## The Nittsburgh Guzette.

THE OIL REGIONS.

Advance in Price ani Decrease in Production-New Theries-Prospective Developments-TheNext Fleid of Op--Benedict Estate Company-Preparations for the Spring Campaign. [Correspondence of the Pittburgh Gazeite.]

TITUSVILLE, January 29, 1869. The rapid and continuous advance in the price of oil has hal a very stimulating effect throughout the petroleum regions, and with the advent of spring we are apt to witness such a rivival of practical development as will eclipse everything that has preceded it. The steadily decreasing production of oil has had a corresponding effect. Years since, when there were hundreds of flowing wells, the greasy fluid were remitted to run to waste, and owners conidered themselves fortunate in obtaining even one dollar per barrel. Indeed, of has sold as low as ten cents per barrel. But the production declined, the comumption largely increased, an immense foreign demand followed, prices steadily appreciated, until in 1864 the product actually commanded \$14,85 per barrel.

I note these prices as the extreme limits of its fluctuation. Within the last year, the business in all its relations has become so thoroughly sistematized and controlled, that we no onger look for such startling variations. Petroleum mining is now regarded as a legitimate industry like that of coal, and is almost free of the speculative operations which characterized its earlier development. The want of operators now is to find it in paying quantities, and the belief is gain-ing ground that but a ew more years tained and developed as to render the business a comparative monopoly in the hands of a few fortunate individuals. I do not fully share this apprehension.

Doubtless every practical operator has to an exudation from the extreme that it is the product of coal lying thousands of feet below the surface, and is disis thus forced by the gas, the lighter or buying the right to the exclusive use element surrounding it, towards the earth's surface until it is lodged in the spurned as a toy. pores and crevices of the sand rocks, like this theory would seem to have been suf-

ficient to exhaust Dame Nature's reser-

voirs, but her ample cauldross are ever

brewing, and it is not unreasonable to

suppose that the practical oil miner will forever be profitably rewarded for his un-

dertakings. But I began by observing that the production has largely fallen off during the last few months, and there is now an active exploration, under the stimulus of prices, for new fields of operation. There is probably no section of the producing region that has hitherto attracted so little public attention as that known as Enterprise, in Warren county, near the border of Venango county. The operations there have hitherto been confined to the Benedict Estate Company, whose lands are situated on Pine Creek, laid down on many mans as East Oil Creek, but among the early settlers still retaining the former name. Enterprise is geographically the centre of the oil producing region. It is four miles from Titusville, two and half miles from Pleasantville, and ten miles from Tidioute. Operations on the Benedict Estate Company's lands commenced about four years ago, but the owners, being already in the possession of immense wealth, made no special effort to invite the co-operation of foreign capital, and hence retained the territory for moderate operation under their own supervision. It is gratifying to know that this promising field is now to be opened up to general development, and before six months more clapse we shall doubtless witness quite as extensive excitement, and undoubtedly as prolific a yield, as that which has characterized the Pleasantville district during the past year.
Under such circumstances a brief re-

view of its past developments and present condition will interest the oil trade in general. The Benedict Estate Co. commenced operations about four years ago, under the personal direction of Mr. Willis A. Benedict, who is still the Superintendent. Several producing wells were obtained, but none that exceeded a hundred barrels a day. It would seen that the oil rock bears a greater resemblance to that of Church Run, near Titusville, than that at Pleasantville, the oil being found in crevices and being a light gravity green oil: Among wells more particu-larly worthy of mention is the Willard Well struck in November last, and now yielding between forty and fifty barrels per day, and constantly increasing. The the people took hold of the telegraph and McKinney well, struck in March last, for made it what it is, while you laughed at several days flowed at the rate of one it. The people put their money in it, and hundred barrels per day. It shortly after it is theirs to reap the profits." declined, and has fitfully varied between ten and one hundred and eighty barrels per day. The facts show that of necessity it penetrates an immense reservoir of oil. In 1866, the Atkinson well produced sixty barrels a day the first twelve hours. Some of the original wells on these lands are still producing profitably. The oil is found in the saud rock, which various from 18 to 38 feet in thickness. Salt water is found in the second sand, and this necessitates casing and seed bagging at the lower edge of the second sand. Having had wide observation and experience of this region, and finding that the producing land of the Enterprise district has the same general contour, timber, sand, deep depressions, and all the pecu-

