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Latest Telegrams  
Inform the masses!

**BRUCE & FULLER**  
HAVE A LARGE STOCK OF  
**BOOTS,**  
Men's, Boys and Youths.

Also an endless variety of  
WOMEN'S, CHILDREN'S & MISSES' GOODS,  
Of the best, that cannot fail to please. Our stock is  
new and stylish, and 20 per cent. lower than all  
other dealers.

Our custom department is provided over by a first  
class mechanic, who is unsurpassed for his fits.  
Try him once and you are our customers.

Notice.—where our Store is,  
on Main Street, opposite the  
McIntock House, Petroleum  
Centre, Pa.

Sept 14-17.

**A CARD TO THE LADIES,**  
**DR. DUPONCO'S**  
**Golden Periodical Pills,**  
FOR FEMALES.

INFALLIBLE IN CORRECTING IRREGULARI-  
TIES, REMOVING OBSCURIONS OF THE  
MONTHLY PERIODS, FROM WHATEVER  
CAUSE, AND ALWAYS SUCCESS-  
FUL AS A PREVENTIVE.

Prepared Expressly for Married  
Ladies.

O lady writes, Duponco's Golden Pills relieved  
me in "two days," without any inconvenience, like  
magic. So say all who use the genuine. "Be-  
ware of counterfeits." The genuine is now put up  
in large white boxes, containing "double quantity"  
of Pills, and upon each box you will find the U. S.  
Revenue Stamp printed from my private die, upon  
which you will find the words "Duponco's Golden  
Periodical Pills, in white" letters. None genuine  
without that stamp. The small red and yellow  
boxes are no longer used because of their being  
counterfeited.

Price \$1 Per Box. Six Boxes \$5.  
Sold by M. S. SIMMONS, Druggist,  
sole Agent for Petroleum Centre, Pa. Ladies  
sending him \$1 through the Petroleum Centre  
Post Office can have the Pills sent (confidentially  
by mail, to any part of the country, free of postage.  
And also by A. R. Griffith, Oil City, N. W. Shum  
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**WAR DECLARED**  
**On High Prices!**

at the Old Stand of J. S. Prather, MAIN  
STREET, by the new firm,  
**M. V. B. FISHER,**  
Who intends keeping up a heavy stock of

**GROCERIES & PROVISIONS**  
FLOUR, FRUIT, VEGETABLES,  
and in fact every kind of goods usually kept in a  
well appointed

**GROCERY STORE.**  
I have a team on the road and will deliver Goods  
FREE OF CHARGE.  
All I ask is a fair trial and an examination  
of my stock. Give me a call. M. V. B. FISHER,  
Petroleum Centre, Pa., July 29-17

**H. C. Jarvis,**  
Dealer in  
**CABINET FURNITURE!**  
A LARGE ASSORTMENT ALWAYS ON  
HAND.

LOOKING GLASSES in great variety. Looking  
Glass Plates replaced in old Frames.

Picture Frames made to order  
Carpets, Oil Cloths, Wall  
Paper, Window Shades

A FINE STOCK.  
**UNDERTAKING,**  
COFFINS of all sizes on hand and trimmed  
to order on short notice.  
SASH BLINDS AND DOORS  
No. 10 WASHINGTON ST.  
Petroleum Centre, Sept 1897-118.

A. S. Smith has just returned from the  
East with a large stock of Shoes and the  
latest styles of Opera Toe Ladies shoes.  
Oct 15-11.

**ROBERTS' PETROLEUM TORPEDO.**  
**TORPEDOES.**  
THE ROBERTS  
PETROLEUM TORPEDO CO.  
Office at the  
**RED PLANING MILL,**  
Corner of Pine and Second Streets,  
(Near the Railroad),  
**TITUSVILLE, PA.**

Owing to the large and increasing demand for the  
Roberts' Torpedoes, and the late decision of the  
Commissioner of Patents in relation to Wm. Reed's  
patent, and the decision of Judge J. C. Grier sus-  
taining 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-ninth (29) day of September,  
1886, in the United States Circuit Court at Philadel-  
phia. The case was argued three days by Charles  
M. Keller of New York, B. F. Lucas and S. A. Pur-  
viance of Pittsburgh, for defendants, and George  
Hendling of Philadelphia, and George H. Christy, of  
Pittsburgh, for plaintiffs.

