

IN THE OIL FIELDS.

The Bullman and Kyle Wells Are the General Topic Now.

NOT MUCH UNLEASED TERRITORY

Is Now to be Found—The Kyle Well is Now Producing Forty Barrels an Hour.

Interest in the southwest oil fields now centers upon the interior of Tyler county, where the two big gushers, the Kyle and Bullman wells, are pouring out the greasy stuff at a rate that puts the "wheels" in their owner's pockets at a rate that will land them in the millionaire class if kept up for any length of time.

Reports from the Bullman well at Wick received yesterday were to the effect that though it had not maintained its rate of 120 barrels per hour, at which it was going Wednesday night, it is doing considerably better than six or eight barrels an hour, its highest mark up to Wednesday evening. The Kyle well in the same territory was putting out forty barrels an hour.

The territory in that neighborhood was all practically under lease when the Kyle gusher came in, but the few small pieces have since been gobbled up at big rentals and bonuses. Territory very remote from the two gushers is also being taken up and the land out to the Hardman development in Doddridge county will be given a thorough test.

A syndicate of Wheeling people composed of Dr. W. E. Schaefer, Dr. C. M. Friswell, Dr. John W. Storer, Arthur Hubbard, C. B. Hubbard, Frank W. Berry, Thomas Sweeney, Charles Bowers, James R. Stathers, Harry Whitaker, Kirk Brown and John George, the latter of Tyler county, own leases on 53 acres at Wick, which is counted about as valuable as any territory out there. They have not yet decided whether they will form a joint stock company with \$100,000 capital and develop it, or sell out at a good big profit. The offer made one of the owners for his three-fourths interest yesterday afternoon shows the value of the lease. He was offered \$2,000, or at the rate of \$40,000 for the whole interest. The offer was declined.

Operations are quite active in the neighborhood of the two big strikes. On the Anthony Smith farm, the Kanawha Oil Company is putting down four wells along the line of the Bullman farm, which adjoins. Adjoining the Bullman on the Stealy farm, the Devonian Oil Company is starting a well also two on the Griffin farm north of the Stealy. The Carter Oil Company (Standard) is also getting ready to do some drilling in this territory.

The Devonian company will do some drilling to the southwest of the Bullman gusher, and will drill a test well on the Henderson farm. As yet there is nothing to indicate in what direction the Bullman well is better than another, unless it be to the northwest in the direction of the Kanawha Oil Company's No. 1, on the Anthony Smith farm. This well came in a big gusher last year, and has been spraying some oil, five or six barrels an hour, since the well was drilled into the sand and the gas was lost, but owing to the heavy gas pressure nothing was done to recover them, but an effort will now be made to fish them out.

SISTERSVILLE OIL NEWS.

Many New Wells Going Down in Various Parts of the Southwest.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. SISTERSVILLE, W. Va., Jan. 30.—According to the latest advice the tools have not been recovered which were lost in Crawley and Treat's well on the Stewart farm, a few days ago.

Caldwell & Company have a bad fishing job at their well on the Basil Dye farm. Henderson & Company have commenced spudding at their No. 2 on the Stewart farm. This well is located southwest of the Calebach wells and will be drilled as rapidly as possible. The same company commenced spudding on the Amos farm, at their No. 4, this afternoon.

The Square Oil Company, composed principally of Wheeling capitalists, is erecting a derrick on the Belle farm, over in Ohio and will commence drilling at once.

Shay & McMullen's well, located on the Weekly farm, out in the Indian creek district, was reported to be down a little over 600 feet and everything going nicely.

The casing, which was collapsed in Ramey & Company's well, on the Frank Dye farm, has been swedged out and everything is going smoothly again. They expect to be ready for the 6 1/2 casing to-night or to-morrow.

A derrick is being erected on the Stein farm by Galey Brothers and Sparks. They will commence drilling just as soon as they can get in shape.

On the Stewart farm will be due to-night or to-morrow. Near Centerville, the Victor Company's well, on the Thomas Smith farm is reported to be down a little over 500 feet.

Gaffney & Company will commence spudding on the Stewart farm in a day or so.

Material is still being hauled out to the Indian creek district as fast as teams can be secured, and new locations are being made every day.

There was no change in the oil market to-day; closed at the opening figure, \$1.40.

PIPE LINE EXTENSION.

The Standard Proposes to Extend Its Pipe Line System from Sistersville to Kentucky and Tennessee—New Oil Field.