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locality abounds in pine, hemlock, and oak timber, and the fuel is to be had for the cutting, and that the county is well watered by Pine Creek and its branches, as well as plenty of springs, greatly di-minishes the cost of boring for oil. The following statement affords a liberal estimate of the expense of sinking a single well in the Enterprise district :

Engine eight horse power \$500.00 500 feet of tubing 250.00 250.00 500 feet of casting 250.00 75.00 Working barrel and valves..... Pump fittings, &c....... Derrick Bull Wheel, &c...... Driving Pipe...... Drilling 460 feet by centract.....

Total... tion in its application to the next field of extensive operations in the oil region. There seems to be no shadow of doubt that Enterprise during the ensuing six months will present as lively a panorama as characterized Pleasantville last season. petroleum became a dug in the market, The Benedict Estate Company are althousands upon thousands of barrels of ready giving out leases to operators who the greasy fluid were resmitted to much the great spring at least a score of new wells will be started, hundreds of men will find employment, the little village will be thronged by strangers, and the tide of travel from Titusville will be directed to the new Oildorado. Mark the prediction, and you will soon see its verification OBSERVER.

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The Telegraph Question.

EDITORS GAZETTE: One of the strangest outcroppings of blunted morality that has yet shown itself among that portion of the people which claims to be the custodian of the public faith, is now showing itself in the vociferous appeals to Congress to take charge of the Telegraphic business. The Telegraph is one of those scientific contributions to the civilized world which the exigencies of business demanded, and no where so much must elapse before the producing sections as in this land of ours, where the great will have become so throughly ascer- centres of trade are spread out hundreds and thousands of miles apart.
Yet, in the face of this great necessity

his theory of the origin of petroleum, offered it to the Government for a small and we know that the once commonly received opinion which attributed it ionary, and left to seek among capitalists to an exudation from the extreme the means for introducing to use the most coal fields of the Allegheny range miraculous thing that was ever youch is now generally discarded It is safed by Heaven to the guidance of man. nevertheless my conviction that the oil . Had Congress given the pairry sum is generated from coal, bu from no beds asked for the patent, it surely is not to be is generalized by the purpose of monopolizing the purpose of the purpose of monopolizing the purpose of the purpose of throwing it is a sale of the purpose of throwing it ward through fresh water into the sand open to the public; that companies might rock strata. We must therefore conclude be formed to erect lines and convey messages at moderate cost, having nothing to pay for special privileges. But the truth of history shows that so far from claiming

spurned as a toy.

Men who had faith in the invention blood in the veins and arteries of the human system. Puncture the cuticle and it
will bleed, open the veins and it will flow.

The patentee the right to use it, for large
sums of money. They then spent other wires, and took upon themselves all the responsibilities demanded by a new and untried enterprise. They gradually solved the complicated and perplexing problems that inhered in a business wherein much depended upon science and so little on art; the reductions in their charges keeping place with the les-sened expenditures; while their responsibilitles for errors or delays in the transmission of messages was well established.

and damages rapidly exacted. The needs of trade and of the govern-ment hastened the progress of the lines, and now we find the whole country interlaced with a network of wires, erected by the enterprise and paid for with the money of thousands on thousands of our citizens, who expect to reap the profits justly accruing to them. Just then, when twenty years of experiment and use have given confidence to all, and when many nillions have been invested in it, and the telegraphic system is firmly established as a necessity of our American civilization, a great cry is suddenly sprung upon us by chambers of commerce and others, of "Monopoly! down with Monopoly!" and a demand made that the government shall do the telegraphing for the people.
Wherein consists the monopoly? There
might have been some slight show of reason in this cry whilst the patents were still in existence, but now when all or nearly all of them have expired this is utterly absurd, for the business is open to any company that chooses to embark in it. The effort made in high places to induce Congress now to step in and take the affair out of the hands of those whose capital is invested in it, is one of the most startling proofs of a wide-spread disregard-of private rights that has yet appeared; and it behooves honest men to band together, as well in behalf of the public morals as of private rights—be-cause there is no telling where this as-

sault upon vested interests shall stop it once fairly started, and no man's property will be safe. Not that finally the right will fail of vindication, for the Federal Constitution eral Constitution expressly declares that "private property shall not be taken for public use without just compensation;" but the perplexity induced by uncertainty, which the law's delay is so slow to assert, would produce much loss and distress, before the end could be reached. Let then the newspapers speak out. Let them say to Congress, "Hands off! the people took hold of the telegraph and made it what it is, while you laughed at

