

NEW OIL TERRITORY

In West Virginia Being Developed by Pittsburgh Capital. RESULT OF A WILDCAT VENTURE. Captain Moore Enthusiastic Over His New-Found Gusher.

NOT WILLING TO SELL HIS BONANZA. Captain "Jim" Moore, one of the best known men about town in Pittsburgh, returned from a trip to the new oil field in Ritchie county, West Virginia, yesterday.

COONSIDERED A GREAT STRIKE. In speaking of the well yesterday Captain Moore said: "Every expert who has seen the well declares that this is the greatest strike made in the state. We have plugged the well three times now, but every time she has blown out. I just received a telegram saying that she blew out again last night. The well will be plugged again, but it is a day beyond question. You never saw such a big oil well! had been brought in at Pennsylvania, Ritchie county. This was a wildcat venture on the part of the Captain and his companions, and the first they had made.

THEY DO NOT PROPOSE TO SELL. "Our first venture is located on what is known as the Wilson farm. Mr. Wilson owns an eighth interest, and he was made a bona fide offer of \$50,000 for it, but promptly refused the same. We have had the same offer from other parties, but they do not want to sell. We think we are strictly 'in it,' and propose to stay. We have a big gang of men at work building tanks, and we have a line of oil before we get through.

ARE YOU MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO DO MORE DRILLING? "We are as rapidly as possible. Timber is already on the ground for more derricks, and we will put down wells as rapidly as possible. We drilled last week the oil men when they got into the territory. They were simply stumped to find out how many leases, and actually accused us of wanting the earth. If things pan out as well as they look now, we will have a little bit of before we get through.

WEARABLE INFANTS, THE MOTHER'S CARE AND SOLICITUDE, ARE THE MAIN FACTORS IN THE FOOD. It is rich in muscle and bone-forming constituents in the form which is adapted to their digestive powers.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. Substantial and Useful Gifts Are the Ones Most Appreciated. Clothing makes the most acceptable of all presents, and during cold weather such as this nothing will be appreciated half as much as a good, warm overcoat or ulster.

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TO SAVE THE CHANNEL.

United States District Attorney Lyon Asked to Intervene in the Obstruction of the Monongahela - Others News of the Courts Told in Brief. United States District Attorney Lyon yesterday received a communication from Captain Buntin, of the Coal Exchange, in reference to obstructions in the river.

TO-DAY'S COURT TRIALS. List of the Cases to be Called by the Judges. Common Pleas No. 1 - Morris vs Ohio Connecting Railway Company. Van Voorhis vs Pittsburgh Railway Company.

THE GRAND JURY FINDINGS. Long List of True Bills Returned and Others Ignored. The grand jury yesterday returned the following true bills: C. W. Barton, misdemeanor; Moses Bernstein, Michael Liston, assault and battery; James J. Jones, McQuinn, assault and battery; Andrew Watt, felonious assault and battery; Frank Howard, William Bennett, James Mitchell, H. C. Starr, larceny and receiving stolen goods.

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT. Only One Acquittal Returned by the Jury Yesterday. In the Criminal Court yesterday Fred Osterman, a small boy, was convicted of aggravated assault and battery on the person of John L. Hoebner, Jr. W. J. McDonough, a police officer, was convicted of the same offense.

Notes From the Courts. H. C. BUCHANAN, trustee, yesterday entered a writ of habeas corpus for \$7,000 on a note. In the suit of Jacob Shapiro against C. Mackey, for damages for alleged false arrest, a verdict was given for the plaintiff.

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THE BLAME IS FIXED.

A Coroner's Jury Holds Two Road Supervisors Responsible for the Death of Andrew Caughey. Prosecutions of the Officers to be Made by Deceased's Father.

COST OF KEEPING UP VERY BAD ROADS. Coroner Heber McDowell yesterday concluded the inquest in the case of Andrew D. Caughey. The jury found that the main cause was due to the negligence of Frank Bryan and William Gast, road supervisors of Storo township.

THE FATHER WELL SATISFIED. "I am well satisfied with the verdict, and I will have the people who allowed the roads to be in such a condition punished as far as I can. I believe they are responsible for the death of my son, but that is not all. The lives of everybody who travels over these roads are in danger.

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