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**PRIMARY MEETING.**

The Republican voters of this voting precinct will meet on to-morrow, Saturday 28, in the room formerly occupied by Squire Donaghy, in the McClintock House. The polls will be opened at 10 o'clock A. M., and closed at 7 o'clock P. M.

**FALSE.**

The announcement in this morning's Titusville Herald, that I have withdrawn from the Congressional Contest is false.

WM. J. GALBRAITH.

**Fire Meeting To-Night.**

The newly organized fire company have taken hold of the matter with a will. This noon they had the hose out for the purpose of testing it, connections being made with the hydrant in front of the Central Petroleum Co's office. This is as it should be and now the citizens should unite in sustaining them, if not by joining the company at least by giving them aid in money and support in other ways. To-night there will be a fire meeting at Sobel's Hall, for a general discussion of the matter, at which a general attendance of property owners and citizens is requested. Turn out! one and all!

**FIRE AT PIONEER—MAN BADLY BURNED.**—About 12 o'clock to-day one of the stills in the refinery owned by William Lowrie, at Pioneer, exploded with fearful force, damaging the works to a considerable extent, and terribly burning Mr. Matthew Mars, the engineer in charge. He was so badly burned that the flesh dropped off his arms from his elbows down, exposing the bones to view. He is not expected to live. Two car loads of refined oil were also destroyed. The refinery was only partially destroyed, and will be in running order again in a few days. We have not learned the amount of the loss.

**LATER.**—We learn from Dr. Christie that Mr. Mars is not so seriously burned as at first thought, and that he will recover.

We have heretofore had occasion to speak of the outrageous conduct of certain young men from Titusville, who appear to think that no law or order whatever exists in the place, and therefore take occasion whenever they come here to outrage even the rules of common decency. Night before last they again paid the place a visit, and until compelled by the police to desist, succeeded in "raising the devil" in an admirable manner for a short time. These "hulans" have very respectable connections in Titusville, who are probably unaware of their evil deeds, but will find them out to their sorrow soon. Their names are known and will be published unless they learn how to behave themselves. Let them beware.

Elsewhere we publish an interesting account of the burning well in Pine Grove township, this county, which we copy from the Oil City correspondence of the Pittsburgh Commercial. It also contains an interesting account of oil matters in that vicinity, and predicts an oil excitement before long on Sandy Creek.

Elsewhere will be found the latest news.

**WONDERS OF PETROLEUM.**

**BURNING AND GAS WELLS OF SANDY—STEAM SUPERSEDED—EXHAUSTED RUN BY GAS PRESSURE—NEW OIL FIELDS, &c., &c.**

OIL CITY, PA., May 17, 1870.

Availing himself of a kind invitation, your correspondent yesterday visited the famed burning and gas wells of Sandy, some fourteen miles southeast of Oil City. These wells are located in Pine Grove township, Venango county, about a mile and a half from Centerville, between Sandy Creek and the east branch of the same.

The Burning well, as it is called, is located on the lands of Pouring Rock and East Sandy Oil Company of Philadelphia. The well was drilled by the company during 1866, four years since, and attained the depth of about eight hundred and fifty feet. At this depth the tools became fastened and could not be extricated. Tubing had been put in at several stages of the progress of the well, and drilling was resumed at intervals. At the depth indicated the tools were imbedded in a mud vein, supposed to be three feet in thickness.

After various attempts at removal, tubing was finally put in. The gas soon filled this and burst the mud-bag, and attempting to draw the tubing, 600 feet of the latter dropped into the well, and operations were suspended. The gas, mixed with considerable oil, has continued unremittingly to escape from the well to present date, with terrible force. Soon after this accident the well was fired by some means, and burned for a long time. In the fall of 1868 Mr. J. B. Benton, one among the best of our practical operators, obtaining a lease of the well from the company, went to work to conquer or tame this irrefractable "spouter." After an expenditure of labor and money in no stated degree, he succeeded in getting the old well under control, commenced the drilling of a new well a short distance above it, and finished the same during the past winter.

So great has been the force of the gas in the new well, that it is only within the last few weeks that they have been enabled to pump it. The force of the gas from the new well is greater than that from the old one, yet, strange to relate, there is no apparent diminution of force from the well drilled in 1866. Both wells are located in a valley or flat, surrounded on all sides by hills which slope gradually.

