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Petroleum Centre Daily Record

Pet. Centre, Saturday, April 30.

Gold 114 3/4.

The time-table of the O. C. & A. R. R. will be found under the markets.

In yesterday morning's Oil City Times appeared an article criticizing two prominent citizens of Crawford county, recently spoken of by the Titusville Herald as desirable candidates for the State Senate and House, namely Messrs. G. K. Anderson and F. W. Ames. The dislike of the Times to Ames is natural, as in the event of his reelection the lower part of the county will be compelled to raise more money to defeat the new county bill which would undoubtedly be brought up again next winter. But why that paper should exhibit so much hatred towards Mr. Anderson is more than we can understand, unless it be that the article was prompted by one of the heaviest stockholders in the paper, who it is generally understood has a capital dislike for Mr. A. Certainly the article must have been published without Mr. Gillman's knowledge, as it is hardly probable he would allow such an unjust attack on one of his best friends, and one to whom he is under obligations for his nomination to Congress from this district two years ago.

Mr. Gillman's organ to speak at the State Senate wanting brains not money to represent the people, is the best joke of all. Coming from the source it does (Mr. Gillman's hired pen) it is decidedly amusing, especially to those who remember his brilliant (1) oratorical effort in this place two years ago, and who know the amount of filthy lucre he is possessed of and the manner he came by it.

Narrow Escape.—About ten o'clock this forenoon, while Mr. Levi Mason, agent of the Roberts Torpedo Company, and Mr. Charles Blackford, his assistant, were engaged at their magazine, on the hill near the West farm, filling torpedoes, an explosion occurred under the following circumstances: Mr. Blackford was sitting on a box to the left of Mr. Mason, who was standing up and held in his hands a can containing two quarts of nitro-glycerine. Mr. B. was endeavoring to stop a stopper on an old can which had not been used for several months and was not supposed to contain anything, when suddenly it exploded the fragments flying in every direction. One piece struck Mr. Blackford's right hand covering one of the arteries and splitting the thumb nearly in two as far up as the wrist making an ugly wound. Mr. Mason was struck in the left hip by several of the fragments which inflicted quite severe flesh wounds. His clothing was perforated and torn in several places. It was an extremely narrow escape—had both been standing up or sitting down together, the two quarts of nitro-glycerine held by Mr. Mason would have exploded, and the result been disastrous in the extreme.

Crowds of people have called into Griffiths Bros. drug store for the purpose of examining the rare natural curiosity. It is a great curiosity and no mistake.

Five hundred dollars will be given for the discovery of a...

Destructive Fire.

A destructive conflagration occurred at Negley's Station, on Allegheny Valley Railroad, a mile and a half above the Sharpburg bridge, Thursday afternoon, resulting in the destruction of part of the oil refinery buildings of the Brilliant Oil Works.

The works, which are among the most extensive in the country, are owned by Messrs. Lockhart, Frew & Co., and the portion burned lies on the run about fifty yards above the railroad track.

The fire originated about a quarter past one o'clock, in the pump room connected with the treating and still house. It appears that the workmen were engaged repairing a crude oil pump which stood a short distance in the rear of the boilers, when the gas ignited. It is supposed, from the heat of the boiler plates, and the entire works of the establishment, together with the benzine in the process of refining was soon in flames and it became apparent that all efforts to save that part of the establishment were useless. The residents in the vicinity, together with a number of the employees of the Allegheny Valley Railroad turned out to prevent the spread of the fire, and succeeded in preventing it from reaching a large number of tanks located a short distance up the run. A tank of tar near the burning building took fire, and a few feet from it was a large tank of benzine. To prevent the latter from taking fire required the most strenuous exertions, but by free use of shovels and the efforts of the fireman the tank was saved. Had it caught fire the remaining tanks would in all probability have been burned.

The building in which the fire originated and to which it was confined, was of stone, and the walls were left standing, but a large amount of pipes and valuable machinery was burned. There were four agitators, three tanks, four condensers, about five hundred barrels of oil under treatment, and two stills of crude oil burned. The total loss, it is estimated, will reach \$150,000. There is no insurance on the property burned, although the store house, which stood on the hill near by, and other buildings were insured.—Pittsburgh Commercial.

