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United States Fuel Oil Co.

144-146 ENDICOTT BLDG., St. Paul, Minn.

HARDEST BARGAIN DRIVERS IN THE BEAUMONT OIL FIELD.

By July 1st, 1902, this Company will undoubtedly be third largest producer in all Texas. In addition to its former large holdings in and about every proven oil-bearing district in Texas (and which are constantly growing in favor) the United States Fuel Oil Company were fortunate enough to secure two tracts in the very center of Spindletop, guaranteed gusher ground on Spindletop avenue, in block 32, surrounded on every side by big flowing wells, and are now at work on three guaranteed six-inch gushers under guarantee contract with W. J. Sturm (considered the most reliable and responsible driller in the Beaumont oil field.) Transportation facilities have been perfected and contracts signed with Higgins Fuel Oil Company of Beaumont. Right of ways, pipe line and loading rack privileges secured, insuring to this Company an outlet to tide water and to all railroads for marketing the oil of its three immense guaranteed gushers. The first well is due February 1st, 1902. Company's stock not listed on any Oil Exchange; no business connections with any other company except the Higgins Fuel Oil Company.

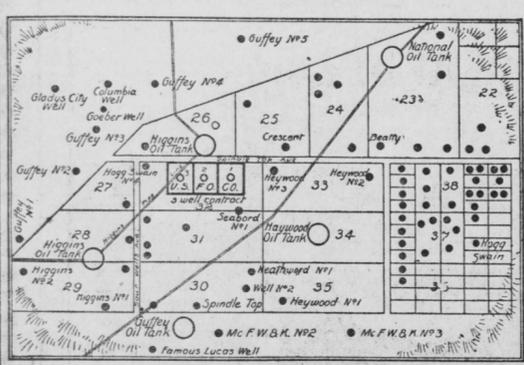
References about our wells: W. J. Sturm, contractor and driller, Beaumont, Texas.

Regarding transportation facilities: Higgins Fuel Oil Company, Beaumont, Texas.

Regarding whether our property is paid for and in the name of the United States Fuel Oil Company: Collins-Gano Realty Company, Beaumont, Texas.

If a company, capitalized at \$1,000,000, selling stock at 30 cents per share, is a good investment with one guaranteed well, why isn't a company, capitalized at \$300,000, selling stock at 10 cents per share, with three guaranteed gushers, together with its transportation contracts, its facilities for handling oil and its other large property holdings in and about each proven territory, a better investment than you have been offered? If figures make facts, then here are the figures. Think this over before you lose the opportunity now presented. You have lost many good opportunities before to make money; you have lost several only recently; you are now about to lose another. The next advance in our stock may be so high you cannot reach it, and come so soon you won't expect it. Stock is selling at 10 cents per share now; amount and time positively limited. Stock is lower (considering Company's advancement) than it ever has been, or ever will be again. It will take dollars to buy what dimes will buy now. Few really appreciate 3 x 3 = 9 for 1 in this company, against 1 x 1 = 1 for 1 in many others. Isn't the Company's progress an evidence of success and sincerity? TEN CENTS PER SHARE TO-DAY; no less than 100 shares issued. ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS buys One Thousand Shares and could make you a handsome income. Figure your own profit on \$100 invested in a company capitalized at \$300,000, who can own and control 225,000 barrels of oil daily; even at 20 cents per barrel the figures are startling, and the possibilities for all concerned beyond comprehension. We continue daily to increase our possessions and a harvest time is sure to follow our set purpose. More news to follow later.

OUR NEW SPINDLE TOP POSSESSION, SHOWING 3 GUARANTEED WELLS EACH WITH STREET FRONTAGE.



What Hon. John T. Dickinson, ex-secretary of the World's Fair and former president of the Chicago Coliseum, says about the United States Fuel Oil Company:

Chicago, December 12th, 1901.

