

Drilling For Oil and Gas In Paradise Settlement

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The Fern Oil & Gas Company, of Butler, has leased between five and six hundred acres in Henderson and Winslow townships—in Paradise Settlement—which this company will thoroughly test for oil and gas. We have been informed that the entire scope of country from the Buhite farm, near Sykesville, Kramer Station, and James London farm above Big Run, to the Noah Syphrit and Dougherty farms, on the Reynolds side, is embraced in the territory to be tested. The first drilling outfit was taken to the Andy Pifer farm last week. The Fern Oil & Gas Co. has agreed to pay the farmers \$1.00 per acre per year while the test for oil and gas is in progress. The money is to be paid quarterly, and the first payment has been made.

Last of Well Known Family Has Expired.

The death of Mrs. Elizabeth Pifer, widow of the late George Pifer, of Henderson township, who was buried Thursday in the German Lutheran church cemetery, in the Paradise Settlement, removes the last of a well known family, that of Jacob Zufall.

Mrs. Pifer, who was aged 79 years, died Tuesday as the result of a paralytic stroke. In recent years she had made her home with her son, George Pifer, who lives on the old homestead.

During the settlement and development of the Paradise district no two families played a more important part than did the Pifers and Zufalls. The George Pifer home was in the center of early developments and Mrs. Pifer presided over it with gracious and motherly care. She was one of those estimable women whose influence was felt throughout the entire scope of the early settlements and whose home in early days was a haven for the traveler, and a delight to both young and old in the neighborhood. She was a lifelong member of the German Lutheran Church.—Punxsutawney Spirit.

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SCARLET FEVER.

A Scourge of White Races in All Ages and Countries.

Now that smallpox, thanks to compulsory vaccination, has become a rarity in civilized communities, scarlet fever steps forward as the worst of the eruptive diseases of childhood. It is a malady of enormous antiquity. Thucydides, writing nearly 500 years before the beginning of our era, called it a heritage from the remote past. It has scourged the white races in all ages and all countries, and the physicians of all schools have leveled their heaviest artillery upon it. Yet it remains a puzzle unsolved and an enemy unconquered even today. We are in doubt as to its cause, and there is no drug or antitoxin that will cure it. But despite all this the death rate from scarlet fever is steadily declining, and we may expect it to decline more and more as the years go by. The reason for this, I take it, lies in the fact that the modern doctor is a great deal more sparing with pills and powders than his predecessor and a great deal more lavish with water, air and antiseptics. In the old days it was customary to dose scarlet fever patients with all sorts of violent remedies in staggering quantities, and as a result many of them died. Today medicines are but minor auxiliaries in the sickroom, and both doctor and nurse devote their main energies to preventing a spread of the infection.—Dellneator.

USE FOR A TELESCOPE.

Interesting Discovery One Woman Made by Use of the Glass.

"I thought it was a pretty fair sort of telescope for one that wasn't very big," said Uncle Silas. "I rigged it up in the attic by the high north window and had it fixed so it would swing around easy. I took a deal of satisfaction in looking through it, the sky seemed so wide and full of wonders, so when Hester was here I thought I'd give her the pleasure too. She stayed a long time upstairs and seemed to be enjoying it. When she came down I asked her if she'd discovered anything new.

"Yes," she says. "Why, it made everybody's house seem so near that I seemed to be right beside 'em, and I found out what John Pritchard's folks are doin' in their outkitchen. I've wondered what they had a light there for night after night, and I just turned the glass on their win-

dows. They are cuttin' apples to dry—folks as rich as them cuttin' apples!" "And actually that was all the woman had seen! With the whole heavens before her to study, she had spent her time prying into the affairs of her neighbors! And there are lots more like her—with and without telescopes."—Christian Uplook.

Fiddled Into Office.

Lossing relates that in 1848 he met at Oswego, N. Y., Major Cochran, then nearly eighty years old, a son-in-law of General Philip Schuyler, who told the story of his election to congress during the administration of the elder Adams. A vessel was to be launched on one of the lakes in interior New York, and people came from afar to see it. The young folks gathered there, determined to have a dance at night. There was a fiddle, but no fiddler. Young Cochran was an amateur performer, and his services were demanded. He gratified the joyous company, and at the supper table one of the gentlemen remarked, in commendation of his talents, that he was "fit for congress." The matter was talked up, and he was nominated and elected a representative in congress for the district then comprising the whole of New York west of Schenectady. He always claimed to have "fiddled himself into congress."

Jones' Van Dyck.

People told Jones that his youth was against him—he looked too young. If he wanted to rise rapidly in his profession he would have to grow a few birustorial decorations.

He started a Van Dyck. His wife watched its growth critically. She didn't take to it—said she married a young man, not a professor. The whiskers grew and grew, and hubby looked more and more like a pirate. Wife tried to talk him out of them, but he insisted they were an actual necessity in his profession.

One morning Jones woke up with his chin feeling moist and sticky. He rubbed his hand over his face foliage and found it wet. Then he opened his eyes and saw his wife standing over him with a bottle of peroxide in her hand. Filled with alarm, he jumped out of bed and over to the mirror. Already the stuff that makes blonds to order had done its work. That primal growth was red, yellow and maize, e'en as the growing corn. Jones had to wipe the dust off his razor and remove the chin weeds.