Robbery.—A girl named Stella Price, alias Jackson, was arrested at a saloon up town, yesterday afternoon, by officers Lawrence and Smith, charged with robbing one Nicholas Snider, of Rousseville. According to Snider's story he was in a stall of the saloon drinking with the girl, and laid his pocket-book, containing between \$20 and \$30 in money and papers of value, on the table beside him, when she picked it up and ran away. After being arrested the girl confessed to having stolen the money, and said she had thrown the pocket-book into an outhouse, where it was subsequently found by the officers. The girl was kept in the lock-up over night, and this morning was brought before Justice Reynolds, who held her to bail in the sum of \$500 to appear at court to answer to the charge. She will be taken to Franklin to-night.

The show bills and posters announcing the time of the appearance of Dr. Thayer's mammoth circus were put up yesterday and present a fine appearance. The Dr. has collected together the most brilliant array of talent ever brought together under one canvas, and that he will draw crowded houses there is not the least doubt. It cannot be otherwise with the immense array of talent and the new and varied attractions to be presented to the public for the first time.—The "big show" will exhibit at Petroleum Centre, on Friday and Saturday, May 13th and 14th.

Information received from Fort Fetterman says: Red Cloud and fifty of his principal chiefs desire to go to Washington to see the Great Father. They have John Richards, the half-breed, with them as a prisoner, and will take him to Washington and deliver him up, but refuse to give him up here.

The Presbyterian Church at Wrightsville, Columbia county, Pa., was struck by lightning and totally destroyed by fire Thursday afternoon.

An attempt was made Thursday morning to throw a train from the track of the Hartford and Erie Road near Franklin, Mass. Sleepers were placed across the track, and removed by a Mr. Conery, who was fired upon while at work by three men in ambush, one bullet passing through his hat, and another grazing his arm.

Espy, Heidebach & Co., of Cincinnati, sold a stranger \$3,000 in bonds and \$500 in gold, taking therefore a check on the First National Bank for \$3,500, drawn by Stutz & Meyer. The check was paid by the bank, and it is now discovered that it was originally drawn for \$29. The question now arises, who is to lose the \$3,500?

The American Oil Works, which have been shut down for some months past, are to be started up again on Monday next.

Petroleum Items from all Sources.

We copy the following interesting account of the big well at Brady's Bend from the Pittsburgh Commercial of yesterday. It will be found of interest:

BRADY'S BEND. } WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 1870 }

Since the recent oil strikes on Armstrong run, a short distance above Brady's Bend, in Armstrong county, and opposite Sarah Furnace station, on the Allegheny Valley railroad, the excitement runs high.

The oil company is composed of J. F. Fleming, P. Brennan, R. Jennings and Colonel W. D. Slack, of Brady's Bend; James Morrison and John A. Brown, of Parker's; C. T. Neal and J. McCroighton, of Pittsburgh. These gentlemen formed themselves into an organization to be known as the Armstrong Run Oil Company. The company accepted a proposition from Messrs. Jennings, Morrison, Weldon and Clark, four pioneers of the vicinity, to this effect: The said farmers, in consideration of the boring, testing and working to complete an oil well, would cede twenty-two acres from their farms equally, the company to own and work said land for the period of ninety-nine years, without royalty, etc. The Company located a site on the angles of the four farms, and commenced operations immediately, with what results the readers of the Commercial from time to time have been fully posted.

The drillers had not reached the intended depth below the third sand rock, until they suddenly struck oil, and being entirely unprepared for such success, the oil from the well took fire, and burned for several days. The flames at times reached fifty feet in height, and illuminated the heavens at night, to such an extent, that it was visible many miles away. The gas was of course forced higher in the air than the oil, the flames were at times above the oil, and the efforts of the operatives were divided in dividing the two and smothering the flames, although the heat was intense. They were successful in their efforts, as the fire was extinguished. A short time after, however, a thoughtless individual struck a lucifer match in the vicinity, for the purpose of lighting his pipe, and ignited the gas and oil which was lying on the ground, and the whole flat took fire. As long as there was anything to burn the fire raged, but every precaution was taken to prevent the flames from again reaching the well, in which also they were highly successful.

The oil flowed at random over the ground and into the small stream, or run. Rats and pits were dug into the ground, into which the oil flowed, and out of which it was dipped into barrels, casks and every sort of vessel that could be found in the vicinity. The first tank has been erected about eight days, and by this time there are four of them, holding an average of 600 barrels each. The well is now cased with a cap pipe or chamber about six inches in diameter, to which has been attached three separate two and a quarter inch pipes, through which the oil flows to the tanks.—The three pipes are to divide the force of the flow, and one single pipe is to be placed over the well large enough to give the oil a free flow into the tanks.

