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A. M. KLECKNER, M. W.

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Gold at 1 p. m. 112 3/4

Telegrams from St. Petersburg, rec'd
this forenoon, give the intelligence that all
pumping and drilling wells in that district
were shut down to-day, and that the district
very much resembles a description of
Goldsmith's Deserted Village, with the ex-
ception that the people have not left—only
waiting till the thirty days suspension are
past.

We feel positive in asserting, if the op-
erators of this and adjoining districts receive
proof positive that the producers of the
down river districts are in earnest in this
movement, that they will "fall into line" at
once, and co-operate heart and hand in the
same.

That feeling of distrust arising from past
pledges subscribed to and broken by the
down river men, still exists here, and until
that be removed nothing practical can be
arrived at.

We would suggest that Mr. Walker, chair-
man of the district committee, call another
meeting of the producers, and take the sub-
ject into further consideration.

Let the producers of the down river ter-
ritory bind themselves to shut down both
drilling and pumping wells for the period
of thirty days, and not run two or three
hundred wells down to the third sand,
ready to spring the trap on the up creek
and up river operators as soon as the embar-
go is raised, and all will be well. This is
the only guarantee that is required by our
producers, and the suspension movement
will become general in this vicinity.

One of those pleasant social gatherings
that tend to make life enjoyable and happy,
came off at the Central House, last evening.
The party was gotten up in honor of Miss
Addie McOmber, sister of Mr. John McOm-
ber, one of the genial landlords of that ho-
tel. Everything passed off pleasantly and
to the satisfaction of all present. Among
the guests we noticed quite a number of
ladies and gents from Titusville, Kane City,
Columbia, and other points. Dancing was
kept up to a late hour, and the universal
hope was expressed that many more such
agreeable gatherings might be enjoyed in
the future.

The Modus Operandi.

An Oil City correspondent of the Cleve-
land Herald gives the following as the modus
operandi by which millionaires in the lower
oil belt are sometimes manufactured. Al-
though the hero of the writer in the Herald
is no doubt imaginary individual, yet there
is no question that the picture is more of a
reality than a fancy piece:

"One point that seriously endangers the
interest of the oil region has never been men-
tioned in print, and that is the evils of the
speculation men. In the Parker's Land-
ing district to-day, there are numbers of
firms reputed to be immensely wealthy and
doing business extensively, that are not
worth a dollar. To give your readers a just
idea of how it is done, we will give you a
supposition case, but one that has many
counterparts. One year ago a man named
Smith made his appearance in the Parker
district. He had a business air about him,
plenty of o'clock, and \$500 in money. He
procured a lease for which he paid a bonus
of \$100. He expended \$250 more for a
rig—as the derrick, engine house, &c., is
called. The terms of his lease required that
he should give to the land owner one-half
of the oil produced. After looking around
some time he found that Jones had an en-
gine with tools lying idle. He says to
Jones, "I will give you one-eighth of the
well for your engine and tools to put it
down." Jones accepted the proposition,
and the machinery was put on the ground.
He then had \$150 left, a ridiculously small
capital, as the greatest expense was yet to
be provided for. But Smith didn't get dis-
couraged. Smith never gives up. He called
upon a contractor, and said, "How much
will you charge me to put down a well on
such a lease?" After a little figuring the
contractor replied, "Thirty-five hundred
dollars." The time of payments was ar-
ranged, and the contractor directed to com-
mence work the next day. Smith then
went out to certain capitalists and said,
"I have a lease on such and such a farm.—
I want to sell a quarter. What will you
give for it?" After two or three days delay
they offered him \$1,500—a low price—and
the offer was accepted. At first everything
went along all right. Smith made his first
payments promptly, and was considered a
model operator. After a while, however,
his money became exhausted, and the men
anxious for their pay. Smith was ready
for the emergency. His wife was suddenly
taken sick, and he was away two or three
weeks. Then he had heavy drafts to meet,
and he was a little short, but would be all
right in a few days. In short, by a free use
of the gab he held the confidence of the
contractor and the well was finished. It
 seldom happens that wells prove good, but
Smith's well commenced flowing 200 barrels
a day. It was immediately telegraphed all
over the country that Smith had struck a
two hundred barrel well, and Smith was all
right. It was not generally known that
Smith had only one-eighth interest in the
well, and that it was worth certainly not
more than \$10,000, but on the strength of
the well itself he was able to command un-
limited credit. The hardware men were
glad to fill his orders for engines and tools,
at thirty to sixty days; capitalists endorsed
his paper, and money was plenty. He
then plunged headlong into speculation, put
down well after well, bought new territory,
and perhaps had his biography printed in
the Petroleum Monthly at so much per line.
A few wells proved good—many were fail-
ures. Smith is still doing business. His
income is about \$50 per day; he has cash in
the bank \$1,000. He owes contractors
\$10,000; and hardware men \$15,000; paper
falling due at intervals, and to be taken
care of by giving other paper \$200,000. In
a short time Smith must fall and ruin
others. There are many such men now doing
business.

