

BIG DEALS IN OIL ARE BEING MADE

In the Illinois Fields, Which West Virginians Are Interested In.

NEARLY MILLION IS PAID For the Properties By Pennsylvania Capitalists And Active Oil Operators.

Oil producing properties in the Illinois fields are changing hands, some very large deals having been consummated within the past two weeks. Up to this time R. M. Jennings, of the well known producing firm of E. H. Jennings & Bros., of Pittsburgh, has been the leading purchaser.

The latest purchase was completed yesterday. The purchase includes all of the holdings of Malloy Bros. & Stewart, and is located in Cumberland and Clark counties. The properties consist of leases on 1,000 acres of proven territory, on which are 62 producing oil wells, having an aggregate production of 1,500 barrels a day. The consideration was \$275,000. The leases have not been tested, but the wells have not been producing to their full capacity on account of the inability of the pipe line to handle the oil.

Just prior to the purchase of this property, Mr. Jennings made a large purchase when he acquired the holdings of the Jamison Oil Co., paying for it \$500,000. This property lies in Clark county and consists of leases on 5,994 acres, on which are 34 producing wells, having a total daily production of 1,500 barrels. Like the other property, most of the wells are shut in. It has all been tested and is known to be productive.

The Jamison Oil Co. is comprised of Pittsburgh and West Virginia operators.

At the time the last named property was acquired a number of other smaller properties were purchased, bringing the aggregate of the investment very close to a million dollars. It is reported that Mr. Jennings has secured options on other valuable properties in the field.

There is considerable speculation as to what Mr. Jennings intends doing with the property. While he is non-committal on the subject, it is presumed the purchase has been made for either the Pure Oil Co. or the Pure Oil Producing Co. Mr. Jennings is president and general manager of the latter as well as general manager of the Producers and Refiners Pipe Line Co.

OFFICERS OF THE NEW ASSOCIATION

The West Virginia Game and Fish Protective Association elected its first officers before the close of its initial meeting in the assembly room of the Waldo hotel Wednesday afternoon. They are: Andrew Price, of Marlinton, president; W. A. Vance, of Clarksburg, vice president; Deputy Game Warden Merrick, of Cabell county, vice president; John Alexander, of Pocahontas county, vice president; Dr. King, of Westonsburg, secretary; L. C. Crile, Clarksburg, secretary. The constitution adopted provides for the election of a vice president from each county in the state. Other vice presidents will be elected at the next meeting, which will be the first Monday in May at a place to be designated by the president.

GOING TO VIEW MEXICAN MINES

A. P. Gladden will leave for Clarksburg Friday, where he will join an excursion to Chihuahua, Mexico, where they go to investigate the copper mines recently purchased by Mr. Carnahan, of Canton, O. These mines have been producers in the native way, for several years. Since operation has begun by Americans they have found large paying ore. Alvin Bassel, W. W. Jamison and others will be in the party from Clarksburg. The party expects to return by Christmas.

Rev. R. B. McDanel went to Shinnston Thursday to conclude the funeral rites of Mrs. Emily J. Righter.

CONSUMER ANSWERS

Editors Telegram: A Mr. Merchant has taken it upon himself to rush likewise into print and make a reply to our article of the 13th, saying some things in his defense that appear so ludicrous that we are constrained to come forth again.

Let us first reply to where he says we have lots to learn about the retail business. We are ready to confess that we know very little about the retail business, especially after the experienced and scrupulously honest merchant has almost called us a fool, for thinking he ought to be satisfied with any thing less than from 60 to 100 per cent profit, or in other words allow him less than the trifling profit of one dollar on a barrel of sweet potatoes when he should have a right to charge the customer with a month's rent, light, gas and clerk hire on each barrel of potatoes. Because some pinched-faced landlord raises the rent on the merchant it is no reason why the customer should be sandbagged and his pocket-book disemboweled by a pair of computing scales every time he steps into a grocery.

