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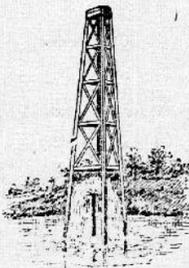
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### A New Oil Field on the Tangipahoa River.

The New Orleans Picayune of June 23 gave the following interesting statement of some proposed enterprises to be inaugurated in the southeastern portion of Tangipahoa and St. Tammany parishes.

William E. Wren, of Laporte, Tex., who some days ago predicted the discovery of an oil field in Louisiana within forty miles of New Orleans which will eclipse the Texas oil field in importance, is again in the city, after having taken his proposed trip to Texas and a return visit to the Louisiana field which he is about to develop. Mr. Wren is associated with the company of capitalists which is improving Laporte harbor, in Texas, and building a city there to take the place that Galveston once held in the commercial world. He is general manager of the company, and Mr. Posey, the attorney of this city, is the legal representative of the capitalists who are backing the enterprise. These capitalists are for the most part in New York, but they have other large interests in the south aside from their immense enterprise at Laporte.

Mr. Wren was found at the Grunewald late last evening. After two or three days of very hard work, he said that he was too tired to talk.

"You promised to tell the Picayune about the new oil field that the Standard is trying to gobble up near New Orleans," said the reporter.

"Oh, as to that, the Standard got left. We got all that, except 50 acres, that was somehow overlooked; they picked that up."

"Where is it?"

"Oh, that's too leading a question."

"How about the oil wells that your partner was about to put down there?"

"Did I say that?"

"Yes. You said that Elliott, your partner, was to put down a large number of wells and had the machinery ready."

"Well, I admit it. We are now about to build four derricks. The contracts are let, and the wells will be going down in four places within a few days. I have just come from there and have thoroughly examined the field. I think it excellent. Sulphur is a certainty and oil almost so."

"Is it the Hammond field?"

"No. I have just looked over the Hammond field and think the prospects fair there, but nothing to compare with that which we have just bought. As for that, I cannot see that there is anything in our deal to interest the public. We have used our own money. We don't want any help. We have no stock to sell, and the public has no interest in us and our schemes."

"You said you had another big scheme on hand in which New Orleans was interested?" timidly ventured the lobby man.

"Impossible!" exclaimed Mr. Wren. "The railroad was not mentioned until last Saturday. I don't think it had been thought of before then."

The cat was out of the wallet, and the reporter went to work on the case with some interesting results.

Mr. Wren, who is a capitalist credited with several millions himself, and several of his capitalist associates met last Saturday night at Hammond, coming from different directions. They were met there by their attorney from this city and held some very lengthy conversations.

It was on the suggestion of the New Orleans attorney that the railroad project was taken up, and over two millions of dollars was subscribed at once to carry out the scheme.

It is proposed to build an electric railroad from New Orleans to Covington, crossing the country recently acquired for oil development, and taking in en route or by branches several other important points, including Welcomb's lumber camp, where the company proposes to sink a large number of artesian wells for the water for which that point has become famous.