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## OUR OIL FIELD.

### Two Wells to be Completed Saturday.

### Lease Executed by the County on the Poor House Farm to Huntington Parties.

The Reuben Park and Cochran wells southwest of Louisa are ready to be drilled in. Work was suspended a few days ago to close up the stock transactions and to notify stockholders who wanted to be present when the wells were completed. Drilling will be resumed Friday morning of this week and should be completed on Saturday morning if no accidents occur. The formations in the wells is reported to be entirely regular and much confidence is shown by the prospectors in the outcome.

The commissioners appointed by the fiscal court of Lawrence county have issued the necessary form to Caldwell and York for 1912 bonus and one-eighth of the oil, with provisions for a cash forfeit if wells are not drilled within specified time.

Work on the Birmingham company's well on the land of Mrs. Betty Pigg was delayed a few days by an accident to the derrick, but drilling is again under way.

Several other wells will be started in the next few weeks. Ed Jones & Markes are oil. Edward has a very important point. Andrew people of the local oil field are now busy in dealing with the Cumberland Pipe Line company, which is preparing to lay a line into the territory. We wish the price they ask to reward for the oil.

The grade obtained here from the Burns 25th in the Adams or Pennsylvanian and is worth at this time \$1.50 per barrel. Judging from the usual practice in cases where the owners of the wells are at the mercy of the pipe line people, we would get only 75 cents per barrel. The chance for this is that the oil is necessarily run into a main line carrying mostly the heavier grade of oil on which a price of 85 cents has been fixed, and that they can not pay more for any than the heavier grade in the line is worth.

The necessity of the Lawrence county oil field has been a necessary to sell the oil at work.

The crude oil market has shown three advances during the past two months, and quotations on Kentucky product are now the highest in three years, the better grade commanding 81 cents per barrel. The three successive advances have brought the figure up from 73 cents per barrel, the prevailing quotations ten months ago.

The industry is especially expanding in the eastern section of the State, and the development of new holdings has been reported in new oil-bearing areas, resulting in a large area of acreage, which has been opened up for further developments in the Big Sandy River Valley, near the West Virginia line, the discovery of a deep oil-bearing sand in that direction, weakening the trade to a considerable extent, and the possibility of oil, the newest field of the Blue Grass State.

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been drilled into this formation in Lawrence county, Kentucky, and most of them have developed into good producers, the showing being so encouraging that the Cumberland Pipe Line Co., which handles the State's crude oil production, has decided to extend pipe lines into the new district. A branch line will shortly be extended into the Lawrence county pool from the main extension which enters Kentucky from West Virginia. About a dozen companies have now entered the new pool, and it will constitute one of the most active spots in the Kentucky petroleum districts during the ensuing few months.

The industry has also shown a marked improvement in the lower end of the State since the first of the year. The older pools are being subjected to additional pumping, and a few operators have lately entered untried fields and are doing much prospecting during the remainder of the winter season. New York operators have leased extensively in Cumberland county, and will shortly begin the drilling of a number of new wells. This work will be watched with much interest by the trade in general, as it is in an entirely new direction, and may lead to the finding of a profitable extension to lower Kentucky's oil-producing districts.

A resume of developments for 1911 show that a total of 126 completions were made in the county's oil districts, yielding an aggregate new production of 1,023 barrels. Of this number, 31 completions were non-producers, while three of the number were gas wells. The total yield from all the wells of the State approximates 300,000 barrels. This showing is about on a par with that of the preceding year. The petroleum production came from a widely scattered area, the counties figuring in results for the year including Wayne, Floyd, Wolfe, Mingo, Logan, Boone, Mays, Knott, Lawrence, Henderson, Breckinridge, Harlan, and Ohio. Of these Wayne county leads in activity, contributing the greater part of the new production.

In addition to the developments in these counties, a large amount of work was accomplished in other sections, in counties in the infancy of development, and marked gains resulted from this new work. As a result of the activity of prospectors a number of new fields were tried out, and may be possible sources of new production with the further developments which the coming year will bring.