We will say here, returning the compliment, to this particular merchant when he says that he has to pay a cent a pound for cabbage that he is not an experienced buyer and if he will come around we will buy for him some cabbage at \$11.00 per ton; and when he says he sells sweet potatoes for twenty-five cents a peck he is not posted in what his neighbors are doing who sell at 35 cents a peck. Also the same when selling buckwheat at four cents a pound when the rest are selling at five cents a pound.

We believe, if he would put an advertisement in the paper and show that he is making, according to his own figures, only sixty-six and two-third per cent profit on sweet potatoes, only 100 percent profit on cabbage and only 60 per cent profit on buckwheat, in fact selling so much cheaper than his neighbors that the customers would flock into his store so thickly he would not have time in the morning to move half his stock on the side walk where the dogs sniff around his green goods.

We heard a certain gentleman, after reading Merchant's article, say that he did not know it was so bad until the merchant confessed to what we charged in the first article and that was making the Dutchman's percent.

We close repeating we have lots to learn about the retail business, but if Mr. Merchant will make some more confessions about his profits we will get fairly well posted before the time is over.

No retail merchant can afford to get into a newspaper controversy with a consumer who has right now in his inside pocket a wholesale price list.

CONSUMER.

Boy's Hearing Is Continued

The hearing of Charles McMillan the young man who is charged with throwing a beer bottle from the gallery of the opera house to the villain on the stage and striking a woman and a member of the orchestra the other night, was continued by Magistrate Cordon Wednesday night until Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The hearing was continued on plea of defense that they were not ready for trial.

PRANK HOLD-UP COSTS AUTOMOBOLIST HIS LIFE

Police Run Hold-Up, Men Down As They Make Dash For Liberty.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—A hold-up by six men in an automobile in Central Park, West, early today cost one of the automobilists his life. He was run down by a big touring car, when the hold-up men were making a dash for liberty.

Record Time In Runaway

An exciting runaway happened shortly after press time Wednesday evening. A team of horses belonging to Frank Claussen, of Adamston frightened at a train at the water tank in that town and ran all the way past the Telegram square before they stopped. Several vehicles along the route had narrow escapes from being wrecked and just before one of the horses fell exhausted and stopped the other the team with the front carriage of the wagon attached ran into Dr. C. R. Ogden's buggy standing in front of the Clifford-Osborn Undertaking Company's establishment, stripping Dr. Ogden's horse clean of the harness and wrecking the buggy badly. Claussen's wagon was scattered in pieces all along the route. It was a two-mile run and was made in less than five minutes, Mayor Southern says. He ought to know as he saw them start and followed them on the first street car at full speed. A remarkable part of the runaway and the time made is that one of the horses is ten or twelve years old and never ran away before. Fortunately no one was hurt and the horses were bruised up only a little.

REHEARSALS FOR OPERA DR. SYNTAX

Rehearsals for "Doctor Syntax," the opera to be produced by the Marcato Club are being made under the direction of John Saunders. The cast for this opera is said to be the strongest, from a singing and dramatic standpoint, ever seen in an amateur play. The chorus is composed of thirty young ladies and gentlemen, and they comprise the best musical talent in the city. The music of "Doctor Syntax" is most melodious, and the dialogue fairly scintillates with humor. The opera will be produced the first week in December.

CASES OF THE U. S. COURT OF APPEALS

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 15.—The United States circuit court of appeals reconvened this morning at 10 o'clock with Circuit Judge Goff and District Judges Brawley and McDowell on the bench. The court announced the opening in the case of Frank Zell, petitioner, vs. judges of the circuit court of the United States for the eastern district of Virginia on application for a writ of prohibition opinion by Judge Goff. The rule to show cause is dismissed and the writ of prohibition asked for dismissed with costs. Cases argued were No. 675, the Calhoun County Bank, appellant, vs. L. W. Cain, trustee and appellee, appeal from the district court at Clarksburg, W. Va., submitted on briefs.

