

IRON HAS IMPROVED, And Pittsburgh is One of the Few Cities Where it Can Be Seen That GENERAL BUSINESS IS BETTER.

Bradstreet's Does Not Find a Very Encouraging Situation, But LOOKS FORWARD TO DAWNING SPRING.

Don't Review of Trade Says That Large Stocks Will Be Carried Over.

Bradstreet's reports on the condition of general business are not, as a whole, encouraging. Iron, however, is regarded as being considerably firmer, with a slight advance in some lines.

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NEW YORK, March 1.—Special telegrams to Bradstreet's report, on the whole, a somewhat less encouraging condition of general trade.

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LATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Secretary of the Treasury yesterday accepted \$12,000 registered 4 1/2 per cent bonds at 108.

John Carrola contractor, of St. Catherine, Ontario, has failed. His liabilities are \$55,000.

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Our hand-decorated China is exotic. The Occident and the Orient both tempt us with their wares in a wide range of sizes and designs.

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GRATEFUL-COMFORTING. EPPS'S COCOA. BREAKFAST.

By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the most scientific and well-selected Cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicate and healthful beverage.

SPENGERIAN STEEL PENS Are the Best, IN THE ESSENTIAL QUALITIES OF Durability, Evenness of Point, and Workmanship.

Terrible Suffering From Skin Diseases. I have been a terrible sufferer for years from disease of the skin and blood.

From 145 Pounds to 172 Pounds. I have taken several bottles of CUTICURA RESOLVENT with all the results I could wish for.

CUTICURA, the great skin cure, and CUTICURA SOAP, an exquisite skin beautifier, externally and CUTICURA RESOLVENT, the new blood purifier, internally, are a positive cure for every form of skin and blood disease.

HOW MY BACK ACHES! Back Ache, Kidney Pains, and Weakness. Relief in ONE MINUTE by the CUTICURA RESOLVENT PLASTER.

DO YOU Chew? THEN GET The Best WHICH IS Finzer's Old Honesty.

Genuine has a red H tin tag on every plug.

YOUR DEALER HAS IT. JAS. McNEIL & BRO., BOILERS, PLATE AND SHEET-IRON WORK.

ROSENBAUM & CO., MARKET SREET and FIFTH AVENUE STORES.

ATTRactions EXTRAORDINARY THIS WEEK 600 UMBRELLAS. WHITE GOODS.

FOR EVENING WEAR. NEW DRESS TRIMMINGS.

ROSENBAUM & CO. Exquisite Chemisettes, new Crepe Lisse Ruchings, Silk Boas, Jane Hading Scarfs, at popular prices.

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Artificial Eyes made to order, and warranted. Always on hand a large and complete stock.

Almeria and Malaga Grapes, Bananas, Florida Oranges and all kinds of Foreign and Domestic Fruits.

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LIGHTNING EXPRESS SALE TO-DAY, TO-DAY!

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THE MEN'S SHOES WILL BE SOLD AT \$1 29 ONLY \$1 29

But, shut your eye to the price, until you have seen the quality of these Shoes. They are made of first-class B Calfskin (choice tannery stock), have very substantial soles, and are solid throughout.

THE BOYS' KNEE-PANT SUITS WILL GO FOR \$2 48 ONLY \$2 48

Don't say "cheap" until you have examined the garments. The price expresses nothing; the goods alone decide the bargains. You will find these Suits made of some of the most popular and best materials, such as handsome dark and light stripes, Scotch plaids, Scotch silk effects, invisible and interwoven plaids, mixtures and various plain shades. They are elegantly pleated and their sizes range from 4 to 14. The same qualities have never been known to have been sold below \$4, while some houses (not twenty blocks from our store) sell them as "big bargains" for \$5. Now, then, if you want to fit your boy out in one of these Suits at \$2 48 bring him to-day, Saturday, to

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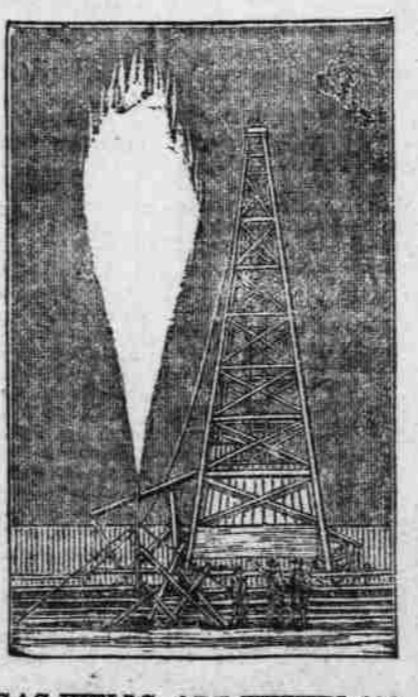
SEGUES A BUILDING LOT THE GREAT NATURAL GAS AND OIL FIELD AT PORTLAND, INDIANA.

PORTLAND, INDIANA, March 1, 1888. I have made the survey and plat of the land comprised in the Evans addition to the city of Portland, Jay county, Indiana, and hereby certify that there is not a lot in said subdivision that is not suitable for building purposes and susceptible of good drainage.

THE TITLE TO THE LAND IS ABSOLUTELY FREE AND UNINCUMBERED. A complete abstract of title furnished free to all purchasers on receipt of first payment.

THE LOTS ARE 25x140 AND LARGER, fronting on 50-foot street with 15 1/2-foot alley, and are equal in value to lots selling in other localities of the gas belt at \$150. We advise taking two or more lots to secure a good frontage. There are 12 lots to be priced.

WE OFFER LOTS AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES: \$40, \$45, \$50, \$55, \$60, \$65, \$70, \$75, \$80 and \$85 each; Meridian street lots are \$90 and \$100. All without interest, and free of taxes until deed is executed.



GAS WELLS ARE WITHIN 100 FEET and lie at southeast and southwest corners, while just west of it is the ONLY OIL FIELD IN THE STATE.

PORTLAND .. Has 5,000 population. The Evans addition is less than a mile from the Court House, on the main street, with three-fourths of the population lying between it and the Court House.

PORTLAND is developing quite rapidly since the discovery of Natural Gas and Oil in that locality. Population is increasing and land advancing. A number of new factories, business blocks, and over 100 dwellings have been built within the past year.

There is every reason to believe that an investment made now will bring to the purchaser large returns in the near future.

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