

FIFTH SAND SURPRISE.

Russell, McMullen & Co.'s Wettengel Doing 50 Barrels an Hour.

THE PRODUCTION WENT UP 2,500.

Break in the Market Attributed to the Big Russian Geyser.

PROGRESS IN THE CZAR'S DOMINIONS

There was a big increase in the estimated production of the McDonald field yesterday. It went from 24,000 on Monday to 25,500 yesterday, which is a greater jump than it has made since 1900.

Three more wells were added to the list of those making 20 barrels an hour or more. Only one of them came in yesterday. The others, the Woodland Oil Company's No. 4 McMurray and the No. 4 Jane McGill of the Forest Oil Company were reported in THE DISPATCH yesterday morning.

There is nothing between it and Brown, Robison & Co.'s well on the McMurray, east of Nobletown, and over a quarter of a mile southwest. To the west and east it is shut off by two test wells.

On the north the Lenox well is light in the fifth, and east of it Gordiner, Snyder & Co.'s well, on the malt house lot, was a total failure and was abandoned. It is believed to be a part of the same pool which was hit by the Robison well.

The Forest Oil Company drilled its No. 3 on the Jane McGill farm into the sand and last evening it was making about 8 barrels an hour.

Learn & Burson are still fishing for a bailer in the Vanerscott well in the eastern part of Willow Grove. It is just in the top of the Gordon, and occasionally makes a light flow.

Borchert & Co. expect to break into the Gordon to-day on the McVickers' lot, located 300 feet east of the postoffice well. Miller, Kennedy & Co. are also on top of the Gordon on the Fry lot.

The Oakdale Oil Company's three wells on a part of the Wallace farm at the trestle between Nobletown and Willow Grove, are down about 1,500 feet.

The Woodland Oil Company's No. 1 on the Crawford farm in advance, is down about 500 feet, and they were building a rig for No. 2. The same company is building a rig for No. 1 on the Scott heirs' farm.

W. F. Hend's well on the J. D. Sauters farm, a mile south of the W. B. Moorhead farm, is almost to the Gordon. They expect to reach it by to-morrow.

The Jolly Oil Company's well at Willow Grove station, was in the shell above the Gordon sand yesterday afternoon.

Some of the wells which have been drilling around the Fife well to the west of developments should be in this week. The New York Oil Company's No. 2, on the Fife farm, was in the Gordon sand yesterday afternoon, and should get the pay by Saturday.

The Pittsburgh Oil Company's No. 1, on the Fife farm, is also in the Gordon sand. The Trio Oil Company's No. 1, on the Abraham Bell farm, is about 1,500 feet deep, and the Pittsburgh Oil Company's No. 1 Walker is down about the same distance.

Patterson & Jones' No. 8 on the Kelo and No. 5 on the Shaffer farm in southwest McCurdy are expected to get the fifth sand by to-morrow afternoon.

In every oil office in Pittsburgh yesterday, or wherever a few producers came together, the only topic discussed was the drop in the price of oil to 55 cents. They are wondering when the bear movement will stop. Contrary to their usual disposition, they were taking the cut with a philosophical calmness that was surprising to anyone who has been accustomed to see them go into paroxysms of rage at any break in the market. One of the ex-kickers said he had been complaining long enough without doing any good, and that now he had concluded to grin and bear it for a while.

Due to the Big Russian Geyser.

The reported strike of a 100,000-barrel a day well in the Russian field was generally believed to have led to the break in the market. There were few who believed that the well was doing that much, although they admit that the slight drop in rate for a short time. It is looked upon as similar to the well struck last fall by the Ohio Oil Company near Lima, which was reported to be flowing at the rate of 72,000 barrels a day, but which was believed to be more of a myth than a well of that calibre.

St. John Constant, who went to Southern Russia in 1863, and who has practically developed all the oil in that country, has written to a friend in Bradford, describing the region, and the difficulties he had to contend with. The first well was struck in 1863, 70 miles back from Tarnan, near the foot hills of the terminal range of the Caucasus Mountains. It first pumped 30 barrels a day, but when drilled deeper it started to flow and made 80 barrels a day for 11 months. They had no pipe lines, tanks or tanks, and the oil was saved in a dam until 50,000 barrels accumulated, when the dam burst and the oil ran down the bed of a watercourse. Constant built a refinery of 1,000 barrels capacity at Novorossisk, a port on the Black Sea, also a large machine shop, boiler shop and foundry.

