

FROM EAST BENTON.

Work Begun on New Enterprise—Other Items.

Now that a charter was granted to the Pine Creek Oil Company week ago last Wednesday of which J. B. McHenry, of Benton, is President; J. F. Kingsley, of Cambra, Vice President; D. C. Brittain, of Register, Secretary; and Alfred McHenry, of Cambra, Treasurer; they contracted last Friday with an operator by the name of Shearer for boring three wells to a great depth—one near the site of the old "salt well or later oil well," one above Jonestown and the third probably on Green Creek. Work began last Monday, clearing off the ground preparatory to the erection of a derrick. The boring, according to contract, is to commence within thirty days, but the contractor intends to begin within fifteen days. A thorough test will now be made and if great mineral deposits are here in the heart of the earth, the earth must now yield her hidden treasures to this progressive and determined company. Over ten thousand acres of land has been leased by this company and more will be added.

Mrs. Sally Ashelman, of East Benton township, was butted by a buck sheep last Thursday and but for her daughter Pauline and other timely aid she would no doubt have been butted to death.

There is still considerable corn standing in the shock among the farmers of this locality?

Notwithstanding the great amount of rain the streams and wells are exceedingly low in many places.

The people living along the free mail delivery routes feel highly gratified with this kind of postal service.

Cambra and Benton will now be connected by mail facilities through the free delivery system. A closed pouch will be carried to and from the above named places. This will obviate the necessity of the mails between those places to be sent the circuitous routes via Bloomsburg and Shickshinny and vice versa.

The Coronation Ceremony.

What Will Happen When Edward VII. is Crowned King of England.

Now comes the first great ceremony of the coronation. Grouped round their Majesties are the Bishops, their supporters; four great nobles bearing the pointed Sword of Temporal Justice, the blunted Sword of Spiritual Justice, Curtana, or the Sword of Mercy, and the Sword of State; other great nobles bearing the various articles of the regalia; the great officers of State; Garter King of Arms; the officers of the Household; as well as the Queen's officers and supporters, with her ladies behind her chair.

There is a moment of breathless expectation, for all are aware that it is the recognition of the monarch by his people which is now about to be symbolized. Slowly and majestically the King stands up in his chair and shows himself to his people at every one of the four sides of the theatre. Meanwhile, Frederick Temple, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, turns his godly presence to the east side. Mark with him the lowlier figure of Lord Halsbury, England's Lord High Chancellor, with the bearded Duke of Norfolk, Hereditary Earl Marshal, and the Lord Great Chamberlain and the Lord High Constable. Preceded by Garter King of Arms, they go to the other three sides of the theatre, and at each side the Archbishop says in a loud voice, "Sirs, I here present unto you King Edward VII., the unbought King of this realm; wherefore all you that come this day to do our homage, are ye willing to do the same?" And on each side the answer is returned in the long and continued exclamations of the people present, rying out, "God save King Edward VII." The trumpets sound a ratification of this curious survival, which sends our minds back through the receding vistas of history to those dim ages where the roots of monarchy may be traced in the victorious war-rior's being acclaimed over-lord by his brother chieftains.—MRS. BELLOC-LOWNDES, in December Lippincott's.

The following letters are held at the Bloomsburg, Pa., postoffice, and will be sent to the dead letter office Dec. 10, 1901. Persons calling for these letters will please say "that they were advertised Nov. 26, 1901":

Joy, Miss Annie, Letz, Mr. F. M. Jay L. Gookins, Roe, Mrs. S. J. One cent will be charged on each letter advertised.

O. B. MELLICK, P. M.

For Rent.

A farm situated on the Berwick strip, one-half mile from New Columbus, known as the King farm. Parties desiring to rent please give reference. Apply to

B. P. KING, 942 Louisa St., Williamsport, Pa.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Notable Events of the Week Briefly and tersely told.

Jonestown, Miss., was nearly destroyed by fire. The trial of Police Captain Diamond of New York began at Albany. The president's message was completed and given to the printers. Four were reported dead and one dying at Knoxville, Pa., as the result of using kerosene to start a fire. The main building of the Bradley Fertilizer works, North Weymouth, Mass., was burned; loss, \$100,000.

Monday, Nov. 25. The business portion of Waymart village, Pa., was burned; loss, \$500,000. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt at 721 Fifth avenue, New York.