The opening up of the Tennessee and Kentucky oil fields is the wedge that will shortly split the oil market in two, says a Chattanooga dispatch. Several dozen wells are being sunk in the counties of northern Tennessee and southern Kentucky, between the latitudes of 37 degrees 20 minutes and 35 degrees, and longitudinal lines 85 1/2 degrees approximately. Pay oil has been struck in seven of these wells, which yield from ten to 100 barrels an hour, and are put down in the heart of the Tennessee territory. On its western border a 1,200 barrel gusher, struck at a depth of 275 feet, caught fire and destroyed the derrick and 1,100 feet of cable, and devastated an acre of forest land adjoining.

The Standard Oil Company proposed to extend its pipe line from Sistersville, W. Va., into the affected region and put up tanks for storage at the wells as soon as this daily product reaches 1,000 barrels. This time can not be far off, for three-fourths of the farm and forest land in Fentress, Overton, Pickett, Morgan and Wayne, Putnam, Clinch and Cumberland in Kentucky have been leased to prospectors, coming in the main from New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

through sub-companies, is very active in Kentucky, but more so along the east line of the district in Tennessee, where they are now drilling three deep wells on top of the Cumberland plateau. Their leases in Tennessee are largely in excess of 100,000 acres, but they have no monopoly of best locations. The Forest Oil Company, of Pittsburgh, Pa., or their representative in this district, the "South Penn," is looking after their interests in Kentucky. The former has had a resident at Rugby, Tenn., for six years, quietly acquiring oil and gas rights. Gas has been struck in volume on the western limit of the oil region, and has in several instances since 1892 caused great destruction of tools and machinery. Most of this immense territory is a thinly settled wilderness, almost inaccessible.

General Oil Notes. In the northwest extension of the Deist pool, in Monroe county, Henderson & Co. have drilled in their No. 2 Amos, located 300 feet west of Galey Bros.' No. 3 Caleb Augh, and have a 200-barrel producer.

In the Colerain development, Belmont county, Bernald & Co. on the Maule farm will have a fair producer. It is showing as good as the Sharkey well, which is now producing 30 barrels a day. There are in all a dozen wells drilling or starting in the Colerain development, and their completion will go a long way towards establishing the dimensions of that Berea pool.

The South Penn Oil Company has drilled in its No. 1 Maud Hibbs, in the Flat run district, north of Mingo, No. 9 Grant, in the Wetzel district, Wetzel county, has been drilled through the sand and is dry. In the Flat run district, their well on the Fluharty farm will make a small pump.

AWFUL EXPLOSION.

Five Persons Killed and Many Injured at the Hollidaysburg Iron and Nail Works.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, Pa., Jan. 30.—Five persons were killed and nearly a score injured, some of them fatally, by the explosion of the large thirty-inch boiler at the works of the Hollidaysburg Iron and Nail Company this morning. The names of the dead and injured are:

DEAD: George Lane, mason, was found crushed into a lifeless mass under the boiler. Con Evans, helper, fractured skull. Merrill Trees, fifteen-year-old boy, head ground off by fly wheel. Two unknown tramps, who had been lying near the furnace, were buried in the ruins.

WOUNDED: Samuel Kephart, puddler, scalded about face and body. Will die. Robert McMurray, puddler, scalded about face and body. Will die. Frank Cramer, superintendent of the mill, several ribs broken and internal injuries. John Wooster, puddler, severely scalded body and hip broken, may die. Finley Ferguson, puddler, severely scalded. George Moore, wheeler, internal injuries. David McCloskey, boss of nail department, badly injured about the body. Marshall Weir, laborer, spine badly injured, may die. John Hefferlin, pump, cut in head, may die. George Rocker, roller, cut about head. Robert Marks, straightener, wrist and ankle broken and internal injuries, may die. Daniel Ounkst, catcher, internal injuries. William Hartcock, heater, several bodily injuries. Daniel Ayres, puddler, badly injured about body.

The only employes uninjured were Cramer, the engineer, and Westley Athey, the fireman. The boiler was blown through the roof of the works, three hundred feet in mid-air, and came sailing down like a spent rocket, crushing through the roof in another department of the works. The entire roof was precipitated to the floor below by the force of the explosion and the works were practically wrecked. The explosion was sufficient to rock the earth with the force of an earthquake near the works, and broke hundreds of window panes at a quarter of a mile from the mill.

There was the greatest excitement around the wrecked building and the families of the dead and wounded were frantic with grief. No explanation is offered as to the cause of the explosion. Some of the employes say that they were short of steam before the accident occurred. The Hollidaysburg Iron and Nail Company operates the leading industrial plant here and it will be several days before operations can be resumed.

