

A STEAMER WRECKED

San Benito Runs Aground Near Point Arena.

FIVE OF THE CREW DROWNED, AND 27 OTHERS IN PERIL.

It is supposed the Captain Lost His Bearings Owing to the Thick Weather—Doubtful if the Men in the Rigging Can Be Saved—Men Have Gone to the Rescue.

San Francisco, Nov. 22.—The Southern Pacific Railway company's steamer collier San Benito, which left Tacoma for San Francisco on Thursday last, with a coal cargo of 5,000 tons and a crew of 43 men, was driven ashore early this morning two miles north of Point Arena by a heavy gale. Five of the crew were drowned, ten others were picked up by the steamer Point Arena and the captain and 27 men are clinging to the rigging, with slight hope of their being saved. The vessel will be a total loss.

The drowned are: O. W. Scott, first assistant engineer; F. Condon, second assistant engineer; M. Pendergast, fireman; M. Sheridan, mess boy, and one seaman.

On the steamer Point Arena are Chief Engineer J. W. Wood and nine others, whose names cannot be learned. Captain William Smith is lashed to the crew's nest of his vessel, and encouraging those about him not to give up hope.

The personnel of the crew follows: Captain William Smith, Chief Officer R. Zolling, Second Officer J. Swan, Third Officer C. Zile, seamen, A. White, G. Johnson, C. Blumberg, C. Jansen, J. Perry, J. Benson, J. A. Barclay, O. S. Semens, N. Nilson, H. Fehm, T. E. Foster, Chief Cook J. W. Wilson, Second Chief Cook J. J. Wilson, Mess Boy M. Sheridan, Waiters: C. Meyers, J. Wood, First Assistant O. V. Scott, Second Assistant C. Condon, Third Assistant T. Cleary, Water tenders: J. McKean, J. Ward; Storekeeper W. S. Sloan, Firemen: J. McDavid, D. Fahey, M. Pendergast, G. S. Christopher, J. Reilly, E. Fabery, H. Jackson, J. Walsh. Coal passers: C. Brown, N. Leyva, W. Sheehan, N. Fitzgerald, M. Fernandez, M. Kelley.

The San Benito encountered a heavy southeast gale, with a driving rain when off Point Arena, and it is supposed that Captain Smith lost his bearings owing to the thick weather. When the vessel struck, an effort was made to launch the boats. The first one, containing First Engineer Scott and his companions, was capsized and all were drowned. The second boat, in command of Chief Engineer Wood with nine others on board, was more successful, and kept afloat until picked up by the steamer Point Arena.

The other boats were dashed to pieces after leaving the davits, and those on board were obliged to take to the rigging for safety, as heavy seas were breaking over the decks and the collier, gradually settling down upon the rocks, broke in two amidships. The Point Arena was unable to approach the wreck on account of the high seas running, and no assistance could be rendered from shore as the collier was fully an eighth of a mile from the nearest point of land. A life saving crew with a rocket gun was summoned from Point Arena station but the gun would not carry far enough to reach the wreck. The wrecker Whitelaw left San Francisco tonight for the scene but it is doubtful if those on board the San Benito can withstand the beating of the waves until succor reaches them.

The San Benito was a steel screw steamer of 3,750 tons, built on the Clyde in 1884 and first known as the Kimberly. Subsequently it was renamed at Newport News and renamed the San Benito, being purchased by the Southern Pacific.

At 3 o'clock, the steamer Weott came up and after trying to assist, found she could do nothing, so steamed back to the port at Point Arena and landed her gun for throwing life-lines, which was started overland at once to the scene of the disaster. The watchers on shore tried to send a line over the wreck by shooting from shotguns and rifles, but without success. After the vessel parted just about the smoke stack and about midships the stern portion swung around and drifted to within 500 feet of the beach, while the forward section, to which the crew were clinging, turned broadside to the sea and then remained stationary. A huge wave washed three sailors from the mainmast, two of them sinking, and the third being dragged ashore by the life-saving crew, more dead than alive. After dark great bonfires were lighted on shore, and by the glare from them could be seen the poor seamen struggling to retain their hold in the rigging, continually drenched by foaming waves. The sea is not running quite so high but is still rough enough to prevent any attempt at rescue by means of small boats.

The scene is heartrending. Men, women and children have remained on the beach since daylight without eating. Kind-hearted farmers brought provisions and milk for all, though none cared to touch a morsel. Men were shouting, women wringing their hands and crying, everyone trying to do or suggest something, but all of no avail.

