

**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. Read a patent, and the decision of Judge R. C. Grier sustaining the Roberts' patent they have LOWERED the price of their Torpedoes.

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

The following is the decision rendered by Judge Grier on the twenty-second (22) day of September, 1890, in the United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia. The case was argued three days by Charles M. Keller of New York, B. P. Lucas and S. A. Purviance of Pittsburgh, for defendants, and George Bushong 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, 1885. 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 Goodrich vs. Day (2 Wall, C. C. Rep. 229), 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, 1885.

It was after specification had been reduced to practice, and after repeated experiments, that the complainant succeeded in overcoming the prejudice and ignorance of the people in the subject, and persuading the public that his invention was useful.

As he had established his great utility and value, and "when his genius and patient perseverance, in spite of sneers and scoffs, were completely successful, last Goodrich, 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, 1887, for a patent for substantially the same combination of devices and machinery contained in complainant's patent. On the 15th of the same month the respondents formed themselves into a company or corporation called "The Red Torpedo Company," for the purpose of striking the complainant's invention, and supporting the expense of litigation, and thus depriving 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.**

**NOTE.**—The passage referred to by Judge Grier in his former decision, 3 Wallace, p. 299, adopted as applicable to this case was as follows:

"It is nearly 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, 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, and every ear has 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. It may have profited indirectly by the unsuccessful experiments and failures of others, but it gives them no right to own a share of the honor of the deed of the successful inventor. It is when speculation has been reduced to practice, when experiment has been perfected by patient and continued experiments, when some new compound, art, manufacture, or machine has been thus produced which is said 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 sneers and scoffs, in a valuable invention or discovery, how seldom is it followed by reward! Every noble claim of the inventor is met with a cold and unfeeling refusal to 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 divide the original discovery. We must not quarrel with those who, by Woodworth, wish to prove that this is the usual history of every great discovery or invention."

"The present case adds another chapter to this long and painful history."—2 Wallace, C. C. Reports p. 292.

**CAUTION.**

The public is cautioned against employing any but the regularly authorized Agents of the Company, since the Roberts' Patent cover the use of the Torpedo and all exclusive 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 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 date of patents, 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 residence 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.**—S. SPENGLER, Office, Hamilton's Cigar Store, Itusville, Pa. Assistant, John Van Bortlen.

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

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**SEVENFISH, PEARMANVILLE, BEAN FARM AND PITHOLE.**—GEORGE W. VAN VLIET, Office and address, Chase House, Pleasantville. Assistant, B. C. Huntington.

**ALLEGHENY AND WEST HICKORY.**—CHAS. CLARE, Office and address, Express Office, Tidionia, Pa. Assistant, C. C. Beatty.

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

**FAIR AND BLOOD FARMS and District lying on Oil Creek and Cherry Run, from Storey Farm to Eschmeltville.**—JAMES HAITSDER, Address, Storey Farm, Pa. Assistants, Luther B. Saunders, Charles E. Cochran and William Hoyt.

**MCLINTOCKVILLE, OIL CITY AND RENO.**—A. S. WEST, Address, Oil City or Reno, Pa. Assistant, R. Mead.

**FRANKLIN, ALONG THE ALLEGHENY RIVER.**—REYNOLDS, Office and address, Franklin, Pa. SCHUBERT, ASST. FOSTER, FAIRM & PARKERS LANDING.—RICHARD W. REIDFIELD, Office and address, Fairburg, Pa. Assistant, R. W. Portenfeld, address, Eschmeltville, Pa.

**WEST VIRGINIA.**—G. D. ANGEL, and T. E. GOOK, Address, Parkersburg, West Virginia.

**Roberts Petroleum Torpedo Co.**  
 Agents—

**Daily Record**  
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**BOOK**

**Job Printing**

Office,  
 MAIN STREET,  
**PETROLEUM CENTRE**

H. LONGWELL, Proprietor  
 on New York, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh, with  
 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.

