

**ERIE RAILWAY.**  
**600 MILES UNDER 380 MILES WITHOUT ONE MANAGEMENT. CHANGES 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 423 Miles, Rochester to New York 385 Miles, AND IS FROM 22 TO 27 MILES THE SHORTEST ROUTE.**  
 New and Improved Coaches are run from Cincinnati, Dayton, Urbana, Marion, Gallien, Mansfield, Ashland, Zions, Cleveland, Warren, Meadville, Dunkirk, Buffalo and Rochester to  
**New York Without Change. ONLY ONE CHANGE TO BOSTON.**  
 On and after Monday, Dec. 5th, 1870, trains will leave Meadville at the following hours, viz:  
**FRANKLIN BRANCH--Going South.**  
**LEAVE:** Meadville, 6.57 A. M., 11.50 A. M., 5.00 P. M.  
**ARRIVE:** Franklin, 8.00 " 1.17 " 5.50 " Oil City, 8.50 " 1.45 " 6.35 "  
**FRANKLIN BRANCH--Going North.**  
**LEAVE:** Oil City, 10.20 A. M., 9.00 A. M., 4.10 P. M., 9.01 P. M. Franklin, 11.45 " 9.30 " 4.40 " 9.45 "  
**ARRIVE:** Meadville, 2.05 P. M., 11.10 A. M., 6.15 P. M., 11.50 "  
**GOING WEST**  
**3.01 A. M. DAY EXPRESS,** daily, Mondays excepted, for Cleveland, Cincinnati and the West and South. Connects at Cleveland for Sharon, Newburg, Youngstown, and Pittsburg; at Leavittsburg for Youngstown and Sharon; at Cleveland with Lake Shore Railway for the West and North-West; at Ravenna, Sundays excepted, for Alliance and Pittsburg; at Akron, Sundays excepted, for Orville and Millersburg, at Urbana with Pittsburg, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railroad for Pittsburg, and at Cincinnati with the Ohio & Mississippi Railway, for St. Louis and the South and South-West.  
 Sleeping Coaches are attached to this train at Hornellsville, running through to Cleveland without change.  
**9.10 A. M. EXPRESS MAIL,** daily, Sundays excepted, for Cleveland and the West and North-West. Connects at Cleveland for Sharon, Newburg and Pittsburg, and at Cleveland with Lake Shore Railway for the West and North-West.  
**9.25 P. M. NIGHT EXPRESS,** daily, for Cleveland and the West and South. Connects at Leavittsburg, Sundays excepted, for Youngstown and Cleveland; at Leavittsburg, Saturdays, for the West and North-West; at Cincinnati with the Ohio & Mississippi Railway for St. Louis and the South and South-West.  
 A Sleeping Coach is attached to this train at New York, running through to Cincinnati.  
**10.10 A. M. ACCOMMODATION,** Sundays excepted, for Leavittsburg and Way Stations, connecting for Youngstown.  
**1.00 P. M. FREIGHT & ACCOMMODATION,** daily.  
**7.15 A. M. WAY FREIGHT,** Sundays excepted.  
**GOING EAST.**  
**11.40 A. M. LIGHTNING EXPRESS** connecting at Corcy, Sundays excepted, for Piquette, Marion and Titusville, for Erie; at Elmira with Northern Central for Williamsport, H. H. Burgh, Philadelphia and Elmira and at New York for Boston and New London etc.  
 Sleeping Coach is attached to this train at Elmira running through to New York.  
**8.20 P. M. CINCINNATI EXPRESS,** daily, Sundays excepted, connecting at Binghamton for Albany and to the coasted summer resort, Sharon Springs, for New York for Boston, and all New England cities.  
 A Sleeping Coach is attached to this train at Meadville, running through to New York.  
**2.10 A. M. NEW YORK DAY EXPRESS,** daily, Sundays excepted, connects at Grant Bend with Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railway for Scranton, and at New York with Midland Express train of New Jersey Railroad for Philadelphia.  
 A Sleeping Coach is attached to this train at Cleveland, running through to Hornellsville, connecting with train having new and improved Drawing Room Coaches attached, running through to New York.  
**12.01 A. M. ACCOMMODATION,** Sundays excepted.  
**11.25 P. M. ACCOMMODATION,** Sundays excepted.  
**5.00 A. M. WAY FREIGHT,** Sundays excepted.  
 Boston and New England Passengers, with their baggage, are transferred FREE OF CHARGE in New York.  
 The best ventilated and most luxurious Sleeping Coaches are IN THE WORLD, accompanying all night trains on this Railway.  
 The Erie Railway Company has opened a new ferry from their Jersey City Depot to the foot of 33rd St., New York, thus enabling passengers to reach the upper portion of the city without the expense and annoyance of a street car, an omnibus transfer.  
 The scenery along the entire route of the Erie Railway is of the most picturesque and beautiful character. Advertisers of the Erie Railway, in its beautiful literature, will find the most interesting and interesting of constant administration and interest.  
**Baggage Checked Through**  
 And fare always as low as by any other Route.  
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 Tickets can be obtained at all the Principal Ticket Offices in the West and South-West.  
 J. D. KIPP, WM. R. BARR, Gen'l Passg. Agent, Gen'l Passg. Agent, Jan 17, 1870.

