

THOS. W. PHILLIPS

Episodes in the Life of a Distinguished and Remarkable Gentleman.

From an Humble Beginning He Acquires Riches in the Oil Fields, Falls for Half a Million Dollars, and Now Has an Independent Fortune.

A history of Butler county, and its principal production, oil, would not be complete unless a sketch of the work accomplished by Phillips brothers, of Lawrence county, were incorporated.

The benefits of their hard work is incalculable, even at this day. They have spent more money in locating new fields than any other operators in the oil industry.

Thomas W. Phillips, of New Castle, Lawrence county, is the only one of the brothers who is now actively engaged in the oil industry.

The following tribute from the pen of Senator Lee, we copy from the Philadelphia Times:

"Thomas W. Phillips was born in Beaver (now Lawrence) county, Pennsylvania, on the 23rd of February, 1835, and is now in the very prime of life. His father was born in New Jersey, and his mother in Philadelphia.

In 1858, soon after their marriage, they removed to Beaver county, purchased a tract of land where Old Enon now stands, and built there a fulling mill and saw mill.

When the time of the father's death his farm, of one hundred acres, was so heavily encumbered with debts as to fall upon the shoulders of a devoted mother.

Mr. Phillips' business career has been remarkable, both for its success and for the tenacity of purpose displayed. It was, however, attended with one great reverse which would have appeared a less courageous man, and which, only by bringing out the strong character of Mr. Phillips, just prior to the unforeseen panic of 1873.

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On his death, contributions were made by the oil men and a handsome monument was erected over his grave, in gratitude for the service he had rendered to the commercial world.

The Waverly House. Owing to the influx of strangers into Butler, attending the oil excitement, accommodations were scarce, and the result was a new house.

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One of the Firm Who Struck the Largest Oil Gusher in the World.

One of Butler's most successful oil operators is C. D. Greenlee, Esq., who has worked his way upward from a humble beginning.

To-day the firm of Greenlee & Forst are among the largest operators and producers, and their present output at McDonald has had a material effect on the market.

For eight years Mr. Greenlee has been developing the Butler county field, and the alternative tax upon oil of ten cents per barrel, proposed by the late Governor, in which time he has been instrumental in having one hundred and fifty wells drilled.

The discovery of the pools in the McDonald fields, in Washington county, in the western part of the State in securing the defeat of these anomalous provisions undertaken by producers of petroleum to limit production to enable the excessive stock of oil in tanks to be reduced, by being refined instead of wasted, and to put the industry upon a permanently better footing, he was the acknowledged and able leader.

Mr. Greenlee is a director in the Butler County National Bank, and the Trade Dollar Silver Mine Co., Idaho, which is one of the richest in the State. Their office is located at 55 Fifth avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.

A new town and several large manufacturing plants are about to be erected at Aliquippa, on the Ohio river, at a beautiful spot, formerly used as a picnic ground, on the P. & L. E. R. R., controlled by the latter company.

Mr. Greenlee is an active member of the B. P. O. Elks, No. 170, and was considered one of its leading lights and prominent members. He was also considered a faithful and staunch supporter of the R. C. church.

Mr. Greenlee is a Prohibitionist in politics, but is so attached to his home that he cares only to spend his time there when released from business, hence he has never taken an active part in politics.

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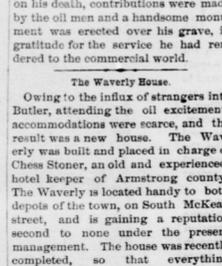
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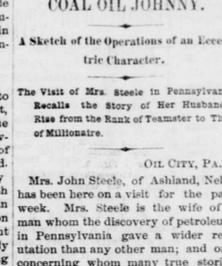
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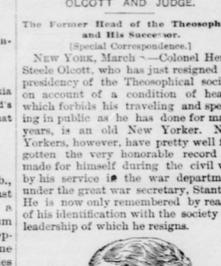
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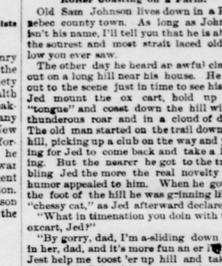
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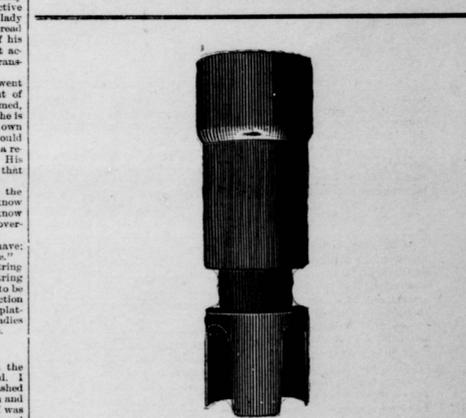
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