The new well was pumping for the first time on the day of our visit. And this pumping affair was effected by the queerest arrangement ever beheld by mortal vision. Imagine, if you can an engine steadily pumping a well 925 feet in depth, without the use of steam, fuel, or even a boiler. Such is the stubborn fact—no mistake about it. The gas is led from the well to the engine house of the new one, by means of an ordinary two-inch iron pipe. The attachment is made to the engine by the steam pipe, in the same manner as if steam were used. A turn of the screw and off she goes, run by pressure from the gas alone, without exhaust pipe, or attachment of any kind, steadily and well. The piston seems to act as the exhaust, and the escape of the same was as regular as steam.

The engine was running at a pressure, we should judge, equivalent to fully sixty pounds of steam, requiring only a small amount of the gas. The force of this as it carried from the wells, was capable of exerting a pressure of fully two hundred pounds to the square inch. The engine could be run at any degree of speed necessary with perfect safety, that its expansive power was capable of. It has been customary to light the old well at night, a pipe extending up through the top of the derrick for the purpose. This had been removed. From the point where it is attached, the gas was escaping with a deafening roar, a large stop-cock being fastened below the same, and left open for the purpose. The opening was scarcely a quarter of an inch. Into the top of this stream as large as an egg were cast. These were sent up fifty feet in the air, through the top of the derrick, as if discharged from a catapult. Flat stones of several pounds weight were wafted from its top like feathers. The joint of the pipe conducting the gas to the engine were also open, and allowed great quantities to escape. We had no desire to light a match or even smoke a cigar in that locality.

The temperature of the gas as it came from the wells was extremely cold, chilling the hands. It could not become heated by passing some two hundred feet through an ordinary iron gas pipe. So the accepted fact that heat is necessary to furnish the motion for propelling engines is somewhat damaged. Either of these wells have sufficient volume of gas to run, we should estimate, forty engines. Nine hundred feet of tubing was drawn from the well easily by the engine thus propelled. In addition, there is here gas enough to furnish fuel for the wells of not only the neighborhood, but of a greater portion of the oil region, if connection could be made.

The new well has produced oil, frequently several barrels per day, of a beautiful green color, 49° gravity. The sand rock of both wells are extremely uniform. Tools are fast in the third sand of the old well. The third sand of the new well has been drilled through. It is fifty-three feet in thickness, open or honey-combed, nearly all pebbly, and is pronounced the best yet seen. The entire country around is admirably located for operating. Considerable excitement already prevails and many of our best operators are securing both land and leases. The lands around are generally owned by Pittsburgh and Philadelphia oil companies. So far as we can judge, the prospect is that here will be found located the most extensive and productive oil field yet discovered.

The new well promises to become a productive one if the gas can be controlled.—A number of new wells are being commenced and the interest becomes daily more intense. There are other interesting matters I would like to note, but this letter is already too long.

**LATEST FENIAN NEWS.**

NEW YORK, May 26.

Washington advices state that several dispatches have been received at the State Department from U. S. Marshals along the Canadian Border giving information of the gathering of bodies of men more or less numerous along the United States line but the telegrams give no detail of intentions or of their probable place of rendezvous. Prompt measures have been taken for the suppression of these riotous proceedings.

ST. ALBANS, May 26—11 a. m.

General Spear, of Fenian notoriety, has just arrived in town and taken quarters at the Weldon House. General O'Neil is in the common jail at Burlington.

ST. ALBANS, May 26.

A reliable gentleman just from Franklin brings information that there is not now a Fenian in that village, and that guns, ammunition, blankets and other paraphernalia of war are scattered about in great abundance. The rank and file complain bitterly of their officers, and say they do not understand their business. It is evident the point chosen for crossing the line was a most unfavorable one. An aid of Gen. O'Neil's says a thousand men could not have driven the Canadians from their position, which is naturally very strong, and the Fenians for the most part behaved badly, and became badly demoralized at the first volley of Canadian musketry. Three Fenians are this morning reported killed, and ten or fifteen wounded. Gen. Donnelly, in attempting to escape from Richard's house was wounded in the leg, but not seriously. Gen. O'Neil is now in jail at Burlington. Gen. Spear is here at the Weldon House.

Rowe, one of the Fenians killed, was buried by the Canadians; after the burial large stones were placed at the head and foot of the grave and a pile of stones on top.

It is reported that General Donnelly is badly wounded, and fears are entertained that he cannot live.

TORONTO, May 26.