The new developments in Eastern Kentucky resulted from the past year's test work, and these will figure extensively in the yield in placing the industry on a more profitable scale, and from present indications the trend of operations during 1912 will greatly exceed that of the past year.

W. H. KIDGON.

## KILLED TWO MEN.

Philip County Officer Shoots Parlin Reeking Avarice.

Louis Hall and his son Morgan were killed at Millersburg, Ky., by Constable George Johnson, who had a warrant for Morgan's arrest. They resisted and the officer shot both, killing them instantly. The charge was illicit liquor selling. Louis Hall was 45 years old and had a bad record. He killed three men named Reed on the way about ten years ago in a fight over whiskey.

## Is With Large Concern.

Messrs. Brail & Hutton, who are now preparing the first floor of their building on the corner of Bryan and Walker streets, for the inauguration of stationary business, hope to have it ready for occupancy in about two weeks time.

Mr. W. E. Eldridge, of Ashland, Ky., who is to have charge of the stationary department reached the city this morning and will give his personal attention to the placing of the fixtures and the stock.

With the addition of the line of stationary, Brail & Hutton will occupy the entire block in which their business has been located since the company has formed. The company is now the only occupant of this block, extending for two floors with a frontage of 120 by 90 feet.

The Ashland Independent says of the departure of Mr. Eldridge for Savannah:

"Ashland loses valuable citizens when Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge leave here, where they have so many warm friends. Mrs. Eldridge is an enthusiastic member of the Woman's Club and she will be missed both socially and in church work. Mr. Eldridge has been about the 25th of the month, while Mrs. Eldridge and little daughter will visit relatives in Ohio before going to their new home in the South—Savannah (Ga.) News."

## A VISIT TO CUBA

### Interesting Trip Made by a Wayne County Man.

Pharaoh Osborn, manager of one of the stores of the big coal company at Holden, W. Va., is visiting his father and brother at Fort Gay. He has been taking a vacation for a few weeks and most of this time was spent in a trip through the South. He visited Cuba and found it a very interesting place. He and his wife were at Jacksonville, Fla., for some time. On January 23rd Mr. Osborn went to Key West by way of the new railroad line which went the first passenger train into that town the day before. This line is 123 miles long, 75 of which is built in the waters of the ocean and runs on concrete arches. The remaining 48 miles is on small trestles or trestles scattered along the route. It is considered the greatest engineering feat yet accomplished in this country. Henry M. Flagler, age 44 years, conceived the great scheme and put into it the millions he made as a Standard Oil company stockholder. The cost of the road was \$150,000 per mile.

Mr. Osborn says the train was so great a sight to many of the citizens of Key West as they are to mountain people in the remote regions, as there were hundreds of them who had never seen a railroad train. Key West is a town in which cigar manufacturers are the only industry. There is but one hotel in the place and it is small. The work of tourists eager to make the trip over this remarkable railway was so great that the town was "swamped."

From Key West to Havana is 90 miles and a line of boats is now making a rich harvest at \$1 per passenger for the round trip.

At the time returned to the three mountains here were having a hard time registering anything above zero in Southern Florida and in Cuba was mid-summer temperature. Mr. Osborn said many of the tourists bought light clothing, they have and low cut shoes in Havana in order to be comfortable while there if only for a few days. The ocean breeze commented on the steamer are described as most delightfully welcome upon leaving hot Havana.

Mr. Osborn saw tropical fruits of all kinds growing in Cuba. Tobacco at all stages of growth was seen, from the setting of the young plants to the cutting of the ripe stalk.

Florida is all right to visit in winter for pleasure, but Mr. Osborn says it is a poor country to live in, and warns the people against investing in lands there. Speculative advertising of worthless lands has been done lately and thousands of people have been misled. In one of these sections that he saw it required \$50 worth of fertilizer per acre each year to make the land produce.