United States Fuel Oil Co., St. Paul, Minn.—Gentlemen—I have carefully investigated your Company, through my Texas friends, and believe it to be one of the very best oil investments in the market. Should be pleased to meet your representative here, in Chicago, with a view of taking a larger interest and associating myself with your board, as we formerly talked of.

Yours, very truly,
J. N. T. DICKINSON.

We advise you to forward your subscription as early as possible. You may be just a day or so late if you put it off. All remittances and communications should be sent to the

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HEAR LAKE LOSSES

Summary of the Season's Navigation Disasters.

UNEQUALLED NUMBER FROM FIRE

Government Protection in the Channels Between Lakes Huron and Erie Called For.

Special to The Journal.
Chicago, Dec. 14.—The one item of 133 losses to ships in the crowded channels between Lakes Huron and Erie the past season of navigation has called the attention of vessel owners and underwriters to the dire need of government protection in the handling of vessel property in that, the most important waterway on this continent, through no other channels anywhere is as much freight carried as through the Detroit and St. Clair rivers. Although the procession of boats is a constant one, every captain is for himself and vessel owners and underwriters pay for the liberty or license.

It will be proposed at the coming meeting of the Lake Carriers' Association in Detroit next month to place navigation on Detroit river from Mama Judo light to Bar Point in the hands of the revenue marine, the same as is done with navigation of the Soo river. After they had lost nearly \$1,000,000 in one season by disasters in the Soo river, the vessel men themselves petitioned the secretary of the treasury to take charge of marine men say the time has come for the same action in Detroit river.

The season as a whole has not been disastrous to the underwriters, nor has it been a time of profit. It is said that if an average was struck of the past ten years, 1901 would be about the average. It is estimated that for the insurance of vessels themselves about \$1,250,000 was paid over to the underwriters, and for cargoes about \$700,000 went the same way. The number of ships carrying no insurance was largely increased by the coming of the trust, which has insured its own tonnage, and the passing of a large fleet to vessel men who assume their own risks. As the uninsured interests happened to have been unusually large in disasters, the underwriters did not lose much by the change.

Fire Losses Unprecedented.

There were reported in the Marine Insurance Bulletin during the season 717 losses of all kinds. Last year the losses numbered 502. In 1899 there were 569, and in 1898, 836. This increase in the number rather than in the importance of disasters that the source of loss to the underwriters is to be found. Around every drydock on the lakes there are now a new group of dozens of ships waiting their turn to be repaired. The underwriters will pay the bills.

Fire has played a more important part with the underwriters than for many years, if not ever before on the lakes. There were thirty-seven serious fires, a large percentage of which were total losses. This is the largest number of material advance in fire insurance rates the coming season. The largest single item in the list are boats aground, which numbered 202. These were in collision 107, and 145 went ashore. Sixty-eight were reported as leaking or water-logged, and 146 were disabled. Twelve foundered, carrying with them part or all of their crews. At the same time alone thirty-four ships met disaster, marking this as the danger spot of all the lakes. It is here that the Detroit river passes through a rock out into Lake Erie, and nowhere are stringent regulations so much needed.

The insurance companies doing a large business in general made a good profit, a fair proportion of the \$1,000,000 taken in as premiums remaining with them at the finish. On the other hand, the companies insuring lumber have got decidedly the worst of it. It is estimated that there will be a great change in lumber insurance next season, and prohibitory rates will be named for lumber on boats of low draft. It is said that on iron ore and coal has been about an even thing. In fact, it is going to be more difficult than ever to get any insurance at all on old boats in 1902.

The Year's Losses.

