

STILL ROCKEFELLER.

Mr. O'Day Denies That He Is President of the Standard Trust.

MORE TANKAGE TO BE ERECTED.

Interesting Statements in Regard to the Production.

FEATURES OF THE FIELD YESTERDAY

John D. Rockefeller has not resigned as President of the Standard Oil Company. So stated Daniel O'Day last evening at the Monongahela House. For several days reports have been published to the effect that Mr. Rockefeller, on account of ill health, had been forced to give up his position, and that Mr. O'Day had succeeded him. The words of Mr. O'Day were: "It is all pure fiction, and I do not know what gave rise to the report." Mr. Rockefeller is in good health, and will hold his present position for many years to come." There was a meeting of the leading officials of the different branches of the Standard Oil Company there yesterday at the South Penn Oil Company on Fourth avenue yesterday. As is invariably the case, this conference gave rise to all kinds of fairy tales. One of these was that they had been in consultation with Andrew Carnegie with the intention of inducing him to keep out of any seaboard pipe line scheme that may be on foot. Another was that they were going to buy the Allegheny Valley Railroad for several vague and indefinite reasons. The last and worst was that they were negotiating with W. L. Mellon for the purchase of his pipe lines. Several others were hinted at, but nothing certain.

Statement by Mr. Payne.

The gentlemen who were at the meeting were Daniel O'Day, of Buffalo; C. N. Payne and Joseph Seep, of Titusville; E. Strong and William Fleming, of Oil City, and W. F. Clark, president of the South Penn Oil Company. They were in session the greater part of the day, and did not adjourn until late in the evening.

Mr. Payne was quoted by THE DISPATCH as representing to learn something in regard to the business of the meeting. When asked in regard to the rumors he replied: "There is not one iota of truth in any of them. We did not see Mr. Carnegie; we do not want the Allegheny Valley Railroad as our business is in oil; and we did not see or communicate with Mr. Mellon."

The whole object of the meeting was to provide means for taking care of the oil from the McDonald field.

They have tankage contracted at McDonald and Mendenald Lands for 1,250,000 barrels.

"Have you seen the reports published that the production of the McDonald field was being boomed by the Standard to imminent Russian producers?"

Larger Than Report.

"The fact is the production of this field is greater than is reported at any time. For instance, the estimated production this morning is 70,000 barrels. The representations show, for this reason, as nearly every producing well in the field are tanking standing full of oil. The tankage at each of these wells represents from 500 to 10,000 barrels. Every morning the South Penn Oil Company's gauger visits the wells at a certain hour, and ascertains how much oil the well produced since he was there the previous morning. The reports of all these gauges are added together, and the total production is thus represented only 93 per cent of the actual production. This, of course, does not include the oil which has escaped. The operators in the field do not blame us. It is only persons who know nothing of the field who are complaining. We are doing remarkably well, as we were asked to take care of 40,000 barrels, while we are now handling twice that amount. We are also preparing to pump some of this oil to our tanks at Parker. There is a great deal of activity around the McDonald and O'Hearn, but they are 20 miles away which is farther than we care to go. There are two lines, part of the way three lines, and for some distance five lines. The people who judge the production by the runs do not take into consideration the increase in the stocks in the field."

Yesterday's Market Features.

The pipe line report was less bearish than expected, resulting in a stronger and fairly active market. December opened at 59½; highest, 60½; lowest, 59½; close, 60½. The advance followed the publication of the report. Cleanings were 40,000 barrels. Reference was made to the recent closing of the National Transit certificates at 61½; closed at 61½; highest, 61½; lowest, 61½; clearest, 60½.

Bradford Nov. 11.—National Transit certificates opened at 61½; closed at 61½; highest at 61½; lowest at 61½; clearest, 60½.

New York, Nov. 11.—Petroleum opened strong by buying Western operators and covering of shorts, and advanced 1½c, closing strong. Pennsylvania oil spot, opening, 70½; December option, opening, 60c; highest, 61½; lowest, 60c; closing, 61½c. Lima oil—No sales; sales, 245,000 bbls.

She Leaves a Large Estate.

Mrs. Mary A. Toomey, a wealthy lady, died in her rooms on Grant street and Virgin alley, yesterday morning. In 1880 she sold a farm at Turtle Creek, to the Westinghouse Co., for \$100,000. Besides this she had a large amount of money invested in government bonds and other securities. Mrs. Toomey had no children, and the only near relations were several nephews and nieces, who live at Homewood. The flames were put out near 6 o'clock, but the fire had already consumed the People's Natural Gas Company on the Johns lot. Completing its task in a few moments it rolled quickly on and four dwellings and a stable fell victims to its wrath. Two of the houses belonged to S. S. Johns, one to Mrs. Bailey, and the other to Samuel George. The stable was on the Butler lot. The George house was occupied by Constable Shay. The flames by this time were nearing the center of the borough.

The People Were Aroused.

