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Oil Items.

THE BIG OIL WELL AT SMITH'S FERRY.—Thompson & Co., the proprietors of the recently-opened well at Smith's Ferry, have got a splendid investment of their money. A gentleman who visited the well a day or two since informs us that at the time he saw the well, on Wednesday evening, it was pumping from three to four barrels per hour. The oil is of the best quality, suitable for lubricating purposes, and is now worth 30 cents per gallon. Parties who recently purchased a quarter interest in this well for $5,000 have refused $20,000 for one third of their share. This would make the par value of the well reach the handsome sum of $240,000. A gentleman who saw this well last evening informs us that it was pumping 80 barrels per day at the least calculation. The oil is of a bright straw yellow and very pure. The well is only 75 feet deep. Our informant, who has, during the past six months visited oil wells in all parts of the country, says that this well beats any one which he has ever seen. A constant stream of pure oil is running from the vat into barrels. The well is immediately upon the Ohio river and the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad, and the oil can be brought at once to market. This is the same well which Mr. John Woods sold a fourth of for $5,000. He made a good speculation, but the purchasers of his interest made a better.

A contract for putting down an oil well in the borough of Johnstown has been awarded to John Parks, Esq., who will commence operations at an early day.—The Cambria Iron Company are having a well bored in Murray's Grove, adjoining the borough of Johnstown, with the intention of putting it down a thousand feet, if necessary.

The oil excitement is beginning to rage in Greene county. A company has leased the land lying along Dunkard Creek, from Robert Maple's mill to the mouth of the creek. They contract to give the landholders one eighth of the amount found within the territory. They will commence operations soon. The indications of the presence of oil are said to be flattering, and the company entertains sanguine hopes of success.

A company has been organized at Connellsville, with which Messrs. Goe and M'Aleer are connected. They have commenced operations at the mouth of Indian Creek, where a salt well was abandoned some thirty years ago on account of the pressure of oil. They are very sanguine of success.

Messrs. Rigden and Young have commenced boring on Dunlap's Creek, about a mile above Brownsville, on the site of an old salt well.

We learn that a company has been formed, and commenced boring for oil at Davidson's Ferry, Fayette county.

A company on Four Mile run, about five miles from Beaver, at a point known as Potter's Saw Mill, have come upon a fine vein of oil. The well near Sharon, under the direction of Mr. Stewart and others, has given already very fine indications of oil; in fact, it now seems that nearly every well that has been sunk in Beaver co., to a sufficient depth, gives good indications.

The well at Punxsatawney, Jefferson county, has reached a depth of 205 feet, with good indications of success.

The fever has broken out at Wilmore, Cambria county, and a company is now organizing to bore on the land of William Russell, as Plane No. 2, old Portage Railroad.

An oil well is about to be sunk in East Birmingham, by Mr. C J. Shultz and others. A company was organized here on Wednesday to bore on the Valley Farm, Wood county, Va., where the show is said to be excellent. A well will be commenced next week on the farm of Mr. Elliott, in Baldwin township.

The Venango, which left for Franklin yesterday, took up six thousand bushels of coal, eight hundred empty barrels, and some engines for oil wells.

OIL AT OLD BRIGHTON.—We learn that Mr. James Patterson, who has been boring out an old well in the village of Brighton, Beaver county, which was originally commenced as a salt well many years since, struck oil on Wednesday. The old well was sunk only about eight feet below its former depth until salt water and oil were obtained. The present vein it is supposed will yield about fifteen barrels per day, but we learn the proprietors intend to go deeper.

A Honeymoon Unpleasantly Embittered.

