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Advertisement for Oil News, mentioning Clarion Oil Matters and the ten companies of which Hon. Wm. P. Schell is President.

OIL NEWS

Clarion Oil Matters.—The ten companies, of which Hon. Wm. P. Schell is President, operating in different parts of this county, are making arrangements to consolidate.

The well just below the mouth of the Clarion river—located in another place—is yielding over 40 barrels a day and has been steadily increasing—coming up from a ten barrel well, in the last three weeks.

We are told that the Hlyson run well—7 miles above here, on the Clarion river—which has been pumping oil for several months, is increasing, and becoming a valuable well.

We have no late news from the other wells, of a definite character, though we hear rumors of several important strikes. We shall endeavor to gather information on the subject for publication next week.

A company has put up a derrick and engine and are about commencing to put down a well, near the fair ground, at the west end of our borough.

We gather the following oil news from our exchanges:

OIL IN ARMSTRONG COUNTY.—Messrs. Brewer, Burke & Co. received on Saturday a consignment of 275 barrels of oil, it being the second shipment from a well recently struck on the Allegheny river, at Robinson's Mills, near Parker's Landing, opposite the mouth of the Clarion river.

This well is owned by the Clarion and Allegheny River Oil Company, the stock being principally held by Philadelphia capitalists. This well is the only development as yet made on their property. It is 831 feet deep, and when first pumped produced only ten barrels daily, but has increased steadily, and the daily product is now between thirty and forty barrels.

The quality is of the very best for refining purposes, like most Allegheny river oil. The expenses of development are much less than on Oil Creek or that vicinity. Wood is very cheap; coal ten cents per bushel, and rents and all items that make up the cost of living, less than half what they are in the Oil Creek region.

A twenty-five barrel well in this location is worth more than a fifty barrel well on Pithole, while land can be bought in fee or leased at this point on much more favorable terms than on Oil Creek or Pithole.

We should suppose that the many dry holes in the older oil regions, put down in a very expensive manner, and on territory leased or bought at fabulous prices, would induce those purposing to invest in the mining or boring for oil, to try their luck at this new point, which has just been so satisfactorily tested.—Pittsburgh Commercial, Nov. 22.

PITHOLE, PA., Nov. 17. Within the past few days the Government officials have brought to light facts which show the most extensive frauds against the Internal Revenue Department.

Yesterday the officers seized wells numbered 47, 54, and 75—three of the largest on the Thomas Holmden farm. The Government claims amount of \$148,000, of which \$85,000 is owned by the United States Petroleum Company, and about \$60,000 by a large operator here, who, it is alleged, last night made all his interests over to a second party.

paid. There is much excitement here on the subject, and it is feared the bottom has not yet been reached.

There are but few people who realize the actual value of a flowing well. And it is only after the figures are put upon paper that we are enabled to see the vast wealth which is poured out of a good well in a single year.

We are led to these remarks by figuring upon No. 9—the "Burchell Well" Holmden farm. This well is producing 700 barrels daily, which multiplied by 365, gives two hundred and fifty-five thousand and five hundred barrels as one year's product—average price per barrel \$5, making a grand total of one million, two hundred and seventy-seven thousand, and five hundred dollars.

A correspondent states that great excitement prevails at Franklin over a big strike made on Saturday afternoon on the Miller farm, about four miles below Franklin, on the Allegheny river. Good judges, who have been on the ground, report it flowing 1,000 barrels per day. The lowest estimate made by any is 500 to 800 barrels per day.

No. 148, Thomas Holmden Farm, Pithole Creek, is now flowing at the rate of 250 barrels per day. The well was pumped for over a week without success, and commenced to flow very suddenly. The indications are that No. 76 Holmden farm will prove a 500 barrel well.

From the Erie Observer.

