

No. 1, on the Miller farm, ortheast. It came in Au-is an hour, and the next impany struck the fifth the Mary Robb farm, ie west, and started off test well of Guffey, Murphy

A Co., on the Matthews farm, of Noblestown, was drilled to th and started off at 40 barrels a ad been producing from the I for several weeks previous to this, ng to some leases which had not up the owners did not drill it

to the fifth.

This was and has been as a steady lucer the greatest well in the field. It has roduced to date 550,000 barrels of oil, and from the Herron bollow, in which it is located the owners have taken 1,500,000 barrels o petroleum. Their No. 4 on the Susan Herron farm has produced 400,000 barrels and their No. 1 on the Matthews heirs' farm, which is comparatively a young well, has made

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cally deserted while the new emed with energy. It was h haste and bustle, which freed the better judgment of

nd caused even old and exoducers to rush in where greentread. With scarcely an tion, the first wells were gushers,

ng from these and believing that the country was underlaid with an ocean stroleum, hundreds of wells were

f instances only an unforescen inners only an unforeseen, ently proved, a lucky feat-on sand saved dozens of being utterly worthless, absolutely dry in the fifth ce the bulk of the oil has be Gordon sand came to putting out from 50 to 300 probable pay for the wells probably pay for the wells few of them may make a tunlly, and a oney for the owners.

It Leads All the Others,

a wonderful field, such wonderful such a reckless investment of never be seen again in the basi lefore this territory was opened up it that the supply of oil produc te southwest was exhausted een about given up and Meadjuided attention of Penn

e undivided attention of Penn-ducers for a brief period. now enjoys the distinction of laproducing county of the State, and a record for itself that al-es all of the others combined, a such magnificent results as brained within the limits of this e never thought of. Although s just inside the Washington the big wells, and nine-tenths t inside the Washington producing sands are county. It has within six ad nearly 6,000,000 barrels of ed heariy 6,000,020 barrels of a cheapest illuminant by ghts the world. The Alle-pools, in the order of their as follows: Brush Creek, Crafton, West View and Coraopolis, Wildwood, Mc st and greatest, McDonaid. present knowledge they are esent knowledge they are compared with McDonald, me would place Allegheny eat of the oil producing distinction has been enjoyed tes since 1861 by Venanco, in and Washington. The ably remain where it rests at ny years to come. The westtate has been so thoroughly except in the extreme cept in the extreme south-s too expensive work drilling es, near that danger of a new agnitude is at a minimum, ill parts of the country are hope that no new field will those disinterested that Mc-

Production of the Field.

bonald may keep on the dot atil it loses its prominence at least. One of the oldest and closest operators in the usiness, and a member of the Oakdale Oil apany, asserted yesterday that the finan-l condition of the producers and opera-s was never at a lower ebb than it is at

## Operators Getting Poorer.

They are continually becoming poorer, he ilms, and see no star of hope ahead, expt perhaps in a material advance in the ket. There are nearly 46,000 wells in the try, and over 40,000 of these do not aver-a barrel and a half a day, or less than 89

The first wells in the McDonald field were The first weight the action and need were illed for gas. Nearly three years ago a cl was put down in advance of McCurdy the Joan Robb farm by the Oakdale Gas mpany. When it reached the Gordon and it began to spray out, but, before the parity of the well could be definitely ascer-need, the tools were lost and the hole had be defined. ie tools were lost and the hole had gged. Others were soon afterward a some of the surrounding farms, ie company was after gas and had if the immense lakes of oil near by stopped at the gas sand and did the fifth. These wells were located three miles north of McHonaid and west of what later proved to nuine oil belt.

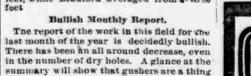
genuine oil belt. first well drilled in the McDonald proper was rut down by the Royal Gas suy, of which W. P. and A. H. Logan e managers as well as heavy stock-Mers. They were also after gas, and at a time held leases on several thousand es of territory around McDonald. On anksziving Day, 1820, the Royal Gas Com-ary brought in its first well. It was located the Ed McDonald farm, and made 65 bar-sa day for some time. They then drilled the McDonald Bros.' property, and got a wing of a the Gordon, sand. It was "ite", the subsequently, and after a from 20 to 25 barrels a day. Outsettiens at McDonald.

Operations at McDonald. .t well completed was the Royal pany's No. 1 on the Sauters, which April 14, 1891. It was a small well ing farther east, they drilled No. 2 Sau s, or the Nickelplate, as it was commonly ed, which showed for a good well, but shot to death. It was finally made to duce from 40 to 50 larrels a day. They o wriled another light well the first sk in May on the Joe Robb m. While this was being done a en operators had taken leases in the inity, and were putting down wells, egan, Downing & Co. took several leases at of the wells which had been drilled, I completed one on the Mongot in early part of Jane. During the er monit there were eady four wells apleted in the field. They were the cal Gas Company's No. 3 K. McDonald, it No. I Mongot, and Clark & Bannister's I, on the Butler lot. These were all led to the fifth sand. There were, how-r. M wells started during this month. lark & Bannister's Entlet lot well was the blig one drilled in the field, and was the the Nickelplate, as it was com big one drilled in the field, and was the which gave the sudden impetus to the elopment of the territory. It started t 40 harrels an hour, and kept this gait

40 harrels an hour, and kept this gnit my weeks. as located in the holiow not half a west of McDonald, and immediately senators who had jumped mito the ost all semidance of deliberation and d wells on every plot of ground large. "I to hold a rig which they could possi-". There were a few who spent and nights in running 45 degree " McCardy wells down through round McDonald, and not a "way as Wildwood to con-"r visionary lines. Disappointed. Disappointed. ved, their theories ir wells were little wing the Butler company's No. 2, 1 400 feet north-string to the second roose that e field. I: ir, and was at big well No. 1 on the auters No. 2 started at by cedialtogether ers No. 3 sec 'er the Shor e wells had

The production of the McDonald field September 26, just after the Meyey No. 1 of Greenlee & Forst came in, was 32,000 bas on October 13 it was 39,000; October 15, 45,500; October 16, 52,000; October 17, 53,000; October 19, 62,000; October 31, 78,000. November 1 it

was 77,000; November 4, 73,000; November 5 it jumped to 80,000, and oa November 6 it reached the highest point of the year, 84,300. From that time it has gradually declined to From that time it has gradually declined to the neighborhood of 40,000 barrels. The total production of the entire field is about 5,50,000 barrels. The value of this produc-tion would be \$3,30,000, averaging the price of oil at 60 cents a barrel. There has been about \$5,500,000 put into the field in the drilling of wells, laying pipe lines, building tanks, paying bounses, trans-portation and other expenses. There have been drilled in the McDonald field alone 267 wells and there are 167 drilling. In the Mc-Curdy field there were less than 100 wells completed.



summary will show that gushers are a thing of the past. In the southwest there THE CENUINE # JOHANN HOFF'S

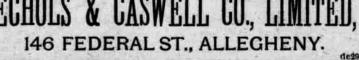
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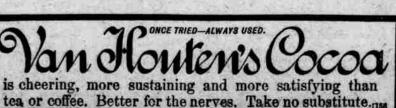
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