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TORPEDOES.
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PETROLEUM TORPEDO CO.
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 Corner of Pine and Second Streets,
 (Near the Railroad.)
ITUSVILLE, PA.

On the large and increasing demand for the Roberts' Torpedo and the late decision of the Commissioner of Patents in refusing to Wm. R. Roberts a patent, and the decision of Judge P. C. Gray sustaining the Roberts' patent they have LOWERED the price of their Torpedoes

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

The following is the decision rendered by Judge Gray on the twenty-eighth day of September, 1899, in the United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia. The case was argued three days by William M. Keller of New York, B. F. Lucas and S. A. Purviance of Pittsburgh, for defendants, and George H. Harling of Philadelphia, and George H. Christy, of Pittsburgh, for plaintiff.

OPINION OF JUDGE GRAY.

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 exhibited a patent dated 28th of April, 1888. This is a patent for a torpedo, and puts on the respondent 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. 239) 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, 1888.

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 public, and in procuring for himself the great utility and value, and when his genius and patient perseverance, in spite of hardships and difficulties, were completely successful, that he, who had before made experiments on the same subject, and was unsuccessful, excepting 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 invention. The specifications of device and machine contained in complainant's patent, on the 10th of the same month the respondent formed themselves into a company or corporation and called "The Red Torpedo Company," for the purpose of procuring the complainant's invention, and engineering the same in the oil fields, and thus depriving him of the fruits. They have discovered, 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 writ appointed to take an account according to the prayer of the bill.

J. C. GRAY, Judge.

Note—The passage referred to by Judge Gray in his former decision, 5 Wallace, p. 299, 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 the many persons have been making experiments, and carrying on some measure anticipated in their speculations the possibility of the utility of such discovery, or invention, or machine, or elements have been successfully tried, coming to the point of failure, or of the desired result. They have produced nothing beneficial. The invention when perfected may be expected to be the culminating point of many experiments, not only by the inventor, but by many others. He may have profited indirectly by the successful experiments and failures of others, but it gives the inventor a claim to a share of the honor of the profit of the successful invention. It is when speculation has been reduced to practice, when a payment has resulted in discovery, and when that discovery has been perfected by patient and continual experiments, when some new compound, art, machine, or machine has been 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 a line of genius and some valuable invention or discovery, how seldom is it followed by reward. They rob him of the honor, a his speculations, and his plans, and give him of the profits. Every unsuccessful experimenter who did or did not come very near making a discovery now claims it. We need not name Moore or Blenelaid, or Woodward to prove that this is the usual history of every great discovery in the world.

"The present case is a further chapter to this long and painful history."—5 Wallace, C. C. Reports, p. 299.

CAUTION.

The public is cautioned against employing any but the regular Roberts' Agent of the Company, since the Roberts' Patent is a 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 willfully against the equity of a sense of law and the decisions of the Courts.

The Company have recommended 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 name of the Torpedo, and should be an office of the Company, so every Operator wishing a Torpedo may know its price and whether it came from the 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.

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 March 1st.

LAKE SHORE & MICHIGAN SOUTHERN RAILWAY.
FRANKLIN DIVISION.
 Connecting trains at Jamestown and Oil City, Pa. and after Monday, August 28th, 1870, trains will run as follows:

LEAVE OIL CITY.
MIXED TRAIN leaves Oil City 2:10 p.m.; Reno, 2:50 p.m.; Two Mile Run, 3:25 p.m.; Franklin, 4:05 p.m.; Waterbury, 4:45 p.m.; Raymont, 5:15 p.m.; Summit, 5:55 p.m.; Stonboro, 6:35 p.m.; Coal Branch, 7:15 p.m.; Clark's Mills, 7:55 p.m.; Hadley, 8:35 p.m.; Salem, 9:15 p.m.; A & G W Crossing, 9:55 p.m.; Jamestown, 10:35 p.m.

