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fe1-6t HUGH McCULLOCH, Comptroller of the Currency.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 1865.

Interesting Oil Facts.

VERY ANCIENT WELLS—HAS AN EXTINCT RACE EVER PROSPECTED FOR OIL?—WHO FIRST DISCOVERED OIL—A LEAF FROM ITS EARLY HISTORY.

A contemporary publishes some strange facts concerning discoveries made at the sinking of the first oil-wells in our State which are very curious, if true. The first oil-well in our State was struck August 28th, 1859. The first vein was struck at a depth of sixty-nine feet four inches. During the examination which preceded the sinking of this well, some extraordinary discoveries were made, which, it is believed, have never before been alluded to in print. Numerous pits were found, distributed all along Oil Creek, of the following character: The pits were from fifteen to twenty feet in depth and from five to eight feet in diameter, and carefully walled around their sides with jointed wooden beams, which the petroleum in the soil had completely preserved from decay. It was evident at once that this joiner work could not have been done by Indians. Inquiry among the Cornplanter Indians, in the vicinity, developed the fact that a tradition existed in the tribe to the effect that another and a different race had long ago inhabited the soil and dug these pits for the oil that even yet collected in them. This race may be identified with that supposed to have built the Western mounds.

This race seems to have had a good deal more of what Hoosiers call "gumption" than the saltbunnakers who, forty years ago, explored Westmoreland county for oil. They labored industriously, but they struck a dark, offensively-smelling substance, and gave up their work in disgust. Subsequently the construction of the State canal covered up the wells, but the oil continued to ooze up and flow off. At the present time, when petroleum is all the rage, these abandoned wells have been hunted up again, and the land has become valuable for its flowing wells.

While speaking of these early evidences of the oil wealth of our State, it is well to know who it was that first applied the oil to a new use, and thus developed it, and added to the wealth of our State. The Pittsburg *Commercial*, in examining into the subject, has ascertained that in 1849 Mr. S. M. Kier, of that city, discovered oil coming up from one of his salt wells near Tarentum, on the Allegheny river. After a time it accumulated in the receiving tank to such an extent as to be troublesome; and not knowing what use to make of it, he put it in barrels and sent it down river at the same time coming up from another salt well (Mr. Peterson's) in the same neighborhood. About six months after the discovery Mr. Kier conceived the idea of putting it up as a medicine, and to prevent competition, purchased also the oil from Mr. Peterson's well for five years. Some of the oil was then bottled and sent down the river, and the course of a few months, that he could not thus use all the oils the wells were producing, and did not know what to do with the surplus, he forwarded a bottle to Philadelphia to Prof Booth to have it analyzed, in hopes of finding some other use for it. The result of the analysis was a suggestion that it would make a splendid illuminating oil, if a suitable lamp were made for it. Mr. Kier put up a small refinery, had lamps made by two mechanics of this city, and the result was that a deep and extensive manufacture was found. The wells did not yield sufficiently to meet the demand, and ready sale was made of all the product from 1850 to 1855. In 1854 Messrs. Eveleth & Bissell made their discovery. In 1859 the firm sent out Captain Drake, who bored the first well. Before commencing his operations, Mr. Drake went to Mr. Kier's wells on the Alleghenny, examined them and hired a blacksmith, who was then working for Mr. Kier, to go and bore for him. The result is well known. Mr. Drake "struck oil" at about 70 feet, from which dates the great oil excitement of the day. But it may not be known that Mr. Kier bought the first barrel that came from Mr. Drake's well and refined it at his refinery. From these facts it would seem that Mr. Kier, of our own good Commonwealth, prompted and encouraged by Prof. Booth, also of our State refined and used refined petroleum, as an illuminator, for four or five years before the first well was sunk on Oil Creek.

THE EFFECT OF OUR COMBINATIONS ON LEE'S ARMY.—Sherman's march towards Virginia and the operations of Sheridan in the Valley are doing as much as Grant's left, at Hatcher's Run, to render General Lee's tenure of Petersburg very insecure. His supplies are beginning to grow less in quantity every day, and, in order to husband them, everybody that can possibly be spared is sent out of Petersburg and Richmond. The refugees from these places say that the cars are crowded with people going to Danville and Lynchburg, which are scarcely safer than the places they left. Indeed, as our despatches this morning, from Grant's army, state, there are already rumors of the capture of Lynchburg. They may be premature, but sure it is that Sheridan will very soon menace this key to Lee's last railroad, with no Early to oppose him, but only such troops as Lee can spare to spare. With the railroads in daily danger of being cut, and a large part of the field of supplies cut off by the movements of Sherman, every method is adopted by the rebels to keep Lee's army, their last stay, provided with the necessaries and necessities of life, and at the same time prevent, by payment of eleven months' back dues, its depletion by constant desertion. But the field for taxation is also cut by Sherman, and the people of a part of Virginia and of North Carolina and South Carolina are called upon to support the rebel Government, until, at the very good, if not very low price fixed by one extraordinary dash from Lee or Johnston—the Secretary of the Treasury has inaugurated the plan. The people of the sections just mentioned are to contribute to the Government whatever they can, money or food. Their only reward is to be the conscious,ness that they have served the Confederacy. The Richmond papers of the 6th speak of the response to the Secretary's wish in Danville and Charlotte with terms of much enthusiasm, and say the same spirit is manifested throughout the whole country, i. e., parts of three States. The residents of the towns and the country around contributed bacon, barrels of flour, &c., in great profusion. Concerning the contributions of money, the Richmond *Examiner* says:

