

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 P. 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, 1870, in the United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia. The case was argued three days by Charles H. 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, 1865. 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, 1865.

It was after speculation had been 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 useful; after he had established its great utility and value, and when his genius and patient perseverance, in spite of success and scorn, 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 complainant's torpedoes, he applied on the 1st of November, 1867, for a patent for substantially the same combination of devices and a machine contained in complainant's patent. On the 14th of the same month the respondents formed themselves into a company or corporation called "The Reed Torpedo Company," for the purpose of infringing the complainant's invention, and supporting the expense of litigation, and thus defrauding 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.

R. C. GRIER, Judge.

Now—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 usually 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 culminating point of many experiments, not only by the inventor, but by many others. He may have profited indirectly by the unsuccessful experiments and failures of others, but it gives them no right to claim a share of the honor or 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 spite of success and scorn, some of the invention or discovery, how seldom is it followed by reward! Every robs him of the honor, while speculators, swindlers, and pirates rob him of the profits. Every unsuccessful experimenter who did or did not come very near making a discovery now claims it. Every one who can invent an improvement or vary its form, claims a right to pirate the original discovery. We need not summons Morse, or Blanchard, or Woodworth to prove that this is the mental history of every great discovery or invention.

"The present case adds 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 Torpedo 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' PATENTS will be dealt with according to law, and acting willfully and knowingly in defiance of law and the decisions of the Courts.

The Company have reorganized 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 date of patent, together with the price of the Torpedo, and signed by an officer of the Company, so every Operator wishing 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 JOOP, Office, Hamilton's cigar store, address Itusville, Pa. Assistant, John Van Scriber.

ITUSVILLE, CHURCH RUN AND VICINITY—H. B. THOMAS, Office and address, Main House, Itusville, Pa.

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

FARM AND BLOOD FARMS and District lying on Oil Creek and Cherry Run, from Story Farm to McClintockville—JAMES SAUNDERS, Address, Story Farm, Pa. Assistants, Luther B. Saunders, Charles K. Cochran and William Hoyt.

McCLINTOCKVILLE, OIL CITY AND RENO—A. S. WEST, Address, Oil City or Reno, Pa. Assistant, W. Mead.

F. ANGLIN, ALONG THE ALLEGHENY RIVER—Z. WILBER, Office and address, Franklin, Pa. SCHUBIG ASS. FOSTER FARM & PARKERS LAWN—C. H. W. RYAN, Office and address, 85 Ridgeport, Pa. Assistant, H. W. Pottorf, address as indicated, Pa.

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

Roberts Petroleum Torpedo Co.

Daily Record

NEWSPAPER,

BOOK

AND

JOB PRINTING

Office,

MAIN STREET,

PETROLEUM CENTRE.

H. LONGWELL, Proprietor

om New York, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh, while together with Editorials and Local matters, make it one of the most desirable newspapers published in the Oil Region. As an

Advertising Medium,

The RECORD has no superior, as it circulates wherever an Oil Operator or Dealer can be found.

We have a large and well selected Jobbing Department, embracing the very latest styles. We are therefore, enabled to execute Job of every variety in a satisfactory manner when desired, jobs will be neatly printed in Colors

Shipping Bills, Poster

Hand-Bills, Programmes,

Bills of Fare, Labels.

Business and Visiting Cards

LETTER-HEADS, BILL-HEADS,

BILLS OF LADING, Etc. Etc

also

Ball Printing,

in or Fancy Styles, neatly and promptly executed, embracing

CIRCULARS, PROGRAMMES, CARDS, TICKETS, Etc.

act, every variety of style of work in letter press printing.

Mercants, Lawyers, Justices of the Peace, Land Agents, Oil Dealers and Agents, Insurance Agents, Expressmen and other parties in want, or to inform BLANKS business or legal, required in this com

Jobbing patronage is cordially solicited.

H. LONGWELL

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 Lard Rope,

Oakum, Nails, Axes,

Table and Pocket Cutlery,

A full assortment for everything in the Hardware

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

TIN AND REPAIR SHOP

Trusting 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, COLD WATER PUMPS

OIL PUMPS,

Every description of

SUPPLIES FOR OIL WELLS AND REFINERIES,

Also, STOVES, TINWARE,

BRASS GOODS,

STEAM AND GAS FITTINGS,

BELTING, PACKING, and HOSE

HARDWARE, HOUSE TRIMMINGS,

Carpenters' Tools,

Rope, Oakum,

Nails, Axes, Coffee Mills,

Table & Pocket Cutlery;

A Full Assortment of Everything in the

HARDWARE LINE

Just Purchasing Goods,

Lamps, Chimneys,

No. 1 Winter Strained Lard Oil,

No. 1 Refined Oil,

Stair Rods,

Table and Lard Oil

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 its continuance.