Storm Sweeps Oregon State

(By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 15.—The State of Washington suffered from the worst storm ever known here last night and early this morning. The storm of wind and rain wrought havoc over the whole state and the panhandle of Idaho. Railroads are demoralized and creeks, rivers and brooks are roaring torrents. Immense damage was done.

Gets Duster

In the Wallace district, in this county, the South Penn Oil Company has drilled its No. 3 on the Elmore Hall farm through all sands and to a depth of 3,342 feet and has a duster.

FREE RECITAL GIVEN TONIGHT

Following is the program of the free recital to be given by the pupils of Mrs. Olin Pendell Payne this evening at the West Virginia music store on Fourth street, beginning at 8 o'clock:

1. Bambina, Vocal solo..... Mas Bury
2. A Winter's Lullaby, Vocal solo..... DeKoven
Miss Lillian Harris
3. Valse, Op. 44, No. 1, Piano solo..... Th. Salome
Miss Virginia Arbutnot
4. A Whispered Vow, Vocal solo..... Hartwell-Jones
Miss Alice Corpening
5. Hip Scop Schottische, Piano solo..... Geibel
Miss Edith Price
6. I Know a Bank, Vocal duet..... Danks
The Misses Harris
7. Gypsy Dance, Piano solo..... Hunt
Miss Marguerite Kirnan
8. Go and Forget, Vocal solo..... Adams
Miss Blanche Hursey
9. Alpine Violets, Piano solo..... Ganschals
Miss Mary Arbutnot
10. Dream of Paradise, Vocal solo (organ obligato)..... Hamilton Gray
Miss Lillian Harris
11. Raise Me, Jesus, Male quartet..... Huntley
The Lynch Brothers
12. (a) Consolation, Mendelssohn
(b) Valse Impromptu..... Rathburn
13. Thoughts, Vocal solo..... Wellings
Miss Nina Fittro
14. I Would That My Love, Vocal duet..... Mendelssohn
Misses Corpening and Hursey
15. Bells, Symphony..... Seidel
Mrs. M. Parker, Misses Sadie Starcher, Nellie Hursey, Edna White and Marion Gooding.

WEDDING OCCURS IN COLUMBUS

The wedding of Mr. Brooks Fleming, Jr., of Fairmont, and Miss Amy Dodson, of Columbus, O., which event will take place at the Lincoln hotel in Columbus, this evening at 7:30 o'clock will be attended by a number of the bridegroom's relatives. The Fairmont party left for Columbus yesterday afternoon and was composed of ex-Governor A. B. Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. George Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. George Watson, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Watson, Miss Virginia Fleming, Miss Mae Fleming, Mr. Walton Miller, Miss Elizabeth Watson, who is now in Baltimore will be in attendance at the wedding. Mr. Fleming, the prospective bridegroom left for Columbus Tuesday morning. The wedding will be a quiet affair and George Fleming, brother of the groom, will act as best man.

NATIONAL BANK STATEMENTS

The financial statement of the Empire National Bank appears in this issue of the Telegram pursuant to a call by the Comptroller of the Currency at Washington. The statement shows a gratifying condition of business at the Empire and evidences the fact that that institution is going right along as the community grows greater and better. The assets reach beyond a million and a quarter of dollars and the deposits are constantly increasing. The management of the Empire is popular and its service the best to be found anywhere.

The Union and Merchants National banks also publish their statements in this issue, and make the usual big showing. They are as fine national banks as are found anywhere. Clarksburg is proud of her banks.

Funeral of Mrs. Righter

The funeral of Mrs. Emily J. Righter, who died Wednesday morning at an advanced age, took place Thursday morning beginning at 9 o'clock. Services were held at the home of Mrs. Righter's daughter, Mrs. Atkins, in Point Comfort, and at the grave in the Masonic cemetery at Shinnston, led by the Rev. R. B. McDanel, pastor of the First Baptist church. The funeral was largely attended.

Drastic Measure Is Proposed

Dr. D. P. Morgan, president of the State Board of Health, has returned from Huntington, where a meeting of the board was held to examine applicants for certificates to practise medicine, and to transact other business.