At a murder trial in Memphis where an
attempt to establish insanity was made on
the part of the defense, Dr. J. K. Allen was
called as an expert, and testified briefly and
rationally: "I have been a practicing physi-
cian for nearly thirty years; I have had
some experience in cases of insanity, having
been for ten years medical superintendent of
the Kentucky Lunatic Asylum, and during
that time had over 2,000 crazy people under
my charge; I have heard the hypothetical
case read by Mr. Pheasant; I am here as an
expert, and before answering the question
would like to say that the more I studied
the question of insanity the less I under-
stood it; and, if you ask me where it begins
and where it ends, neither I nor any physi-
cian in the world could tell you; in fact, on
occasions like this, lawyers make fools of
themselves in trying to make asses of doc-
tors." The frank professional testimony
ever given in court.

Tuesday evening next is the time select-
ed for holding the party for the benefit of
the Columbia String Band, and Sobel's
Opera House the place. From present ap-
pearances the party is like to prove a grand
success, and those who attend cannot fail of
having a pleasant time. The committee
desire us to announce that the party will
come off at the stated time, rain or shine.—
Also, that a gentleman purchasing a ticket
is not debarred from inviting more than one
lady to the party.

Lovers of fun will bear in mind that
Benedict's Minstrels appear at Sobel's Opera
House, this evening. The company is said
to be a good one, and the programme laid
out is first class in every respect. Those
who desire to enjoy a good laugh will be
sure and attend.

A happy escape from prison life occurred
at South Adams, Mass., a few days since—
A deer which had been confined in a chicken
coop for the last four years at last concluded
that he was cramped for room, broke out,
swam the mill ponds and disappeared in the
woods in the direction of Greyclark, it is
hoped never to return.

An "Association of Cooks" whose object
is to have more pay for less work than they
now do, is the latest out-cropping of the
trades union system in New York.

WEST VIRGINIA OIL NEWS.—W. C. Stiles
Jr., had his well 57 torpedoed this week;
slight improvement.

The Sciota Oil Company had their well
No. 1 torpedoed yesterday; no improve-
ment. The shipments from the Gale tract for the
past week amounted to 1829 barrels.

The Gideon Oil Company are putting up
a new rig on their tract; we wish them
abundant success.

Hilledale Success Co. on the Gale tract
has their well No. 2; the well was not im-
proved. The well belonging to Jackson, Riley &
Beck, on lease No. 5, V. O. & C. Co. tract
is now pumping 15 barrels per day.

C. F. Pontios, Esq. has purchased one half
of a 4 acre tract of oil land from Mr. C. Con-
ger, and is making all necessary arrange-
ments for drilling two wells.

Quarter Oak Company had their well No.
3, on the Gale tract torpedoed this week;
production increased to 6 barrels per day;
well owned by the Gatton Brothers.

The Log Cabin Oil Company had their
well No. 1 torpedoed this week; the well is
on the V. O. & C. Co. tract, owned by
Crooks, Noles & Co., and is pumping 4 bar-
rels per day.

