

THE HOMEWORTH OIL FIELD.

Personal Investigation to Get at the Facts.

WHAT THE FIELD CONTAINS

And What the Prospects For the Future Are, Set Forth by One Who Investigated in an Unbiased Spirit.

The editor of the Salem Herald made a thorough personal investigation of the Homeworth oil field, a part of which is in Stark county, and in a two column article gives an exhaustive description of the present condition of developments there. In part he says:

While awaiting for developments, I gleaned considerable information in regard to the new oil field. It has been prospected by ten wells since June of this year. The first was put down by the Grove company just west of Westville, to the depth of 1,400 feet. It proved a duster and the rig still stands, a monument to a wasted thousand or so. Soon leasing began in earnest. The Renner Brewing company, of Youngstown, holds much territory. Individual parties control so many smaller tracts, until it can be said that all available lands have been taken up, with two exceptions.

The territory is easy to prospect, Berea sand, the only Ohio oil strata, being struck at about 725 feet. Such a test can probably be made for about \$1,000.

John Post, son of Joseph Post, and E. M. Hukill, of Pittsburg, put a well down on the Zerbrugg farm. It is the largest producer in the field, and when water can be had will pump from six to ten barrels a day.

The Commoner well yields two barrels a day by pumping. About 250 barrels have been tanked on this property. This is worth something with crude oil at \$1.66 a barrel. A few other wells would be on about the same standing if worked.

Wednesday night E. M. Hukill shot a well on the Rumsayer farm. One hundred and forty quarts of nitro glycerine were used. The charge was too heavy and the casing collapsed and slipped down. This hole is flowing water now in large quantities. A well on the Knoll farm, south of Homeworth, will be shot Saturday.

The above covers all the work done in the field, except Joseph Post's. He is an old and experienced operator and his tests are being watched with a great deal of interest. The shooting of Thursday attracted a crowd of nearly 75 men, women and children.

The 100 quart charge was brought over land 40 miles, from Scio. The nitro glycerine was frozen solid. Some three hours were consumed in thawing the stuff. It was handled gingerly, much as a man handles his first born babe. To drop a can of it meant asingle fare trip up or down, as the case might be. This depended entirely on the religious proclivities of the man behind the can.

At 4 o'clock everything was in readiness and the weight to fire the charge, which had been carefully lowered, was dropped into the hole. A moment later a muffled crack rang out. A deep rumbling followed. The earth trembled. An instant later an eight inch stream of water, oil, steam and mud spurted up, carrying away a portion of the top of the rig. Up, it went to a height of 158 feet, and then fell in a spray all around. It was a grand sight that once seen is never forgotten.

Investigation showed that about 12 feet of the top casing had been blown away. This was readjusted and driven down. Water poured into the hole. Experienced persons claimed a very successful shot, although the productivity of the well will not be known until it is pumped a few days later.

The cost of shooting a well alone is estimated at \$150 so it may be known that prospecting for oil is not always done for fun.

A reasonable amount of excitement and a large amount of interest is being manifested in the field which is limited to Knox township. No oil has been shipped as yet. Certainly no big producers have been brought in yet, but it must be remembered that testing is in the embryonic state. The general opinion is that a fair sized pool of oil exists some where in the field and lucky will be the man who strikes it. The condition of things at present precludes any roseate accounts but it is not amiss to say that the territory now being tested in Knox township may, at a not far distant date, attract the attention of big oil operators throughout the country. The meager prospecting so far, with the fine results attained, have been sufficient to enhance the price of real estate in that vicinity.

OHIO BIG FOUR.

Correspondent Says That There Will Be Some Opposition to the Slate.

The correspondent of the Cleveland Plain Dealer sends the following from Columbus that makes a good story whether there is a good deal of the pipe about it or not:

The story is current among politicians in Columbus today that an organization has been perfected among certain factions of the Democrats of the state against the McLean "big four" which the Washington boss anticipates, will drive Bryan out of presidential politics. McLean's "big four" consists of presumptuous delegates-at-large to the national Democratic convention. It is said that McLean hopes to get himself with John Wetly of Stark county, Saleo of Farley of Cuyahoga, and George W. Hull of Toledo, appointed as delegates-at-large and by combination with eastern Democrats to put up a sufficient stiff bluff to induce Bryan to withdraw in favor of Dewey next fall.