MAN SHOT BY A POLICEMAN. A man named Edward Kimball, was shot by special policeman, Captain Dunlap, in the saloon of Reed & Thompson, on Saturday evening last. The particulars of the occurrence are about as follows: "A party of some six or eight, most of them employees in the Philadelphia & Erie Ship, were in the saloon drinking, and making considerable noise. Mr. Dunlap came in with two or three friends, and while there, two of the parties commenced fighting. He insisted on separating them, when he was insulted in a gross manner by several of the crowd, one of whom defied him to take him. Mr. Dunlap, who kept very cool during the whole affair, took him by the collar, and led him up stairs, where he was followed by the companions of the prisoner, who, upon reaching the sidewalk, fell all together upon the officer, beating him badly and taking away the prisoner. Mr. Dunlap, finding his life in danger, fired three or four shots, which had the effect of scattering them somewhat. He then went, as we understand, into another saloon for help, and as he was coming out, was again assailed, when he fired the last and fatal shot. He states that he was coming up the steps when one of the party who was standing at the top of the stairs, exclaimed, "Here he is!" and aimed a kick at his face. As he threw back his head to avoid the blow, he fired. The ball struck the unfortunate man in the right breast, passing about two inches above the heart, and burying itself in the right lung. Another of the party named Williams, was shot through the hand. The wounded man seemed to be unconscious of his hurt, and walked up State street as far as the American House, where he fell upon the sidewalk. He was assisted into the hall, and his hurt discovered. A physician, Dr. Brandes, was immediately sent for, and a clergyman. The wounded man made an all but a complete recovery, and exonerated the officer from all blame. He declared, however, his innocence of any assault at the time of the firing of the pistol." Although at first supposed to be beyond recovery, he is now thought to be out of danger. Three others of the alleged rioters, giving their names as Hendricks, Williams and Kelley, were subsequently arrested, and held to bail in the sum of \$300 each, to appear at the next term of court.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A fatal accident occurred at Pithole on the morning of the 9th. At about four o'clock an explosion occurred at well No. 2 Triuk's Lease, Holmden farm, resulting in the death of Brutis Milligan, driller, and severely wounding Felix Viskienki, engineer. The boiler was forced through the derrick, carrying away the sump post, bull wheel, etc.—Exchange.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—We learn that on Thursday November 9th, Mr. John Brown, of Burdette township, met with a serious accident, whilst helping to raise a house. In putting up a log, it slipped and fell on a cant hook, which struck Mr. Brown in the groin with such force as to knock him entirely senseless for some time. On Sunday morning last he was still living, but no hopes were entertained for his recovery.—Refugee's Journal.

GREAT HAUL IN COUNTERFEIT NOTES.—On Saturday a man named Bohager was arrested in New York, and on the police searching his room, they found a stock of bogus Treasury notes, of the denominations of five dollars and fifty cents, representing altogether one hundred and eleven thousand dollar packages. The bills are rather poor ones, and would not deceive those accustomed to handling money; but it is believed that large quantities of them have been sent to the West and South, where they may have a better chance of getting into circulation. It is supposed his house was the headquarters of a large gang of counterfeiters.—Republican.

Locals.

UNWELL.—The Editor for the past week being unwell will accept for the deficiency in our local column this issue.

CHEAP.—The Elk Advocate, at \$1.50 a year.

PLEASANT.—The weather for a few days back.

STILL IN TOWN.—J. F. McCartney, the Photographer, but will remain only for a short time with us.

QUITE ILL.—Mr. J. C. Chapin, who left here to visit his brother in York State, some time ago, was taken with Typhoid fever, and was from last accounts, quite ill.

NOT PUBLISHED.—These verses left with us some time ago, by Miss A. S., but will try and give them a place soon, in our columns.

Just as we were going to press, a telegram was received by Mr. J. Powell, stating, that Mr. J. C. Chapin is still dangerously ill, near Corry. Mr. Powell and Dr. Niver started immediately to see him.

WANTED.—We would announce to our readers, that they may not be backward in offering us country produce on subscription—we will take Potatoes, Butter, Buckwheat, Corn, Apples, &c., and we seldom refuse, Greenbacks or Gold.

RETURNED.—Mr. Daniel Clements, and sister, who has for a few months past, been at Alfred Centre, Allegheny Co., N. Y., at College.

ABOUT TO OPEN.—The new Saloon of Mr. David Thayer, at the old stand, known as Chapin's Block, on Main St. All wishing a good dish of Oysters, or a good glass of lager beer, will find "Levittions" there, ready to wait upon you.

IMPROVEMENT.—Quite an improvement has been made in our town, by way of side walks. Messrs. Houk & M'Vean have laid one in front of their lots on Main street. Mr. L. Luther has also laid one from the Post Office, to connect with the one, laid to the Hyde House.

The following notice, was sent us by a friend, asking its publication.

CONSTABLE'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE OF AN Execution to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale at the house of Seavers & Co. Deacon in Allegheny tp., Venango county, on the 2 day of November at 10 o'clock, A. M. in the following property viz:—a splendid set of Drilling tools and pump Reel and all the small traps that belongs to an oil well. Taken in execution as the property of W. P. Collins at the suit of C. E. Byington and to be sold by me, F. I. Nolan Constable."

ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE.—On Thursday November 30th, a man calling himself Clark, and hailing as he says, from Camden New Jersey, came to this place on the 11 37 a. m. train. He was noticed walking around town, by many of our citizens, who supposed something was wrong with him. He stated to several that he was afraid of being shot, that he had been fired at some 15 or 16 times. Nothing more was known of him until he walked into the "Hyde House," when it was seen that his throat was partially cut from ear to ear. A Doctor from York State being present, offered to dress the wound, which he did in a skillful manner, after sewing up the gash in the throat, attention was called to his left side, which he had stabbed with the same knife—having the knife still in his possession. The knife struck a rib, inflicting a wound some three inches in depth. He is a man about 24 years old, and from papers in his possession, seems to have been a business man, until "snakes" got into his boots; which will fully explain the cause of the rash act.

WHERE TO BUY HOLIDAY GOODS.—Dealers and consumers always find it to their advantage to buy their goods where the largest stock and best assortment can be found. In the Confectionery and Notion line we do not know of a larger and better selected assortment than is to be found at Bener & Burgess' Variety Store. They are doing their best to keep up the supply and meet the demand for their goods. For the Holiday trade they can offer an almost endless variety of Sugar Toys, Candies, Notions and Small Wares, suited to the trade of the season. Dealers will do well to order and buy early, as the demand for this class of goods will be immense. Do not wait until the last moment, as the chances for getting an assortment lessen every day.

SUDDEN DEATH.—On Friday afternoon last Mrs. M'Quistin, wife of Nicholas M'Quistin of Pinecreek township, was in the Store of Mr. Blood, making some purchases, she fell to the floor in an Apoplectic fit. She was picked up by those present and carried into the residence of K. L. Blood, and medical aid called, but all efforts to revive her failed, as she died in a few minutes. She was accompanied by her son, who was seen as he saw her taken into the house, started for the family, but none of them arrived in time to see her alive.—Herald.

Items of All Sorts.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis is residing at the house of a Mr. Schuyler, near Augusta, Georgia. She enjoys her usual robust health.

"If you ever think of marrying a widow," said an anxious parent to an heir, "select one whose first husband was hung; for that is the only way to prevent her throwing his memory into your face, and making annoying comparisons." "Even that won't prevent it," exclaimed a crusty old bachelor, "she'll praise him by saying that hanging would be too good for you."

Prize fights between women are of daily occurrence in South Staffordshire, England. They strip to the waist and follow the rules of Fisticuffs implicitly.

"I am willing to split hairs with my opponent any day if he insists upon it," said a very distinguished American lawyer, in a speech at the bar. "Split that, then," said the opponent, pulling a coarse specimen from his own head and extending it. "May it please the Court, I didn't say bristles!"

A young lady was told by a married one that she had better precipitate herself off Niagara Falls into the basin beneath than to marry. The young lady replied, "I would if I thought I could find a husband at the bottom."

A fruit preserving house with a capacity of 25,000 bushels, is to be erected at Buffalo at a cost of \$100,000.

There are 162,000 skeletons of horses and cattle killed during the war in the Shenandoah Valley collected at a bone factory near Winchester.

About 100 colored emigrants sailed from Baltimore for Liberia last Saturday in a vessel chartered by the Maryland Colonization Society.

General Grant's reception at the Fifth Avenue Hotel in New York, on Monday evening was attended by over 2,000 invited guests.

The Democracy of Wisconsin have gained two senators and numerous representatives, and have popular majorities in three congressional districts.

Last week a Cleveland justice of the peace summoned a negro a jury man, but had to back down, as the white jurors refused to serve with him.

A young man named Power has been committed in Wexford, Ireland, on a charge of killing his father by stabbing him in fifteen places with a hay fork.

The board of Aldermen in Washington have resolved in favor of a special election to settle the question of negro suffrage in that city, in the event of Congressional action on the subject.

A railway is to be built through the Alps by the pass of St. Gothard. Eight years of labor and an expenditure of eighty millions of francs will be involved in the undertaking.

The Emperor of Napoleon, upon being informed that the chief of police of Marseilles had left the city during the prevalence of the cholera, at once signed an order dismissing him.

The Florida Convention has annulled the secession ordinance of that State, abolished the reception or negro testimony in the courts, repudiated the rebel war debt, and adjourned.

In Boston, on Saturday, a boarding-house keeper was found murdered in his bed. In the vicinity of the same city, on Sunday, the body of a murdered man was discovered, stripped of its clothing.

The public anxiety in New York on account of the appearance of the cholera has entirely subsided. The sick on board the hospital ship at Sandy Hook are rapidly convalescing, and the cholera ship "Atlanta" is now entirely free from pestilence.

A Providence man deposited \$1,000 for safe keeping in an unused store. He was called out of town unexpectedly, and cold soap coming on, a fire was kindled in the stove and the hard earnings of years were reduced to ashes in a single moment.