Standard Russe Wants a Charter.

The Standard Russe, composed of French capitalists, finally got control of the affairs of the company. The Standard Russe is now transported in eastern cars to the ships. These cars have such a capacity of ten tons. The Standard Russe has suspended operations for the present, as the charter or lease under which they have been carrying on business expires next May, and they are not yet certain whether they will be granted a renewal for the next 30 years, the length of time given them in the original charter.

With the first of April the price of glycerine, and incidentally the cost of shooting well, will be advanced about 25 per cent. A member of a glycerine company states that during the past year they had lost \$17,000 on glycerine, but had made some money on other explosives. The different glycerine companies throughout the oil regions have been working under an agreement for some time to maintain prices, and they have all entered into the agreement to advance them at the beginning of the month.

Personal.

John R. Patton has disposed of all of his oil interests and is going to Mexico, where he has invested \$100,000 in a mine, and will take with him from Pittsburgh a full outfit for working it.

The McDonald Gauge.

The production of the field was 25,500, yesterday, 2,500 more than the day before. The hourly gauges were as follows: Matthews' No. 2, 2,000; Jennings, Guffey & Co.'s Herron No. 4, 50; Devonian Oil Company's Nos. 1 and 2, 3,000; 35-Oakdale Oil Company's Nos. 2 and 3, 1,000; Forest Oil Company's No. 1, 1,000; M. Wright, 40; No. 4 Jane McGill, 20; No. 1 Jane Stewart, 50; J. M. Guffey & Co.'s No. 1, 1,000; 35-Oakdale Oil Company's No. 2, 1,000; McMurray, 20; Woodland Oil Company's No. 4 McMurray, 20; Russell, McMullen & Co.'s Wettengel, 50.

The runs of the Southwest Pennsylvania Pipe Line Company from McDonald Monday were 27,381 outside of the Donald, 4,892. The National Transit runs were 35,558; shipments, 37,003; Buckeye runs, 36,220; shipments, 36,859; Southern Pipe Line shipments, 18,600; New York Transit shipments, 30,316; Mackays runs, 1,706; Eureka runs, 6,482; shipments, 1,706.

Yesterday's Market Features. It was a dull day and the price touched the lowest point of the year. The opening

A SLUGGISH STREAM.

It Gets Fool and Poisonous Unless It Is Kept Constantly Flowing. At this season of the year people feel more or less weak, run down, wearied and depressed. It has been commonly supposed that it is due to impurities of the blood, and that only by purifying the blood can good health be secured. Is this true? Let us see. The blood gets impure because it is sluggish. How does a stream get impure, with green scum and poisons on the top? Simply because it doesn't run. A running stream is not impure, but a stagnant or sluggish stream always is. If, therefore, you would keep your blood pure, keep it moving, keep it stirring. The moment it begins to be sluggish, it will begin to be impure, and you will feel the effects in tired, weak feelings, depressed emotions, and a thousand and one troubles which always follow. The proper way to keep the blood stirring is by the use of a pure stimulant, in moderation. Stimulate it gently, and it will keep in constant, healthy motion, and good health will follow. There is but one way in which this can be done, and that is by the use of the purest and best stimulant you can find, preferably whiskey, and there is but one absolutely pure, medicinal whiskey known to the world, and that is Duffy's Pure Malt. Scientists admit this, the doctors all confirm it. It is more generally used to-day than any other whiskey which the world has ever seen, and it is popular only through its merit. Do not let any suggestion or grocer deceive you by saying they have something "just as good," something they can recommend, etc. When any dealer says this he has an interested motive, which usually is to sell you something cheap and inferior, on which he can make more money. Do not be so deceived.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Petroleum opened steady, but became weak and declined 3/8c on expected increased production, causing free liquidation; then rallied 1/4c and closed steady. Pennsylvania oil, spot, opening, 50c; highest, 50c; lowest, 50c; closing, 50c. April, option, opening, 57c; highest, 57c; lowest, 54c; closing, 55c. Lima oil, 14c; total sales, 185,000 barrels.