A. F. M.

San Francisco. The growth of this important city on the Pacific coast has been one of the most wonderful even among the rapid changes to be witnessed in the United States. In 1850, the valuation of property for purposes of taxation was \$21,621,214, and in 1868 it had raised to \$109,860,826. A comparison between the condition of San Francisco in 1860 and in 1868 has recently been published, from which it appears that the statistics of 1860 were as follows: Population, 56,802; number of houses 10,123, principally of wood, poorly buil and of a small size; annual cost of school department, \$156,407; number of pupils llar indications of oil, so strikingly advan-tageous to the best producing localities on Pithole and Oil Creeks, I am deeply impressed with the conviction it requires the improvements made has been estionly as thorough development to exhibit as profitable returns. The fact that the 500,000 expended on the streets.

Railway Items. President Jewett of the Panhandle

Company, gives the following notice: This Company having leased the Columbus, Chicago & Indiana Central Railway Company, the undersigned, in pursuance of said lease, and by direction of his Company, takes possession of the

same and the management thereof.

A railway bill has been introduced into the Ohio legislature which provides that no person shall be eligible for presi-dent, vice-president or director of any railroad in the State unless he shall have been a resident of the State for one year next preceding his candidacy for office, and unless he is the bona fide holder of at least one hun-\$2,145.00 dred shares of stock. If he removes from I have thus briefly reviewed the situathe Btate his term of office shall then tion in its application to the next field of cease. The bill further provides that at any election the owner of stock in order to vote shall be obliged to produce a certificate of his stock as evidence of ownership and of his right to vote thereon. It is further provided that all meetings of stockholders, directors and executive committees shall be held at the principal office of the company, which shall be within that State; that all dividends shall be declared and made payable in cash only; that all convertible bonds of the different railroad companies in the State may be converted into capital stock, but in no other way shall the same be increased for any purpose whatever; that the treasurer or financial agent of any company shall give ample security for the faithful perormance of his duties, and shall also keep his office at the principal office of the company in that State; and that all moneys belonging to such companies shall be kept on deposit in the State.

Affairs in the South. Generals Porter and Babcock of General Grant's staff have returned from their tour of inspection through the Southern States. They visited every military post in the country through which they trav-eled and will make a written report to Gen. Grant. They represent North Car-olina as in the best condition and next stands Alabama. The worst state of affairs exists in Georgia and some legislation from Congress to secure the rights of the loyal people in that State will be re-They say the negroes were in the right in the Ogechee troubles and they should be protected. Notwithstanding the militia troubles in Arkansas that State is in a flourishing condition.

OTTAWA, the capital of the Dominion of Canada, has no water works, and the principal means in the city for procuring water for ordinary household purposes, and to extinguish fires, is the use of horses and carts to draw it up the steep bank of the river, and thus convey it to the distant quarters of the city where it is wanted either for general use or for sudden emergencies. The consequence is, that if a fire occurs, no matter how substantial the building in which it originates, the destruction of the edifice is inevitable. The insurance companies, it is asserted, have refused taking any further risks in Ottawa. The inhabitants of the capital, while exerting themselves to secure various expensive improvements, have neglected to construct the most im-portant and most necessary of all conveniences, an engine to raise the water from the river.

GEN. BATTLE, of Alabams, thus in forms a correspondent; "I intend to support and maintain negro suffrage in-the sense of the resolution of the Alabama the sense of the resolution of the Alabama Democratic Convention which recognizes t as a fact, and the laws imposed upon us Office, No. 424 PENN ST. as a de facto government."

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AN ORDINANCE
To authorize a Temporary Loan for the purpose of paying the Interest on Lawrenceville Bonds. on Lawrenceville Bonds.

