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Another Oil District Found.

HONESDALE, Sept. 20.—The latest sensation in this section is the supposed discovery that vast quantities of oil lie under the barren wastes of Pike and Wayne counties, this State. A geologist of some note, while traveling through this section of country, discovered that the two northeastern counties are undoubtedly on the same "oil vein" as Bradford, the great oil centre of the State. Preparations are now making to bore to the depth of fifteen hundred feet, when, if no oil is found, the venture will be abandoned.

Pennsylvania Railroad Earnings.

The following statement of the business of all lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company east of Pittsburgh and Erie for August, 1880, as compared with the same month in 1879, shows an increase in gross earnings of \$740,637, an increase in expenses of \$443,155, an increase in net earnings of \$297,482. The eight months of 1880, as compared with the same period in 1879, shows an increase in gross earnings of \$5,427,389, an increase in expenses of \$2,578,463, an increase in net earnings of \$2,848,926.—All lines west of Pittsburgh and Erie for the eight months of 1880 show a surplus over liabilities of \$1,578,249, being a gain over the same period in 1879 of \$2,116,103.

The New Railroad in the Cumberland Valley.

The work on the Cumberland Valley and Baltimore railroad is being pushed forward with considerable vigor. This road is now partly completed between the terminus of the Western Maryland railroad, four or five miles southeast of Waynesboro', Franklin county, and Chambersburg, and this week nearly 200 men are at work throwing up embankments and digging out cuts. Last week the right of way was granted through a mooted part of Chambersburg so that now the way is clear through that thrifty borough. The present objective point of the new road is Shippensburg, which will be reached on the north, owing to the new track crossing the Cumberland Valley railroad to that side at Chambersburg. What the company propose to do after the track is laid and traffic is open to Shippensburg is unknown to the public, but projectors claim, without going any further than that point, that the road will have sufficient business to pay the investors handsomely.

What is to go under the Obelisk.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—The Postoffice Department has sent to Postmaster James, of New York, a package containing articles connected with the postal service, with instruction that it be delivered at the Metropolitan Museum in Central Park. It is to be deposited beneath the corner-stone of the pedestal upon which the great obelisk, Cleopatra's Needle, is to rest. The documents and mementos are sealed in a copper box, which is enclosed in a handsome mahogany case. The box contains: The report of the Postmaster General for 1879; Postoffice laws and regulation, 1879; the Official Postal Guide for January and September, 1880; post-route maps of New York and the New England States, five styles of mail locks and keys in use in 1880, postage stamps and stamped envelopes in use in 1880; the Daily Postal Bulletin, Sept. 1-13, 1880; a photograph of the Postoffice Department building in Washington; the portraits of Postmaster General Maynard, and D. M. Key and J. N. Tyner, his immediate predecessors; plans of mail wagons and postal cars; the distribution scheme of Pennsylvania; postmarking, dating and cancelling stamps, and a

complete set of the blanks used in the Postoffice Department. It is said that this is the first of a great many boxes that will be sent from the departments here, to be buried under the great monolith.

Rollins' Effects.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 23.—The sparkling gems which the bank robber Rollins had smuggled into the Eastern penitentiary in a shaving brush handle and which Rollins promised to give to the keeper if he would assist Rollins to escape, have been examined by a lapidary, on behalf of the administrator, J. McDowell Sharp, of Chambersburg, and prove to be paste instead of Brazilian diamonds. They were undoubtedly prepared with the sole view of hoodwinking Hustis. One of Rollins' wives, who has been waiting the report of the expert in the hope that she might realize something to reimburse her for the \$10,000 worth of real diamonds, of which Rollins despoiled, her left the city on Tuesday and is said to be on her way to California to be re-married. His other wife is in Chicago. The only effects Rollins leaves, besides the paste diamonds, are a pair of French gaiters with false heels, in which were hidden some fine saws when Rollins reached the penitentiary, a reversible silk cloak, capable of being folded and carried in the vest pocket, and a marvelous hat, purchased in Paris, which could be changed into six different shapes and two colors. Pull a string and it became a high, black hat; pull again and this chameleon head covering turned into a light cassimere; pull once more and the crown sank, and it was metamorphosed into a low crowned Derby; another pull and the brim rolled up and a cap took the place of all the above mentioned tiles. It is said that Rollins had his hat made for the express purpose of baffling identification while conducting his heavy forgery operations in New York. He took it with him to Chambersburg, along with a pair of beautifully-mounted revolvers, a heavy bowie knife and a sword cane, when he and Wicks attempted to gag Cashier Messersmith and rob the bank at Chambersburg. The articles mentioned are still in possession of the Chambersburg authorities. Rollins' father may yet claim them.

Buchanan's Confederate.