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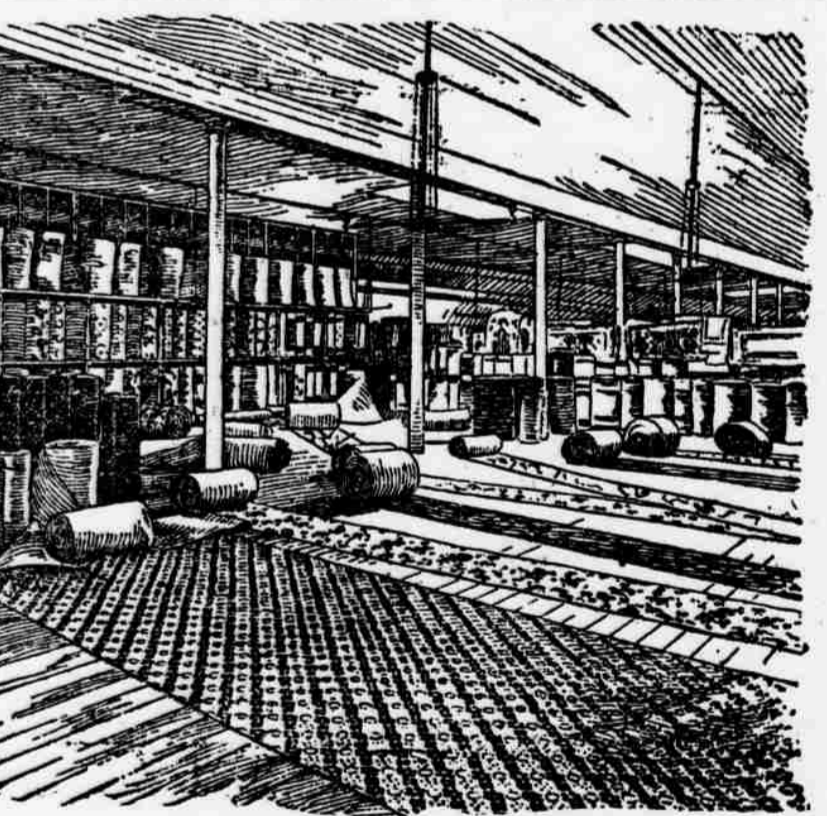
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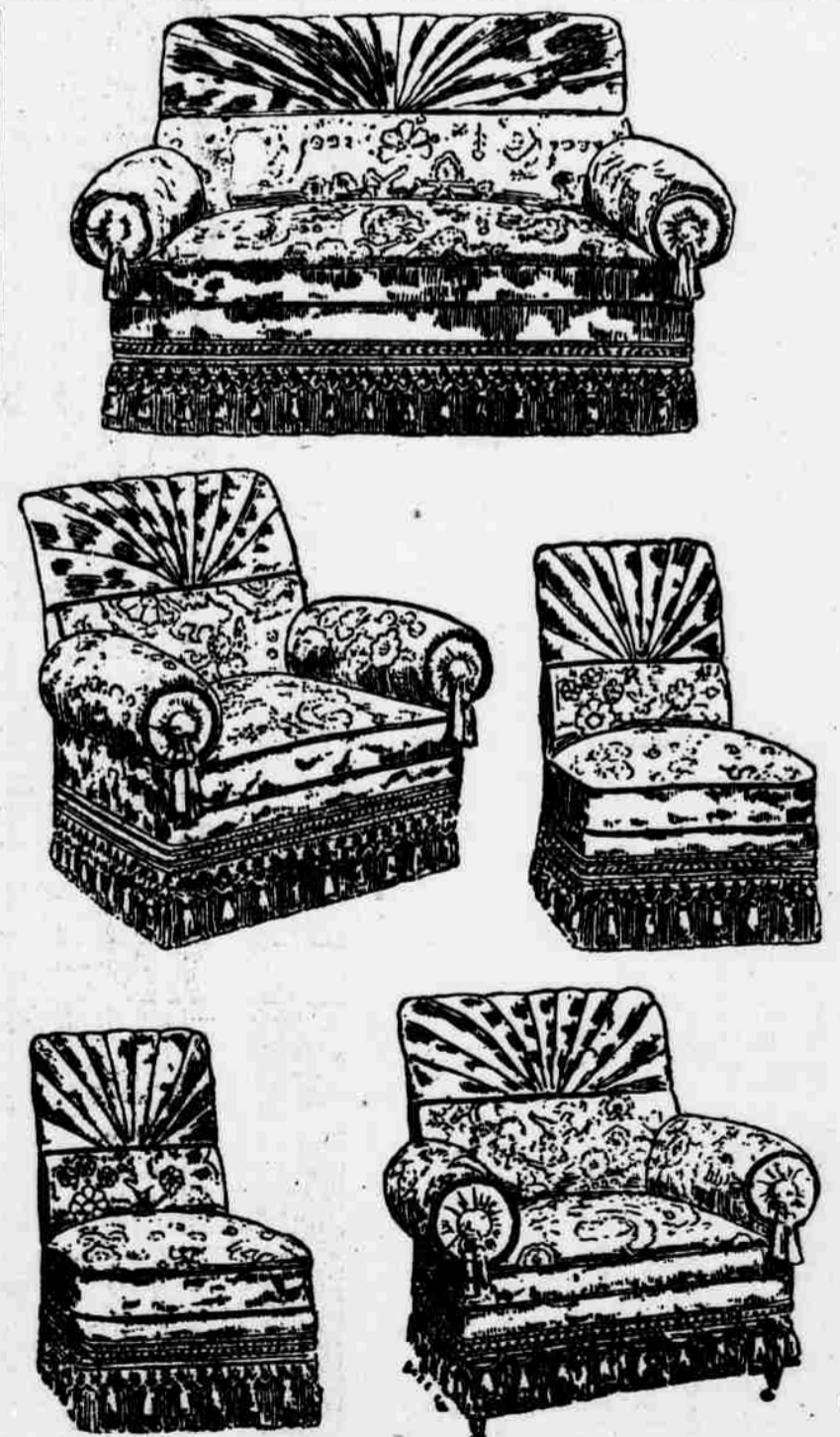