The old light oil well of Marbury & Jack-
son, on the V. O. & C. Co. tract is now
pumping 25 barrels of oil per day; the gravi-
ty of the oil is 40°. The well remained
idle for 18 months and was considered al-
most worthless. The gents who owned the
well plugged all the abandoned wells in the
neighborhood and then tested this well with
the result above mentioned.—[Volcano Lu-
bricator.

It is said that seals hunt salmon in the
same way that hounds hunt bares. Seals
swim faster than salmon, and the fish es-
cape by doubling and evading their pursu-
ers. In clear water, and with little wind
and no surf, salmon swim deep or very close
to shore, suitering themselves in seaweed,
as bares do in covers.

Benedict's Minstrels and Silver Cor-
nets Band will be at Sobel's Opera House,
Saturday Evening, Sept. 28. Come one,
Come all.
Sept. 26-31.

There are now in Virginia seventeen
sawmills, located in Winchester, Alex-
andria, Culpepper, Louisa, Richmond,
Fredericksburg, Petersburg and King and
Queen. Last year these mills ground about
six thousand tons, on which they realized
an average of sixty dollars per ton, or
\$360,000 for the whole.

It is asserted that thousands of pounds of
grapes are preserved during the winter in
the village of Thomery, France, by merely
putting the stems in bottles of water and
keeping them away from frost.

OIL NEWS.—One of the largest gas wells
in the country is on the Robert Campbell
farm one mile North of Fairview.

Within thirty days there will be 25 or 30
wells completed between Petrolia and Kane
City.

The old wells near Petrolia continue to
decrease. The show for drilling wells
between Argyle and that point is very
poor.

At Argyle the well lately drilled by An-
drews, Bly & Co., is doing 40 barrels per
day.

Forman & Vandugust well near the Bluff
which produced largely is now doing but
45 barrels per day.

Several wells in this vicinity which start-
ed off at 80 to 100 barrels are now doing
from 10 to 20 barrels per day.

The well near North Washington is down
nearly 1600 feet, and no sand. Rather
of the opinion there is no bottom to that
tub.

The Messmer & Beckus well south of
Petrolia 1/2 mile is doing 125 barrels per
day.

There is considerable stir about a well on
the McCandless farm about four miles south
west of the Jamison well which is down to
the second sand, and has filled up with oil.
This well is owned by McKintey, and Pres-
ton of Parker's Landing, and if successful
will open up another large field of territory
hitherto supposed to be away west of all oil
bits.

Matters in the vicinity of the Jamison
well are looking up. The well has been at
a rate that I really don't like to mention.—
On Saturday last they succeeded in getting
it nine feet into the sand, and in the fore-
noon twenty four hours it flowed 250 barrels
and has continued at that rate up to last
Thursday night when it commenced to
decrease and on Friday morning was actually
doing over 400 barrels, but it is expected
that it cannot last at this rate very long.—
The Pipe line company have not yet ship-
ped any oil from the well except one tank
full, and Friday morning nearly one hun-
dred barrels ran away down the creek.—
[Emlenton Friend.

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tirely prevents the ingress of air in oil wells, while
the tubing is being drawn. It is a well known fact
to oil operators, that upon wells where Gas Pumps
are used it is necessary to preserve an airtight
perfect vacuum as possible, and that no air should
be let into the well, at any time, when it can possibly
be avoided; consequently, whenever the tubing is
drawn from a well it is the cause of great injury to
it, as the stuffing box, being then necessarily open-
ed, the air immediately rushes back between the
tubing and casing, into the well going into the oil
rock and gas veins, and not ineffectually causing
the oil and gas to rush back to a great distance. So
much so, that it almost always takes several days
after pumping is resumed for a well to be brought
back to its former condition, and oftentimes it takes
several weeks; and quite frequently wells have been
almost completely ruined by the air being thus let
in while drawing tubing.

The BACK-SUCTION PREVENTOR is attached
to the stuffing box and works in such a way that it
completely shuts up the space between the stuffing
box and tubing so effectually that not a particle
of air can get through at any time while the tubing is
being drawn and replaced. It supplies a want long
felt, and is, without question, one of the most valu-
able inventions of the day, to those engaged in the
oil business. No well should be without it, as it of-
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