Dr. Thomas Van Duser, the friend of Dr. John Buchanan of bogus-diploma notoriety, who testified that the diploma-dealer leaped from a ferry-boat, was before Judge Butler of the United States Court last week for a hearing upon a writ of habeas corpus. After Buchanan was found Van Duser was arrested for perjury and conspiracy to aid the escape. After a hearing before United States Commissioner Gibbons, when it was given in evidence that Buchanan was alive and not dead, Van Duser was committed in default of \$5,000 bail. No testimony was taken before the Court, and the case was submitted under the notes of the Commissioner. Maxwell Stevenson, counsel for the defendant, argued that the evidence did not show that Dr. Buchanan did not leap from the boat, and that there was nothing to show that what Van Duser had testified to was not true. He held that there was nothing to show that Van Duser was a party to any conspiracy. Judge Butler declined to discharge Van Duser or reduce his bail. He said he would not give his reasons at present, as they might prejudice the case against the defendant.

Suicide of a Wife and Mother.

READING, Pa., Sept. 20.—The wife of W. G. Kemp, a wealthy farmer of Berks county, yesterday afternoon drowned herself by jumping into the Ontelaunce creek near their home. She was insane upon religious matters. Two years ago she cut her throat with a razor, in the attic, but her life was saved. Later she severed an artery with a razor while in the woods, but timely medical aid prevented her death. She was closely watched afterwards. Yesterday afternoon she was sitting on the veranda of their country home with her husband and children. Mr. Kemp went to the barn a few moments, and as soon as he had his back turned, the wife embraced her little ones, and then rushed to the river, took off her shoes hurriedly, and jumped in. Her body was recovered ten minutes afterwards.

A Family's Singular Ill Luck.

A day or two ago, Theodore Boss, of Trenton, N. J., aged 19 years, while out gunning, dropped his gun, and the weapon striking on a stone, both barrels exploded, the charge entering the lad's side and inflicting a wound from which he shortly afterward died. The boy's parents were notified of the accident, and while driving rapidly on their way to visit the dying boy, their carriage struck a large stone and overturned, precipitating the occupants to the ground. The gentleman sustained several severe cuts and bruises, and the lady's arm was

so badly broken that she will not be able to leave her bed for several weeks. The carriage frightened the horse when it overturned, and the animal ran away, demolishing the vehicle and injuring itself badly.

Ghastly Discovery Made at Sea.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—Pilot boat Pet reports Sept. 19, lat. 41 30, lon. 64 30, fell in with schr. Gladiator (Br), from Barbados for Yarmouth, NS (before reported), bottom up; she being in the track of vessels, boarded her with the intention of cutting a hole and sinking her, but owing to the terrible stenoh coming from below had to leave her; found one man with a rope round his neck hanging from the bowsprit, and came to the conclusion that there must have been several men dead in her for some days.

What is in a Name.

In the Second Congressional District of West Virginia, the Democratic candidate is named Hoge; the Greenback, Hog, and the Republican, Hoke.

Miscellaneous News Items.

NORWICH, Conn., September 19.—Lafayette S. Foster, formerly President of the Senate and Acting Vice President of the United States, died here this morning after a brief illness. He was a descendant of Miles Standish.

A man named John Brandt, who figured as a hostler at Selmsgrove, was found dead at Northumberland a few days ago, supposed to have been killed by the cars; but it is now said there is a heavy insurance on his life, \$20,000 to \$40,000, and this has given rise to rumors that he has been foully dealt with. He was 73 years of age.

KENTON, O., September 19.—William Newland and Thomas Hightower, colored, had a difficulty on Friday night in Hightower's saloon about a woman living at Hightower's. Newland was ordered out of the saloon. Subsequently the men met on the sidewalk and renewed the quarrel, when Hightower stabbed Newland in the breast with a sharpened file, killing him instantly.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 22.—A dispatch from Victoria says: "A genuine sea serpent six feet in length, with a mane, head shaped like a panther's and a tail whittled down to a sharp point, was brought in by Indians yesterday, they having caught it in deep water in the straits of Debaro.—Its appearance creates intense interest.—The serpent has been photographed, and the body will be preserved in spirits and sent to Ottawa."

GALVESTON, Tex., Sept. 22.—A dispatch from Denison in the News says reliable information from the Indian Territory is to the effect that the Cheyennes are again threatening. A few days since, a party of 300, well mounted, visited the agency from Fort Reno and became very demonstrative, even slapping the agent's face.—Another party ransacked the commissary stores at the Wichita agency.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 22.—Miss Sadie White, aged 19 years daughter of Hugh L. White, a conspicuous citizen of Richmond, Ky., was found dead in bed this morning with her throat cut from ear to ear. A knife was found in her hand. It is believed that the girl committed suicide while in a temporary fit of insanity. Miss White was generally conceded to be the belle of the Blue Grass Region of Kentucky.

WASHINGTON, September 22.—Super-vising Architect Hill has decided to erect a new vault in the sub-treasury at Baltimore for the storage of silver dollars in addition to the two already decided upon at Philadelphia and San Francisco. The cost of the Baltimore vault will be about \$7,000, and will exhaust the appropriation of \$20,000 made for this purpose by Congress at the last session.

