

WHERE OIL REIGNS.

More Producing Territory Added to the Sistersville Field.

THE BIG M'KAY AND HOLMES WELLS

Are in the Treacherous Keener Sand, And Are Accordingly Discounted, Hope of New Territory in the Over-the-River District—Boom for Improvement in the Town of Sistersville—What is Being Done—The Situation in Marshall County and Around Colerain.

Special from a Staff Correspondent.

SISTERSVILLE, W. VA., April 25.—With every producing well in a field that numbers 1,100 or 1,200 producers being encouraged to its utmost production, with the 350 new wells that are going down and of which a goodly proportion will be producers, and with the unheard of amount of "wild catting" that is now being indulged in in supposed good oil territory and out of it, the question naturally arises, "Will not a good deal of the discrepancy between the production and consumption of petroleum be made up in the Sistersville district?"

Oil men generally hold but one opinion on this subject and that opinion is an affirmative answer to the question propounded above. If the worked portion of the field holds out this summer as expected the new developments in the field and around it will add a considerable figure to the production in the Sistersville field. In fact, should the other fields do so much, in added production as Sistersville will do the 33,000 barrels daily shortage would be made up, but the other fields, with possibly the exception of Mannington, it is believed, will not increase their production figures so much.

Recent developments on the Ohio side of the river beyond former recognized bounds of the field have been very encouraging and open up much territory to the drill. In an air line from the river the Dye well of the Henry Oil Company is probably five miles away, but by the road it is fully nine miles. This well is doing about forty barrels a day, and, with the wells on the Roselieb farm and the Smith well, all located beyond the held proper, have opened up much new territory that is reasonably certain of good production. The well on the Roselieb farm is the property of the Van Handle Oil Company, in which several Wheeling people, including Mr. J. G. Tomlinson, are interested. Notwithstanding the fact that the Holmes and McKay wells on Middle Island creek, southeast of town are showing up with big production, bigger than anything in the new territory over the river, more faith is felt in the latter for one reason—the Holmes and McKay wells are in the treacherous Keener sand, while the over-the-river territory wells are in the Big Indian.

The farmers of the newly developed territory across the river are fully aware of the importance of that part of the field, and the men who are after leases there are fully aware of the fact that the farmers are up-to-date. The agriculturalists, many of whom are unable to read or write, hold out for good-sized cash bonuses and for rentals ranging from \$10 to \$100 per month. To-day a speculator who had just returned from a prospecting trip in that section told the INTELLIGENCER correspondent that in two cases he had offered checks to the owners of land, but they would not sign any papers until they had the cold cash in their hands.

In this era of "two dollar" petroleum the oil metropolis, Sistersville, does not present the best appearance imaginable. The sidewalks are poor and the streets—well, Tyler county mud is famous, and this town has more than her share of it. Until the present week the mud was everywhere, and the April sun has had no easy job in knocking it out in five or six daily rounds. A week more and the dust will be as bad as the mud. A theatrical attraction that banks more on its "country" street parade to draw audiences than on the quality of the entertainment itself, had a set-to with the mud about a month ago. A brilliant idea entered the head of the manager. The streets were a sea of mud, and this "idea" was to have his paraders march through the mud; this manager was an exponent of the realistic school, you see. Well, the country band, the "jay" and the other auxiliaries started through the mud. The foot they first struck was pretty deep, they thought; about a foot. A square away the postoffice was reached, three feet of the stuff was all they could stand, and the parade was given up. The show drew a crowded house.

If Sistersville doesn't show up well before the outside world, it is no sign that she will not soon do so. In fact, the indications are that the present open season will bring about a great change. A progressive council, an enterprising board of trade and the general wide-awake spirit that characterizes oil towns, form the lever that will bring about the change. Already the town has water works and gas. This spring many of the business streets will be paved with fire bricks on the 11th of May \$55,000 in bonds will be voted to the proposed railway that will cross the country between Clarksburg and Sistersville, and the board of trade is negotiating with several manufacturers and will earnestly endeavor to make Sistersville a town of diversified industries. In addition, the town may become a center of learning; the Presbyterians of the community are to make a vigorous effort to secure the location of the proposed Presbyterian college here. As one of the oil magnates puts it: "If oil gives us what we want to have a pretty good town left behind the boom." The spirit displayed is surely deserving of success.

patches of ground. Their favorite method of spending money is to invest in more land.

THE MARSHALL FIELD.

Col. Say, of Pittsburgh, an Experienced Operator, Has Faith in It. While the attention of the oil world lately has been drawn to the Sistersville field, the calm philosopher in studying the map of the world over a late pipe has remarked "there are others." This holds good of Col. A. W. Say, a prominent oil operator, of Pittsburgh, who is to be credited with speaking the truth. He said to an INTELLIGENCER reporter yesterday: "You think I am trying to boom a certain section in my own interest, but mark my words, the Marshall county field will soon be leading all others. I know there are many dry holes there, but the richest producing region some years ago went through the same experience. As an earnest of what I am telling you I may state that all the territory east of Franklin station has been taken up and large bonuses paid for in advance. Two new wells have been started in this district and two are expected in a few days."

At what is called the old Say well operations are expected to be begun again soon. The indications of oil there were not to be denied. At this well, only six feet in the sand, and one thousand feet of oil standing in the casing, the casing some time ago was pulled out. Now, it is different, and Col. Say gave the reporter his word that his confidence rested as much in that section as in other portions of Marshall county. It is to be hoped that Col. Say's prophecies of the Marshall county field may be realized. It will immeasurably help Wheeling if they do.