The men who have been rescued can give no definite cause for the ship's getting so far out of her course, and all questioning will only bring the same answer, "I don't know."

Captain Smith and his officers, except the chief engineer, who is on the Point Arena, are still on the wreck, and until they can be seen nothing definite can be learned.

Farmers who heard the steamer whistling for help say they plainly saw the headlight of the steamer and the light from the lighthouse. One of the firemen says the first officer was on

the bridge, and that Captain Smith was below when the steamer struck, but until the excitement is over nothing can be definitely known.

BUTTE'S GRIDIRON GIANTS.

They Do Up the Iowa Team in a Trice.

Butte, Mont., Nov. 22.—A game of football between the home team and Ames college of Iowa this afternoon resulted in favor of Butte by a score of 22 to 6. The visitors were clearly outclassed and the game, which was played in snow, was altogether one-sided.

MODEST MR. TIMBERLAKE.

He Objects to Bloomers, Tights and Shirt Waists.

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 22.—Representative Timberlake introduced a bill into the general assembly yesterday seeking to make it unlawful for any woman to wear any article of men's clothing or any costume that appeals to the passions of men. The bill specifically prohibits the wearing of bloomers, tights, divided skirts and shirt waists.

ATTEMPTED ARSON.

Cripple Creek Hotel Has a Narrow Escape.

Cripple Creek, Colo., Nov. 22.—An attempt was made early yesterday to burn the Travelers' Home, a hotel in Oldtown. That the fire was of incendiary origin was proven by the fact that oil had been scattered about the building. The hotel was not badly damaged, as the flames were quickly discovered. There were between 15 and 20 people asleep in the hotel at the time.

JEM MACE IN NEW YORK.

Believes He Will Win the Fight With Mike Donovan.

New York, Nov. 22.—Among those who arrived today from Europe on the Cunard steamer Ecurria was Jem Mace, the retired champion boxer of the world. Mace, who looked the picture of health, said he was as well prepared to do battle as ever. He expresses himself as confident of winning the six two-minute rounds he will fight with Mike Donovan on Dec. 14. Mace, 45 years of age, became the champion boxer of the world by defeating Sam Hurst in England many years ago.

CO-OPERATIVE PLAN.

Kansas People May Adopt Uthmanian Ideas.

Topeka, Nov. 22.—The Populists of Kansas have advocated co-operation ever since the organization of their party, but nothing which has heretofore been proposed equals in magnitude the proposition of Chairman John W. Residential, of the state central committee, to locate a colony in Crawford county and start an immense farming industry, a mining camp, several factories and a great department store. It is proposed that 1,000 men contribute \$100 each, making a fund of \$100,000, on which it is believed the colony can begin business. The scheme is to take unemployed men into the colony and allow them to become part owners of the property. A body of land comprising about 2,000 acres in Crawford county has been selected as a location and an option taken. Already 200 men have been found ready to go into the scheme. It is claimed that work will be commenced next spring.

A Musical Crash.

Eric, Pa., Nov. 22.—Gilmore's hand baggag car, containing all the musical instruments of the company, was run into here today by a fast train on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad. The baggage car was crushed, and the instruments piled up in the wreck. Victor Herbert's famous \$5,000 violin case was badly damaged. The instruments belonging to the others were so badly damaged that they could not be used at the concert this evening. Engineer John Brown of the fast train jumped and was seriously injured.

A Chicago "Fence."

Chicago, Nov. 22.—Louis Harter and his wife were arrested at their home, 391 S. Broadway, this evening, and the police found about \$800 worth of stolen property concealed in the house. Most of it had been taken from the big department stores on State street, and the police believe that the prisoners have been conducting a "fence" for other thieves.

A Steamer Sunk.

Memphis, Nov. 22.—The steamer City of Okaloosa sank at Craig's Head point, 60 miles above here, at 7 o'clock today. All of the passengers and crew were saved without difficulty. The cause of the catastrophe was a hidden wreck which the steamer struck while making a landing.

Captain of the Harvards.

Philadelphia, Nov. 22.—Before returning to Cambridge, the members of the Harvard football team who played in the Princeton and Pennsylvania games met and unanimously elected Norman Cabot of the present junior class, captain for the next season.

A Kentucky Tragedy.

Mayfield, Ky., Nov. 22.—T. B. Baker today shot his wife and then himself, both dying instantly. They separated some time ago, and Mrs. Baker had sued for divorce. It is supposed this provoked the tragedy.

Will Start Up Today.