The rope and tools are still in the well, and not withstanding this fact 210 barrels were the actual account for Wednesday, with 200 barrels per day as the average for the previous day. The well is expected to flow 250 to 300 bbls daily with a single pipe. It is the intention of the company not to attempt to extricate the tools and rope from the well as long as the oil is flowing freely.

The quality of the oil is 45 gravity, and is said to be far superior to Parker's Landing and Oil Creek oil.

The original company as already indicated is composed of ten gentlemen who will only be recognized, we are informed, although Messrs. Wagner, Fleming, Brennan and another—whose name we have mislaid—have sold a fraction of their interest. One sold one-twentieth for \$2,000; another sold a twentieth for \$5,000 on the day the well took fire.

The value of the property has gone up to fabulous sums. Some of these farms could have been bought a little while ago at \$3,000, but now one of the farmers has refused \$150,000 for his farm. There is one tract of forty acres in dispute, and will probably be thrown into the courts of Armstrong county. It appears that Jesse Fritz, an old Pittsburgher and successful oil land speculator, made an offer of \$10,000 for forty acres, immediately adjoining the tract of the flowing well, which was accepted, but declined after the tender was made. Mr. Fritz is in possession, and is busily engaged in offering leases for sale.

Local Notices.

Soda Water and Ice Cream at J. W. Beatty's.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

We are now buying a

heavy stock of Groceries

strictly for CASH, and CAN

and WILL sell as low as

any house in town.

SCHONBLUM & WING.

Soda Water and Ice Cream at J. W. Beatty's.

To All Whom it may Concern.

As a report has been industriously circulated that I employed underhanded means to obtain possession of the building I now occupy, I take this opportunity of apprising my friends and acquaintances that no means were employed that any honorable man need be ashamed of. The price suit me and I bought the building. That was all. Very truly yours JOHN J. FELTER.

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Soda Water and Ice Cream at J. W. Beatty's.

Tomatoes 15 cts per can at Felter, Fenner & Co.'s

CANTON BITTERS—These celebrated bitters are recommended by physicians as superior to any in use. They are pleasant to the taste and contain medicinal ingredients, placing them at the head of all bitters manufactured. Try a bottle, they are for sale at the Drug Store of Griffiths Bros. a23-1f.

Soda Water and Ice Cream at J. W. Beatty's.

Corn is a word which Collington & Corn well propose tender obsolete. For modus operandi call and see them. march10f.

All styles light harness, cheaper than the cheapest, made from Mollie's oak stock, and warranted, at J. R. Kron's.

The largest lot of Birds, Canaries and other species, ever brought to the oil regions has just been received at M. S. Simmons's. a20-1f

Tomatoes 15 cts per can at Felter, Fenner & Co.'s

Soda Water and Ice Cream at J. W. Beatty's.

Fine assortment of wall paper at Griffiths Bros.

Sash, Glass, Doors, Putty &c. Large stock very cheap at the Furniture Store. m10-1f

Tomatoes 15 cts per can at Felter, Fenner & Co.'s

Buy the "Red Hot" Saddle, manufactured in Titusville expressly for the oil country, adapted to all kinds of weather, at J. R. Kron's. a12-1f

Fine assortment of Paper and Cloth Window Shades and Fixtures, just rec'd at m8f. GRIFFITHS BROS.

Just received a large and well assorted stock of shelf hardware at J. Rutherford's. if

THE PYRAMIDS of splendid coal over at Collington & Cornwell's yard are perfectly wonderful. march10f.

THE BEST and CHEAPEST ORGAN ever offered for sale in this vicinity! Specimen can be seen at McAlpine's Dental Rooms, where orders can be left. Persons contemplating purchasing will consult their interests by calling to examine instrument and price list. a26-5f.

Soda Water and Ice Cream at J. W. Beatty's.

Infringement Notice.