From the best information received the Fenian raid, as far as Pigeon Hill, is concerned, is looked upon as a miserable failure. The Fenians are now retreating, leaving their arms, baggage and wounded behind them. No loss of life on the Canadian side. Huntington is now the principal point of interest, where every necessary preparation has been made.

**Petroleum Items from all Sources.**

The Clarion Republican, of the 21st, says: We are informed that a twenty-five barrel well was struck on Monday, about one and a half miles above the mouth of the Clarion. It has not yet been tared, and the oil is flowing through the casing.

From the Marietta, Ohio Register, we learn that the oil business on Federal Creek is looking up. An old well on the Joy farm, 90 feet deep, abandoned four years ago, some time since had a pump put in, yielded five barrels a day for a while, and has averaged three barrels of light oil a day for some weeks. It was not considered good for anything when abandoned.

In the case of Mrs. Mary Doyle, who died at Dayton on Sunday, the Coroner's jury returned a verdict to the effect that she came to her death from an explosion of coal oil of gravity twenty degrees below the standard fixed by law. The guilty parties are to be prosecuted.

Mr. Lyman, an American expert, has been engaged by the American government to examine the petroleum district in the Punjab. Mark Twain is the only British we know of who has "struck it" in a pun-job.

The Titusville-Herald says: The lands of the Norway Oil Company, comprising 1,300 acres in President and Pinegrove townships Venango county, have been purchased by a company of private individuals, who propose to commence operations about the 1st of June. The purchasers are Messrs W. P. Johnson of Titusville, Dr. Halderman of Cleveland, Mr. Hancock of Franklin and three other gentlemen whose names we have not learned. The tract has never been tested as oil territory, but from recent developments in the same section it is believed to be "on the belt." The new company will organize about the 1st of June and begin operations.

**BOCK BEER.**—John Theobolt, at the Opera House Saloon, received direct from Titusville, this morning, several kegs of Hoenig's celebrated bock beer, being the first that has been brewed this season.—As the season will be short, lovers of this refreshing beverage should pay John a visit and test its merits.

The base ball match between the Seneca B. B. C. of Oil City, and the Forest City Club of Cleveland, resulted in the Seneca's getting badly defeated. The score stood almost five to one in favor of the Forest City.

From the number of young men seen loafing on the street corners now a days one would naturally suppose the old adage—"the best medicine in the world is sunshine," to be true. The probability is that they are troubled with "constitutional tiredness," a complaint that rages fearfully at present.

Considerable amusement was created on the street last evening at a foot race between two XVth amendments, for \$1.20 a side.—The colored brothers made good time, running so fast that the "tar on their heels" could not be distinguished. The fifteenth amendment is practically in force at Petroleum Centre.

A new thirty barrel well was struck near Pithole about a week ago. It is on Hiner Run, on what is known as the Millan tract. Several other wells in that vicinity will soon be completed, and there is quite a revival of the oil trade. Other branches of business are reported as being lively.—Good for Pithole.

Another new oil town has been started on the McBride farm, near Pithole, which rejoices in the name of "Tip Top."

The Chase House at Pleasantville barely escaped being destroyed by fire recently.—Occasioned by a servant girl dropping a lamp on the floor.

We learn that several new wells are now to be put down on the flats of the Hyde & Egbert farm.

A California Indian, whose wife had been bitten by a rattlesnake, sent for a bottle of whisky to counteract the effects of the poison. But the Indian having first tasted the whisky ended by getting drunk on it, leaving his wife to die, which she uncomplainingly did.

A San Francisco Judge tempered justice with mercy by fining a starved girl 25 cents for stealing a can of milk, and then raising \$20 for her on the spot from sympathizing spectators.

**Local Notices.**

**BOCK BEER!**

On draught at the Opera House Saloon. Just received from Hoenig's Brewery, Titusville, several kegs of the celebrated Bock Beer. If you have never tried it drop into John Theobolt's, try a glass and be convinced. Remember the season is short.

27-34. JOHN THEOBOLT, Prop'r.

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

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All kinds foreign fruits at Felter, Fenner & Co.'s.

Fine assortment of Paper and Cloth Window Shades and Fixtures, just rec'd at M. S. GRIFFES' BROG.

Gold Fish, Gold Fish at M. S. Simmons' Drug Store.

Sparkling Soda Water at M. S. Simmons's. m4 1/2.

All kinds foreign fruits at Felter, Fenner & Co.'s.

Another fine lot of Plants and Roses received to-day at M. S. Simmons's. m4 1/2.

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

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