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The Largest and Best Selected stock of Goods in Western Pennsylvania, and sold at

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The finest assortment ever before offered on Oil Creek.

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Unsurpassed for beauty and originality of design, cheapness and durability.

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THE CHOICEST BRANDS.

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PRESCRIPTIONS ARE PUNCTUALLY COMPOUNDED AT ALL HOURS.

ICE COOL, SOFT WATER FRESH FROM THE FOUNTAIN,

At SIMMONS'.

**ROBERTS' PETROLEUM TORPEDO.**

# TORPEDOES.

THE ROBERTS PETROLEUM TORPEDO CO.

Office at the

## RED PLANING MILL.

Corner of Pine and Second Streets, (Near the Railroad),

ITUSVILLE, PA.

Owing to the large and increasing demand for the Roberts' Torpedoes, and the late decision of the Commissioner of Patents in refusing to Wm. Reed a patent, and the decision of Judge U. C. Grier sustaining the Roberts' patent they have LOWERED the price of their Torpedoes

TWENTY PER CENT.

so that every Operator can afford to try a Torpedo before abandoning a Well.

The following is the decision rendered by Judge Grier on the twenty-second (22) day of September, 1879, in the United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia. The case was argued three days by Charles M. Keller of New York, B. F. Lucas and S. A. Purviance of Pittsburgh, for defendants, and George Harding of Philadelphia, and George H. Christy, of Pittsburgh, for plaintiff.

OPINION OF JUDGE GRIER.

As I write with difficulty I can only state the conclusions to which my mind has come after a careful examination of this case.

The complainant has exhibited a patent dated 25th of April, 1858. This is prima facie evidence of a good title, and puts on the respondents the burden of proof that the patent is void or worthless.

I need not repeat my remarks in the case of Good-year vs. Day (2 Wall, C. C. Rep. 259,) but now adopt them as affording a rule of decision which applies clearly to the present case.

As the infringement of the patent is admitted, the only question will be as to the validity of complainant's patent of April 25, 1858.

"It was after speculation that he had reduced to practice" and after repeated experiments, that the complainant succeeded in overcoming the prejudice and ignorance of the people on the subject, and persuading the public that his invention was essential after he had established its great utility and value, and when his genius and patient perseverance, in spite of sneers and scoffs, were completely successful, that Reed, who had before made experiments on the same subject, and was unsuccessful, imagined that he had the best right to the invention, and after purchasing one or more copies of the Torpedoes, he applied on the 1st of November, 1857, for a patent for substantially the same combination of devices and machine contained in complainant's patent. On the 10th of the same month the respondents formed themselves into a company or corporation called "The Red Torpedo Company," for the purpose of defeating the complainant's invention, and supporting the expense of litigation, and thus defraud him of the fruits. They have persevered, even after the preliminary injunction very properly granted by the District Judge.

Let a decree be entered for complainant for a perpetual injunction, and a Master appointed to take an account according to the prayer of the bill.

L. C. GRIER, Judge.

NOTE.—The passage referred to by Judge Grier in his former decision, 3 Wallace, p. 259, adopted as applicable to this case was as follows:

"It is the result of the case, when any valuable discovery is made, or any new machine of great utility is invented, that the attention of the public has been turned to that subject previously, and that many persons have been making researches and experiments. Philosophers and mechanics may have in some measure anticipated in their speculations the possibility or probability of such discovery or invention; many experiments have been successfully tried, coming very near, yet falling short of the desired result. They have produced nothing beneficial. The invention when perfected may truly be said to be the crowning point of many experiments, not only by the inventor, but by his competitors. He may have profited indirectly by the successful experiments and failures of others, but it gives them no right to claim a share of the honor of the profit of the successful inventor. It is when speculation has been reduced to practice, when experiment has resulted in discovery, and when that discovery has been perfected by patient and continued experiments, when some new compound, art, manufacture, or machine has been thus produced which is useful to the public, that the party making it becomes a public benefactor and entitled to a patent."

"And yet when genius, and patient perseverance have at length succeeded, in the discovery of a new and useful invention, or discovery, or Woodworth to prove that this is the usual history of every great discovery or invention.

"The present case needs another chapter to this long and uniform history."—2 Wallace, C. C. reports p. 252.

