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Judging from the actions of the Refiner's Combination or ring, the exceedingly honest members thereof, are becoming alarmed lest the producer's movement for shutting down thirty days in order to reduce the stocks on hand, now in operation, will prove a success. For instance, yesterday and today, members of the New York end of the combination have been actively engaged in sending telegrams to this and other points in the region, worded somewhat as follows:

"Market weak and fluctuating"; "Believed among oil men here the 30-day movement will prove a failure"; "No probability of an advance in the price of oil," &c.

The reason of the transmitting of these dispatches must be evident to all, it is so transparent. It is done for the purpose of endeavoring to undermine the faith of the producer in the success of the movement, and to mislead them into the belief that the price of oil cannot go up, because they (the refiner's combination) hold all the surplus stock, or enough of it to control the market for an indefinite period to suit themselves.

Let no producer put any credence what ever in the stories circulated by the Combination. The movement is bound to be a success, despite the efforts of all the combinations in Christendom.

The truth of the matter is the Combination, in their greediness to possess themselves of the entire business and control it at their pleasure, no matter whether the producers and the region become bankrupt or not, have overstepped the mark themselves—in other words they have "strained at a goat and swallowed a camel." That 700,000 barrels of surplus stock purchased at \$2.50 or a fraction over per barrel, has had to be drawn heavily upon to supply the demand for running their own refineries and no more can be bought at that figure, consequently, like Crockett's coon, they will have to "come down" and buy \$5 oil and pay for it.

For the further enlightenment of this ring of plunderers—Refiner's Combination late South Improvement Company—a company, composed of such producers as S. A. Woods, Jas. S. McCray, N. H. Payne, Jas. Adams, and others, all possessed of ample means, is about to be organized in Petroleum Centre for the purpose of building a large refinery at this point. They propose to produce their own oil and refine it to suit themselves. This will prove a blow directly at the root of the evil, namely, the Refiner's Combination. This movement once started will prove a death blow to the Combination, therefore let it go forward as rapidly as possible, and let the other oil towns emulate, and the sooner will the day of redemption draw near.

## CRUDE AND REFINED.

The oil business is divided as above, with interests depending on each other, yet ever separate and divided—never for a moment identical. And to this diversity of interests existing, where the interests should be one, we may truthfully ascribe most all the fluctuations in values which characterize the business, and these are so rapid often as to overwhelm firms long established and possessed of means in financial ruin.

A good paying price for crude, sustained any length of time, so stimulates production and multiplies the wells as to glut the market, while a large margin between crude and refined, in favor of the latter, must increase the number of refineries until competition makes refining worthless. The posture of affairs in the oil region to-day is directly traceable to these causes and effects only.

Too much crude is the result of the prices of oil in 1870-71, while the Refiner's Combination originated in the necessity for cutting down the refining capacity of the country and dividing it equitably, or at least satisfactorily, to the different localities—the Creek, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, &c.

While then the producers were without any effective organization to promote their interests, a few energetic and able men among the refiners got the "Combination" into working order and were able to dam up the increasing production till the stocks bore the market down far below a paying price, then they bought all the oil they wanted, refined it, and had 700,000 barrels ready for market at a margin of \$2.00 per barrel over and above the ordinary profit.

The shutting down movement of the producers, which seemed forced upon them to reduce stocks, came just in the nick of time to enable the Refiner's Combination to unload and fill their coffers. Henceforth the Combination has money and prestige and can work far more effectively in the future unless checkmated by the Petroleum Producer's Association or some similar organization.

As a means to even a temporary success, the 30-day movement was perhaps entitled to a trial. It is at best a remedy that alleviates only, but does not cure. If we rely on this measure hereafter as a specific, the Combination will shut us down and start us up at its good pleasure.

Our opinion is that the prosperity of the oil regions, here and elsewhere, lies in the consolidation of the producing and refining interests in the person of the producer, and further, that the place to refine oil is just where you find it.

We will suppose that the individual enterprise of half a dozen producers in a district, either rents, buys or builds a refinery, and offers to refine oil of a certain gravity—44, 45, 46 or 47—for a certain toll, no matter if the refiner's combination have bought all the refineries in the country nearly with the avowed object of keeping them idle. It won't require much time to build more, and as for money, we have enough. No matter how it is done, either by joint stock companies or private enterprise, so that every district of the Petroleum Producer's Association has refining capacity to refine all the crude produced, charging only a fair toll.—The refining business will then be confined to this region, and its profits will help us to build more railroads for outlets if those here show any disposition to discriminate in favor of the Combination.

Every producer in this case will offer only refined oil for sale. Crude will not be in the market. Instead of one buyer—the refiner—there will be just as many as there are persons wanting an artificial light. If some such plan as this be adopted, whereby the producer and refiner really have a common interest, and spend their money and circulate it in building up the country in which they live, instead of contributing to the success of rings, corners and combinations, whose funds are divided in distant places, then our prosperity is assured.—Cleveland and Pittsburgh may go into the pork trade, and the Shylocks who have fattened off of us so long may go to work or into exile for all we care.