## HUGHES-SMITH.

### Elaborate Wedding at Huntington Last Week.

One of the most beautiful and elaborate weddings that has taken place in southern West Virginia for a long time was the one that was solemnized at the Christian Church in Huntington on the evening of February 5, at 3 o'clock. It was then that Miss Eloise Hughes, the charming daughter of Congressman and Mrs. James A. Hughes, became the bride of Mr. Lucian Phillip Smith, a member of one of Morgantown's most prominent families.

The church was filled to overflowing with admiring friends of both bride and groom and the decorations were most tasteful and beautiful. The ceremony was extremely impressive, the ring ritual being performed by Rev. Dee St. John, pastor of the West Maryland Christian church.

The bride entered the church on the arm of her father and was met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. James Smith, of Dawson, Pa.

The bride's gown was a white satin of great beauty, richly ornamented with rose point lace, and a court train three yards in length. The filmy bridal veil was gracefully draped.

The attendants were: Mrs. Donald Clark of West Maryland, Mrs. Frank M. Seamans, of Huntington, Pa., matrons of honor, Misses Mary Leat, Cassell, of Lexington, Ky., Ruth Campbell and Louise Hawkins, of Huntington; Victoria Gaudet, of Louisa, Ky.; Irvie McClure, of Wayne, W. Va., and Miss Wilcox, of West Maryland, were the maids and bridesmaids, carrying in gowns of pink and blue messaline and carried bouquets of anemone and Killarney rose. Miss Taddell Staples, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and looked handsome in a gown of green messaline gracefully draped.

Immediately after the ceremony a reception and dance was held at the Frederick hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith will make an extended tour of Europe—Ceredo Advance.

## Dams on Elkboro.

Work is being pushed upon a large concrete dam across Little Elkboro, immediately above the new city of Jenkins. The dam will create a reservoir with a capacity of 45,000,000 gallons, and will supply Jenkins with water for municipal and domestic purposes. Higher up on Little Elkboro, Goodwater dam, with a storage capacity of 1,000,000 gallons, has been completed.

## CHEAPER GAS.

### Effort Now On Foot to Get a 20 cent Rate.

The people of Huntington and Ashland are being supplied with gas at the set rate of twenty cents per thousand feet. The same company, the United Fuel Gas Company, is charging the citizens of Louisa twenty-one cents. This is being done in violation of the spirit and intent of the charter granted to this company by the City of Louisa, and in direct violation of the contract made with Mr. Alexander Larkin for right of way through his farm.

We called attention to this matter two or three times last winter, but nothing was done until the recent council meeting, when M. S. Burns was appointed to bring suit against the company. He has already taken up the matter with the officials and has received certain assurances which encourage the belief that the matter will be adjusted without suit.

Louisa is certainly entitled to the privilege of buying gas under the same proposition that is offered to other towns on the line, but the gas company will not make the adjustment unless forced to do so.

## Close of the Meeting.

The series of meetings which began at the Baptist church February 4th closed on Tuesday night. The services were conducted by the Rev. Bernard Holcomb, assisted by the late Mrs. Blankenship, a native of Dallas, Texas. Much interest was manifested throughout the entire meeting, the spacious church being filled nightly. On Sunday night the building was completely filled, every inch of sitting space and standing room being occupied. Mr. Holcomb is a fine preacher, and the singing of Mrs. Blankenship was worth going a long distance to hear. Much good will no doubt result from these meetings.

Mr. Holcomb and Mr. and Mrs. Blankenship went to Catlettsburg Wednesday morning and will hold a series of services in the Baptist Church in that city.

## SERIOUS OPERATION.

Mrs. Myrtle Charles, of Louisa, is in Riverside hospital recovering slowly after a serious operation to which she submitted a few days ago. The operation was the removal of an ovarian tumor which weighed 10 pounds, and was performed by Dr. L. H. York, assisted by Drs. Bromley and Wellman. The patient is a small woman, weighing about 90 pounds, and is 23 years old.