The total losses for the year are:
Canadian tug Tecumseh, May 21, 81 tons, foundered in Lake Huron. Loss, \$2,000.
Schooner Fostoria, May 10, 237 tons, sunk by ice in St. Clair river. Loss, \$1,000.
Passenger steamer Don Vayage, May 10, 500 tons, burned in Lake Superior. Loss, \$12,000.
Steam yacht Nymph, May 11, 47 tons, ashore in Lake Erie. Loss, \$18,000.
Tug Cora, May 12, 14 tons, burned at Detroit. Loss, \$3,000.
Schooner Narragansett, May 13, 316 tons, foundered in Lake Huron. Loss, \$1,200.
Schooner Montgomery, May 22, 298 tons, ashore in Saginaw bay. Loss, \$1,000.
Steamer Baltimore, May 24, 1,160 tons, foundered in Lake Huron. Loss, \$40,000.
Schooner George Davis, May 24, 63 tons, ashore in Saginaw bay. Loss, \$2,000.
Tug Constance, May 24, 81 tons, destroyed by collision at Menominee. Loss, \$4,000.
Schooner Little George, May 25, 52 tons, ashore in Lake Michigan. Loss, \$1,000.
Schooner H. Rand, May 24, 124 tons; water-logged in Lake Michigan. Loss, \$1,100.
Canadian steamer Hero, June 14, 342 tons, burned at Belleville, Ont. Loss, \$10,000.
Steamer Hennepin, June 27, 1,272 tons; burned at Buffalo. Loss, \$45,000.
Tug Fern, June 28, 48 tons; foundered in Lake Superior. Loss, \$5,000.
Steamer Avon, June 29, 1,702 tons; burned at Sault Ste. Marie. Loss, \$30,000.
Canadian steamer Alberta, July 7, 68 tons; ashore in Lake Huron. Loss, \$2,500.
Tug Sir Luke, July 10, 23 tons; ashore in Green bay. Loss, \$3,000.
Whaleback barge Sagamore, July 29, 1601 tons; sunk by collision in St. Mary's river. Loss, \$8,000.
Schooner Smith & Post, Aug. 21, 212 tons; burned on Lake Erie. Loss, \$2,500.
Steamer George Stauber, Aug. 21, 42 tons; sunk by collision in St. Clair river. Loss, \$2,000.
Steamer Eliza Strong, Aug. 21, 781 tons; water-logged in Lake Superior. Loss, \$32,000.
Schooner Driver, Aug. 31, 137 tons; capsized in Lake Michigan. Loss, \$1,000.
Canadian steamer John Long, Sept. 3, 201 tons; burned in Mequim bay. Loss, \$12,000.
Schooner Ananias, Sept. 7, 272 tons; ashore in Lake Huron. Loss, \$2,000.
Schooner Sea Gem, Sept. 30, 103 tons; ashore near Charlevoix. Loss, \$1,000.
Schooner G. Elin, Sept. 16, 85 tons; water-logged in Lake Michigan. Loss, \$400.
Schooner Jupiter, Sept. 18, 233 tons; water-logged in Lake Huron. Loss, \$2,000.
Steamer Hudson, Sept. 15, 2,294 tons; foundered in Lake Superior. Loss, \$100,000.
Steamer City of Cleveland, Sept. 19, 1,610 tons; ashore in Georgian bay. Loss, \$55,000.
Steamer Fedora, Sept. 21, 1,848 tons; burned in Lake Superior. Loss, \$35,000.
Schooner Ella Ellwood, Sept. 22, 157 tons; ashore near Milwaukee. Loss, \$1,800.
Steamer M. M. Drake, Oct. 2, 1,102 tons; foundered in Lake Superior. Loss, \$35,000.
Schooner Michigan, Oct. 2, 1,000 tons; foundered in Lake Superior. Loss, \$19,000.
Schooner Mont Blanc, Oct. 13, 238 tons; foundered in Lake Erie. Loss, \$3,500.
Schooner Elvina, Oct. 13, 292 tons; sunk in Thunder Bay, Lake Huron. Loss, \$2,000.
Schooner William Stone, Oct. 13, 185 tons; ashore in Straits of Mackinac. Loss, \$4,000.
Steamer State of Michigan, October 15, 726 tons; sunk in Lake Michigan. Loss, \$18,000.
Steamer Swallow, Oct. 19, 256 tons; foundered in Lake Erie. Loss, \$12,000.
Schooner Montgomery, Oct. 19, 709 tons; water-logged in Lake Superior. Loss, \$5,000.
Schooner C. Michaelson, Oct. 20, 127 tons; ashore in Green bay. Loss, \$2,000.
Steamer A. P. Taylor, Nov. 7, 103 tons; burned at Grand Haven. Loss, \$10,000.
Schooner Eureka, Nov. 8, 238 tons; water-logged in Lake Huron. Loss, \$2,000.
Schooner George Irving, Nov. 10, 73 tons; water-logged in Lake Huron. Loss, \$700.
Schooner H. J. Webb, Nov. 11, 431 tons; burned in Georgian bay. Loss, \$7,000.
Schooner Marine City, Nov. 15, 337 tons; foundered in Lake Huron. Loss, \$2,000.
Steamer Eliza Mero, Nov. 16, 1,164 tons; burned in Green Bay. Loss, \$40,000.
Tug Keystone, Nov. 19, 24 tons; burned at Ashland. Loss, \$12,000.