HESEVILLE, N. J., September 19.—On September 5th, the body of a male child was found in an out-house with a string around its neck. A domestic named Johanna Walling was suspected of being the mother of the child and of having murdered it.—She suddenly disappeared. A body answering to the description of the woman was found yesterday in Lily Pond where she had committed suicide.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 23.—A libel for salvage in which \$40,000 are claimed, is on trial before Judge Morris in the U S District Court. The British steamer Swiftsure, while aground off Smith's Island, Cape Henry, was got off by the tugs Rattler and America, but it is claimed for the steamer that she might have floated on the rise of the tide and that the services were not so valuable. The steamer was valued at \$150,000, and had on board a cargo of iron valued at \$10,000 and freight at the amount of \$10,000.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., September 20.—The family of J. B. Carl, of Pleasant valley, consisting of himself, his wife and one child, also Mr. and Mrs. Woodward, of Mill Creek, together with a hired girl, Jennie Powell, were accidentally poisoned yesterday by eating cakes made of cornmeal which had been mixed with arsenic and set aside for the purpose of killing

rats. Mrs. Carl and Mrs. Woodward died this morning. Jennie Powell cannot live. The others may possibly recover.

Twenty-five years ago the tobacco grown in Pennsylvania did not, perhaps, amount to more than 1,000 cases of 400 pounds each, and nearly all this was the product of the farms in Lancaster county. This tobacco did not meet the demand of the manufacturers of cheap cigars in Lancaster, and the quantity needed was brought from Kentucky. There is now grown in the State over 100,000 cases, of which Lancaster county claims this year 45,000.

LANCASTER, September 23.—A disastrous fire broke out in Mt. Joy this afternoon and soon assumed such proportions that this city was called upon for aid.—The services of the Lancaster fire department, however, were not needed. The fire started at a tannery. The buildings were slightly damaged. Landis' old coach shop was entirely destroyed, buildings on each side of it considerably damaged and Snyder's small barn, near the mill, was destroyed. At one time it was feared that the whole lower end of the town would be swept by the fire.

DES MOINES, Sept. 23rd.—Levi Johnson, of Norton county, Kansas, is here soliciting aid for the people in Phillips, Sherman, Decatur, Sheridan, Rawlins and other counties. In Norton county 1,800 people are in absolute want of food. The wheat crop in all the above named counties failed and in June was plowed up and planted in corn, which was destroyed by the worms. A public meeting will be held here this evening to procure supplies.

LONDON, September 19.—The steamer Aurora, from Oporto bound for Southampton, was drowned at sea. Fifty persons were drowned.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 23, 1880.

A letter was received in this city yesterday, from a readjuster leader at Petersburg, Virginia, stating that another conference of Conservatives would be held in that State at about the time of the Ohio and Indiana elections, October 13th. No opinion was expressed as to the probable result, and nothing was said as to the influence which brought about the conference.

The Post of this morning says President Hayes is expected to return on the 26th of October, as nothing is known at the White House, or among the President's friends of any intention on his part to be in this city before late in October. Representative Acklen, of Louisiana, who has recently been twice defeated for renomination, is here. He will make no terms with the regularly nominated Democratic Candidate in his District, except that they both retire from the contest. It is needless to say that no member of Congress, Republican or Democrat, cares to have Acklen elected again.

It appears that the farmers are not willing to sell their grain at ruling prices. They are holding it back for higher figures, basing their expectations upon the prices of last year, when the European deficit was about 256,000,000 bushels and our surplus 180,000,000 bushels. This year our surplus is estimated at 200,000,000 bushels, and the European deficit at only 72,000,000, so it is quite plain that American farmers need not keep back their grain for the prices of last season. They can sell their grain at figures much below what they got for the last crop and net a fair profit. And they will have to content themselves with that this year.

One of our city papers publishes the following, which doubtless will be of interest to readers: "The return of the fall season (chronologically at least) is only apparent through the influx of visiting strangers to this city. From now on, sheepish looking bridal couples will be seen on the streets and at the several points of interest in Washington, not only these, but some who generally wait for autumn for their season of recreation. Just now the Smithsonian Institute seems to be the special attraction for visitors. It is estimated that for the past week the average of visiting strangers has aggregated two hundred daily. Many are disappointed because the new Museum which is to be filled with many familiar contributions from the centennial, and the many curiosities Uncle Sam has gathered in the past century, is not open to the public. The building itself is complete, save the floor, and the introduction of heating appliances. The appropriation having been exhausted, it is probable the flooring will not be laid until next spring, and the building will not be formally opened until that time.

One of the features of the Smithsonian collection which is attracting more than passing attention is the grouped photographic collection of the eminent scientists of the world. Included herein are also the photographs of the correspondents of the Institute. It is a study to analyze these faces. They differ as to the light and shades of a picture, and yet in each face there is to be found some marked characteristic. It would seem for one thing that scientific men as a rule are blondes and have blue eyes."

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