Niagara Falls, Nov. 22.—The Hydraulic Power and Manufacturing company's new electric power plant will be started for the first time tomorrow. Invitations have been sent to a large number of prominent people.

All is Serene.

New York, Nov. 22.—A special cable to the Herald from San Juan de Puerto Rico says: The utmost quiet prevails here. There is no sign of trouble in the islands.

Hamburg Dock Laborers Strike.

Hamburg, Nov. 22.—The strike of dock laborers, which was inaugurated yesterday, gives promise of becoming extensive by the addition of men from other branches of the shipping trade.

CAUGHT THIS BURGLAR

Fred Wolf Went Through Two Houses to His Sorrow.

GOT \$2.70 AND POLICE GOT EVIDENCE TO CONVICT HIM.

Another Star Capture—Credit Due to Officer Roberts—Inside of an Hour and a Half Two Houses Were Entered and the Burglar Was in the Hands of the Law—How It All Occurred.

"Fred Wolf, nationally German, offense burglary, officers making the arrest, Roberts and Hilton."

The above was the first item for Sunday on the register at police headquarters. It gives the official record of another exceedingly clever capture of one of the principal actors in the criminal operations that have been going on to an alarming extent of late and the most pleasing thing in connection with the arrest is the fact that there is no doubt about the man's guilt and hence that there is no question but he will get his deserts.

The circumstances which contributed



FRED WOLF, BURGLAR.

to the capture occurred between 1:30 and 2 o'clock yesterday morning. At the former hour the residence of Thomas F. Tolhurst at 745 West North Temple, was entered by a burglar. Immediately thereafter the house of E. E. Bartlett, at 632 West South Temple, was also entered and by the latter hour the burglar was in the hands of the law.

At the hour first mentioned Mrs. Tolhurst was awakened by the sound of a door slamming. She called to her son and he, wakening, saw the retreating form of an intruder and sprang out of bed and seized his revolver. He gave chase to the burglar who, however, made good his escape. Mr. Tolhurst then proceeded immediately to the police station and reported. In a few minutes Officers Roberts and Hilton went on their way to the scene. Officer Roberts and Mr. Tolhurst proceeded out South Temple to Third West and then took the Union Pacific tracks to North Temple, while Officer Hilton took another route.

As the former reached North Temple, a switch engine stood across the street and in making a detour around it Officer Roberts spied a man walking west and acting strangely. As soon as he saw the officer he started to run back toward the train and jumped through between the cars. The officer followed and as he landed on the opposite side he drew down his gun and ordered the fellow to stop.

"What are you doing here?" inquired the officer. The man replied that he was there to catch the Rio Grande Western train to Leadville. The officer knew at once the man was lying and told him he guessed he would take him to the hall and inquire into his case. The three started for the station, the officers walking beside the prisoner and Mr. Tolhurst following. They had gone only about half a block when the prisoner dropped something and Mr. Tolhurst stooping down to pick it up, found a .38-calibre Smith & Wesson revolver.

At that the officer stopped to search his prisoner and found a number of 28 cartridges and \$2.70 in his pocket. The fellow denied having thrown the gun away but when the officer asked him why he had not thrown away the cartridges also, he saw he was caught and replied "because I didn't get a chance." The amount of money he had corresponded with that secured from Mr. Tolhurst and they felt sure they had the burglar and booked him on that charge.

Yesterday morning Officer Roberts and Sergeant Burbridge took the man's shoes and went down to the Tolhurst home. They found that they fitted exactly into the imprints made in the soft ground by the burglar whom they tracked from the Tolhurst's directly to the house where the second burglary occurred and in the operation learned the details of a job which had it been accompanied by a little more success would have enriched the evil doer to the extent of several hundred dollars and made two families that much poorer. The circumstances were these:

The burglar entered the Tolhurst residence by a kitchen window and after exploring the lower floor proceeded up stairs. There were evidences pointing to this fact. He had left the window open and had opened the back door to clear the way for a hasty escape and that fact was his undoing. The open door and window created a draught and when he entered the room of the son the door blew shut. The noise awakened Mrs. Tolhurst, as stated, and when she called to her son the burglar took fright and started to escape.

He had evidently but just entered the room and was in the act of going through the son's trousers, and when he started to run he took them with him. He could not have been in the room long, as Mr. Tolhurst's gun laid

on the stand at the head of the bed and had not been disturbed by the burglar. In the pockets of the trousers was an amount of change which Mr. Tolhurst informed the police was about \$3. Mr. Tolhurst pursued the intruder to the door but lost sight of him and then made haste to report.