"Extremely liberal subscriptions have also been made of Confederate bonds, silver plate, commissary supplies, and other commodities of value. The striking feature of these donations is, that they are absolute gifts to the cause, for which the Government is not required to account in the future."

It is much easier for Lee's army to depend on such a source as the intermittent contributions of a scattered people for its very life, its stay in Petersburg or Richmond will be short and uncertain.

Soldier's Letter.

REBEL DESERTERS—HOW THE RICHMOND LINES MEET THE PEELING OF THE REBEL ARMY.

(Special Correspondence of The Press.)

CAMP IN THE DEFENCES OF BERMUDA HUNDRED, March 3, 1865.

A week or so ago we left our homes for the army, and arrived in this camp night before last. Among the pretty sensations that we have been compelled to undergo is the want of *The Press*, which has not yet made its appearance here since our arrival. The line we occupy extends from the Appomattox to the James river, running across the peninsula formed by the junction of the two rivers. The line is well fortified with forts, pits, and abattis, and strongly picketed and guarded. The enemy's picketing is about 100 yards from ours, and in some places 20 yards only separate the pickets. As a general thing, his pickets behave themselves, but nightly firing takes place along the line. Opposite each regiment deserters are continually coming in, which draws the fire of the enemy. They are careful, however, to shoot high, seeming studiously to avoid hitting the deserters. The hatchings of the opposing forces is accompanied by cheers that let the operating they get out on the parapets and crow like chanticleers. The 14th Virginia (rebel) Regiment has nearly all come over, and the "boys" taunt the "rebs" by asking when the colonel will come. Last night six deserters came in, and gave themselves up. One day last week, whilst the "rebs" and our men used a spring of water between them, the former came over and went down into the ravine where the spring was located, and met one of our men. He told our man that he would like to come over, but that, if he attempted it, he would be fired upon. Our man gave him his overcoat, and the two walked leisurely out of the ravine and soon reached the trenches. The rebs waited for the "Johnny" to come up from the spring, but he did not appear, and then they went in search of him. The trick was soon discovered, which at once put an end to the truce, and the ravine became hostile ground.

The night of the 5th, when the rebs attacked the picket line of the 106th P. V., their officers in vain endeavored to force their men upon our lines. They cried out it was of no use. Where we are now, the bullets occasionally come over the works into the camp. J. H. R.

Soldier's Families.

To the Editor of The Press:

SIR: I was most pleasantly surprised the other day, on being informed, from Dr. Jansen, complimentary tickets, to attend a "reunion of misses at his Natatorium and Physical Institute, for the benefit of the families of soldiers, under the care of 'City Pastor.'"

Being an entire stranger to the Doctor and his pupils, except as they had heard of my humble work through *The Press*, I felt doubly grateful to this benevolent act, so encouraging to myself, and tending so much to relieve the suffering families of our brave fighting men. I attended the entertainment this (Thursday) afternoon, and confess to a second agreeable surprise at what I saw. So nimbly, so flexibly, so lively, so gracefully, so harmoniously were the movements of that large class of young misses performed that I was vividly reminded of fairy tales and fairy scenes of boyhood days, and wished myself there again. Viewing the scene from a moral as well as a physical stand-point, we were unable to detect anything unbecoming the delicacy and refinement of the sex, or inconsistent with the teachings of pure Christianity.

I speak simply of what I saw; and though a celibate, and an old rigid school of ethics, with strong prejudices against some systems of physical education, I cannot refrain from speaking in terms of the highest commendation of this system of physical culture, which it was my pleasure to witness.

In the name of our suffering soldiers' families, permit me, sir, to thank the Doctor and his happy pupils, "*many, many thanks.*" And may I not hope that this may be but the beginning of better days and better things for the families of those brave men who are fighting our battles?

Respectfully yours, CITY PASTOR.

STREET RAILROADS IN CINCINNATI.—An exhibit of the pecuniary condition of the street railway companies of Cincinnati shows that that enterprise is not a very profitable one at present. During the seven months ending December 31st the Passenger and City Passenger Companies earned $100,474.81. The expenses in the same time were $103,262.36, showing an excess of expenditures over receipts of $1,777 55. The Cincinnati Street Railway Company earned during the year ending December 31st, $96 933 44. Its expenses during the same time were $95,712.06, showing a net loss of $1,718.04.