SEC. 1. Be it enacted by the City of Pittsburph in Belect and Common Councils assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same. That the Finnec Committee b and is hereby authorized and directed to effect temporary loan upon such terms and for suct imporary loan upon such terms and for suct imposery loan upon such terms and for suct imposers of the sum of first housend dollars, for the put pose of paying interest due and falling due upor bonds of the Borough of Lawrenceville, and it he name and on benalf of the city to give suclevidence of said indebtedness as may be neces sary.

sary.
SEC. 2. That any ordinance or part of ordinance conflicting with the passage of this ordinance. ance conflicting with the passage of this ord ance at the present time, be and the same ereby repealed so far as the same affects this o

hereby repealed so far as the same affects this ordinance.

Ordained and enacted into a law in Councils, this 25th day of January. A. D. 1889.

President of Select Council.

Attest E. S. MORROW.

Clerk of Select Council.

President or Common Council.

Attest: H. MCMA-TER.

Clerk of Common Council.

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Clerk of Common Council.

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AN ORDINANCE
Granting Charles Reits & Co. right
to erect an Iron-clad Building. SECTION 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh, in Select and Common Councils assymbled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That Charles Heits, Charles P. Harnack and F. A. Naeser be and they are hereby authorized to erect an Ironicad building, at No. 956 Penn street, Tweifth ward.

ciad building, at No. 200 Fenn street, I wellow ward,
SEC. 9. That any ordinance or part of ordinance conflicting with the passage of this ordinance at the present time, be and the same is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this ordinance.
Ordained and enacted into a law in Councils, this 99th day of January, A. D. 1869,
Tresident of Select Council.
Attent: E. 8. Morrow, W. A. TOMLINSON,
Clerk of Select Council.

President of Common Cognell.

Attest: H. McMaster,
Clerk of Common Council. fel

NORDINANCE SEC. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Belect and Common Councils of the City of Pittsburgh, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That the place for holding elections in the sixteenth ward of the city be and is hereby charged from the Wigwam by James Dugan's feed store, on threensburg Pike, near allen street, it being the central location of said ward.

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Attest: E. S. MORROW,

Clerk of Belect Council.

Attest: H. MCMASTER,

Clerk of Common Council. fel:d84

LEGAL.

ORPHANS' COURT SALE,-By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Orphans' Court of Allegheny County, the under-signed, executor of the last will of Dr. JESSE signed, executor of the last will of Dr. PENNEY. dec'd, will expose at PUBLIC BALE REPORTAL THE MAY on the premises, on THURSDAY, the 11th day PEBRUARY. A. D. 1869, at S o'clock P. M., ill that certain piece orparcel of land situated in the borough of McKeesport, County of Allegheyn, and State of Penusylvania, bounded and described as follows, viz: Beginning on the south ern side of Penn street in James Penney's plan of lots in said borough, at the corner of ot No. 13. thence south along the line of said lot 70 feet to an alley; thence east along said alley 80 feet to the line of Henderson's let: thence by said line 70 feet to Penn street, and thence by ald street 80 feet to the place of beginning: be ing a part of lot No. 18 in said plan.

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ROBERT CHAIGHEAD, Executor.
Elizabeth. Or JOHN P. PENNEY, Attorney, Pttisburgh. THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE that

on the A6th day of January, A. D. 1869, a Warrant in Bankruptcy was issued against the

ESTATE OF CHARLES C. ALGEO.

Of Allegheny city, in the county of Allegheny, an State of Pennsylvania, who has been adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt to him or for his use, and the ransfer of any property by him are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of the said hankrupt, to prove their debts and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. at a Court of Mankrupicy, to be holden at Mo.

116 Federal street, Allegheny city, Allegheny county. Pa., before JUHN N. PURVIANCE, Esq., Register, on the 1st day of MARCH, A. D.

1869, at 10 o'clock A. M.

THUMAS A. ROWLEY,

[a30:d74] U. S. Marshal, as Messenger.

A DMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE. The whereas, letters of administration having been granted to the undersigned, on the estated of James Wil. Sun late of Allegheny city. Pa., all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims to present then, properly authenticated for settlement, to ja 7:d53-W 220 Beaver St., Allegheny city.

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