Harry Wilson, of Cleveland, who is in Columbus today, is authority for the statement that the intentions of McLean have been known for some time and that an opposition "big four" has been named, consisting of James Kilbourne, A. W. Patrick, Gen. Warner and Gen. Sherwood, or possibly Mayor Tafel, of Cincinnati. It is expected that McLean can carry through his schemes in a few such counties as Hamilton

and Montgomery but elsewhere, according to the statement of Wilson, who claims to have been over the ground, strong opposition will be met. The Ishmaelites of Cuyahoga county will take an active part to secure the election of delegates-at-large favorable to Bryan.

WINNERS OF PREMIUMS.

(Continued from page three.)

Table listing winners of premiums for various categories like 'Set, 12 plates, Mrs. T. P. Paxson', 'Set, 6 cups and saucers, Mrs. T. P. Paxson', etc.

Table for 'CLASS NO. 35.—EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT. Orations.' listing winners like 'By boy or girl under 21 years of age, Mary Begue'.

Table for 'Essays.' listing winners like 'On any educational topic, by teacher or pupil of any age, Trone Hang'.

Table for 'Reading at Sight.' listing winners like 'By boy or girl between 10 and 16 years of age, Daisy Chapman'.

Table for 'Declamation.' listing winners like 'By boy or girl between 16 and 21 years of age, Orpha Coy'.

Table for 'Spelling.' listing winners like 'By boy or girl between 16 and 21 years of age, Gold-En Wilkin'.

Table for 'High Schools, best set of not fewer than 20 specimens of not fewer than 4 lines each, Canton High School'.

Table for 'Grammar Schools, best set of not fewer than 20 specimens of not less than 4 lines each, Canton Grammar Schools'.

Table for 'Primary Schools, best set of not fewer than 20 specimens of not less than 4 lines each, Canton Primary Schools'.

Table for 'CLASS NO. 35.—DRAWING.' listing winners like 'High School, best set of not fewer than 16 drawings, Canton High School'.

Table for 'CLASS NO. 36.—MERCHANDISE DEPARTMENT.' listing winners like 'Clothing, F. D. Ligget & Son'.

Table for 'CLASS NO. 37.—MACHINERY DEPARTMENT.' listing winners like 'Bucher & Gibbs, Plows, Harrows, etc., The Bucher & Gibbs Plow Co.'

Table for 'CLASS NO. 38.—MACHINERY DEPARTMENT.' listing winners like 'Artificial Ice & Storage Co., Artificial Ice & Storage Co.'

Table for 'CLASS NO. 39.—MACHINERY DEPARTMENT.' listing winners like 'Princess Plow Co., Plows, Harrows and Farming Implements, Princess Plow Co.'

Table for 'CLASS NO. 40.—MACHINERY DEPARTMENT.' listing winners like 'Wilmot Buggy Co., Manufacturers of Buggies, Surries, etc., Wilmot Buggy Co.'

Table for 'CLASS NO. 41.—MACHINERY DEPARTMENT.' listing winners like 'Charles Archer, Carriages, Surries, etc., Charles E. Archer'.

Table for 'CLASS NO. 42.—MACHINERY DEPARTMENT.' listing winners like 'Canton Buggy Co., Manufacturers Carriages, Surries, etc., Canton Buggy Co.'

Table for 'CLASS NO. 43.—MACHINERY DEPARTMENT.' listing winners like 'Alliance Review, Mrs. Annie George, of Canton, acquitted of shooting the late George D. Saxton, visited at Hanover last week'.

Table for 'CLASS NO. 44.—MACHINERY DEPARTMENT.' listing winners like 'Mrs. Anna E. George Displays Her Ability to Handle a Gun.'

Table for 'CLASS NO. 45.—MACHINERY DEPARTMENT.' listing winners like 'Alliance Review, Mrs. Annie George, of Canton, acquitted of shooting the late George D. Saxton, visited at Hanover last week'.

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DECEMBER MEETING

Of the Stark County Horticultural Society Held at the Infirmary.

The closing meeting of the Stark County Horticultural Society was held on Wednesday, December 20th, at the Stark County Infirmary, in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Lichtenwalter, who demonstrated that they not only know how to take care of the county's poor and needy, but that when our society needs a home for a day this county institution is a good place to go. The Infirmary Directors were present, and Director Bixler acted as floor manager and was a valuable aid to our host and hostess in managing the large company present.

