centre, an TUESDAY the 11th day of OCTOBER, 1870, for the purpose of electing the several persons iercinafter named, viz. One, person july qualified for member of 'onercess'.

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sioner. One person duly qualified for Anditor. Labo hereby make known and give notice that the place of holding the aforesaid election in the several horoughe and townslips within the county of Centre are as follows, to wit For the township of Haines, at the public honse of Absalom Harter, in the town of Anronsburg. For the township of Haif Moon, at the school house in Surrentows.

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chotion as afore-aid, other than a white free-man of the spee of twenty one verars or more, who shall have resided in the State at least one to remain in the election district where lose of firsh his vote at least ten days immediately preeding such election, and within two years provide graves and the state at least one system a state or county tax, which shall have been assessed at least ten days immediately preeding such election, and within two years provide graves are stated at the days immediately preceding such election, and within two verse provide the state of the days immediately preceding such a least of days immediately increased at least to days before the election that a curve of the least of State who has pre-stously been a quadified voter of this State and removed their from and returned, and who shall have resided in the election district and paid trees as afore-said shall be entitled to vote after residing in this State six monis *Provide* That the white freemen, curves of the linet states between twenty one and wenty two years, who have resided in an elec-tion district as afore-said, shall be entitled to vote athough they shall not have paid taxes. No person shall be permitted to vote whose name is not contained in the list of arable in malitums furtished by the Commissioners, indees first, he produces a receipt for the pay ment within two years of a State or county bax assessed agreeably to the Constitution and give suitsfactory evidence either on his outh or affirmation, or the each or affirmation of an ether, that he has paid such a tax, or on fail are to produce a receipt, shall make each to the payment thereof. Second, if he claim the right to vote by heing an elector between the age of twenty one and twenty-two years, he assessed agreeably to the admittent to the ad-phalt depose on outh or affirmation that he has resided in this State st least one year next before his application and make such proof reactionee in the district as is required by this act, whereinon the interiet as i make the like notes on the list of volets kept by them In all cases where the name of the person claiming to vate is found on the list furnished by the Commissioners and necessor, or bis right to vole, whether found thereon or not, is objected to by any qualified entaceful shall be the duty of the inspectors to extinue such persons on oth as to bis qualified entaceful shall be the data of the inspectors to extinue such persons on oth as to bis qualified in the sufficient proof thereof but shall make proof by at least one wave or, more his onth shall be sufficient proof thereof but shall make proof by at least for more than ten days next inmediately pre-reading such election, and shall also himself for that all bona their selfcace, in pursu-nore of his lawful calling, is in said district for the purpose of voting therein Every person qualified as aforcentl and whip

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the point of the hill and comes out of the junnel very nearly upon an acre of land that once belonged to a company called the Logan, just above the 1404 Bulge across Oil creek, and follows this pipe. The derrick being up, tools along up oil creek on that side, pass weighing 1,500 pounds are put down ing again through another raluable berty of the Logan. Taking the abor for up the creek, we pass along ter a look at the Duncan Mill, as it stands out in the sun shine. Come to Rouse -pass the Johnny Steele - pass through the Ryad -through the Blood and on to the Tarr There we shop; indeed, we have been stopping at a number of stations, for the valley of the creek is one village its entire We stop on the Tarr, on the length. lease of our Half Moon company, and tind that it's built up solid, there being nothing upon it looking like an oil We cross over on to the Story, -well. and find that the Columbia company have been putting down wells away up on the hills and the same on the Dal zell. This company, they say, went straight along all the time, putting down wells and paying dividends, and is now fabulously wealthy. We finally arrive at Petrolum Centre, which is now the centre of the oil producing territory in the United States. I believe that the vicinity of Petroleum Centre has produced more oil than any other place, and it is now producing more than any of the other parts o the Region The recent strike on the James McCray tarm, promises to be one of the best in the county. The McCray farm is just back of what is known as the Hyde & Egbert flats, and adjoining it by the rise of the hill. The Dalzell company some years ago attempted to put down a large hole, ten by twelve, on the hill on the Plumer road, just along side the Hyde & Eg-bert, and owned some territory above on the same hill. The hole was aban doned, but some enterprising gentle- ed.

Judge J W Smith is a member of Congress form Tennessee, and W J. Smith is a Judge in Tennessee Both are Radicals, and both want to be mem bers of Congress from the same district On last Friday a quarrel took place between these two loyal men, and the M. C Smith had his loft car bitten off in the row by his honor, the Judge Smith. The two were fined \$5 each and releas-

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