The principal item discussed at the meeting was that of the habit of expectoration in street cars, railway trains and public buildings. This practice was denounced as being not only filthy, but positively dangerous as means of spreading disease. The board was unanimous in the opinion that drastic measures should be adopted in the way of an effort to check this growing evil. Accordingly a committee composed of Dr. T. L. Barber, of Charleston, and Dr. John L. Dickey, of Wheeling, will draft rules and regulations relative to the habit, and prohibitory measures will result. As soon as resolutions of this nature are drafted by the board they become effective as matters of law, and it is safe to predict that within the next sixty days the rule will be operative in all parts of the state.

There is a strong demand for action of this nature on the part of the railway and street car companies doing business in the state, and the action of the board in taking this step will no doubt be hailed with delight by these corporations, since it will give them power to enforce regulations bearing upon the question.

HIGH SCHOOLS WILL PLAY

Next Saturday at Fairmont the Fairmont high school football team will meet the Clarksburg high school team. The Fairmont team has almost recovered from the effects of their bad game last Saturday with Broadus Institute and have been indulging in some very hard practice in the last two days.

The Clarksburg bunch defeated the Grafton high school last Saturday 11 to 0 and this will make the Fairmont team more than anxious to win because of the dirty treatment they received at the hands of Grafton several weeks ago.

If the day is a good one there will no doubt be a large crowd out as the indications are that a large crowd will go down with the team from Clarksburg.

COUNTY COURT HOLDS SESSION

The county court sat Thursday in special term, with all the members present and Deputy Clerk Guy Tetric recording the proceedings.

Andrew Lyon qualified as a notary public. The right was granted the Fairmont and Clarksburg Traction company to connect its lines across the Glen Elk bridge on Fourth street. Frank Shulteworth qualified as a notary public.

W. P. Sturm & Company having failed to give bond for the stone work of the proposed bridge at Meadowbrook and some changes having been made in the plans, the contract for the stone work was awarded to Charles A. Short.

The Hope Gas Company was granted a franchise to use some of the county roads for pipe line laying.

Teachers Examination

A teachers' state uniform examination will be held in the Adams school house Friday and Saturday. The examination will begin at 7 o'clock Friday morning and be conducted by the county board of examiners.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IS NOW ON SOIL OF PANAMA

Is Met By Officials and All the School Children Sing Patriotic Songs.

(By Associated Press.) COLON, Nov. 15.—President Roosevelt left the flagship Louisiana at 7:30 o'clock this morning and landed shortly afterwards. He was met by Canal Commissioner Shonts, Chief Engineer Stevens, General Manager Park, of the Panama railroad, and other high officials.

STANDARD OIL CO. TO BE BROKEN UP

GOOD MELODRAMA AT THE NEW GRAND

At the Grand last night the Knickerbocker Stock company presented the "Village Vagabond," a four-act melodrama. There was quite a good atmosphere to the piece, and it seemed to give great satisfaction. All the members of the company gave good performances, and the play was quite up to the standard set by the previous ones.

The McConnell Sisters were again applauded to the echo. Sister Kathryn was the parson's daughter, while Sister Celeste was a sunbeam so said the program. That's what they are, sure enough, a pair of twin sunbeams, who can knock the daylight out of any sister's act in the business.

The flow of slang which came from Billy Walsh last night would make the best efforts of George Ade look puny by comparison. And he was supposed to be from classic, erudite Boston. Must have lived in the vicinity of Bullfinch Place.

The specialties, consisting of Sisters McConnell in songs and dancing, Billy Walsh, the assassinator of melancholia, Little Gladys, the child mimic, George A. Douglas, Phenomenal wooden shoe dancer, Will J. Olio, singing and dancing comedian, and Eardert, jugler and bison manipulator, were all unusually good and are changed each night.