Couriers were dispatched to arouse the people, and consternation was king. In the excitement few knew which way to turn as oil and gas were on every side. A cool headed fire fighter had early gathered a gang of men and put them to work just above the *Outlook* office, throwing up an earthen dam across the stream. They labored hard, and were able to stop the fire from going further down the stream, and the town was saved. Not until nearly 6 o'clock did the oil in the creek stop, burning and throwing up heavy black columns of densest smoke. The danger was then past.

The Butler lot well was the first big well struck in the southwestern part of the field. It started off at nearly 40 barrels an hour, which was then considered a phenomenon. It gradually declined until it was turned into a gusher. The damage done by the flames was about as follows: Clark & Bannister's lot, \$10,000; Clark & Bannister's lot, \$10,000; S. S. Johns' dwellings, \$1,500; Samuel George, \$1,000; Butler stable, \$400; Mrs. Bailey's residence, \$800. Insurance unknown.

Features of the Field.

The only feature of the operations in the McDonald field, yesterday was the bringing in of a 20-barrel-an-hour well by the People's Natural Gas Company on the McDonald heirs' property. It is their No. 2 on this farm. It is quite an important well, as it is located southwest of all other fifth sand wells in the field, and is probably 1,000 feet south of the railroad track.

A report which can not be run down was of Liggett & Haymaker's well on the McNaughton farm, four miles southwest of McDonald, was making 10 barrels an hour. It is about half a mile west of the much talked of Reed farm. There are no fifth sand wells anywhere in that vicinity. Greenlee & Forn's No. 1 on the Gamble farm back of Oakdale will be in to-day. The Forest Oil Company's No. 1 on the Jane McGill is below

the fifth sand and indispensible dry. They have a rig completed on their No. 2 on the John M. Glennie, and have located No. 3. Greenlee & Forn's No. 5, on the Merrey farm, reached the Gordon sand yesterday and made several flows. It is south of No. 1. Thompson & Co. have a rig completed on the Dr. Miller farm. It is half a mile and 10 degrees west of the Rend well. Guffey, Jennings & Co. are 2,000 feet deep in their No. 1 Matthews heirs' and will get the Gordon this week. Their No. 2, Glennie is down 1,300 feet. R. G. and A. Gillespie have a rig completed on the Nicholson lot in Noholeton. Brown & Robison, on the Dietrich and in the Pashorewell well, in Eastern McDonald, are 1,200 feet deep in each. Guffey & Emerson's No. 2 Andrews, in Northeast McCurdy, should be completed to-day. The Royal Gas Company's No. 2, M. Robb, is on top of the Gordon sand. Their No. 1 on the McAdams farm, a mile west of McDonald, is top on the fifth and will be deep, respectively. They have started to drill their No. 4, K. McDonald. The Forest Oil Company's No. 3 Ewing, should get the fifth the first of next week. The Devonian Oil Company's No. 2, Elliott, is down 300 feet, and their No. 2, J. H. Robb, 300 feet. Greenlee & Forn shot their No. 9, Mevey, yesterday, but failed to improve it. Guffey, Jennings & Co.'s No. 4, Bell, was due in the fifth sand last night.

Making It a Mystery.

Hill & Co.'s well, on the Oak Ridge Coal Company's property, is said to be in the fifth sand. It is the farthest well to the east at Oakdale and the owners are inclined to identify it. Daniel & Co.'s well, on the farm west of here, through the fifth and dry. It is also in the eastern well. The Hazelwood Oil Company's well, on the Adams, is completed and dry. The slaughter house well at Nobleton may reach the Gordon sand today. Bartlett & Sons, on the Walker, are in the Gordon, and they have the first casing in their Couch well at Willow Grove.

Gas in the Bottler.

DE HAVEN—Griffith & Co.'s well on the Bradford farm is a good gasser in the boulder.

Gauges of the Wells.

The estimated productions of the field yesterday was 70,300 barrels, and only a small quantity of oil was running away. The gauges of the wells are as follows: St. Guffey, Jennings & Co.'s, Mathews, 2½; Hill & Co.'s, No. 2, Herron No. 4, 233; Bell No. 1, 32; Bell No. 2, 98; Olddale Oil Company's No. 1, Baldwin 62; Wallace No. 1, 93; Morgan, heirs, 75; Sturgeon heirs No. 1, 10; No. 2, 35; Forest Oil Company's, Etta Glenn, 186; R. W. Glenn 37; J. M. Glenn, 15; Shaffer No. 1, 14; No. 10; No. 5, 15; Shaffer No. 6, 90; Guffey, Murphy & Galeo's No. 1, Elliott, 30; No. 3, 75; Sam Sturgeon No. 1, 35; No. 2, 185; Forn & Greenlee's No. 1, Jerry, 100; No. 3, 38; No. 4, 125; No. 5, 13; Hays & Gamble's No. 1, No. 6, 100; Newell, 100; No. 29; No. 1, M. Robb, 20; Devonian Oil Company's No. 1 Elliott, 120; Woodland Oil Company's No. 1 Gamble, 30; Hoffman & Co.'s No. 2 Moore, 20; W. P. 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