On Thursday morning Alderman Owston held to bail for his appearance at Court, a legal gentleman of this city, but recently admitted to the bar, Mr. J. Charles Dicken, on a charge of assault and battery, preferred by a lady of extensive acquaintance in the community, Madame Austin. It seems that a close intimacy had existed between Mr. D. and Mad. A. for a year or more, probably arising from the fact that Mr. D. was Mad. A's counsel. By the statement of the latter it appears that the attorney had obtained and retained possession of a gold watch and other articles belonging to her, which, Mr. D. having, some three weeks since, been united in matrimony to a young lady of the city, Mad. A. was anxious to recover. With that view she visited his office on Wednesday morning, and after an interview, in which Mr. D. informed Mad. A. that as soon as she became sensible and was willing to listen to reason he would make restitution, went home. She then wrote a note, requesting Mr. D. to bring the articles in question home. To this Mr. D. replied that he would be busy in his office, but desired Mad. A. to call there and see him. Accordingly, during the afternoon Madame A. went to the office, where she found two ladies, clients of Mr. D., and his wife. The latter, who had seen Mad. A. before, could scarcely restrain her indignation until the lady clients had left, when, turning fiercely upon Mad. A., she demanded her business there, remarking that she did not believe she came for legal advice. Mad. A. answered that the lady had no right to ask such a question, the office was a public one and she had a right to come and go when she chose. Mrs. D. then ordered the Madame to leave the office, which the latter expressed a determination not to do until she recovered her proper y. Charles expostulated with Madame, requesting her to go home in peace and she should be satisfied, but to no purpose—the Madame must needs recall some recollections unpleasant to the lady, whereupon Charles, declaring that his wife should not be insulted, ordered Madame to leave, which she was then even less disposed to do, Charles then resorted to force to eject her, and, seizing her by the throat, threatened to kick her.—Madame seized an inkstand and hurled it at the barrister, but no serious injury was the result. Finally an officer was called in, who took Mad. A. away. Soon afterward she brought suit against Mr. D. for assault and battery, before Alderman Owston, which resulted in his being held to bail for hearing until yesterday morning, when he gave bail for his appearance at Court to answer.

TO LET.—The factory formerly known as Ryan's Building, on Virgin Alley, entrance on Fith or Liberty street, is offered for rent, either in rooms or in whole. The engine is in good order and of 150 horse power. Terms easy. Apply to Reineman & Meyran, 52 Fifth street.

BAYARD TAYLOR'S lecture, last evening, was well attended, as is always the case here. His lecture was very entertaining, and his audience most attentive listeners. We hope to have him here again before the season closes.

PREVENTION OF RAILROAD COLLISIONS.—Prof. G. Hambujer, the necromancer has, after long study and application, succeeded in perfecting what he, and many competent judges, engineers and others, who have examined his model, believe will effect the desirable end of preventing collisions on railroads. It consists of a double row of two inch tubing, occupying the middle of the track, between the rails, in each of which a ball, loosely fitting the tube, rolls, propelled by a spring attached to the tender of the locomotive. On the rear of each tender is a similar spring, attached to an alarm bell. The ball rolls according to the speed of the train, from half to a mile in advance, and if a train be in advance, the ball, striking the spring, sounds the alarm bell, and gives notice of the approaching train behind; and if two trains are approaching each other on the same track, the alarm is given on both in like manner. The invention can be adapted so as to strike alarm bells at street crossings in advance of a train. Those who have examined the model pronounce the plan practicable and concur in the belief that it will do what it is designed for. Prof. Hambujer has filed his caveat, and we hope he may realize a fortune from the invention.

PRELIMINARY HEARING IN THE INFERNAL MACHINE CASE.—On Thursday afternoon, at two o'clock, Godfrey Wetsehey, charged with exploding an infernal machine under the window of the residence of Augustus Hoeveler, Esq., Lawrenceville, was brought before the Mayor for a preliminary examination. Mr. Koethen appeared for the Commonwealth, and Messrs. Seibenick and Ewing for defendant. Mr. K. asked for a continuance, on the ground of the absence of important witnesses, to which defendant's counsel objected strenuously. After some discussion the case was finally postponed until Monday next at two o'clock, until which time Wetsehey was held in $2,000 bail, Mr. Wm. Flackus, of Lawrenceville, entering into recognizance for him.

DOCTOR VON MOSCHZISKER.—The especial attention of our readers is directed to the notices from the press, published by this gentleman, on our second page. They speak volumes for his reputation as an aurist and oculist, and should be read by every one needing his services. The doctor has several difficult cases under treatment here now, and more patients are being received every day. He stay is limited, so that the afflicted who desire the benefit of his advice, should lose no time in calling upon him.