**JOBGING DEPARTMENT.**

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

**Shipping Bills;**

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**Programmes;**

**Bills of Fare.**

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**Business and Visiting Cards**

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**BILL-HEADS,**

**BILLS OF LADING, Etc., Etc.**

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**BALL PRINTING,**

in or Fancy Styles, neatly and promptly executed, embracing

**CIRCULARS PROGRAMMES**  
**CARDS, TICKETS, Etc.**

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

Merchants, Lawyers, Justices of the Peace, Land  
 Agents, Oil Dealers and Agents, Insurance Agents  
 Representatives and other parties in want, are informed  
 that business or legal required in this com-  
 munity.  
 Jobbing patronage respectfully solicited.  
**H. LONGWELL**

**WINSOR BROS. COLUMN.**  
**WINSOR BROS.,**  
**HARDWARE**  
**STORE.**

**ESTABLISHED 1859.**

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**DEALERS IN OIL WELL**

**TUBING AND CASING**

**ALSO;**

**WORKING BARRELS & VALVES,**

**STUFFING BOXES,**

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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 for everything in the Hardware

**House Furnishing Goods,**

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**AND**

**Morning Glory**

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**HOME COMPANION.**

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**WHEAT SHEAF**

**Cook Stoves.**

Lamps, Lanterns & Chimneys,  
 No. 1 Winter strained  
 Lard Oil,  
 NO. 1 REFINED OIL.  
**CHAMPION CLOTHES WRINGERS**

Manufacturers of

**ROBSON'S**  
**OIL-CREEK PIPE WORKS.**  
**CHARLES ROBSON & Co.**

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

Dealers in Morris, Tucker & 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 TUBS, DRYING 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, PACKING, and ETC.**

**HARDWARE, HOUSE TRIMMING,**

Carpenters' Tools,

Hops, Oakum,

Nails, Axes, Coffee Mills,

Table & Pocket Cutlery;

A Full Assortment of Everything in the

**HARDWARE LINE.**

House Furnishing Goods,

Lamps, Chimneys,

No. 1 Winter Strained Lard Oil,

No. 1 Refined Oil,

Sucker Rods,

Table and Pocket Cutlery.

**Champion Clothes Wringers**

Manufacturers of

**Tin, Sheet Iron and Copper Ware.**

Repairs 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 the Oil Region, 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 20th, 1890, the trains on the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad will run as follows:

**WESTWARD.**

Mail Train leaves Philadelphia, 10:30 p.m.

leaves Corry, 7:40 p.m.

arrives Erie, 10:50 a.m.

leaves Corry, 5:50 a.m.

arrives Erie, 7:25 a.m.

Warren Accommodation leaves Warren, 8:00 a.m.

leaves Corry, 9:40 a.m.

arrives EASTWARD,

Mail Train leaves Erie, 8:50 a.m.

arrives at Philadelphia, 10:40 a.m.

leaves Corry, 6:50 p.m.

arrives at Philadelphia, 8:45 p.m.

leaves Corry, 5:45 p.m.

arrives at Philadelphia, 7:40 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 Irwinville 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, 1890.**

**Oil City, Franklin, Parker's ar, Pittsbg**

Mail, 9:40 a.m. 5:55 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.

Day Exp. 2:40 p.m. 2:45 p.m. 4:35 p.m. 8:30 p.m.

Night Exp. 9:30 p.m. 1:05 p.m. 1:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m.

**Oil City south.**

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

Day Exp. 1:40 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 2:50 p.m.

Way Freight, 4:25 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:05 p.m. 7:05 p.m.

Night Exp. 9:30 p.m. 9:35 p.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, Buffalo, Buffalo

Express, 6:15 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 2:50 p.m.

Mail, 11:45 a.m. 2:55 p.m. 5:50 p.m. 7:05 p.m.

Way Freight, 6:00 a.m. 6:05 a.m. 9:04 a.m. 9:04 a.m.

Accommodation, 3:55 p.m. 6:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

**SOUTHWARD TRAINS.**

Buffalo, Buffalo, Corry

M. H., 9:05 a.m. 8:35 a.m. 10:50 a.m.

Express, 11:55 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.

Accommodation, 1:00 p.m. 7:15 a.m. 10:15 a.m.

Way Freight, 4:00 a.m. 1:05 a.m. 10:20 a.m.

Monday, May 20, 1890.

**GEO. W. KING, Sr.,**

Has removed to his NEW STORE, adjoining

Scoullon & Wingo's Grocery Store, WASHINGTON

TOWN-ST., and is now prepared to furnish his friends

and the public generally with

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. Jr.

**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 11-8w

**ERIE RAILWAY.**  
 1400 MILES UNDER ONE MANAGEMENT. 800 MILES WITHOUT CHANGE OF COACHES