Gen. Sheridan is at San Antonio, Texas. Officers have gone forward to concentrate a pretty large military force in that vicinity, the precise object of which has not yet transpired, but it is supposed to be for the purpose of looking after the French troops.

Theodore Smith, of West Chester, cautions the public against trusting his wife, she having left his bed and board. Matilda replies that the bed belonged to her mother, and as for the board, Theodore owes for it, their two years of married life having been spent at her father's house.

The Government has discovered that some of its own detectives have been for some time engaged in "showing" the new counterfeit fifty dollar greenbacks. What better could be expected of the tools of Stanton?

Petroleum has been discovered in Russia in abundance and with easy facilities for working. This will eventually confine American petroleum to the home markets.

The holidays are close at hand and our dealers are preparing to meet the wants of the season. The largest and best stock of goods for this trade will be found at Bener & Burgess, confectionary establishment, Erie, Pa. They manufacture and keep everything in the candy line, as well as a general assortment of Notions, Toys, &c.

Everybody knows them by the reputation of their Cough Candy—Moss and Elm. It proves itself the best article of the kind ever introduced. The immense quantities they ship every day is proof that the public appreciate a good article. They are prepared to fill orders for it in any quantity. Everybody who tries it says it is just the thing. (Nov 14 '65. tf)

An Error Corrected.

Most practitioners and medicine makers, in preparing pulmonary medicine, use ingredients which must be prescribed "not oftener than three or four times per day;" the proper treatment in such cases is to employ a medicine that it is safe to every fifteen minutes—the directions for cough medicines should be "little and often." It is the throat, not the stomach, that requires treatment—this is the secret of the success of Coe's Cough Balsam. "Take it, little and often." In a very short time it has become immensely popular.

THE THROAT.—Families would do well to keep always at home a box of Broun's Bronchial Troches, a simple but most marvellously efficacious specific for affections of the throat, affording prompt relief in cases of coughs, colds, bronchial troubles, etc. Singers and public speakers will find them also excellent to clear the voice and render articulation wonderfully easy.—Monthly Magazine

Squibs.

"Hang it!" exclaimed a famous painter, who was engaged upon a picture of King Lear, "I cannot impart the wild expression of insanity to his face."

"Touch it up with a little madder," was the suggestion made by a facetious friend.

The dove was the first newspaper carrier when one morning it went out of the ark and brought a leaf for Noah. It contained a paragraph on the weather, notifying him that the heavy rain-storm had subsided.

Power, it is said, will intoxicate the best hearts as wine does the strongest. This is why there are so many intoxicated persons in Washington, just now—power and wine combined.

Why is a drunkard hesitating to sign the pledge like a skeptical Hindu?

Because he doubts whether to give up the Jug or not.

Why is Louis Napoleon's baby like the tail of a herring?

Because it is the last of the bony parts.

"Say, Jack, what is the best thing to hold two pieces of rope together?"

"I guess—not."

Industry and perseverance will cling to will place a young man in good circumstances. It is better to be honest with a competence than a rascal with a million.

He that is truly polite knows how to contradict with respect and to please without adulation, and is equally remote from an insipid complaisance and a low familiarity.

A man should never be ashamed to own that he has been in the wrong, which is but saying, in other words, that he is wiser to-day than he was yesterday.

The cheerful are the busy; when trouble knocks at your door, or rings your bell, he will generally retire if you send him word that you are engaged.

Envy, if surrounded on all sides by the brightness of another's prosperity, like the scorpion confined by a circle of fire, will sting itself to death.

A Western editor heads his list of births, marriages, and deaths, thus: Hatched—Matched—Dispatched.

"Sammy, my dear boy, what are you crying for?"

"Bill hore the Bible at me and hit me on the head."

"Well, you are the first person in my family on whom the Bible has made the slightest impression."

A little Swedish girl, while walking with her father one starry night, absorbed in the contemplation of the skies, being asked of what she was thinking, replied: "I was thinking if the wrong side of Heaven is so glorious, what must the right side be?"

A RURAL genius of Luzerne county, Pa., has invented a plan to prevent chickens from scratching gardens. The plan is to secure a stick to the heel of the fowl, so that as the foot is raised the stick falls and strikes the ground, throwing the fowl forward. Repeated efforts to scratch will cause the chicken to walk clear out of the garden.

DIED.

In Highland township, on Friday Nov. 10th 1865, of Diphtheria, Alexander Campbell. Aged 8 years and 1 month.

In Highland township, on Sunday Nov. 20th 1865, of Diphtheria, William Campbell. Aged 11 years.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Orphan's Court Sale.