The subscriber has learned that a certain firm in Titusville, known as "Bryan, Dillingham & Co.," have commenced the manufacture of Sucker Rods with Socket Joints. This is a Direct Infringement on his Rights, as his claim is "connecting two sections of rods by means of wedges, wedging sockets, and double coupling bolt." He does not specify any particular shaped wedge, nor of what material it shall be made. All rods made as above described outside of his manufactory, are direct infringements. This, therefore is to CAUTION OIL OPERATORS, and all others, against buying or using any rods so made, except those of his manufactory, as by so doing they will lay themselves liable, and will be dealt with according to law. WM. J. INNIS.

PIONEER, April 9th, 1870.

Tomatoes 15 cts per can at Felter, Fenner & Co.'s

The Emperor of Showmen is Coming!



Dr. JAS. L. THAYER'S

NEW CIRCUS

DR. JAS. L. THAYER, Manager. JAS. ANDERSON, Proprietor.

Composed of a choice selection of the most celebrated American and Foreign Artists, whose fame and celebrity render their SUPREMACY UNQUESTIONABLE. Every department complete, and presented by Performers who are celebrated as being at the pinnacle of the profession in their individual specialties.

BEHOLD THE LIST OF BRILLIANT PRINCIPALS:

Dr. Jas. L. Thayer,

Whose reputation as Clown and Humoist is unsurpassable—as a Juggler, Inventor—as a gentleman, universal.

TOM BARRY,

"Merry England's Favorite Clown" whose late successful debut at Louis's New York Circus, elicited the public and astonished and delighted the American fan club, who have acknowledged his superiority and applauded him "the funniest man in Christendom."

MR. S. P. STICKNEY,

The Veteran Showman, unequalled as an Equestrian Director, and the best Ring Master in the country.

La Belle Loyale

The Beautiful Lady Equestrian, direct from the Cirque Napoleon, Paris, and the Imperial Amphitheatre, St. Petersburg. A pupil of the celebrated P. C. who's world is renowned as the greatest Equestrian Director of the age.

MR. WM. NAYLOR,

An American Horseman who has appeared with great success in all quarters of the globe. Is willing to name as the greatest Horseman, and the best Race Hack Driver in the known world.

Mons. LEON GIAVELLI,

With his T. name of Performing Dog, a dog which will be found at the celebrated Griffes and Dash, whose performance is highly marvellous and entirely different from any thing previously seen in this country.

JOHN SAUNDERS,

The Great Equestrian School Artist and principal rider, who, in addition, challenges the world to produce a man to compete with him for the sum of \$1000, and the title of Champion Leaper of the world.

Miss LOTTIE SHERIDAN,

An Accomplished American Horse woman, whose beauty of form and face is typical of AMERICAN LOVELINESS.

ROGLE and BURDEAU,

The Coward Acrobats, and artistic exponent of physical development.

DICK SANDS,

The original of all Dog Dancers, and whose performance attracted a vast number of admirers, will appear in the ring, and perform in several of his great specialties.

The BENSLEY BROTHERS

Who are well known as artists of ability, and whose terrific flights in mid air are accomplished with greatest ease and utmost safety.

The Comic Mules, UNCLE SAM and SHOE FLY.

Will be introduced by the Doctor in person at each performance.

Master JOHNNY BOOKER,

The boy phenomenon, whose remarkable agility and activity in Gymnastics, is only equalled by his grace and dexterity in athletic sports.

Dr. Jas. L. Thayer takes particular pride in being able to announce a performance with a less apt son than the celebrated New York Circus.

MR. BILLY PASTOR,

whose unrivaled success in performance is the leading showman of Europe and America, has made his name a household word.

A Stud of Beautiful Ring Horses

Selected regardless of expense for popular times. These horses are all young, having been bred during the past winter by Dr. J. L. Thayer, and is determined to have everything new this season.

A Large Corps of Auxiliaries.

Who will take part in the performances, are numerous to mention, but will be found to possess talent of a high order.

Remember that this Circus is the best in the world, and that it is a rare opportunity to see a performance of such a high order, and the greatest satisfaction to be derived from the presentation will take place on the day of exhibition at 10 A. M. led by the new magnificent Grand Chariot, made by Folding Bros., New York, and comprising ADOLPH NICHOLS' CELEBRATED NEW YORK CORNET BAND. Don't forget day and date, and remember, how is coming. Admission, 25 cts. Children under 10, 15 cts. Will exhibit at Petroleum Centre, Friday and Saturday, May 13th and 14th; Rousseville, Monday, May 15th; Oil City, Tuesday, May 16th; and at the West, Wednesday, May 17th and 18th.