SHOCKING ACCIDENT.—A shocking accident befel a young man named Henderson, residing near Connellsville, Fayette county, the other day. He was engaged in operating a threshing machine, when his foot in some way was caught in the machinery and mangled in a frightful manner. The injured limb was amputated the same day above the ankle, but the unfortunate sufferer was unable to endure the shock which the accident occasioned him, and he expired during the night. He was about eighteen years of age, and was regarded as an industrious yonng man.

THE KANSAS FUND.—The following additional contributions to the Kansas fund were received at the Mayor's office yesterday:

North Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county	$ 75 00
Cash	15 00
Fifth U. P. Church Sabbath School	18 06
Economy township, Beaver co	45 16
	94 06
Amount previously reported	3,803 92
Total	$3,897 98
Amount remitted	3,248 52

CHIEF OF POLICE.—Officer Job G. Patterson has been appointed Chief of Police by Mayor Wilson, in place of Robert Hague, dismissed. The appointment is a good one, and Mr. Patterson will fill the position with energy and ability. He is an excellent police officer, intelligent, competent and honest, and his elevation to this responsible position will give general satisfaction.

MALICIOUS MISCHIEF.—Conrad Hess, a resident of Reserve township, was charged before Justice Scriba, yesterday, with malicious mischief, on oath of George Sherer. Hess occupies a house belonging to Sherer, and having quarreled with his landlord, he sought revenge in breaking off the door-locks, smashing the windows, etc. A warrant was issued for his arrest.

CALL MODERATED.—Rev. D. G. Bradford, of Allegheny, delivered a sermon on Monday evening, in the United Presbyterian Church, Manchester, after which a call was prepared by the congregation, for presentation to Prof. Clark, inviting him to become their pastor. This charge was made vacant some time since by the resignation of Rev. Mr. Steele.

A CHANCE FOR BUSINESS.—We refer our business men to the advertisement of Mr. Jas. Patton, jr., which will be found in to-day's paper. He offers one of the best and most popular grocery stands in the Highest county for sale, which, for years, has done a large and and profitable business. It is a rare chance for a man or firm of young men to go into business.

THOS. GARDNER, of St. Clair street, and Patrick Gormley, of Diamond alley, were held to bail by Mayor Drum, on Tuesday, for selling liquor on Sunday. The information was made by Mrs. Elizabeth Gallagher, who ascertained where her husband had obtained his liquor, from a little daughter who accompanied him on his walk, and who described accurately the places where they had stopped.

CURIOUS.—On Wednesday evening Mayor Drum committed to jail, twenty days, for vagrancy, a woman named Hester McDonald, at her own request. On the way over she informed the officer that her only object in being sent up was to get to see Johnny Lutz.

NOT ARRESTED.—We stated yesterday that McConnell, the Washington forger, had been arrested. It seems that he was followed to Canada, by Col. Byers, of Washington, who, being unable to arrest him there, made the best of his bargain and got a portion of the money back.

DR. STEBBINS & MUNSON, dentists, have formed a partnership and opened an office at 105 Fifth street, second door below the Cathedral. See their card.

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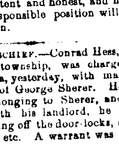

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POSTMASTER ELECTED.—The Butler Republicans held an election for Postmaster on Saturday last, resulting in the choice of a N. McCandlers, who had a majority of all the votes cast.

VERDICT.—In the case of Chambers, Bros & Co. vs. Benjamin Singerly, in the Court of Common Pleas, yesterday, the jury found a verdict for plaintiffs in the sum of $180.

ARM BROKEN.—On the 22d ult., Sampson Daily, had his arm broken by the falling of slate at Mingo Coal Works.

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TESTIMONIALS.

DR. VON MOSCHISKER has operated in my Ears for Deafness. I take great pleasure in recommending him as a very skillful Aurist, deserving the confidence of all affected with Deafness. ELIZA INGRAM.
Chester Township, and 88 Webster street
Pittsburgh, Jan. 29, 1861.

ANOTHER,

*DR. VON MOSCHISKER has operated s successfully on my right EAR. But I must cheerfully recommend him to all persons reserving his service; for I attended that ear to all persons reserving his service; for I attended that ear to all persons reserving his service; for I attended that ear