COLE'S IMITATORS

Afflicted Men Should Not Be Deceived by Ignorant Imitators, Who are in the Habit of Copying My Announcements.

Men who wish to acquaint themselves with the state of their own health can do so in no better way than to consult Dr. Cole and Council of physicians. This is the foremost institution in the Northwest in the treatment of chronic and private DISEASES OF MEN, having the largest patient list, which has been secured and is maintained without the employment of cheap catchpenny schemes: Free treatment, free prescriptions, etc. You can feel as safe in your dealings with them as with any bank in the city.

I do not care to enlist the interest of the casual reader, but I invite the earnest attention of men, men only, and only such men as are afflicted with disease or weakness peculiar to their sex. Male maladies alone constitute my specialty. I treat nothing else.

I CURE (TO STAY CURED) Varicocele, Debility, Blood Poison, Vital Weakness and Diseases of Men.

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Advantages of My Method of Curing Varicocele.

1. The treatment is painless and devoid of danger; no anaesthetic is given.
2. The cure is permanent. I have treated thousands of the most aggravated cases without a single failure or recurrence.
3. You are under the care of a reliable specialist that is acknowledged authority in the treatment of diseases of men, and whose superior method of treatment is nowhere else obtainable in America.
4. You are not subjected to the dangerous experiments or antiquated treatments which you are liable to receive at the hands of incompetent, inexperienced doctors and irresponsible mushroom medical concerns. Varicocele is a very serious and delicate disease, and necessarily requires skilled, expert treatment. I am treating many cases, daily, and have gained a national reputation for the treatment of this disease. My method of Varicocele and its results—Nervous Debility and Lost Vitality.

All my dealings with patients are sacredly confidential.

Structure in 10 Days.

My original and strictly modern treatment for Urethral Stricture cures the disease, without cutting or dilating, thus avoiding the horrors of surgery. This is the only treatment that can ever be used, and the only one recommended by the legions of men who have

recently been cured by it. It acts immediately and directly upon the stricture, dissolving it completely and dislodging all diseased tissues, which comes away in strips or shred-like fiber, allaying all irritation and inflammation, and leaving the urethral canal entirely free from the obstruction and in a sound and healthy condition.

Nervous Debility, 15 to 30 Days.

It is sad to contemplate the unfortunate condition of so many men of our day and generation. At 30 they feel 50, at 40 they feel 60, and at 50 or 60, when they should be in the very prime of life, they are almost ready for the grave. The fire of youth has gone out, the fountain of vitality is exhausted.