President Hayhurst called the meeting to order at 11 o'clock a. m., had the minutes of the October and November meetings read, appointed S. H. Rockhill and W. B. Shanafelt Committee on Membership and A. R. Hanna, C. W. Faust and P. J. Palmer on Nomenclature.

Mr. John F. Roth brought up the subject of printing the report for next year, and dinner being announced, the society adjourned until 1 o'clock.

Convened again, the Secretary read a request from Secretary Farnsworth, of the State society, asking for a brief report of the work of our society for the year, for publication in the State report.

Clayton Holl read the following essay, which was commented on by Messrs. Wise, Faust and McGregor, each emphasizing some points brought forward in the essay.

DUTIES OF THE HORTICULTURIST.

First in the line of horticulture is proper planting of all seeds, plants, trees and shrubs. How many failures do we see, especially in planting fruit trees? The most common is leaving about all the top originally belonging to the tree, too deep or too shallow setting, improper pruning, etc. True, the condition of the soil and climatic changes may cause failure also. These being beyond our control, but can be relieved to some extent by proper attention. Another greatly neglected duty is the proper feeding or manuring and cultivation of soil among our fruit and orchard trees. While I do not advocate continued cultivation in well established orchards or fruit gardens, possibly mulching with any coarse litter or manure to break the stiff sod is preferable to too much cultivation. The growing of clover and other legumes occasionally I believe beneficial. Other duties may be necessary. Spraying properly attended has, it seems, done a vast amount of good. But as scientific investigation advances we are somewhat at sea as how to proceed. The latest theory is that the trouble lurks in the leaves, and that these must be destroyed or spraying may do no good. Seemingly a plausible theory, as you are aware that spraying properly done according to experiment station instructions has at times been a failure. But now what of all this? These matters have all been discussed before at our meetings. Our duty is plain—only by oft repetition and study do we learn. Is it not a fact that by being reminded from time to time that which you may even know, that you will enforce the same and more nearly fulfill your duty? These are the benefits of organized bodies, the coming together in social intercourse, commingling our thoughts and receiving such instruction pertaining to horticulture. These are the benefits presented by the Stark County Horticultural Society. Why should interest lag and attendance wane? Fellow laborers, in the cause of horticulture, come and be with us, receive such inspiration at our hands each month during the year that will enable you to grow better crops on your farms, more and better fruit to eat, and to sell so as to remunerate you more than tenfold.

And now, another duty more important than all, that we receive at the hands of our law-making power, our Legislature, such enactments as will prevent the spread of San Jose scale and other insect pests from foreign countries. These, you all admit, are wise and judicious laws and should have our full support. Furthermore, let us retrace our steps to one year ago. Have we added to our horticultural knowledge that which the conditions of the times demand? New ideas have sprung up. Has horticulture received its share of inspiration? Have we gained by the new conditions? Has agriculture, the foundation rock of our beloved country, had its share of the uplifted conditions? Commercial and industrial combination after combination has sprung up during the year in the interest of trade, and cheapening of products, so they tell us. Is it true? What has horticulture to do with all this? What have agricultural industries to say to these conditions? Nothing. We all sit idly by and look on. Is it not time we arouse ourselves to the emergency of the hour and demand that horticulture and agriculture shall share in the uplifted conditions? Do not console yourselves that all's well because we are in the majority, the conditions are existing and consequences must be met sooner or later regardless of who is in the majority. Let us be on our guard as horticulturists in the interests of the common people. Let us enter with renewed vigor the new year approaching, with zeal to better our condition in hor-

ticulture and all the great questions of the day. CLAYTON HOLL.

Query: What was the most profitable apple and most prolific this year? Mr. Krider says for money value it is two to one in favor of the Ben Davis, but this depends somewhat on the locality.

Mr. Holl thinks the Baldwin most prolific in this county. Mr. Wise asks: "Is it not a fact that the scab and moth cause fruit to prematurely ripen and rot?"

Mr. Holl thinks that weather conditions and want of fertility have much to do with defective and rotting apples, and urges fertilizing the orchard.

P. J. Palmer, committee on orchards, reports the trees in good condition.

NOMENCLATURE OF FRUIT.

We find one apple brought by S. H. Rockhill for name. It is the Flushing Spitzenberg.

One by Mr. Shanafelt, a dark bluish apple, a stranger to all of us, very solid and looks like a good keeper. P. J. Palmer has one we cannot name. M. BITZER.