**CAUTION.**

The public is cautioned against employing any but the regularly authorized Agents of the Company, since the Roberts' Patent covers the use of the Torpedoes and all explosive materials for oil wells, and the use of such materials by other parties is a direct infringement of their rights. Any parties infringing any of the ROBERTS' PATENT'S will be dealt with according to law, and as acting willfully and knowingly in defiance of law and the decisions of the Courts.

The Company have re-organized their business with a view to accommodate Oil Men in every part of the Oil Region. They have employed the most efficient Agents and Assistants that can be procured for the business. Each Torpedo is labeled with days of patents, together with the price of the Torpedo, and signed by an officer of the Company, so every Operator will obtain a Torpedo, may know its price and whether it came from our office.

Operators will confer a favor by reporting to this Office any negligence of Agents.

The following named persons have been appointed Agents and Assistant Agents for the Oil Regions of Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

**LIST OF AGENTS.**

ITUSVILLE, CHURCH RUN AND VICINITY—STEPHEN COOK, Office, Hamilton's Store, address Itusville, Pa. Assistant, John Van Selver.

ITUSVILLE, CHURCH RUN AND VICINITY—H. H. THOMAS, Office and address, Manchester House, Itusville.

HAMBURG AND VICINITY—GEORGE H. IN. Office, Shamburg; residence, Itusville, Pa. Assistant, A. A. West.

ENTREPRISE, PLEASANTVILLE, DEAN FARM AND TYNGLE—GEORGE W. VAN ALIET, Office and address, Centre House, Pleasantville. Assistant, H. C. Harding.

TIDIOLE AND WEST HICKORY—CHAS. CLARK, Office and address, Express Office, Tidiole, Pa. Assistant, E. C. Beardsley.

PETROLEUM CENTRE AND VICINITY—LEVI MASON, Office and address, Petroleum Centre, Pa. Assistant, Charles Blackford.

FARR AND BLOOD FARMS and District lying on Oil Creek and Cherry Run, from Storey Farm to McClintockville—JAMES SAUNDERS, Address Storey Farm, Pa. Assistant, Luther B. Saunders, Charles E. Goslin and W. J. Hoar.

MCCLINTOCKVILLE OIL CITY AND BENO—A. S. WEST, Address, Oil City or Beno, Pa. Assistant, N. Mend.

FRANKLIN, ALONG THE ALLGHENY RIVER, DEWE, HILBIE, Office and address, Franklin, Pa. SCHUBIG ASS. FOSTER FARM & PARKERS LANDS—RICHARD W. BRIDGEMAN, Office and address, Scrubrun, Pa. Assistant, R. W. Forsterfield, address, Emlenton, Pa.

WEST VIRGINIA—C. D. ANGEL, and T. F. COOK, Address, Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Roberts Petroleum Torpedo Co.

**WINSOR BROS. COLUMN.**

# WINSOR BROS.,

## HARDWARE STORE.

ESTABLISHED 1859.

## Winsor Bros.

MAIN STREET,

### PETROLEUM CENTRE,

DEALERS IN OIL WELL

## TUBING AND CASING!

ALSO,

WORKING BARRELS & VALVES, STUFFING BOXES, CLAMPS, TONGS, INNIS SUCKER RODS, RIVETED JOINT SUCKER ROD BOILER PUMPS, CISTERN & WELL PUMPS,

Every Description of supplies for

## OIL WELL TANKS AND REFINERIES;

BRASS GOODS,

## STEAM & GAS FITTINGS

BELTING, PACKING AND HOSE

KIRBY'S COMPRESSED BUNGS,

## HARDWARE,

House Trimmings, Carpenters' Tools, Drilling and Plain Laid Rope, Oakum, Nails, Axes, Table and Pocket Cutlery.

A full assortment of everything in the Hardware Line.

## House Furnishing Goods,

## VENTILATOR AND

## Morning Glory

## BASE BURNERS.

## HOME COMPANION,

IRON GATE, and

WHEAT SHEAF

## Cook Stoves.

Lamps, Lanterns & Chimneys,

No. 1 Winter strained

Lard Oil,

NO. 1 REFINED OIL.