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.

Philadelphia & Erie R. R.

SUMMER TIME TABLE

On and after Monday, May 30th, 1870, the trains on the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad will run as follows:

WESTWARD.

Mail Train leaves Philadelphia, 10.30 p.m.

" " leaves Corry, 6.00 p.m.

" " arrives at Erie, 7.40 p.m.

Erie Expr. leaves Philadelphia, 10.50 a.m.

" " leaves Corry, 5.50 a.m.

" " arrives at Erie, 7.25 a.m.

Warren Accommodation leaves Warren, 8.00 a.m.

" " leaves Corry, 9.40 a.m.

" " arrives at Erie, 11.20 a.m.

EASTWARD.

Mail train leaves Erie, 8.50 a.m.

" " leaves Corry, 10.40 a.m.

" " arrives at Philadelphia, 6.30 a.m.

Erie Expr. leaves Erie, 9.00 p.m.

" " leaves Corry, 10.45 p.m.

" " arrives at Philadelphia, 5.3. p.m.

Warren Accommodation leaves Erie, 4.00 p.m.

" " leaves Corry, 5.55 p.m.

" " arrives at Warren, 7.20 p.m.

Express, Mail and Accommodation, East and West, connect at Corry, and all West bound trains and Mail and Accommodation East at Irwinston with Oil Creek and Allegheny River Railway.

W. M. A. BALDWIN, Gen'l Supt.

ALLEGHENY VALLEY R. R.

New line to Buffalo, through the Oil Region, JUNE 6, 1870.

GOING SOUTH.

Oil City, Franklin, Parker's, ar. Pitts'g

Mail, 9.0 a.m. 9.55 a.m. 12.30 p.m. 6.00 p.m.

Day Exp. 2.00 p.m. 2.55 p.m. 4.55 p.m. 8.30 p.m.

Night Ex. 9.30 p.m. 10.05 p.m. 1.00 a.m. 7.00 a.m.

GOING NORTH.

Pittsburg, Parker's, Franklin, ar. Oil City

Day Exp. 7.50 a.m. 11.45 a.m. 1.50 p.m. 2.50 p.m.

Night Ex. 9.30 a.m. 4.25 p.m. 6.50 p.m. 7.05 p.m.

Way Exp. 9.00 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 5.50 a.m. 6.30 a.m.

SILVER PALACE SLEEPING CARS on Night Express trains both ways between Pittsburgh and Corry.

J. J. LAWRENCE, Gen. Supt.

THOS. M. KING, Asst. Supt.

BUFFALO, CORRY AND PITTSBURGH RAILROAD.

NORTHWARD TRAINS.

Corry, Reedsbn., Buffalo.

Express, 9.25 a.m. 11.55 a.m. 1.55 p.m.

Mail, 11.5. a.m. 3.35 p.m. 5.30 p.m.

Way Freight, 5.35 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 2.00 "

Accommod'n, 5.35 p.m. 8.30 a.m. 10.30 "

SOUTHWARD TRAINS.

Buffalo, Corry.

M. B., 6.05 a.m. 8.35 a.m. 10.55 a.m.

Express, 11.50 " 2.00 p.m. 5.00 p.m.

Accommod'n, 4.30 p.m. 7.15 " 10.15 "

Way Freight, 4.00 a.m. 7.35 a.m. 10.25 a.m.

Monday, May 30, 1870.

GEO. W. KING, Sr.,

Has removed to his NEW STORE, adjoining Schenck & Wingo's Grocery Store, WASHINGTON ST., and is now prepared to furnish his friends and the public generally with

Fresh and Salt Meats

of all kinds. Thanking my friends for past favors I hope to merit a continuance of the same. Give me a call.

GEO. W. KING, Sr.

Petroleum Centre, May 1870. If

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

Petroleum Centre, July 11, 1870.

The Co-partnership heretofore existing between John J. Felter, V. A. Fenner & Robert Orr, under the firm name of Felter, Fenner & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All debts due the firm will be payable to J. J. Felter or V. A. Fenner, who will settle the business of the firm.

JOHN J. FELTER,

V. A. FENNER,

ROBERT ORR.

July 11-30

ERIE RAILWAY.

1400 MILES UNDER ONE MANAGEMENT. 800 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 800 Miles,

Cleveland to New York 625 Miles,

Dunkirk to New York 460 Miles,

Buffalo to New York 433 Miles,

Rochester to New York 385 Miles,

AND IS FROM

22 TO 27 MILES THE SHORTEST

ROUTE.

New and Improved Coaches are run