FLOWER REPORT.

The only flowers on the table are exhibited by C. W. Faust. The display is composed of forty varieties of cut flowers. Among them are carnations, ferns, salvia, geraniums, asparagus vine, mar guerites, begonia, callally, agaratum, chrysanthemum, devil cactus, roses, smilax and umbrella palm.

ALFARETTA SAYLER.

APPLES AND PEARS.

Your committee finds the following varieties of apples on exhibition: Mr. S. H. Rockhill, of Canton, shows three varieties, viz.: Belleflower, Rambo and Blair, and a Lawrence pear.

C. A. Krider, of Massillon, ten varieties, as follows: Mann, Baldwin, Baltimore, Ohio Pippin, Canada Red, Romanite, Golden Pippin, Tullpohocken and Rome Beauty.

M. Bitzer, of New Berlin, exhibits Canada Red, Baldwin, Lady Sweet, Culp, Grimes Golden and Ben Davis.

C. W. Faust, Canton, has two varieties—Grimes Golden and Cinderella.

P. J. Palmer, of McDonaldsville, displays Grindstone, Belleflower and Grimes Golden.

Clayton Holl shows the following varieties: Stark, Rambo, Baldwin, Ben Davis, Tullpohocken, Canada Red and Grimes Golden.

The display is very large, exceptionally fine and a credit to the exhibitors. H. H. AULFATHER. J. P. ROTH.

Your committee find one sample of potato by C. W. Faust for name. Committee cannot name it. Sample Bovee potato, fair specimen; also fair specimen Sir Walter Raleigh, exhibited by Mr. C. Holl. Fine sample Grand Rapids lettuce by C. W. Faust.

D. F. HELMAN. W. W. WISE. D. L. BUFFEMYER.

Your committee on co-operation with the State society for the encouragement of horticultural interest among children having learned that the proposed movement for the gratuitous distribution of plants and seeds has been withdrawn by the State society, therefore ask that the committee be discharged.

A. R. HANNA. JOHN ROTH. SAM'Y H. ROCKHILL.

By a vote of the society the committee was discharged. The question of printing was taken up.

On motion, the Executive Committee was authorized to close a contract with the Roller Printing Company for print-reports and cards for next year.

RENEWALS.

M. Bitzer, New Berlin. C. A. Krider, Massillon. J. W. Pontius, Canton. D. L. Buffemyer, Canton. Watson Wise, Canton. John F. Roth, Canton. J. C. Lichtenwalter, Canton.

The Committee on Nominations reported, and the following were elected as officers for the year 1900: President—W. B. Shanafelt. Vice President—Joseph T. Hayhurst. Secretary—Mrs. Margaret Rockhill. Treasurer—David Helman. Executive Committee—John F. Roth, Clayton Holl, C. W. Faust.

Mr. Charles A. Krider rendered Will Carleton's "Over the Hills from the Poor House" feelingly, and the meeting adjourned to meet at the residence of Major A. Vignos, Canton, on the third Wednesday in January.

JOSEPH T. HAYHURST, Pres. MARGARET ROCKHILL, Sec'y.

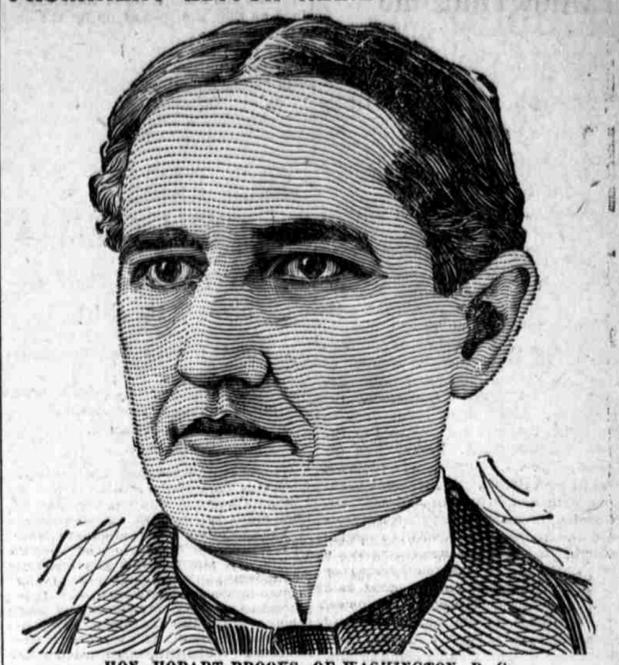
Messrs. Christ Zimmer and John Seery, of this city, went to Carrollton, Sunday, to begin the construction of a new bridge at that place.