In making their investigation yesterday morning the officers tracked the robber through open lots in which the ground was soft, to South Temple street and then to the house of E. E. Bartlett at No. 632. There they found the house had been entered through a dining room window and a survey of the parlor made before the upper floor was investigated. Here Mrs. Bartlett was awakened by hearing the grating of matches and then she heard the sound of trying to unlock a secretary which stood in the room. The fellow struck it matches and then gave up the effort to get into the secretary and proceeded up stairs. Mrs. Bartlett heard the footsteps, and supposing it was a member of the household spoke to the maid but received no reply. Then she got up and closed the door of her room, and in doing so shut in the face of the burglar, who had his hand on the door knob. The burglar took fright and made his escape without getting anything.

Both families were exceedingly lucky, as in a trunk in Mr. Tolhurst's room was \$150, and the trunk unlocked, and in Mrs. Bartlett's room, in the dresser, was \$100 and a quantity of valuable jewelry. Mr. Tolhurst's trousers were carried about 20 rods from the house and thrown aside and recovered in the morning.

When Detective Sheets arrived at police headquarters yesterday morning and took a look at the prisoner, he recognized him at once as a well-known criminal who had been arrested in 1894 for trying to enter the house of a Mr. Phillips on Second East street. Turning to the rogue's gallery the man's picture was found together with the confirmatory evidences of the good memory of the detective. At that time the officers did not have a very good case against the man and he got off with 75 days for trespass.

The fact that he did not attempt to take anything but money or valuables easy to dispose of, convinces Chief Pratt that he is the man who did the jobs on Sixth South and other similar ones in which money was clearly the thing sought.

The burglar will have a hearing today.

MONTANA'S FIGURES.

"Apostle of Prosperity" Fairly Buried By Votes.

Butte, Mont., Nov. 22.—Official returns on the late election have been received from all the counties in Montana and give Bryan 43,638 votes; McKinley 10,490; Charles S. Hartman, (Silver Republican) for congress, 31,003; O. F. Goddard (McKinley Republican) 9,846; Robert Smith (Fusion) candidate for governor, 34,695; A. C. Botkin (Republican for governor) 14,994. McKinley had a majority in only two counties, Chester and Dawson.

INDIANA.

Official Canvass of the Vote to Take Place Today.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 22.—The election tabulations and footings are all ready for the official canvass of the vote, which takes place tomorrow. These footings show the total vote at the last election to have been 637,250. They show the following pluralities, all for Republicans: McKinley, for president, 17,978; Mount, for governor, 26,177; Haggard, for lieutenant-governor, 21,673; Okden, for secretary of state, 25,955; Dally, for auditor of state, 19,828; Scholz, for treasurer of state, 27,118; Ketcham, for attorney-general, 20,826.

TYPOGRAPHICAL TROUBLES.

Kansas City the Scene of the Latest Disturbance.

Kansas City, Nov. 22.—The job printing offices of this city will become "open" offices, the Typographical union at a meeting this afternoon refusing to declare the boycott against Hudson & Kimberly off, as required by the local typothetae. There will be no general walk out, but in every office where a non-union man is put to work, the union printers will quit. The controversy over the boycott in the Hudson & Kimberly firm is of long duration and the conclusion reached by both sides makes it certain that a long and hard fight will be made.

HORACE B. SARGENT SUICIDES.

Boston, Nov. 22.—Horace B. Sargent Jr., the well-known Union club man, committed suicide by shooting through the head yesterday in his apartments at No. 3 Spruce street. Despondency caused the act. Mr. Sargent was a bachelor, 49 years old and comes from an old and noted Boston family. His father, General Sargent, is in San Francisco. His sister is the wife of Commander McCall of the United States navy, now stationed at Mare Island.

Newspaper Men Dine.

Philadelphia, Nov. 22.—A dinner was given last night at the Hotel Bellevue to James Rankin Young, the well-known Washington correspondent and for many years executive clerk of the United States senate, and who was recently elected to represent the Fourth district, a portion of this city, in congress. There were 125 participants, all of them engaged in newspaper work.

W. A. Mestayre Dead.

New York, Nov. 22.—After several months' severe illness, W. A. Mestayre died today from Bright's disease. Mr. Mestayre wrote, in conjunction with James Barton Key, "The Tourist in a Pullman Car," which made him quite a fortune, and followed this with several other plays, all of which were more or less successful.

Mr. Peck's Condition.

