

PETROLEUM—WHERE IT IS AND WHY IT IS.

When people talked about the "oil region" two years ago, their imaginations comprehended about a couple of townships in Venango county, hardly taking into account that there was some oil in a few other places.

There is something mysterious and marvelous about this immense reservoir of sources of mineral oil. We know that a large proportion of the constituents of coal are made up of vegetable matter, but we think it probable that this vegetable matter was prepared by some vegetation and converted into coal by a large amount of some mineral substance analogous to this oil.

We believe it to be the product of a vast process of distillation perpetually going on beneath the surface of the earth, under the operation of its internal heat.

North of Cambria county, in this State, the Allegheny mountains cease to be a well defined range, and pass into the Allegheny and south-western part of New York, and extends a broad belt of elevated land, having all the features of mountains except definite limits.

It is this oil—this great natural distillery is perpetually at work, no apprehension need be felt that the supply will ever fail.

Geologically this basin is much deeper than it is topographically. It is an oblong basin, of which Pittsburgh is nearly the center, while the better defined mountain ranges on the east and south-east include the Allegheny and south-western part of New York, already spoken of.

We know that beneath the reach of the feet of this basin, and in the lowest part, there is a large deposit of salt water, from which salt has been largely and successfully manufactured for fifty years; and we know that this salt water is not only pure, but that it is a very good thing, and that it is a very good thing, and that it is a very good thing.

The following order has been issued by the Secretary of War: "A proposal having been made by the Hon. J. M. McKim, of the House of Representatives, to the effect that prisoners of war on each side be released from confinement, and that they be placed in the condition of other citizens, and that they be allowed to return to their respective homes, and that they be allowed to return to their respective homes, and that they be allowed to return to their respective homes."

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE.

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