"I suppose you think you've done something pretty smart," he observed to Mrs. Jones grudgingly as he removed another bunch. "You've ruined my profession, that's what you've done."

"Rather smooth shaven competency," averred his wife sweetly, "than whiskered luxury."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Boy (to tramp)—Don't you get awful tired of doin' nothin', mister? Tramp—Terrible! But I never complains. Everybody has their troubles.—F. B. V.

A TEMPERANCE UNION.

Members Limited to Fourteen Drinks of Liquor Daily.

"Signing the pledge" is no new thing, as is proved by researches in Italy. Interesting particulars of what would appear to be the earliest examples of written pledges to abstain from gambling and excessive drinking are given in the Turin Studl Medievall by Signor Girolamo Biscaro, who has discovered three such documents in the archives of Milan. The first of these records is an oath sworn on the gospels by Giacomo Pasquall and Armanino Duca to the effect that for two years they will abstain from gambling in Pavia or within three miles thereof and will likewise refrain from inducing others to gamble on their behalf. The penalty for any breach of this oath is fixed at 5 soldi, payable to Papio Bovatorio.

In the second document Perano de Bono promises Umberto de Proto to abstain from gambling for a certain period, exception being made on behalf of the game of bismontiro, at which, however, he was not to lose more than 2 denari on any one day. Further, he undertakes not to visit any inn for drinking purposes before the hour of vespers on Monday. A breach of either clause of the pledge involves the payment of 5 soldi to De Proto. By the third document Sileto Ferrario expressed his willingness to pay 12 denari to his brother Lamperio should he be persuaded to play for money in any place of public resort or to spend more than 2 denari on intoxicants in any one day.

The motive for these contracts is not stated, but it is presumed that they were entered into by employees whose masters wished to keep their proclivities in check. There is nothing in the documents to suggest the existence of any organization for the promotion of temperance. The honor of being first in the field in this respect therefore still rests with Germany, where two temperance societies were founded in the sixteenth century.

Of these the Order of St. Christopher was formed by Sigismund de Dietrichstein on Jan. 18, 1517, and the Order of Temperance by the landgrave of Hesse on Dec. 25, 1600. The members of the one order were pledged to abstain from toast drinking, and the members of the other undertook not to drink more than seven glasses of liquor at a time, and that not oftener than twice a day.—Chicago News.

"I admire patience an' self control," said Uncle Eben, "but when I see a man dat kin keep on smilin' after he done bruise his thumb with a hammer I can't help bein' s'picious of his capacity foh deceit."—Washington Star.

Few things are impossible in themselves. It is not so much means as perseverance that is wanting to bring them to a successful issue.—Rochefoucauld.

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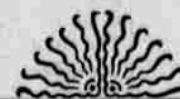
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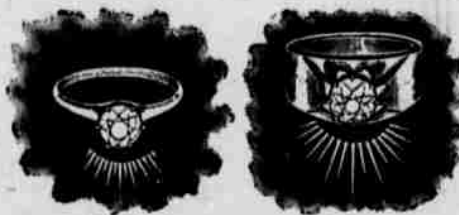
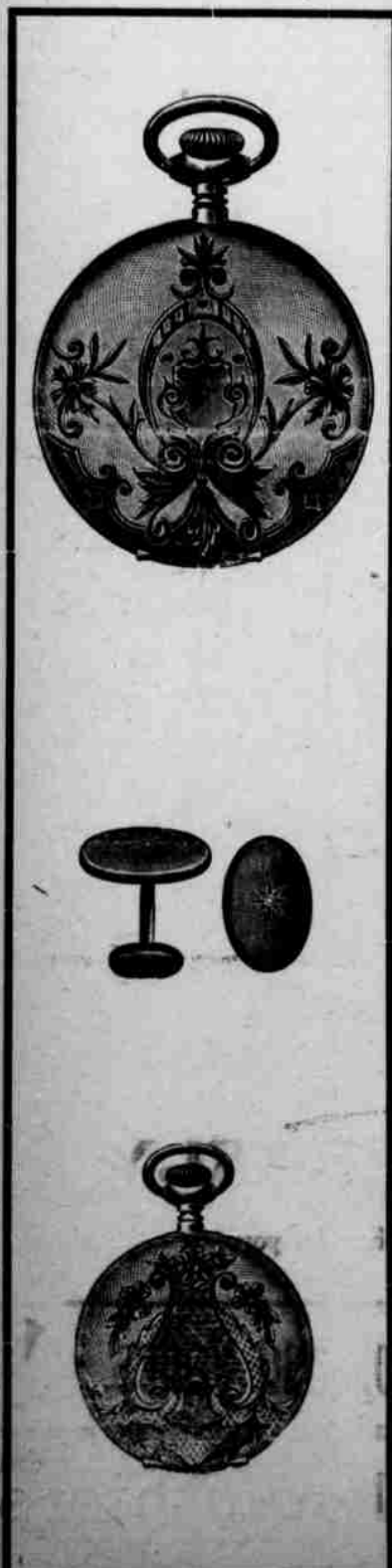
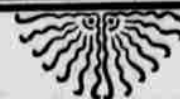
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