Premature old age! No matter what brought it on, the one thing for you to do is to get back the vim, the vigor, and the vivacity of youth. Don't lose your grip on life. There are yet many happy, golden years for you if you will only help me, but cure you can. My treatment will restore to you what you have lost—your precious manhood. It makes the blood pure and rich, the complexion clear, the eyes bright, the flesh firm, the muscles solid and the nerves strong and steady. It clears up the clouded brain, it brightens the intellect, and dispels all dependency. In short, my treatment for weak men builds up the physical and mental system, and prepares them anew for the duties and pleasures of both married and single life.

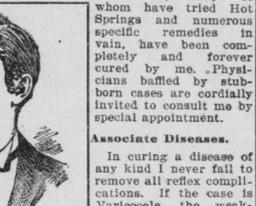
Specific Blood Poison, 15 to 30 Days.

Like leprosy of old, Specific Blood Poison was for ages supposed to be incurable. This ancient idea is not yet

altogether extinct. It still exists in the minds of many old-fogy physicians, who continue to salivate their patients with potash, mercury and other dangerous mineral mixtures, which instead of forcing the disease out of the system, drive it deeper in, where it lies dormant for a time, and then breaks out again in the form of some frightful skin, blood or bone disease. I cure Specific Blood Poison to stay cured forever. I challenge the medical world for a case in any stage that I cannot positively cure, never of return. My treatment for this disease is endorsed by the best physicians of America and Europe. It is purely vegetable in composition and perfectly harmless in effect. More than 3,500 men, many of whom have tried Hot Springs and numerous specific remedies in vain, have been completely and forever cured by me. Physicians baffled by stubborn cases are cordially invited to consult me by special appointment.

Associate Diseases.

In curing a disease of any kind I never fail to remove all reflex complications. If the case is Varicocele, the weakness caused by it disappears. If it is Stricture, and has developed into Prostatic, Bladder or Kidney affections, the injured organs are all restored to a perfectly healthy condition. If it is Contagious Blood Poison, any and all Skin, Blood and Bone diseases arising from the taint are entirely and permanently eliminated from the system. It is Nervous Debility, the many distressing symptoms following in its train and indicating a premature decline of physical and mental power are totally removed and rapidly replaced by the youthful energy of robust manhood. Hence all resulting ills and reflex complications which may be properly termed associate diseases, and which, in fact, are often more serious than the original ailment that gives rise to them—all, I say—disappear completely and forever with the cure of the main malady.



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HOME TREATMENT

I want to talk or write to every man who is afflicted with any of the above diseases, and who feels that he is not up to the proper standard of health, vitality and manhood. I especially wish to interest patients who have been unsuccessful in their search for a cure; who realize the seriousness of their condition and will appreciate a successful, scientific treatment and a permanent cure. I will take pleasure in explaining to you the true nature of your condition and describing fully the system of treatment I will use in restoring you to good health and power. The question of good health is of vital interest to every man, for on its possession depend your future happiness and success in life. When you place yourself in my care you may rest assured you will receive the very best treatment obtainable, and that you will be cured in the shortest time possible.

CORRESPONDENCE

Most cases can be treated successfully at home. One personal visit is preferred, but if it is impossible for you to call at my office, write me a full description of your case as you understand it, plainly stating your symptoms, your general physical condition, your occupation, etc., so that I may answer your letter intelligently. I make no charge for consultation and examination. Address

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GLOVER FIGURES IT OUT

IOWA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

Tips for the Legislature From a Silly Man—How He Would Apportion.

Special to The Journal.

Sibley, Iowa, Dec. 14.—Iowa's population, by the census of 1900, was 2,231,852. The state has eleven congressional districts. An average would be 202,886. It is the only state in the present that the first has only 164,755 and the sixth only 174,673, while the tenth and eleventh, diagonally across the state from the first and sixth, have respectively 259,857, and 241,918. J. F. Glover of Sibley figured out a reapportionment on the diagonal southeast to northwest, which by counting only eleven of the ninety-nine counties of Iowa, would make the difference in population between the lowest and the highest districts but little more than the average population of an Iowa county.