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 Enumerating a few of the articles to be found at  
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**THE ROBERTS PETROLEUM TORPEDO CO.**  
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Owing to the large and increasing demand for the Roberts' Torpedoes, and the late decision of the Commissioner of Patents in refusing to grant 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, 1869, in the United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia. The case was argued three days by Charles M. 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. Reps. 123) 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 presenting the public to his invention was useful; after he had established its great utility and value, and "when its genius and patient perseverance, its skill of success and scrolls," 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 pursuing one or more complainant's Torpedoes he applied on the 1st of November, 1865, for a patent for substantially the same invention, and the respondents formed themselves into a company or corporation called "The Reed Torpedo Company," for the purpose of pirating the complainant's invention, and engaging 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.  
**K. C. GRIER, Judge.**

**NOTE.**—The passage referred to by Judge Grier in his former decision on 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. It 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 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, article, 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 seldom is it followed by reward! Every rob has claim of the honor, while speculators, assuming a and pilfering him of the profits. Every unsuccessful experimenter who did or did not do 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 share the original discovery. We need not name some names, or Blanchard, or Woodworth, to prove that this is the usual 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 of the regular authorized Agents of the Company, since the Roberts' Patent cover the use of the Torpedoes 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 held to account according to law, and as 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 the date of patent, together with the price of the Torpedoes, 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.**  
**TITUSVILLE, CHURCH RUN AND VICINITY--STEPHEN HOWE,** Office, Hamilton's cigar store, address Titusville, Pa. Assistant John Van Sever.  
**TITUSVILLE, CHURCH RUN AND VICINITY--H. H. THOMAS,** Office and address, Manjion House, Titusville, Pa.  
**SHAMBURG AND VICINITY--GEORGE IRVING,** Office, Shamburg; residence, Titusville, Pa. Assistant, A. A. West.  
**ENTERPRISE (PLEASANTVILLE), BEAN FARM AND PITHOLE--W. GEO. VAN VLIET,** Office and address, Chase House, Pleasantville, Assistant, H. C. Huntington.  
**TIDBOUT AND WEST HICKORY--CHAN. CLARK,** Office and address, Exp. Office, Tidbout, Pa. Assistant, E. C. Beardsley.  
**PETROLEUM CENTRE AND VICINITY--LEVI MASON,** Office and address, Petroleum Centre, Pa. Assistant, Charles Blackford.  
**FARR AND BLOOD FARMS AND DISTRICT lying in Oil Creek and Cherry Run, from Story Farm to McIntoshville--J. A. BISSAUNDE (JR.),** Address (near Farm, Pa. Assistant, Luther B. Saunders, Charles B. Beardsley, and William Hill.  
**MCDONALDVILLE, OIL CITY AND RENO--A. S. WEST,** Address, Oil City or Reno, Pa. Assistant, J. Mend.  
**FRANKLIN, ALONG THE ALLEGHENY RIVER--Z. ALBERT,** Office and address, Franklin, Pa. Assistant, Foster Farm & PA. GRUBBS LANDON--RICHARD W. REDFIELD, Office and address, Scranton, Pa. Assistant, B. W. Porterfield, address Kenton, Pa.  
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