COLERAIN DISTRICT.

Wheeling People Expect to Strike Oil in Belmont County, Ohio.

Dr. A. F. Gasmire, who is interested with many other Wheeling citizens in the development of the oil field in Belmont county, near Colerain, said to a reporter of the INTELLIGENCER yesterday that the prospects over there were very bright. "On Monday," said the doctor, "we will begin operations, drilling the first well. Strike oil? Of course we will strike it. If not, we will strike China, and we wouldn't like to do that, because Japan has hit her hard enough without drilling a hole through the celestial kingdom. Am I talking for effect? Well, you try to lease some land out there. There is oil in our district and we propose to get it. That's all!"

Some Oil Notes.

The following Sistersville-oil notes are from the Daily Oil Review: C. R. Deuel closed a contract this morning with L. C. Wilson to drill him a well on the J. C. Parker farm, 500 feet south of the Talisman Oil and Gas Company's well on the Sweeney lot, which is now producing thirty-three barrels of oil a day. The Talisman company is having a well drilled 1,000 feet west of this well. The producer is in the Keener sand and these two wells are being drilled in the hopes of getting another well in the same sand, or at least have the territory thoroughly tested on all sides.

Keener sand is beginning to attract attention and it is fast coming to the front as pay sand. Recently three wells were struck in it that are paying producers. Two are owned by the Deep Run Oil Company, and the other by F. A. Sutton & Company. John Shay is a great friend of the Keener sand. His well struck on the Keener on the Christie Schriver farm produced for him 53,000 barrels of oil.

The School House Not Unsafe.

On the strength of an idle and foolish rumor that the West End school house in Bridgeport was unsafe, several parents kept their children home from school yesterday, and Superintendent Duncan appointed as a committee to examine the building Contractors James Clark and John Kidney and Mayor Williams, Capt. Burgett McConaughy and Superintendent Stillwell. The committee was accompanied by Superintendent Duncan and a very careful and thorough inspection of the building from cellar to garret was made. The walls were found to be as straight and perfect as ever any walls stood. Not the least evidence of swaying, binding or weakness in any respect could be found.

A Brakeman Killed.

BRIDGEPORT, W. VA., April 25.—James Shippe, a brakeman, single, was fatally squeezed between a car and an engine in the Baltimore & Ohio yards at Keyser while making a coupling, dying shortly afterwards.

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PARKERSBURG NOTES.

The Chautauque Conference Trustees—A Railroad Change.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., April 25.—The state convention of the Epworth League adjourned last night. The next convention will be held at Kingwood at a date to be fixed by the board of control.

The trustees of the West Virginia conference campmeeting at Chautauque held a meeting here yesterday, but did not select a site for the camp grounds. The trustees will examine several other sites before making a selection. The statement in many of the state papers that Mason City had been decided upon is a mistake.

The Hotel Biennarhasset has changed hands, Proprietor Campbell retiring and Edward R. Thornton, of New York, succeeding him. The change was made to-day.

J. F. Mock, superintendent of bridges and trestles on the Ohio River railroad, has been relieved of half of his duties. In the future he will have charge of the bridges and trestles on the lower end of the road only. Charles Bryan will have charge of the upper end. Bryan is roadmaster and his new duties will be extra.

Claimed by Two Women.

STREUVENVILLE, O., April 25.—Miss Maude C. Leith, of East Liverpool, daughter of a C. & P. railroad engineer, came here Wednesday to marry Benj. Hipsley, printer, who, on short acquaintance, in her own town, had wooed and won her. Last night they registered as man and wife at a hotel. This evening Hipsley was arrested at the instigation of a Miss Walker, who claims to be his wife. On an affidavit of Prosecutor Erskine, Hipsley was bound over to court. Miss Leith states that they were to have been married this evening, and that she sat up all night, while Hipsley, who was drunk, lay on the bed. Hipsley denies that he is married to Miss Walker.

Grafton I. O. O. F. Building.

GRAFTON, W. VA., April 25.—The fine new building recently erected by the I. O. O. F., was formally opened here last night. The exercises were musical and literary, to which were added the attractions of a bazaar and festival. The presence of the Hon. G. W. Atkinson, who was in town en route for his home in Wheeling, became known to the committee and Mr. Atkinson was captured for a speech. Mr. Atkinson spoke in happy and felicitous style to the delight of the large crowd assembled.

Moonshine Informer Assassinated.

OZARK, ALA., April 25.—News comes from Gilleys Boat, Dale county, of the murder of Bill Bolling, a well-to-do farmer. Bolling was drawn out of his house last night by seeing his stable on fire. As soon as he showed himself, several loads of shot were poured into his body by unknown persons. He was so badly wounded that he died this morning. The shooting is supposed to have been the result of his giving information to the federal officers as to wild-cat stills.

Lord Douglas Not Insane.

BAKERSFIELD, CALA., April 25.—The insanity charge against Lord Sholto Douglas, son of the marquis of Queensberry, was dismissed to-day.

"A Buggage Check."

Mr. Charles E. Blaney has turned out four successes in the last two years, and his "A Buggage Check," which comes to the Grand the first three nights of next week, is said to be the best of all of them, as he had an unusually lot of clever people to write for, as the following cast will show: Al. Grant, late of Ward and Vokes company, Louis Martinetti, of the famous Martinetti family; F. C. Palmer, C. V. Morton, C. E. Huntington, C. H. Prince, Mrs. Alice Walsh, who was with Mr. Hoyt's companies, Leola Belle, Lida Clark, Lizzie Melrose and others.

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