As producers, then, let us handle the oil from the moment it is pumped from the earth until it is filled into the lamp to burn. Let us make every dollar that legitimately belongs to the business. Let us build up the petroleum trade until in wealth and resources it shall be second to none, and until this land of our adoption, shall not be inferior to any part of our country for its educational advantages, its thrifty population and its manufacturing capacities.

Moreover, there will arise a moral sentiment that will frown down the gambling practiced in various forms by a set of "shysters" who disgrace the business. No rings, no cliques, no combinations, no paper contracts, but honesty and fair dealing will be the order of the day.

William Cullen Bryant and his son-in-law Parko Godwin, have made \$400,000 or \$500,000 each out of the Evening Post.

We are permitted to make the following extract from a letter written by a prominent oil buyer of Parker's Landing to D. M. C. Egbert of this place. It gives considerable light on the situation of affairs in that district on the oil question:

The market to-day—Oct. 10—has been very quiet, in fact dull. Buyers generally holding off expecting lower prices. Since the election the market has been unsettled. I think that Pittsburgh will have to buy oil soon, in fact they are trying to buy now, but are offering low prices. As near as I can find out the stock is decreasing pretty fast. The shipments from this district (Parker) has averaged 84 cars a day since first of the month, equivalent to about 7,000 barrels a barrels a day. According to the best information I can get there is not over 75,000 barrels crude of available oil for sale, including all the pipe lines, namely, Union, Mutual Antwerp and Fairview.—From this estimate, and averaging the shipments at the same as has been since the 1st, in ten days more our stock is entirely exhausted. Market may go lower. I expect to see better prices next week.

**A SUICIDE.**—On Sunday last, Thomas Warren, a pumper by occupation, we believe, while laboring under a temporary fit of insanity, induced it is supposed by the coldness of a woman to whom he has been paying attention for sometime back, poisoned himself by taking something over an ounce and a half of laudanum. It appears that he had several of his acquaintance, good by, and quietly swallowed the fatal drug. He then called the woman, to him and told her what he had done. She immediately gave the alarm and a physician, Dr. Davies was called and every effort known to his profession tried, and apparently with success, for on Monday morning the patient was better, but having a very high fever.—He grew worse until yesterday at 11 o'clock when he died, a victim to the passion of a moment. When asked if he would have his friends sent for he answered "no," and among strangers he passed away.—[Petersburg Progress.

## Oil City Enterprise.

The Incline Railroad to Clark's Summit Oil City, is completed and will be run free to the public till Wednesday the sixteenth, the day of the grand auction sale of lots.—The citizens of Petroleum Centre and vicinity are invited to take a ride.

CLARK & POWERS,  
Oct 11-1d

Norfolk, Virginia, has a remarkably pious dog. He has been a regular attendant upon all the services at one of the churches in that city for the last ten or twelve years. Whenever the bell rings, whether for morning, evening or night services, he repairs immediately to church, and remains there quietly and orderly until the congregation is dismissed.

The Philadelphia and Liverpool Steamship Company will commence operation in April, 1873, the Pennsylvania to be the pioneer vessel.

At Lyons, New York, last week, a farmer's team ran away, and the farmer was thrown from the wagon and killed. In the afternoon, a relative of the deceased drove the same team to the village to get a coffin, and in crossing the railroad he was run into by a locomotive and killed, with the horses.

A review of the amount of gold and silver yielded in California shows that there is a slow but steady decline in the product.—Numerous claims that have been worked by sluicing and the hydraulic process are exhausted every year, and very few are opened.

**TO OIL OPERATORS.**—C. D. Jenison, of Kane City, desires to notify oil operators that his patent Seed Bags or Device for Shutting Off Water in Oil Wells, are just what is needed during the thirty days shutting down movement. They are warranted, to shut the water off entirely no matter how long the well may be stopped. Oil operators are invited to call on or address Mr. J. at Kane City, Vesango County, Pa. 2w.

The Hon. Wm. H. Seward, died yesterday at his residence, in Auburn, N. Y.

It is said that solutions of gum can be kept from becoming mouldy by adding a few drops of sulphuric acid. A little alum also has a decided effect.

The tidal phenomenon on Lake Ontario, which was noticed last June, has again appeared. The greatest change in the depth of the water observed is twenty-two inches. The lake is very quiet, and there is nothing visible in the surroundings to create the unusual phenomenon.

James and Erasmus Brooks, of the New York Empire are worth \$250,000 each.

A wonderful chess player is astonishing Berlin. His name is Arthur Baeder, and he comes from Roumania.