Washington, Nov. 22.—George R. Peck, the general counsel of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, who was recently badly injured by falling down the elevator shaft at the Shoreham, was tonight resting somewhat easier. It will be some time before Mr. Peck will be in a condition to be moved.

TRAIN WRECKERS WORK

Attempt to Derail and Rob U. P. Passenger Train.

OCCURRED NEAR KAYSVILLE

FASTENED TWO RAILS SECURELY ACROSS THE TRACK.

Railway Officials Warned and Averted What Otherwise Would Have Been a Horrible Wreck—Superintendent Young Thinks It Was the Work of Some Irresponsible Fellows and Not For Robbery—Three Arrests, but Doubtful if the Right Parties Have Been Found.

Kaysville, Utah, Nov. 22.—An effort was made to wreck the Union Pacific north-bound passenger train tonight about midway between this place and Farmington. The plot was not successful owing to the railroad people getting wind of the designs and notifying the crew to keep a sharp watch. The crew to keep a sharp watch. The train left here at 6:30 p. m. and ran slowly until they reached the point where two rails were laid across the track and fastened there. Had not the plot been discovered a fearful wreck would have resulted. The place selected was nearly a mile from the nearest house and an ideal spot for a robbery. Later it is learned that Farmington officers came out on the 7 o'clock train to the scene of the attempted hold-up and arrested three suspicious characters. It is doubtful if they are the right parties. No definite clues could be obtained tonight.

Ogden, Nov. 22.—The train reached Ogden at 8:45, just 45 minutes late. The passengers knew nothing of the affair until Ogden was reached, the conductor, Mr. Hogan, telling them that there was a freight train ahead. Engineer Hall ran the engine.

It is said that a hand-car with officials on board preceded the train from Salt Lake to the spot where the obstruction was encountered.

SUPT. YOUNG TALKS.

How He Learned of the Plan to Wreck the Train.

Superintendent Joe Young was in the train that went north last night, and returned to this city after he had seen the train safely into Ogden. "I don't think it was any attempt at holding up the train," said Mr. Young to a Herald reporter. "I am inclined to think it was the work of some irresponsible fellows who did not understand the seriousness of what they were doing."

"How did we learn of it in advance?" Well, a gentleman happened to be passing the locality just at dark and heard them drop the rails on the track. He immediately rushed down to the station, notified the agent, who quickly wired us and the precautions were taken.

"No, we have no idea yet as to who the guilty parties are nor what their real object was. In fact we know no more about it at this time than you do, but of course we shall carry the investigation as far as possible."

HE WRECKED A BANK.

Captain Stickle Sent Up For Two Years.

Hebron, Neb., Nov. 22.—Captain J. H. Stickle, for years a leader in politics in central Nebraska, and president of the defunct Blue Valley bank of this place, was last night convicted of wrecking that institution and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary by Judge Hastings. The specific charge of which he was convicted was the embezzlement of \$800 of the bank's funds. Captain Stickle made an unsuccessful race for congress as an independent Republican in the old Second district.

OVER FOUR HUNDRED.

Number of Deserted Wives at Topeka, Kansas.

Chicago, Nov. 22.—A special from Topeka says: The officers of a Topeka charitable institution yesterday made the remarkable statement that there are over 400 deserted wives in this city, and that every day adds to the list of deserted or divorced women who appeal for work or so-called funds with which to buy bread for themselves and help their children in a city of 35,000 inhabitants. The charitable society which has made the investigation that revealed these facts, attribute it to hard times and the general worthlessness of the men. The divorce mill in Topeka is running on steadily. Every week divorces are granted to men and women, incompatibility of temper being the general charge.

THE DINGLEY BILL.

Visiting Congressmen Talk Tariff With McKinley.

Canton, O., Nov. 22.—President-elect McKinley attended divine services this morning without the company of his wife, although he took her for a drive during the early hours of the forenoon. This afternoon at the family dinner Major McKinley said as guests, L. J. Jones, Mrs. McKinley, Mother McKinley, Miss Helen McKinley and a sister of Mrs. Abner McKinley. During the past week many of the visiting congressmen have talked tariff with the president-elect, and the Dingley bill has been the principal burden of the topic. It is said that a majority of the callers agreed that it would not be an easy matter to pass that measure, and that it would be wiser to have an extra session of congress for the purpose of drafting a new tariff law. Major McKinley today said he expected to be in Canton on Thanksgiving day.

Wants to Break the Record.