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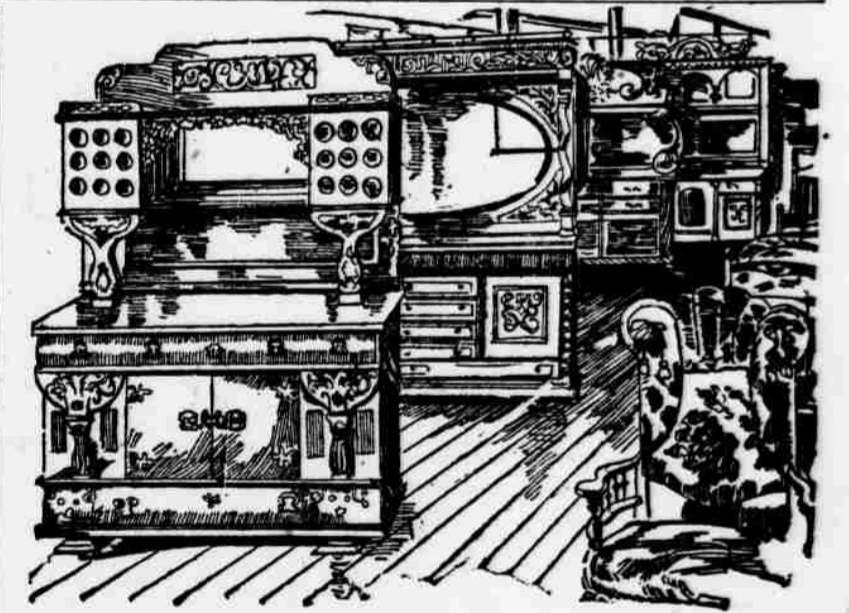
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