The San Francisco Chronicle says it has had a sight of the "fan chow," the greatest Chinese dainty, to wit—"the flower of tea." The way the Imperial leaf is put up is thus given:

The priceless luxury was contained in a small and highly ornamented box of sandal-wood. The slide lid was pulled out, and six alternate layers of perfumed rice paper and silk were carefully lifted. Beneath all this covering was a gilded square piece of sandal-wood. This also was lifted, and the tea-blossom was displayed. Rolled in balls, twisted into tiny flame shaped rolls an inch long, twisted very small, tied in little bunches like cigarettes at one end and whipped into shreds at the other, was the tea flower, packed in loose petals of its own kind to preserve its fragrance. "This," said Tuck Chong, "is a tea that only Mandarins of highest rank ever gets a chance to drink in China. It is grown on the plantation of every rich Mandarin, in the province of Foo Chow, and it can only be gotten from him or his agent in Peking. There was once a law forbidding its export, but even an American can now buy and drink it. It costs \$16.50 in China, and could not be sold in San Francisco for less than \$20 a pound."

Chicago is the theme upon which every dweller in that city discounts. It furnishes the text, even, for some of its ministers, as Chicago evidently in their estimation is only one peg down from the Celestial City.—A Rev. Fowler last Sunday in his church—Methodist—gave a sermon on the three Chicagos—Before, During, and After the Fire. His text was not exactly glory be to Chicago, but the next thing to it, to wit: "I am a citizen of no mean city" So exhorting was the theme that his large audience expressed their delight by numerous bursts of applause which were continued and loud. The sermon was a history of Chicago from the time of its earliest settlement "by the first white man, who was a negro" down to the present.

Fifteen years ago the daughter of a well known and highly respected citizen of Hartstown, Crawford county, now dead, suddenly disappeared. The girl was but fourteen years of age, and there was much conjecture over her mysterious disappearance. Every search was made for her, but without success, and every effort to obtain any clue to her whereabouts proved unavailing. A few days recently the supposed dead girl made her appearance in Hartstown, a handsome and fashionably dressed lady. She stated that she was now proprietress of a dry goods store in San Francisco, and being on her way to New York to buy goods, thought she would stop at the scenes of her youth and see how everything was. It is said that she declined to give any statement of her life from the time she disappeared from home. As might be expected, the affair creates considerable talk in the locality.

There seems to be quite a disposition in England to take the Geneva award out of the private parties who built the rebel privateers and fitted them out, and so made fortunes at the risk of the honor of Great Britain, and, as it turns out, at her cost.—This would be placing the responsibility where it justly belongs.

The telegraph has been found useful in a curious way in Connecticut. A lunatic who was formerly an operator, lately escaped from the asylum at Hartford, and no trace of him could be found until one night an old associate of his recognized his touch in the clicking of the instrument at his side. The missing man had tried his hand at his old craft, and thereby revealed his whereabouts.

Asbes were always considered good to make corn and grass grow, and now they have been found wonderfully efficacious in raising cities. Chicago has grown at the rate of a house a day since their application.

Judge Taney traveled from the cradle to the grave with a cigar in his mouth.

Martha Dean Briggs commands the Conquest, a schooner that has made five trips between the cities of Dublin and Glasgow this season.

Richard H. Dana, of Pittsburgh though 86 years old, is hale and hearty, and may be seen in the streets almost daily, taking his accustomed exercise.

A member of Congress is said to be devising a national detective police system that will be effectual and inexpensive, the business as at present conducted, in many instances, placing a premium on crime.

**Hats! Hats! Caps! Caps!**  
At the JAMESTOWN CLOTHING STORE. Ju. received from New York, Paris and London, and will be sold remarkably cheap. Call and examine styles and prices.

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The latest styles of Underclothing for gents wear, at the JAMESTOWN CLOTHING STORE.

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### For Sale.

3 Portable engines and boilers, 800 ft. of 5 1/2 casing, 2 sets of tools, one 900 foot cable, sand pump line, &c. Prices and terms reasonable. Inquire of  
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3 Producing wells with machinery complete. Inquire of  
HOWE & COOK,  
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Just received at ALDEN'S a large stock of gents Underclothing. The very best in town.

**For Sale**  
15,000 to 20,000 feet of SECOND-HAND TUBING, at from 25 to 35 cts. per foot. The Tubing is in best clean order and all ready fitted.  
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Highly flavored, ice cool Soda Water at the Post Office Newsroom. Try it.

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Days: Doings, New Varieties, New York Clipper, Wit's Spirit, and all sporting papers at the POST OFFICE NEWSROOM.

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OF  
500 LOTS on Clark's Summit

OIL CITY, PA.,

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 1872.

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### GOOD WATER.

## THE LAND IS LEVEL!

The Drives will be the best in this Region, being

Twelve Miles of Level Street,  
And one Boulevard sixty feet wide, leading into the country, 3 1/2 miles in length, almost perfectly level.

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Is not excelled in the State. Best of all, the Lots will be

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And on easy terms: Fifteen per cent. cash, fifteen per cent. sixty days, balance six, twelve and eighteen months.

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