Harvard defeated Yale in the championship football game at Cambridge, Mass. The score was 22 to 0. Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Columbia and Cornell have formed an intercollegiate basketball association.

Fire completely destroyed the large felt plant of Julius De Long & Co. in Allegheny, Pa.; estimated loss, \$60,000. At Saulte Ste. Marie, Mich., the bleaching plant of the Canadian Electro Chemical company was burned; loss, \$75,000.

Saturday, Nov. 23. The Bank of Liverpool was robbed by a bookkeeper of \$850,000.

The president appointed William Crozier chief of ordinance of the army.

The court of appeals declared unconstitutional the law prohibiting ticket scalping.

Count von Hatzfeldt, until recently German ambassador to Great Britain, died in London.

Fire Commissioner J. J. Scannell and William L. Marks were indicted by the grand jury in New York city.

At Huntington, W. Va., the packing house and office of Armour & Co. were destroyed by fire; loss, \$50,000.

President Castro of Venezuela caused the arrest of Ramon Guerra, minister of war, on suspicion of conspiracy against him.

Friday, Nov. 22. The Grand Opera House in Detroit, Mich., was damaged by fire to the extent of \$10,000.

Two hundred press feeders and helpers in Baltimore job printing offices went on a strike.

The national grange at its final meeting in Lewiston, Me., decided to meet in Michigan next year.

John Verrall, an Englishman, delivered himself at the police station in Indianapolis, Ind., admitting forgeries aggregating \$12,000.

Two explosions of nitroglycerin at the Forcite Powder works, near Lansing, N. J., shook the country for miles around, but fortunately no lives were lost.

Thursday, Nov. 21. Lord Kitchener reported a Boer defeat near Pretoria.

The vault of the Woodbury (Conn.) Savings bank was robbed by burglars. A Chicago man committed suicide under the mistaken belief that he had killed his wife.

The president will recommend that the Chinese exclusion act be strengthened to increase its efficiency.

The appeal court in London decided that the crown is entitled to legacy duty on the estate of W. L. Winans.

Charles T. Yerkes expressed a scheme to run a deep level express line underneath the existing Metropolitan District lines in London.

Wednesday, Nov. 20. The new Italian ambassador has been presented to the president.

An Alabama negro has been sentenced to death for highway robbery.

A fire at Charlotte, N. C., destroyed property to the amount of \$100,000.

The national reciprocity convention of manufacturers has begun in Washington.

A strong government force has left Panama to attack the Colombian insurgents at Chorrera.

A Bad Slip. "Just think what happened to me, Clara. I was out hunting, and as I stepped out of a thicket—"

"Oh, you told me that a week ago!" "No such thing. Why, I didn't hear it myself until yesterday."—N. Y. Times.

Revised Edition. "Is this the family Bible?" inquired the young man of his best girl's brother.

"Yes," replied the youngster. "That's the new one. The old one—that's got sister's real age in it up stairs."—Tit-Bits.

RIGHT UP TO DATE. (Benson's Plaster is Pain's Master.)

These are days of records and of the beating of records. Benson's Porous Plaster, for quickness of action and thoroughness of cure, has no records to beat except its own.

Benson's Plaster, always the best, always the leader, in to-day better than ever. It sticks to the skin but never sticks in its tracks. It marches on.

The people not only want to be cured but cured quickly—and Benson's Plaster does it. Coughs, colds, lumbago, asthma, bronchitis, liver and kidney complaints, and other ills approachable by an external remedy, yield to Benson's as ice does to heat.

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More than 5,000 physicians and druggists (and a thousand times as many non-professional persons) have called Benson's Plaster one of the few (!) home remedies that can be trusted.

Fifty-five highest awards have been made to it in competition with the best known plasters of Europe and America. Better proof of its merits is inconceivable. Be sure to get the genuine.

For sale by all druggists, or we will prepay postage on any number ordered in the United States, on receipt of 25c. each.

Scalper & Johnson, Mfg. Chemists, N. Y.

SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.

One of the finest in Pennsylvania Dedicated at Towanda.

