

TO A REAL TREASURY

A Railroad Running South From Pittsburgh Would Cost but Little, and RAPIDLY PAY FOR ITSELF.

Great Desirability of a Direct Route to the Carolinas.

MEASURES THAT ARE NECESSARY.

Col. T. P. Roberts Explains Some Features of the Situation.

THE RESOURCES OF WEST VIRGINIA

The staff correspondence of THE DISPATCH from various points in West Virginia showing the mutual desirability of closer connection with Pittsburgh by rail and water has aroused considerable local interest in the subject.

Colonel T. P. Roberts, the well-known civil engineer, is an authority on West Virginia as upon most sections of the broad area of which Pittsburgh is the center.

These are No Natural Obstacles. "From Pittsburgh south through the center of West Virginia," continues Mr. Roberts, "there are no engineering difficulties whatever."

There are no natural obstacles such a road could be constructed for \$12,000 to \$15,000 a mile, and it would pay for itself nearly as fast as it was built.

THE COLUMBIAN POSTAGE. Government Series of Stamps for the Four Hundredth Anniversary.

The special series of postage stamps to be issued by the Government in commemoration of the discovery of Columbus will be ready for use on the 1st of January.

One trouble with Pittsburgh," said Mr. Roberts, "is that it has little ground for expecting much from the Carolinas."

Mr. Roberts, in describing the course of the Monongahela, says that it is a river of 27 miles, and that the fall in that distance is only 55 feet, which is an average of about two feet per mile.

USE OF THE NAPKIN. It was First Employed Only by Children and Scorned by Elders.

Curiously enough, that article, now considered almost indispensable, the table napkin, was first used only by children, and was only adopted by elder members of the family about the middle of the fifteenth century.

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IT WAS 'STILL' HERE.

Another Authority Is Heard on the First Barrel of Crude Oil.

COALPORT, OHIO, PRODUCED IT. The Oil Was Flashed Off Because It Hurt the Salt Water Flow.

LETTERS QUOTED ON THE NEW THEORY

"In 1851 oil was first discovered in flowing quantities in this country," said Mr. I. O. Cameron, who has been in the oil business here for the past 45 years.

His Story of the Finding. In 1851, while being employed at Coalport, Meigs county, O., near Pomory, the Coalport Salt Company struck petroleum, or rock oil, as it was then called.

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OIL WELLS SHUT DOWN.

Operators and Drillers Taking Two Days' Vacation—Miles of Pipe Lines Frozen Up—Theory Regarding the Change of Ohio Dusters to Producers.

There was scarcely a string of tools running yesterday in the southwestern oil fields. The drilling wells were shut down Saturday night, and will not be started up until to-day or to-morrow.

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