Present	Proposed
First	164,755
Second	194,755
Third	219,691
Fourth	195,853
Fifth	202,227
Sixth	174,673
Seventh	191,088
Eighth	200,470
Ninth	202,253
Tenth	259,857
Eleventh	241,918
Total	2,231,852

WOLVES AND WILD CATS

Mence to Deer and Other Wild Game in Wisconsin.

Special to The Journal.
Ashland, Wis., Dec. 14.—Deputy Game Warden George Briggs of Ashland county has four times necessary to protect the game of the north Wisconsin woods from more than the lawlessness of certain sportsmen. The result of an investigation shows that the woods contain twelve counties, and in wolves and wildcats, and that these beasts of prey do more damage to deer and grouse than the average law-breaking sportsman. The wolves and cats are the other day in the city limits of Ashland and killed. Mr. Briggs says the increase of wolves in this region is something alarming, and avers that one was killed the other day in the city limits of Ashland. The wildcats, he says, devour grouse in great numbers during the winter season.

Mr. Briggs will put out poison in the region where the wolves and cats are most abundant. The poison will be so distributed as to cover a large area, and should it fail of its purpose, other plans will be formulated. The wolves, says Deputy Briggs, "can be heard howling any time of the night along our county roads. Farmers are becoming fearful that they will invade their barnyards and attack cattle and horses."

Northwest Pensions

Washington, Dec. 14.—Pensions granted: Minnesota—Charles M. Coates, Sault Center, \$5; Charles O'Brien, Park Rapids, \$12; Frances Hepin, St. Paul, \$8; Abbey W. Partridge, Minneapolis, \$8; Lizzie Getz, Minn. apolis, \$2.
Iowa—Daniel McGillivuddy, New Albion, \$12; Charles F. Wagar, Davenport, \$8; Lucas Gardner Shenandoah, \$12; Charles A. Ransom, Clarksville, \$8; Margaret Valentine, Cedar Rapids, \$8; Margaret K. Foster, McGregor, \$8; Mary J. Williams, Red Oak, \$8.
Wisconsin—Sarah Brodt, Rice Lake, \$8; Kate M. Perkins, Tomah, \$8; Anna Annunzio, Winchester, \$8; Mary A. Dick, Antigo, \$8; Almiron Updyke, Potosi, \$8; William Ramsey, Hardeville, \$10; Thomas R. Chesbro, Muscatoda, \$12; Frederick P. Manito-

VINEGAR CONDEMNED

State Food Commissioner for South Dakota Is Doing Things.

Special to The Journal.

De Smet, S. D., Dec. 14.—State Food and Dairy Commissioner Sherwood has returned from Sioux Falls, where he took possession of twelve barrels more of illegal vinegar shipped into the state by the New York Cider company, of St. Louis. This makes thirty-six barrels in all which have been shipped into the state by this firm alone. About all of this vinegar has cost the firm the freight charges at both ends and additional drayage.

The matter of lard and lard substitutes is now receiving especial attention. One of the prominent packing houses which formerly sold what it called lard compound for pure lard has recently had added to its packages another label giving a

Formula with the name and approximate proportions of the ingredients, in compliance with the food law of this state, and has changed the name to "Lard Substitute." It is evident that these firms will sell goods for what they really are only when they have to.

There is yet another provision of this law which is not being complied with. Hotels, boarding houses, restaurants and bakeries using lard compound or lard substitute are required to inform their customers by having a large placard posted on either wall of the dining or lunch room, and on the walls of the bakeries, stating that the food sold there is made with lard compound or adulterated lard. Dealers in these commodities are required by the law to hand to each purchaser a card which states that the article which he is purchasing is not a pure lard, but a compound, and giving the articles used in the preparation and percentage of each ingredient. It is the purpose of the commissioner to see that these laws are duly complied with.

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