## CHAMPION CLOTHES WRINGERS

Manufacturers of

## TIN, SHEET IRON & COPPER WARE.

## SMOKE STACKS,

Repairing of all kinds done with neatness and dispatch. Especial attention given to

## Steam and Gas Fittings

Purchasing with cash only, our facilities for furnishing everything in our line are superior to any other establishment in the Oil Region. We have a first class.

Thinking our friends for their liberal patronage in the past, we shall use our best efforts to merit its continuance.

March 1st.

**ROBSON'S**

# OIL CREEK PIPE WORKS.

CHARLES ROBSON & CO.,

Corner of Seneca & Centre Sts., East side Oil Creek, Oil City, Pa.

Dealers in Morris, Tasker & Co's

## OIL WELL TUBING AND CASING

ALSO,

WORKING BARRELS AND VALVES, STUFFING BOXES, CLAMPS, TONGS, SUCKER RODS, &c.

Machinery for Oil Wells & Refineries

BOILING TOOLS, DRIVING PIPE, OIL PUMPS, COLD WATER PUMPS.

Every description of SUPPLIES FOR OIL WELLS AND REFINERIES,

Also, STOVES, TINWARE, BRASS GOODS, STEAM AND GAS FITTINGS, BELTING, LACKING, and HOSE &c.

HARDWARE, HOUSE TRIMMINGS, Carpenters' Tools, Rope, Oakum, Nails, Axes, Coffee Mill, Table & Pocket Cutlery;

A Full Assortment of Everything in the

## HARDWARE LINE.

House Furnishing Goods, No. 1 Winter Strained Lard Oil, No. 1 Refined Oil, Table and Pocket Cutlery

## Champion Clothes Wringers

Manufacturers of

Tin, Sheet Iron and Copper Ware.

Repairing of all kinds done with neatness and dispatch. Especial attention given to

## STEAM AND GAS FITTING.

We have endeavored to merit the patronage of the public, and shall use every exertion to merit it.

Our facilities for furnishing everything in our line, having been greatly increased, in the erection of our new Building, are now SUPERIOR TO ANY OTHER ESTABLISHMENT IN THE OIL REGION.

## "POCKERY!"

Enumerating a few of the articles to be found at

## L. M. STERNBURG'S

## Lumber Yard

Washington-St., Petroleum Centre, Pa.

Friends and patrons, one and all, Your attention to my "bid!" I would call;

Times are dull and money tight, But in these times I'm looking for light;

To those who are building rigs without number, I would inform—this is the place to buy Lumber;

My motto is this: "Quick Sales and Small Profits;" For business is healthy and I think much of it;

In quality my Lumber's second to none, And as for Shingles, I keep No. 1;

Some may not look at it in the light I do, And for those I have a quality No. 2;

To those who are particular—as some may be, I still have another quality called No.

I have good seasoned Lumber, Dressed up nice, Which I will sell at a low cash price;

Such as Flooring, Ceiling and Siding, both Rough and Dressed, Lath, Battens and Surfaced Lumber, all of the best;

I also have Big Lumber of all kinds, At prices to compare with oil and hard times;

All kinds of Timber kept constantly on hand, And a box of Cigars of a very good brand;

My facilities for selling are surely without number, I always keep good teams to deliver good Lumber;

So if you want Lumber, Rough, Dressed, Soft or Hard, You will find just what you want at L. M. S's Lumber Yard.

Feb 18-79

## The New York Meat Market!

H. & W. PARKER have fitted up a new building on

On Main street, Opposite the McClintock House,

And intend keeping what Petroleum Centre has ever needed, a first class Meat Market. Only the CHOICEST AND BEST MEAT will be kept. It will be our aim to serve our customers with promptness and to their entire satisfaction.

Sept 1st. H. & W. PARKER.

**ERIE RAILWAY.**

1400 MILES UNDER ONE MANAGEMENT. 500 MILES WITHOUT CHANGE OF COACHES

The Broad Gauge, Double Track Route

BETWEEN THE ATLANTIC CITIES AND THE WEST AND SOUTH-WEST.

THIS RAILWAY EXTENDS FROM Cincinnati to New York 300 Miles, Cleveland to New York 325 Miles, Dunkirk to New York 480 Miles, Buffalo to New York 420 Miles, Rochester to New York 365 Miles, AND IS FROM 27 TO 29 MILES THE SHORTEST ROUTE.