GREAT SALE OF DRY GOODS.
One Million and a half of Foreign and Domestic Dry Goods Sold at Public Sale,
DECLINE IN PRICES.
FULL REPORT OF PRICES REALIZED.

The largest sale of foreign and domestic dry goods ever held in this country took place at the auction store of John B. Myers & Co. yesterday. The sale comprised over three thousand original packages, consisting of muslins, drillings, cambrics, linen checks, prints, ginghams, tweeds, cloths, cassimeres, flannels, merinos, linens, balmorals, and steel spring skirts, cloths, stockings, &c. The prices realized were lower than those obtained at any previous sale for many months heretofore, but came up to what was expected. The attendance was large, and bidders from New York, Boston, and many Southern and Western cities and towns were present. The immense establishment of Messrs. Myers was occupied from the first to the fourth floor with the goods on display. The bidding was spirited, and duplicates sold freely. The following is a list of the goods sold and of the prices obtained:

Four cases Spencer's fancy mourning prints, 22 cents.
Two cases Amoskeag fancy prints, 22 cents.
Fifteen cases Arnold's fancy prints, 21½ cents.
One case Arnold's fancy prints, 22 cents.
Twelve cases Arnold's fancy prints, 21½ cents.
Thirteen cases Atlantic mourning prints, 22½ cents.
Four cases Atlantic mourning prints, 22½ cents.
Five cases Atlantic mourning prints, 23 cents.
Four cases Arnold extra fine dark madder prints, 21½ cents.
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Tacony extra fine dark madder prints, 20½ cents.
Tacony extra fine dark madder prints, 21 cents.
4-4 Hope bleached dark madder prints, 30 cents.
4-4 Nashua brown sheetings, 24 cents.
4-4 Orella heavy brown sheetings, 46½ cents.
4-4 Sagamore brown sheetings, 44½ cents.
4-4 Nashua brown sheetings and shirtings, 24 cents.
Howard A. Brown sheetings, 40½ cents.
Park Mills brown sheetings, 34 cents.
Laconia Brown sheetings, 35 cents.
Laconia Brown sheetings, 32 cents.
36-inch Lewis Steam Mills brown sheetings, 34 cents.
Boott S brown sheetings, 33 cents.
Pepperell S brown sheetings, 29 cents.
4-4 Golden Edge brown sheetings, 30½ cents.
Swift River brown sheetings, 27 cents.
Pacific E. brown sheetings, 31 cents.
New England brown sheetings, 23 cents.
Bedford R brown sheetings, 28½ cents.
3-4 Clarion brown sheetings, 20 cents.
10-4 Wamsutta bleached sheetings, 95 cents.
10-4 Bates bleached sheetings, 95 cents.
11-4 Appleton bleached sheetings, 98 cents.
9-4 Pepperell bleached sheetings, 78½ cents.
10-4 fine bleached sheetings, 82 cents.
10-4 Mount Vernon bleached sheetings, 77 cents.
Waltham bleached sheetings, 34½ cents.
4-4 Hill bleached sheetings, 28½ cents.
36-inch Lewis' Steam Mills bleached sheeting, 31½ cents.
4-4 Bartlett bleached sheeting, 32 cents.
4-4 Wamsutta bleached sheeting, 36 cents.
7-8 Slatersville bleached sheetings, 27 cents.
4-4 Indian River bleached muslins, 26 cents.
Victory colored cambrics, 18 cents.
Kelley's narrow stripe indigo blue tick, 50 cents.
Wide stripe indigo blue tick, 30 to 52 cents.
Narrow stripe indigo blue tick, 27 cents.
Haybrook narrow stripe indigo blue tick, 37 and 45 cents.
Blackstone narrow stripe indigo blue tick, 32 cts.
Linen checks, 46 cents.
No. 3 4-4 Lanark checks, 29 cents.
No. 2 4-4 Lanark checks, 25 cents.
Heavy Lanark checks, 24 cents.
No. 3 2-4 Lanark checks, 25 cents.
Lancaster ginghams, 31 cents.
Roxanne ginghams, 30 cents.
Everett plain cottonades, 53 cents.
Everett plain cottonades, 53¾ cents.
York plain cottonades, 40½ cents.
Everett plain cottonades, 40½ cents.
York plain plain cottonades, 39½, 40, 41, 42, and 45 cents.
Olin plain cottonades, 34 cents.
Heavy double twisted cottonades, 67 cents.
Pemberton heavy ribbed cassimeres, 69 cents.
Pemberton double and twisted cassimeres, 69 cts.
Lancaster heavy plaids, 40½ cents.
Tiverton heavy plaids, 35½ cents.
Heavy fancy twills, 45 cents.
Heavy fancy twills, 45½ cents.
Super heavy fancy tweeds,