**OPINION OF JUDGE GRIER.**  
As I write with difficulty I can only state the con-  
clusions 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 bur-  
den of proof that the patent is void or worthless.  
I need not repeat the contents 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 ap-  
plies clearly to the present case.

As the infringement of the patent is admitted,  
the only question will be as to the validity of com-  
plainant'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 sneers and scoffs," were completely suc-  
cessful, that Reed, who had before made experi-  
ments on the same subject, and was unsuccessful,  
imagined that he had the best right to the inven-  
tion, and after purchasing one or more complainant's tor-  
pedoes, he applied on the 1st of November, 1867,  
for a patent for substantially the same combina-  
tions of devices and teachings contained in com-  
plainant'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 in-  
vention, and supporting the expense of litigation,  
and thus defrauding him of the fruits. They have per-  
severed, even after the preliminary injunction very  
properly granted by the District Judge.

Let a decree be entered for complainant for a per-  
petual 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 usually the case, when any valuable discov-  
ery is made, or any new machine of great utility is  
invented, that the attention of the public has been  
directed to that subject previously, and that many  
persons have been making researches and experi-  
ments. Philosophers and mechanicians may have  
in some measure anticipated in their speculations  
the possibility or probability of such discovery or  
invention; many experiments have been success-  
fully tried, coming very near, yet falling short of  
the desired result. They have produced nothing bene-  
ficial. The invention when perfected may truly be  
said to be the culminating point of many experi-  
ments, not only by the inventor, but by many oth-  
ers. He may have profited indirectly by the un-  
successful 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 ex-  
perimentation has resulted in discovery and when that  
discovery has been perfected by patient and contin-  
ued 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 sneers and  
scoffs, some valuable invention or discovery, how  
soon is it followed by a rival! Every robs him  
of the honor, while speculators, swindlers, and pri-  
vates 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 summon Morse, or Blanchard, or Wood-  
worth to prove that this is the usual history of ev-  
ery great discovery or invention."

"The present case adds another chapter to this  
long and uniform history."—2 Wallace, C. C. Re-  
ports p. 292.

**CAUTION.**  
The public is cautioned against employing any  
of the regular, authorized Agents of the Com-  
pany, since the Roberts' Patent cover 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 in-  
fringing 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 economy 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 Tor-  
pedo, 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 appoint-  
ed Agents and Assistant Agents for the Oil Regions  
of Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

- LIST OF AGENTS.**
- TITUSVILLE, CHURCH RUN AND VICIN-  
ITY—STEPHEN COOP, Office, Hamilton's Cigar  
Store, address Titusville, Pa. Assistant John Van  
Serpine.
  - TITUSVILLE, CHURCH RUN AND VICIN-  
ITY—H. H. THOMAS, Office and address, Man-  
sion House, Titusville, Pa.
  - SHAMBURG AND VICINITY—GEORGE IR-  
VIN, Office, Shamburg; residence, Titusville, Pa.  
Assistant, A. A. West.
  - ENTERPRISE, PLEASANTVILLE, BEAN  
FARM AND PITHOLE, W. GEO. VAN  
VLIET, Office and address, Chase House, Pleas-  
antville, Assistant, H. C. Huntington.
  - TIDIOUT AND WEST HICKORY—CHAS.  
CLARK, Office and address, Hickory Office, Tidi-  
out, Pa. Assistant, E. C. Boardley.
  - PETROLEUM CENTRE AND VICINITY—  
LEVI MASON, Office and address, Petroleum Cen-  
tre, Pa. Assistant, Charles Hendling.
  - ZARR AND BLOOD FIELDS and District lying  
on Oil Creek and Cherry Run, from Story Farm to  
McIntockville—JAMES SAUNDERS, Address  
Tarr Farm, Pa. Assistants, Luther B. Saunders,  
Charles E. Cochran and W. P. Hoyt.
  - MCINTOCKVILLE, OIL CITY AND PEN-  
A. S. WEST, Address, Oil City or Reno, Pa.  
Assistant, J. Mond.
  - FRANKLIN, LONG THE ALLEGHENY RIV-  
ER—Z. WILBER, Office and address, Franklin, Pa.
  - SCHUBG ASS. FOSTER FARM & PARKER'S  
LANDING—RICHARD W. REDFIELD, Office  
and address, Scrubgrass, Ia. Assistant, R. W. Por-  
terfield, address Embleton, Pa.
  - WEST VIRGINIA—C. D. ANGEL, and T. P.  
OGDEN, Address, Parkersburg, West Virginia.
- Roberts Petroleum Torpedo Co.  
Petroleum Centre, Pa.