"The Little Mother" will be presented tonight. "The Little Mother" is the wardrobe mistress of a show with 40 chorus girls, who have to turn 40 pairs of tights in 40 minutes.

A STAGE STORY OF UNUSUAL INTEREST

"The Warning Bell" which appears here, shortly is a particularly interesting play, of a kind to itself. Elaborate and beautiful in all the details of its production, it has all the charm and interest of the great sensational plays, with strong dramatic situations, powerful climaxes, bright comedy and dramatic and scenic surprises, but telling a most interesting and thrilling story through the vehicle of a drama of the highest literary and artistic merit, which rises far above the realm of sensational melo-drama, and takes its place among the greatest and best stage stories of the age. It is a success. At the Grand Nov. 21.

Funeral of Samuel Lyon

The body of Samuel Lyon, who died in a hospital near Baltimore Tuesday night, arrived in this city on train No. 3 Thursday morning. The funeral will be held at the home of Mrs. Nancy J. Lyon, Main street, corner Chestnut, Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock and the services will be led by the Rev. L. E. Peters and the Rev. S. K. Arbutnot. Burial will be in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Y. P. S. C. E.

The Baptist Christian Endeavor Society on Friday night will have a practical and timely topic, "How the Bible Condemns Intemperance." Hab. II, 5-16. Miss Carrie Stout will lead the meeting. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:15 and close at 8 o'clock. Let every member be on time if possible. Visitors cordially invited.

George F. Randall, of Shinnston, was here Thursday.

National Government Brings Proceedings Against the Great Octopus

WANTS TO ENJOIN IT And All Its Seventy Branches From Further Conspiring In Restraint of Trade.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Attorney General Moody today acting through the President and the United States district attorney, instituted proceedings against the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act by filing in the United States Circuit Court at St. Louis, a petition in equity against it and its seventy constituent corporations and partnerships and seven individual defendants, asking that the combination be declared unlawful, and in the future enjoining them from entering into a contract or combination in restraint of trade.

CLEVELAND, O., Nov. 15.—Deputy Sheriff Johns, of Hancock county, and Deputy Sheriff Ambrose of this county, resumed the search today of the Standard Oil Company officials, against whom indictments were found by the grand jury at Findlay yesterday. They failed to find any of the men they wanted. The were told they were out of the city.

GLASS MEN ORGANIZING

West Virginia glass manufacturers have formed an organization for their mutual protection, says the Commoner and Glassworker. They have a uniform scale of wages with respect to the payment of snappers, whose earnings are figured per box. For single strength the uniform rate of 23 cents is paid; small double, 25 cents; long crane pieces, 42 cents per box; first and second work in big rings, 46 cents; and for extra large work, 50 cents per box is paid, according to a statement made by a well known manufacturer. In several places snappers have refused to work for the above mentioned rate, but after a few days' idleness they returned to work, snapper or no snapper, and their faithful adherence to this rule has been commended by several managers met recently. The stipulations contained in the Amalgamated wage agreement are observed by all concerned this season.

WAGES INCREASED BY EXPRESS CO.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—The wages of the employes of the American Express Company who were paid less than \$200 a month were increased ten per cent beginning today. The increase was authorized by a vote of the board of directors yesterday. The increase affects 12,000 men.

Thompson Funeral

A large number attended the funeral of J. Hugh Thompson Thursday morning. Services were held at the late home on Clay street led by the Rev. S. K. Arbutnot, pastor of Goff M. E. church, and the burial was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery. The Adelphi lodge of Odd Fellows, of which Mr. Thompson was a member for a number of years, took part in the services and the ceremonies at the grave were conducted by them.

Bank at Richwood

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—The First National Bank of Richwood has been authorized to begin business with \$25,000 capital. M. W. Armstrong, president; T. M. Richards, vice president; and John R. Wallace, cashier. A patent for a dump cart has been issued to Lorenzo H. Young, of Martinsburg. Joseph Robson was appointed postmaster at Handley, Kanawha county.

Henry Wickenhofer is here today from Willsburg.