San Francisco, Nov. 22.—The United States cruiser Philadelphia is coaling and every available inch of space on her

decks is being crowded with fuel. She will probably sail on Monday for Callao, and an attempt will be made to break the record. The ship is just off the dry dock and has received a thorough overhauling. What the reason for haste is cannot be ascertained, but one thing is certain, the Philadelphia will make for Callao without a stop and at a high rate of speed.

ROSE COUGHLIN'S HUSBAND.

He is Very Indignant Over the Story Recently Published.

San Francisco, Nov. 22.—John T. Sullivan, the husband of Rose Couglin, the actress, is now playing in this city at the Alcazar. He is very indignant about the story telegraphed from the east and

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published in a morning paper, that his wife is in destitute circumstances, and explicitly denies the story. Mr. Sullivan says that he has for a long time made his wife weekly remittances of sufficient sums to adequately meet all demands upon her. Mr. Sullivan says it is true that Rose Couglin has lost large sums of money in late years, owing to the heavy expenses incurred in bringing out new plays and to other unfortunate circumstances in connection therewith.

The reporter was also instructed to notify the electric light company and H. L. Driver that he had been detailed to make an inspection of the gas fields and to invite representatives of both parties to accompany him to the wells.

The electric light company was notified the same evening that the reporter would be going out the next day (Sunday) on the dummy train, which left Salt Lake at 1:40 p. m., and it was requested that a representative of the company be sent to accompany him. Mr. Driver was also notified and accepted the invitation. The electric light company did not.

Leaving Salt Lake at the time designated above, The Herald scribe, accompanied by Mr. Driver, arrived at Woodman on schedule time, and it was not long afterwards before the gas fields were reached; and here the reporter was introduced to Mr. L. Drake, who has full charge of the gas wells owned by Driver & Co., and Mr. Drake was instructed to show the reporter everything connected with the wells; to give him the readings of the meters and to assist in every way possible that he might be able to give to the public the true inwardness of the gas business.

A tour of the wells was immediately made, and it was ascertained that there are three wells, owned by Driver & Co., that are flowing at the present time; and the fact was also established that these wells were not taxed to their greatest extent in supplying the electric light company with gas.

The facts and figures on which this article is based are matters of record with the gas company, and the reporter has no hesitancy, whatever, in giving them to the public, which can judge for itself whether or not there has been, or is likely to be, a failure of the gas supply.

The Bryan well, which is owned by Driver & Co., is a new well that was virtually opened on Oct. 25 of this year, and the gauge at this well showed a pressure of 250 pounds; and by this pressure it is not meant that the well is furnishing this amount of gas, but that this is the strength or volume of the well; for, in fact, a very small portion of this volume is turned into the mains of the electric light company.

The Woodman well, also owned by Driver & Co., indicated a pressure of 100 pounds. This well is about 15 months old and has been flowing most of this time. On the 10th of July of this year the well became clogged, but it was opened again on the 24th. On the 17th of September the well clogged again, but on the 11th of November it was again reopened and it has been flowing steadily ever since, and the supply from the well is as great and even greater than ever.

The Johnson well began flowing in September, 1895. It clogged during the month of August, 1896, and was reopened on the 8th of October following and yesterday it showed a pressure of 148 pounds.

The Butler well, also the property of Driver & Co., which has always been a strong well, has been clogged since Aug. 22, but this well is now being reopened and it will not be long before it will be ready for service; and besides these four well the company has three others that have become choked up, but which can easily be reopened at any time.

Arriving at the meter house, where the pipe lines from the three flowing wells already mentioned are connected with the pipe line of the electric company, a glance at the gauge demonstrated the fact that the pressure at that end of the line was 18 pounds.

"How much gas does an 18-pound pressure mean?" asked the reporter.

"We cannot tell by the gauge," answered Mr. Drake. "To find that out it will be necessary to read the meter, which is a Westinghouse proportional,

PLENTY OF NATURAL GAS

Supply Greater Than Ever, But Only a Small Portion of It Used.

A VISIT TO THE WELLS

Time For the Public to Wake Up to the Importance of the Industry

Which is Threatened With Destruction—Leaks Along the Pipe Line and Yet the Pressure Gauge at the Station House in the City Indicates a Greater Supply Than Can Possibly Be Utilized—The Milk in the Cocoanut is Natural Gas at 50c or Artificial Gas at From \$1.25 to \$2 Per Thousand Feet.

The writer was detailed by the management of The Herald Saturday evening to go out to Lake Shore for the purpose of ascertaining