

ROBERTS' PETROLEUM TORPEDO.

TORPEDOES.

THE ROBERTS

PETROLEUM TORPEDO CO.

Office at the

THE PLANING MILL,

CORNER OF First and Second Streets,

Near the Railroads

BITUSVILLE, PA.

Due to the large and increasing demand for the Roberts' Torpedoes, and the late decision of the Commissioners of Patents to refuse a W.M. Reed a patent, and the decision of Judge R. C. Greenstreet, that the Roberts' patent they have LOWERED the price of their Torpedoes.

TWENTY PER CENT.

No one operator can afford to pay a torpedo before abandoning a well.

The following is the decision rendered by Judge Greenstreet on the twenty-second (22) day of September, 1865, in the United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia. The cause was argued three days by Charles M. Taylor of New York, D. F. Lucas and S. A. Purvis of Pittsburgh, for defendants, and George Hardin of Philadelphia, and George E. Christy, of Philadelphia, for plaintiff.

OPINION OF JUDGE GREENSTREET.

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 28th 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 Goodyear 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 28, 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 sound, so far as he had established its great utility and value, and "when his genius and patient perseverance, in spite of many trials and efforts," 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, 1865, for a patent for an improvement in the same combinations of devices and machines contained in complainant's patent. On the 15th of the same month the respondents formed themselves into a company or corporation called "The Reed Torpedo Company," for the purpose of pirating the complainant's invention, and supporting the expenses of litigation, and thus defrauded him of the fruits. They have perjured, 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.—This passage referred to by Judge Grier in his former decision, 3 Wallace, p. 209, 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 mechanicians may have in some measure anticipated it, in their speculations on the possibility or probability of such discovery or invention; many experiments have been successful, tried, coming very near, yet failing short of the desired object. 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 him 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 entitled to a patent."

"And yet when genius and patient perseverance have at length succeeded, in spite of errors and faults, some valuable invention or discovery, however small it is followed by reward."—Encyc. Brit. of the terms, while speculators, swindlers, and others rob him of the profits. Every unsuccessful experimenter who did or did not come very near making a discovery now claims it. Everyone who can invent an improvement or vary its form claims a right to pirate the original discovery. We need not summon Moses, or Blanchard, or Woodward to prove that this is the usual history of every great discovery or invention.

"The present case adds another chapter to this long and unhappy history."—2 Wallace, G. C. Report, p. 209.

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 as acting wilfully 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 labelled 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 the 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.

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

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GEO. W. KING, Sr.

Paterson Center, May 1270, 1865.

LAKE SHORE & MICHIGAN SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

FRANKLIN DIVISION,

Connecting trains at Jamestown and Oil City. On

and after Monday, August 8th, 1870, trains will run as follows:

LEAVE OIL CITY.

MIXED TRAIN leaves Oil City 2:10 p.m.; Reno, 9:30 p.m.; Two Mile Run, 9:45 p.m.; Franklin, 10:30 p.m.; Summit, 10:38 p.m.; Waterford, 10:50 p.m.; Bay Mills, 10:55 p.m.; Salem, 10:58 p.m.; Sandy Lake, 11:00 p.m.; St. Joe, 11:00 p.m.; Bay Mills, 11:15 p.m.; Franklin, 11:20 p.m.; Coal Branch, 11:30 p.m.; Hadley's, 11:45 p.m.; Bay Mills, 11:55 p.m.; Franklin, 12:00 a.m.; Bay Mills, 12:15 a.m.; Salem, 12:30 a.m.; Sandy Lake, 12:45 a.m.; Bay Mills, 1:00 a.m.; Franklin, 1:15 a.m.; Coal Branch, 1:30 a.m.; Hadley's, 1:45 a.m.; Bay Mills, 2:00 a.m.; Franklin, 2:15 a.m.; Bay Mills, 2:30 a.m.; Franklin, 2:45