WANTED—Honest man or woman to travel for large house; salary \$68 monthly and expenses, with increase; position permanent; inclose self-addressed stamped envelope. MANAGER, 822 East 12th St., Chicago.

Notice of Appointment. The undersigned has been duly appointed executor of the estate of John Gurak, late of Stark County, Ohio, deceased. Dated the 31st day of December, 1899. HENRY W. HOSSLER, Executor.

NOTICE. I hereby notify all persons that I am not a member of the firm of the Grantsto Paying Company and have not been for the two past years. CHARLES H. LIND.

PROMINENT EDITOR RELIEVED BY PERUNA.



HON. HOBART BROOKS, OF WASHINGTON, D. C.

Hon. Hobart Brooks, editor and owner of the Washington "Capital," 1593 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., in a recent letter to Dr. Hartman says:

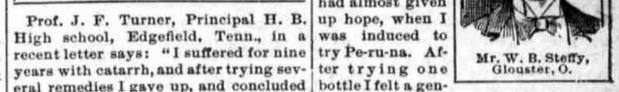
"Dear Sir—It is with great pleasure that I can testify as to the merits of Peruna. After suffering over a year with catarrh I began taking Peruna. I took one bottle, and so great was the effect that I rapidly recovered and am now enjoying good health. To all who suffer from debility of any kind I recommend Peruna as a most valuable tonic. Hobart Brooks.

for those suffering with catarrh. I do not hesitate to recommend it. Before I had used one bottle I noticed a great change in myself, and four bottles cured me entirely. I would not be without Peruna for any consideration.

The reason so many people get chronic catarrh is, the disease gets firmly established before it is recognized. They fool themselves by calling it some other name than its proper one—catarrh. When people get acute catarrh they call it a cold. If they have acute nasal catarrh it is called coryza. Endemic catarrh they call influenza, and epidemic catarrh they name la grippe. When the catarrh reaches the throat it is called tonsillitis, or laryngitis. Catarrh of the bronchial tubes is called bronchitis; catarrh of the lungs consumption. Any internal remedy that will cure catarrh in one location will cure it in any other location. This is why Peruna has become so justly famous in the cure of catarrhal diseases. It cures catarrh wherever located. Its cures remain. Peruna does not palliate; it cures.

Mr. W. B. Steffy, Glouster, O., writes: "I was afflicted with hereditary catarrh, and grew worse as I grew older, until my whole system seemed affected. After trying many doctors and different positive (?) cures, I had almost given up hope, when I was induced to try Peruna. After trying one bottle I felt a general strengthening of my system and after a few months' use of Peruna I was cured. That was two years ago. I use Peruna every spring, so as to get my system in good shape for the summer."

For a free book address Dr. Hartman, Columbus, Ohio.



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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that a petition will be presented to the commissioners of Stark county, at their meeting to be held at Canton, Ohio, on the 15th day of January, 1900, praying for the establishment of a public road along the following route, viz: Beginning at the south-west corner of the north west quarter of section 25, Township 11, and Range 8, and running thence north on the west line of section 25, and section 24 to the intersection of the public road at the Wearster school house in said township.

HARLEY E. SMITH, By A. U. Bordner, his attorney. Published for four weeks in Stark County Democrat, beginning December 15, 1899.

Farm at Private Sale. I desire to retire and offer my farm in Osburg township

Containing 79 1/2 Acres of Well Improved Land

At private sale. A four foot vein of coal underlies said farm. Good build ings, fruit, timber, etc., and plenty of water. This is one of the best farms in Osburg township. For particulars call upon

Jesse Zartman, Two miles east of Osburg, on the State Road. 15gm-wkly

FARMERS! We pay the highest market prices for Corn, Oats and Baled goods at the

Artificial Ice & Storage Co. 825 to 835 Navarre St., CANTON, O.

Dealers in Feed, Flour, Lime and Cement.

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As all afflicted readers may have \$2.50 worth of treatment especially prepared for their case, FREE, with full directions, we would advise them to send for it at once. Address Dr. Franklin Miles, State and Adams streets, Chicago, Ill.