## FRED O'BRIEN DEAD.

### Prominent Citizen of Williamson Passes Away.

Mr. Fred W. O'Brien, reared in this city, who had a large number of admiring friends in the community, passed from this life to his eternal rest on last Saturday night. He has taken a prominent part in the every day events of this city and section for many years. He has edited a newspaper in this city for a long time and has held positions of trust in other capacities with care and credit. His unexpected death was a surprise to most of our people and it was very sad indeed, that one just in the prime of manhood should be taken from family and friends. He was a young man of kindly disposition and a true friend to all with whom he came in contact. Reserved in manner, he was always pleasing and courteous to all. No one thought that he was lingering in the shadow of death or even falling in health, and his sudden passing away has shown how uncertain is the lease of life. His funeral was attended by a large number of our citizens and many of his relatives were present at the funeral to pay their last respects. The mystery of Providence we cannot fathom and it is with the deepest regret that we chronicle the death of our young townsman, who had so much promise before him. He leaves a wife and one child and many sorrowing relatives to mourn his untimely death. To all of them, and friends alike, we extend our sympathies and condolences. May his ashes rest in peace and his spirit rest in a happier and better sphere.—Williamson Enterprise.

## DIED ON THE TRAIN.

The little 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Curry of Burns, Mingo county, died on the train, No. 1, N. & W. last Tuesday, just before reaching this place. The child was afflicted with appendicitis and they were on route to a Huntington hospital to have an operation performed. Dr. Burns, of Williamson, and Dr. Burns, of Louisa, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Curry here.—Ceredo Advance.

## TO REBUILD BIG TA WALK.

The Ashland Leather company has accepted plans for rebuilding its tannery, previously destroyed by fire. Its new buildings will cost \$100,000. The buildings will be of fireproof construction. An unconfirmed report states that the mechanical equipment will be electrically driven by a 150-horse-power engine and a 100-kilowatt generator, and have a daily capacity of 400 saddle-leather hides.

## PARADISE LOST.

Second person on Paradise, by Dr. Buford, at the M. E. Church. The Peace of Paradise; Their Church and its pastor.

## FOR BURGLARY.

### Two Young Men Arrested for Robbing Louisa Furniture Co.

Timothy Pigg and Frank Justice, both of this place, are in the Lawrence county jail awaiting a trial for robbery. Pigg was arrested at his home last Tuesday morning, and Justice was arrested on the Fort Gay end of the bridge on Wednesday. Both are charged with breaking into the store of the Louisa Furniture Co., and taking therefrom a large quantity of miscellaneous goods, consisting of cloaks, wraps, girls' skirts, fur, shoes and men's clothing.

The store was broken into on last Monday night, and the burglary was made known when the salesman opened for business Tuesday morning. Things inside the store were scattered on the floor in the vicinity of the building, and it was soon discovered that the room where the men's clothing is kept had also been broken into and robbed. Search for the stolen property led to the discovery of a huge pile of miscellaneous articles under the back bars of Queen and Bell, all the property of the Louisa Furniture Co.

Blackburn told upon Tucker Pigg as being one of the guilty parties and he was at once taken to the arrest and later lodged in jail. When he was arrested and searched it was found that all the clothes he had on were the work of the Louisa Furniture Co. Upon a search were also found a brand new pair and about a double handful of clothes.

It was suspected that some directly connected with the robbery might be found in Fort Gay, so a search was made of the houses supplied there by Frank Justice, who had married in that town. The results justified the suspicion, as a large amount of the Furniture Company's goods was found and brought to Louisa.

This sort of depredation has been going on in Louisa for some time. Dixon, Moore & Co. have lost quite an amount of goods, entrance to their wholesale grocery having been affected by cutting through the back windows. The firm has no means of determining the amount of goods taken. It is said that goods of various kinds have been stolen here and sold in Williamson. It is also believed that the men in jail are only a part of a gang of thieves who have been operating in this city for a good while. It is hoped that the arrest of Justice and Pigg may lead to the apprehension and punishment of the entire gang. Pigg has only recently returned to Louisa after serving a time at Middlesboro for the robbery of the same premises which he is charged with having burglarized last Monday night.

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