The full intensity of living is reached only by the perfectly healthy. Sicknes discounts the capacity for enjoyment. When a piano is badly out of tune, the noises that come from it are certainly not musical. They are not beautiful. If it is only a little bit out of tune, you can play some few things that are perfect and beautiful. You can create a semblance of music, but you cannot make really beautiful, satisfying, soul-stirring music, unless every string is tense and firm, unless every piece of the whole instrument is in perfect tune, in perfect condition, in perfect harmony with every other piece.

It is the same with a human being. If his body is all out of order and run-down, he will not be able to enjoy anything, no matter how full of enjoyment it may be for other people. If he is just a little bit out of order, if he is not sick, but doesn't feel just right, he will only be able to enjoy things in a half-hearted sort of way. The nearer he is to being perfectly well, the nearer will his capacity for enjoyment be perfect. To really live, and to take his part in the work and pleasure of the world, his body must be in perfect condition. If this condition doesn't exist, something is wrong, and something ought to be done. That something nine cases in ten means the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It works directly on the digestive organs, and on the blood and through these on every tissue of the whole body. It makes the appetite good, the digestion perfect and nutrition rapid and easy. It supplies rich, red blood to all the tissues and builds up solid, healthful flesh. It brings perfect health and restores vigorous, springy vitality. It makes every function in life a pleasure instead of a drag. It is an invigorating tonic as well as the greatest blood-purifier of the age. You can get it at any drug store. If you care to know more about it, and about your own physical make-up, send 21 one-cent stamps to cover cost of mailing only and receive absolutely free a copy of Dr. Pierce's celebrated book, "Common Sense Medical Advice"—168 pages, profusely illustrated. Address World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF WHEELING, W. VA., For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1895.

COMPILED BY CHAS. E. DANNENBERG, CITY CLERK.

EXPENDITURES 1895.

Table of expenditures for 1895, including Board of Public Works Contingent Fund, Board of Public Works Ten Cent Levy Fund, and various other categories.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS TEN CENT LEVY FUND.

Detailed table of expenditures for the Board of Public Works Ten Cent Levy Fund, listing items like paving, street cleaning, and repairs.

CEMETERIES.

Table of expenditures for cemeteries, including salaries and other costs.

CITY PRISON.

Table of expenditures for the city prison, including blankets, clothing, and food.

SALARIES.

Table of salaries for various city employees, including the superintendent and clerks.

CONTINGENT.

Table of contingent expenditures, including advertising and printing.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Table of expenditures for the fire department, including salaries and equipment.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Table of expenditures for the health department, including advertising and printing.

Table of receipts for 1895, including various taxes and fees.

MARKETS.

Table of market prices for various goods, including flour and sugar.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Table of expenditures for the police department, including salaries and equipment.

REAL ESTATE.

Table of expenditures for real estate, including furniture and carpets.

SALARIES.

Table of salaries for various city employees, including assessors and clerks.

SCALES.

Table of expenditures for scales, including testing and repairs.

TAXES, COLLECTION OF.

Table of expenditures for tax collection, including salaries and other costs.

CITY GAS WORKS, EXPENDITURES.

Table of expenditures for city gas works, including attending calls and adjusting meters.

ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT.

Table of expenditures for the electric light plant, including wages and materials.

WATER WORKS.

Table of expenditures for water works, including repairs and supplies.

LOANS.

Table of expenditures for loans, including interest and expenses.

REVENUE 1895.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Table of revenue for the Board of Public Works, including receipts from street paving.

CEMETERIES.

Table of revenue for cemeteries, including sales of cemetery lots.

CITY PROPERTY.

Table of revenue from city property, including rents and fines.

FINES AND FEES.

Table of revenue from fines and fees, including licenses and auctions.

LICENSES.

Table of revenue from licenses, including auctions and billiards.

MARKETS.

Table of revenue from markets, including receipts from the center market.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Table of miscellaneous revenue, including receipts from various sources.

SCALES.

Table of revenue from scales, including receipts from city scales.

TAXES, REAL AND PERSONAL.

Table of revenue from taxes, including receipts from city collectors.

TAXES (1894) RAILROAD.

Table of revenue from taxes on railroads, including receipts from Johnson, I. V., auditor.

WHARVES.

Table of revenue from wharves, including receipts from wharfage.

CITY WATER WORKS RECEIPTS.

Table of receipts from city water works, including miscellaneous receipts.

CITY GAS WORKS.

Table of receipts from city gas works, including receipts from all sources.

DEBT SUMMARY JANUARY 1st, 1895.

Table of debt summary for January 1st, 1895, including electric light loans and other debts.

DEBITS.

Table of debits, including electric light loans and other debts.

CREDITS.

Table of credits, including commissions and other income.

DEBT SUMMARY JANUARY 1st, 1896.

Table of debt summary for January 1st, 1896, including electric light loans and other debts.