TOWANDA, Pa., Nov. 26.—The dedication of the beautiful soldiers and sailors' monument took place here today with great pomp and ceremony. Governor Stone and staff, General Daniel E. Sickles, General Horatio King, Levi G. McCauley, department commander G. A. R., and other notables were present. In the parade which occurred previous to the dedicatory ceremony were several companies of state troops, led by the Ninth Regiment band, Grand Army posts, Sons of Veterans, independent batteries and many civic bodies.

The monument cost \$20,000 and is



SOLDIERS AND SAILORS' MONUMENT AT TOWANDA, PA.

said to be the most beautiful of its kind in Pennsylvania. It is thirty-three feet high, cut out of solid Vermont granite from a design by Passitetur. On two sides are striking bas-reliefs, one representing the battle of Antietam, the other Pickett's charge at Gettysburg. The four figures surrounding the base represent infantry, cavalry, artillery and the navy. The whole is surmounted by the figure of a color bearer.

The monument stands directly in front of the new two hundred thousand dollar courthouse, facing the main street of the town.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

Secretary Wilson's Report Shows Substantial Improvements.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The annual report of the secretary of agriculture, Hon. James Wilson, is considerably larger than in former years. The secretary announces an important extension of the forecast field of the weather bureau, which now includes reports from certain points in the British Isles and on the continent of Europe, from the Azores, Nassau, Bermuda and Turk's island. The Atlantic forecasts based upon these reports now form part of the regular night forecasts issued in Washington. Three new forecast districts have been established—in Boston, New Orleans and Denmark. An extension of the forecast to farmers through the rural free delivery is contemplated. Substantial improvements are reported in the department's system of wireless telegraphy.

A large portion of the report covers the subject of animal industry. The grand total of animals and animal products exported during the year exceeded \$250,000,000 in value.

The organization of the bureau of plant industry is reported.

Another of the newly organized bureaus is that of forestry. The secretary reports that this bureau is co-operating with the federal government, with several states and many private owners in handling their forest lands. Altogether assistance has been asked for a total area of 52,000,000 acres, of which 4,000,000 are held by private owners. The work of forest management is reviewed in some detail.

The secretary expresses the belief that irrigation will in the near future become a subject for legislation by congress, there being important reasons why it should have the attention of that body.

Twenty-nine Bodies Found.

TELLURIDE, Colo., Nov. 25.—The number of victims of the terrible disaster in the Smuggler-Union mine is now known to be at least twenty-nine, with a considerable portion of the mine yet unexplored. Besides the twenty-two bodies taken out and identified Wednesday night seven were located yesterday afternoon in the north end of the ninth level, but the gas is still too strong to permit the rescuers to reach them, and their identity is as yet unknown. Several members of the searching parties were overcome in their efforts to bring out the bodies. It probably will be several hours before they can be reached or any further explorations made.

No More Prizefights in Indiana.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 26.—Governor Durbin says he will not allow any more prizefights to occur in Indiana if it shall be within his power to prevent them. He said the sporting element had been fairly warned, and if it shall be possible he will cause the arrest not only of the principals, but of the backers, trainers and promoters of the prizefights. Fights have been scheduled for Alexandria and Muncie on Thanksgiving evening.

Many Earthquake Victims.

LONDON, Nov. 25.—According to a dispatch to The Standard from Odessa, 130 persons perished in the recent earthquakes at Ezerum.

Mrs. Bryan is Cured.

Read Her Letter to Mrs. Pinkham.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I was sick for two years with falling of the womb and inflammation of the ovaries and bladder. I was bloated very badly. My left limb would swell so I could not step on my foot. I had such bearing-down pains I could not straighten up or walk across the room, and such shooting pains would go through me that I thought I could not stand it. My mother got me a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and told me to try it. I took six bottles and now, thanks to your wonderful medicine alone, I am a well woman."



"I wish every woman suffering with female weakness would begin its use at once."—MRS. ELSIE BRYAN, Otisville, Mich.

How many women there are who suffer just like Mrs. Bryan did! If you ask such sufferers what treatment they have you will find they are depending upon some professional theorist who has never cured a case of uterine or ovarian trouble, or you will find that they went to their druggist to get Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and were advised by the dealer to take something else. You may be sure that such suffering from female derangement will not exist when Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is used. This statement finds overwhelming verification in the grateful letters from women.