New and Improved Coaches are run from Cincinnati, Dayton, Urbana, Marion, Gallien, Mansfield, Ashland, Akron, Cleveland, Warren, Medina, Dunkirk, Buffalo and Rochester to

## New York Without Change.

ONLY ONE CHANGE TO BOSTON.

On and after Monday, May 23, 1879, trains will leave Mendville at the following hours, viz:

### FRANKLIN BRANCH—Going South.

LEAVE: Mendville, 8.45 A. M., 11.55 A. M., 3.45 P. M., 6.15 P. M.

ARRIVE: Franklin, 7.45 " 1.35 " 5.07 " 8.10 " Oil City, 8.09 " 1.55 " 5.09 " 8.25 "

### FRANKLIN BRANCH—Going North.

LEAVE: Oil City, 10.15 A. M., 2.00 A. M., 3.15 P. M., 5.05 P. M. Franklin, 11.22 " 2.41 " 4.00 " 5.43 "

ARRIVE: Mendville, 2.30 P. M., 11.52 A. M., 6.15 P. M., 11.20 P. M.

## GOING WEST.

2.10 A. M. DAY EXPRESS, daily, Mondays excepted, for Cleveland, Cincinnati and the West and South. Connects at Cleveland with the West and North-West. Connects at Cleveland with the West and North-West. Connects at Cleveland with the West and North-West. Connects at Cleveland with the West and North-West.

9.30 A. M. EXPRESS MAIL, daily, Sundays excepted, for Cleveland and the West and North-West. Connects at Cleveland with the West and North-West. Connects at Cleveland with the West and North-West. Connects at Cleveland with the West and North-West.

2.50 P. M. NIGHT EXPRESS, daily, for Cleveland, Cincinnati and the West and North-West. Connects at Cleveland with the West and North-West. Connects at Cleveland with the West and North-West. Connects at Cleveland with the West and North-West.

11.10 A. M. ACCOMMODATION, Sundays excepted, for Leavittsburg and Way Stations, connecting for Youngstown.

3.05 P. M. FREIGHT & ACCOMMODATION, daily.

7.10 A. M. WAY FREIGHT, Sundays excepted.

## GOING EAST.

11.40 A. M. LIGHTNING EXPRESS, daily, connecting at Corry, Sundays excepted, for Youngstown, Wayville, Brocton and Titusville, and daily for Erie at Elmira with Northern Central Railway for Williamsport, Harrisburg, Philadelphia and Baltimore and at New York for Boston and New England and etc.

A Sleeping Coach is attached to this train at Mendville running through to New York.

8.20 P. M. CINCINNATI EXPRESS, daily, Sundays excepted, connecting at Pittsburgh for Youngstown, Leavittsburg, and Western Railway for Scranton, and at New York with Midland Express-train of New Jersey Railroad for Philadelphia.

A Sleeping Coach is attached to this train at Cleveland, running through to Horrellville, connecting with train having new and improved Pullman Room Coaches attached, running through to New York.

1.40 P. M. ACCOMMODATION, Sundays excepted.

2.40 A. M. ACCOMMODATION, Sundays excepted.

5.45 A. M. WAY FREIGHT, Sundays excepted.

Boston and New England Passengers, with their baggage, are transferred FREE OF CHARGE in New York.

The best ventilated and most luxurious Sleeping Coaches are IN THE WORLD, accompany all night trains on this Railway.

The Erie Railway Company has opened a new Ferry from their Jersey City Depot to the foot of 2d St., New York, thus enabling passengers to reach the upper portion of the city without the expense and annoyance of a street car or an omnibus transfer.

The scenery along the entire route of the Erie Railway is of the most picturesque and beautiful character. Admirers of Nature's beauties, in a single journey over this line, will find its ever-changing landscapes subjects of continual admiration and interest.

## Baggage Checked Through.

And fare always as low as by any other Route.

ASK FOR TICKETS VIA ERIE RAILWAY.

Which can be obtained at all the Principal Ticket Offices in the West and South-West.

L. D. RUCKER, W. M. H. BABE, Gen'l Pass'g Ag't, Feb 18, 1879.