MAIL TRAIN leaves Oil City 9:00 a.m.; Reno, 9:40 a.m.; Two Mile Run, 10:15 a.m.; Franklin, 10:55 a.m.; Waterbury, 11:35 a.m.; Raymont, 12:15 p.m.; Summit, 12:55 p.m.; Stonboro, 1:35 p.m.; Coal Branch, 2:15 p.m.; Clark's Mills, 2:55 p.m.; Hadley, 3:35 p.m.; Salem, 4:15 p.m.; A & G W Crossing, 4:55 p.m.; Jamestown, 5:35 p.m.

FRANKLIN ACCOMMODATION leaves Franklin, 8:00 a.m.; Two Mile Run, 8:40 a.m.; Reno, 9:20 a.m.; arrives at Oil City, 10:00 a.m.

Mail and west will stop at all stations except Two Mile Run, Summit, Coal Branch, Clark's Mills, and Salem, and at these stations, to leave passengers, and on signal to take passengers.

Mixed trains will stop at all stations.
CHARLES F. HAUCH, Gen. Supt.
GEO. H. MCINTYRE, Supt.

Philadelphia & Erie R.R.
SUMMER TIME TABLE

On and after Monday, May 20th, 1870, the trains on the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad will run as follows:

WESTWARD.
 Mail Train leaves Philadelphia, 10:00 a.m.; arrives at Erie, 6:00 p.m.
 Erie Expr. leaves Philadelphia, 10:30 a.m.; arrives at Erie, 6:30 p.m.
 Warren Accommodation leaves Warren, 8:00 a.m.; arrives at Erie, 11:00 a.m.

EASTWARD.
 Mail Train leaves Erie, 6:00 a.m.; arrives at Philadelphia, 10:00 a.m.
 Erie Expr. leaves Erie, 6:30 a.m.; arrives at Philadelphia, 10:30 a.m.
 Warren Accommodation leaves Erie, 8:00 a.m.; arrives at Warren, 11:00 a.m.

Express, Mail and Accommodation, East and West, connect at Corry, and all West and South and East and Accommodation East at Lehigh with Oil Creek and Allegheny River Railway.
W. A. BALDWIN, Gen. Supt.

ALLEGHENY VALLEY R.R.
 New line to Buffalo, through the Oil Region.
JUNE 5, 1870.

GOING SOUTH.
 Mail, Oil City, Franklin, Parker's, at Patsy, 9:00 a.m.; 9:55 a.m.; 12:30 p.m.; 6:00 p.m.
 Day Exp., 2:00 p.m.; 2:30 p.m.; 4:30 p.m.; 8:00 p.m.
 Night Exp., 9:40 p.m.; 10:00 p.m.; 1:00 a.m.; 7:00 a.m.

GOING NORTH.
 Pittsburgh, Parker's, Franklin, at Oil City, 7:00 a.m.; 7:45 a.m.; 1:25 p.m.; 8:00 p.m.
 Day Exp., 10:00 a.m.; 4:25 p.m.; 6:00 p.m.; 7:00 p.m.
 Night Exp., 9:00 p.m.; 1:00 a.m.; 5:00 a.m.; 6:00 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, 9:25 a.m.; 11:25 a.m.; 1:55 p.m.
 Mail, 11:55 a.m.; 3:25 p.m.; 5:00 p.m.
 Way Freight, 9:00 a.m.; 1:00 p.m.; 3:00 p.m.
 Accommodation, 5:35 p.m.; 8:35 a.m.; 10:30 p.m.

SOUTHWARD TRAINS.
 Buffalo, Corry, Buffalo, Corry.
 Mail, 6:05 a.m.; 8:35 a.m.; 10:55 a.m.
 Express, 11:25 a.m.; 2:00 p.m.; 4:30 p.m.; 7:00 p.m.
 Accommodation, 4:00 p.m.; 7:05 a.m.; 10:25 a.m.
 Monday, May 30, 1870.

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GEO. W. KING, Supt.
 Petroleum Centre, May 3, 1870.