When you ask for Mrs. Pinkham's medicine at your dealer's, you may safely distrust the motives of any one who asks you to take something else in place of

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

\$5000 REWARD We have deposited with the National City Bank, of Lynn, 50,000, which will be paid to any person who can find that the above testimonial letter is not genuine, or was published before obtaining the writer's special permission. LYDIA E. PINKHAM MEDICINE CO.

GREAT BETS IN HISTORY.

Some of the Largest Wagers of Which There is Any Extant Record.

Lord George Bentinck, in 1843, in betting on his horse Gaper, for the Derby, stood to win £150,000 (\$720,000), but saved himself upon Cornerstone, and netted £30,000 (\$144,000), says the New York Herald.

Another time a bet of £90,000 (\$432,000) against £30,000 (\$144,000) was booked between old Lord Glasgow and Lord George Bentinck. The marquis of Hastings bet and lost £103,000 (\$494,000) on the Hermit's Derby.

Bell & Co., of Wall street, in August, 1900, had \$250,000 placed in their hands to bet on President McKinley's reelection, at odds of 2 1/2 to 1. Their offer was absorbed in fractions.

Lord Dudley bet £24,000 to £8,000 on Peter in a race at Ascot with a bookmaker named Morris. Peter was beaten.

A syndicate headed by a man named Lambert won £90,000 on Don Juan in the Cesarewitch at Newmarket in 1883.

\$25,000,000 For Rolling Stock.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 23.—The expenditures to be made by the Pennsylvania Railroad company in 1902 for rolling stock will aggregate \$25,000,000, a sum unprecedented in railroad history. Of this amount about \$19,000,000 will be expended for cars and the other \$6,000,000 for locomotives. As already announced, the company will require 19,000 freight and coal cars for 1902, the greater number of which have been already ordered.

Eighteen Circuits on One Wire.

BOULDER, Colo., Nov. 23.—Dr. William Duane, professor of physics at the State university, has just been granted a patent for an invention by which a large number of telegraph messages can be sent over one wire and return at the same time. In the physical laboratory at the university it is said that he has had as many as eighteen circuits working on the same wire and return all at the same time.

Another Exposition Assured.

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 25.—Cannvassers for subscriptions to the Lewis and Clark centennial exposition, which it is proposed to hold in this city in 1905, began their work yesterday. It is understood that practically the entire capital stock of the corporation, \$300,000, is assured as the result of the day's work.

All Right but the Whistles.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Two American express passenger locomotives which have been in use for nearly nine months in Bavaria have proved entirely satisfactory except as to their whistles, whose sound is pronounced "unearthly." This information has been communicated to the state department by Consul General Mason at Berlin.

Advertisement for Eureka Harness Oil, featuring an illustration of a horse and rider and text describing the product's benefits for harnesses.

A MOST SEASONABLE NUMBER.

McClure's for December.

No one will ask for better holiday reading than that which the Christmas number of McClure's Magazine will furnish. First and foremost, of course, is John LaFarge's article on "Michael Angelo," the first of a series in which during the following year this great artist and critic of our own day will discuss in the pages of McClure's the greatest artist of the past.

But at this cheerful time of the year fiction is especially seasonable, and it needs but a glance at the title page of the number to show that it provides this not only in a right Christmas-like abundance, but also in range of style and variety of subject to satisfy every taste and stimulate every interest. There are, in fact, no less than seven separate short stories, most of them by writers already well known to readers of McClure's, and all of them certain to stick in the memory and provoke a desire for more from the same source.

"A Medicant," by Adachi Kinrossaki, is a tale of Japan in the heyday of romance, touchingly simple in plot and full of the spirit of that medieval idealism which finds its prototypes in the West in the tales of the troubadours and minstrels. Again, for the briskly humorous style of recital, it would be hard to excel Herminie Templeton's vivacious account of "Darby Gull and the Good People." Life of to-day is variously dealt with by H. A. Crowell in "The Pictures and the Pineapples," a story of the Italian quarter of New York; by Theodore Dreiser in "A True Patriarch," the fitting title to the portrait of the old man it portrays; by John Swain in "Independent Boy," a sketch of the unique juvenile court of Cook County, Illinois; and by Ray Stannard Baker in "At the Tunnel's End," the story of two brave men who risk their lives in the pressure workings of a submarine tunnel. In another Emmy Lou story, "The Shadow of a Tragedy," George Madden Martin continues a now famous series.