BY VIRTUE of an order of the Orphan's Court of Elk county, I shall sell at the Court House in Ridgway on Tuesday the 24 day of January A. D. 1866, at two (2) o'clock p. m., the following described tract, piece or parcel of land, situate in Fox township, Elk county Pa., containing one hundred acres more or less, with the appurtenances, being part of warrant No. 4186, bounded on the South by land of Gardner and on the North and West by residue of said tract No. 4186. Terms of sale, cash, upon confirmation of the sale.

ADAM POST, Administrator of the Estate of Levi Nolf, late of Armstrong county deceased. Nov. 25th '65.

LIST of Grand Jurors drawn for 1st January Term 1866.

- Benezett tp.—Cornelius Wainwright, John Johnson, Ralph Johnson, Jr. Benezinger tp.—Adam Kopp, Wm. Grofs, George Bouer. Fox tp.—Cornelius Whalen, Lawrence Mohlan Sr. John C. M'Allister, O. P. Keltz, Hays Kyler, Robt. M. Bennett, Edwin Alden. Jay tp.—Justus Weed, Wm. M. Webb, Jas. Dill. Jones tp.—Wm. H. Gallegher, Ridgway tp.—Geo. Dickinson, James H. Hagerty. St. Mary's Bor.—Edward Babel, Noah A. Bradford, Michael Fey, Fred. erick Rudolph, Charles Schissle.

LIST of Traverse Jurors, drawn for 1st January Term, 1866.

- Bible Anton, Clark O. G., Chamberlin Jos. S., Calahan Miebael, Dill Benezette, Freeland Oliver, Hewitt-Jere, Hays Isaac, Hasselman Geo. Jr, Irwin Thomas, Johnson Jesse, Johnson J. O., Kraikel Philip, Kime R. V, Kroft Joseph, Larzy Henry, Lewis Ellis, Luce Wm. P., Myer Conrad Jr, Miller Valentine, Nearing Chas. C, Nessal George, Pistner Joseph, Pistner John, Schultze Wm. C, Short Sampson, Sorz Xaveris Jr, Schoening Gerhard, Schoening Fred, Thomas John S, Thompson Peter, Wilson Samuel, Weis Albert, Wouk Ferdinand, Webb Chas, Zimmerman L. U. Benezinger, Ridgway, Fox, do, Ridgway, Benezett, Fox, do, Benezinger, Spring Creek, Benezett, do, Benezinger, Ridgway, St. Mary's, Fox, Benezett, Jay, Jones, do, Benezinger, Jones, do, St. Mary's, Fox, Benezinger, do, Fox, Jay, do, St. Mary's, Junece, Jay, Fox.

NOTICE.—The Commissioners of Elk County, will meet at their office, in Ridgway on Friday December 8th. By order of the Board. JOHN C. M'ALLISTER CLK. Ridgway, Nov 24th 1865.

ESTRAY.—Left the premises of the undersigned, on or about the last of October, One Red Heifer, about 2 years old, small horns. Any one giving information or bringing the said heifer to St. Mary's Bor., will be liberally rewarded by JOSEPH WINDFELDER. St. Mary's, Nov. 30th 1865.

ORPHAN'S COURT SALE.

NOTICE is hereby given that, in pursuance of an order of the Orphan's Court of Elk county, we will expose to public sale, on the premises in the Borough of St. Marys in said county on the 24 day of December next at one o'clock p. m., the following described Town lots in said Borough of St. Mary's, to-wit:— Town Lot Number sixteen (16) on Maurus street. Town Lot Number eighteen (18) on Maurus street. Town Lot Number nineteen (19) on Maurus street. Town Lot Number seventeen (17) on Center street. Town Lot Number thirty-one on Cross street. Each of said Town lots having one hundred feet front on said streets and running back at right angles with said streets, two hundred feet. Terms of sale, one half cash at time of sale and remainder within six months thereafter with interest, to be secured by the purchaser, to the satisfaction of the subscribers.

E. C. SCHULTZE, MARY FISHER, Administrators. St. Mary's, Nov. 8th 1865.

Dr. H. Ander's Iodine Water.

AN INVALUABLE DISCOVERY. A FULL GRAIN of Iodine in each ounce of Water, Dissolved without a Solvent? The most powerful Vitalizing Agent and Restorative known. Scrofula, Salt Rheum, Cancers, Rheumatism, Consumption, and many Chronic and Hereditary Diseases, are cured by its use, as thousands can testify. Circulars sent free. Price, \$1 per bottle, or 6 for \$5. DR. H. ANDERS & Co., Physicians and Chemists, 428 Broadway, New York. Sold by Druggists generally.