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BUYS A**

**Cooking Stove  
Cooking Stove**

**WITH FOUR  
WITH FOUR**

**BOILER HOLES  
BOILER HOLES**

**AND A  
AND A**

**Large Oven.  
Large Oven.**

Call and we'll Show it  
Call and we'll Sell it

**FOR TEN DOLLARS**

**At Ames',**  
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**Great Reduction!**  
IN  
**STOVES AND TINWARE,**  
—AT—  
**AMES'.**

**THE "PEERLESS"**  
IS STILL

**Without a Rival  
in the Stove Market.**

We have reduced the price of this favorite  
stove ten per cent., bringing it within the reach of  
all.

We have also on hand twenty-five different varie-  
ties of

**COOKING STOVES,**  
To which we invite the attention of purchasers.  
Our prices will be found lower than ever.  
Every stove warranted.

Call and see us.  
Oct 15-17.

**AT AMES'.**

**REMOVAL.**  
**SANDERSON'S**  
WHOLESALE  
**Liquor Store**  
Has been removed to No. 20 Spring St,  
**AMERICAN HOUSE BLOCK.**  
A FULL ASSORTMENT OF FINE  
**Liquors and Cigars**

will be kept and a continuance of patronage sought  
for. A comfortable and luxurious

**READING ROOM**  
Has been fitted up in rear of  
the store, where my numerous friends and ac-  
quaintances are cordially invited to spend their  
leisure time while stopping in Titusville.

**Remember in the American  
House Building is where  
you will find**  
**ED. SANDERSON.**  
Titusville, Pa., Oct. 19, 1870. 11

**BOOTH & SARGENT,**  
**NEW MUSIC STORE,**  
**OPERA HOUSE BLOCK,**  
**TITUSVILLE, PA.**

We are now receiving a large stock of Musical  
Merchandise, consisting of

**Pianos, Organs and Melodeons,**  
And a full line of  
SMALL INSTRUMENTS,  
SHEET MUSIC, and  
INSTRUCTION BOOKS,  
STOOLS, SPREADS, Etc., Et  
**Steinway & Sons,**  
**Bradbury,**  
**Chickering & Sons,**  
**Kasbe & Co'**  
and all other manufacturers if de-  
sired, at the lowest rates. We have the celebrated  
**SMITH PARLOR ORGAN**  
of Boston, the finest REED INSTRUMENT yet in-  
troduced, which we can sell on very reasonable  
terms. A large stock of select Sheet music always  
on hand.

Our instruments need no notice at our hands, as  
they have been before the world for twenty to  
thirty years. We warrant them for FIVE YEARS,  
and will sell on monthly payments, or exchange for  
second hand instruments, or for CASH if urged.  
We shall be pleased to show our goods to all who  
may favor us with a call.  
R. H. SARGENT,  
Oct 17. Opera House Block, Titusville, Pa.

**"POICKRY!"**  
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 "bit" I would call;  
Time is dull as 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 Profit,"  
For business is healthy and I think much of it;

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

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

And 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 Rig 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 Lum-  
ber Yard. Oct 17

**Recommended and Endorsed by over  
Seven Hundred Doctors!**

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COMPOUND FLUID EXTRACT OF  
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Not a Secret Quack Medicine—For-  
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THE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER,  
AND ALL  
**Diseases Caused by a Bad State of  
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It thoroughly eradicates every kind of Humor  
and Bad Taste, and restores the entire system to a  
healthy condition.  
It is beyond question the FINEST TONIC IN  
THE WORLD.  
Thousands have been changed by the use of this  
Medicine from weak, sickly, suffering or ailing to  
strong, healthy, and happy men and women.  
It will not hesitate to give it a trial.  
No Medicine has obtained such a great reputation  
as this justly earned compound.

**FOR TESTIMONIALS**  
From Physicians, Eminent Divines, Editors, Bragg-  
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**PRICE ONE DOLLAR PER BOTTLE**  
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a call, and if you want to  
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