In this number, also, commences a serial certain to attract national attention—Stewart Edward White's "The Forest Runner," a novelette, the scene of which is laid in the forests of northern Michigan.

Stranger almost than any of these is the true account, by Augustus Bridle and J. K. Macdonald, of the eight days' wanderings of an American, Charles Bunn, in the Arctic circle. Yet not a word of "Lost in the Land of the Midnight Sun" stretches in least beyond the truth; indeed, much of the sufferings of the man has been left to the reader's imagination—a more explicit recital would have been too horrible.

Last, but not least, we have another of Miss Morris's stage recollections (of Salvini this time) and another of William Allen White's characterizations of the men whom people want to know the truth about and about whom Mr. White has found so much truth to say, this time Senator Platt.

The illustrations of the number are remarkably fine. Mr. LaFarge's article is to be illustrated with reproductions in tint from photographs of some of Michael Angelo's greatest paintings and sculptures. The stories will be illustrated with pictures that illustrate not only in the sense of a bare literal visualization of episode, but in that finer adjustment of style which catches and reproduces the very motive and spirit of the story.

The Christmas "New" Lippincott.

In the Christmas number of "Lippincott's Magazine" there appears a completed novel by Louis Evan Shipman, the author of "D'Arcy of the Gaits." As a complete novel to its kind, the title is "Ralph Tarrant." There is the same sparkle and spirit so much admired in the author's earlier book, while in this may be said to outdistance its predecessor.

There are many short stories, one of these is the latest love-story of the sea by Cyrus Townsend Brady. It is called "The Captain of H. B. M. Ship Diamond Rock." It is as stirring as anything the distinguished author has yet done, and tells how a seaman commanded a fortified rock.

"The Unfinished Elegy," by Karl Edwin Harriman, is a pathetic Christmas story about a musician.

A charming sort of "Alice in Wonderland" story is contributed by a young Englishman, E. Ayrton. It is entitled "The Little Gate of Fairyland."

Paul Lawrence Dunbar's story called "The Visiting of Mother Danbury" continues his series of tales about types of Ohio country people.

"King Edward's Coronation," by Mrs. Belloc-Lowndes, of London, tells definitely of the event which will happen in a few months. The august ceremony is described in a way that seems to carry the picture with it. The Queen's part in the program is also explained.

With Christmas in the air, Agnes Repplier's talk about "The Oppression of Gifts" must find a ready echo in many hearts. She treats the subject in her own keenly witty way.

A paper by Edmund Gosse, LL.D., about "The Best Books," is both good reading and helpful, coming from this scholarly source.

Some quaint old forgotten legends about Christmas are told anew by Abbie Farnell Brown in her contribution entitled "Christmas Stories of the Saints."

L. Zangwill's two poems, "Sea of Marmora" and "Smyrna Harbor," are rarely beautiful specimens of the prose writer's versatility, and breathe of his recent travels in the Orient.

Two Christmas poems of unusual merit are "The Ballad of the Scullion-Maid," by Theodosia Garrison, and Zitella Cocco's "Bethlehem." Other poems are contributed by Meribah Reed, Charles Elmer Jenney, and Mary E. Suckney.

The "Walnuts and Wine" department this month is merry with a Yule-tide flavor.

Lots of fellows get cold feet waiting for dead men's shoes.

AWFUL EXPERIENCE WITH HEART DISEASE.—Mr. L. J. Law, Toronto, Can., writes: "I was so sorely troubled with heart disease that I was unable for eighteen months to lie down in bed less than I snored. After taking one dose of Dr. Agnew's Heart Cure, I retired and slept soundly. I used one bottle and the trouble has not returned." Sold by C. A. Kleim.

All who use atomizers in treating nasal catarrh will get the best result from Ely's Liquid Cream Balm. Price, including spraying tube, 75c. Sold by druggists or mailed by Ely Bros., 56 Warren Street, New York.

Messrs. Ely Bros.—I sold two bottles of your Liquid Cream Balm to a customer, Wm. Lamberton, 1415 Delachaise St., New Orleans; he has used the two bottles, giving him wonderful and most satisfactory results. GEO. W. McDUFF, Pharmacist.

Advertisement for Castoria, featuring the signature of J. C. Ayer and the text "The Kind You Have Always Bought."