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WEST VIRGINIA BRIEFS

WHEELING: A. B. Paxton, secretary of the Hazel-Atlas Glass Company, which manufactures fruit jars and bottles, has departed for London, Eng., where he will establish a London branch of the company, resulting from a large European increase of demands for its products. The company operates large plants here, at Washington, Pa., and Clarksburg, W. Va.

MIDDLEBORNE: Underwood and Moore, lawyers, have served notice in a pending action that they will apply for a receiver for the Clarksburg Northern Railroad Company. The object of a receivership, it is stated, is to issue receiver's certificates to enable further construction of the road to McElroy.

CHARLESTON: A force of men is at work digging trenches and laying pipes for transportation of natural gas from properties of the Monarch Carbon Company to a number of small towns between that place and Gauley Bridge. The company, which produces carbon black, has a large surplus of gas from its own wells.

KINGWOOD: Voters of Portland district, Preston county, have ratified a bond issue of \$250,000 for the construction of a concrete road extending from Albright on the Morgantown and Kingwood railroad to the Maryland state line.

MARTINSBURG: Directors of the McKown Orchard Company have declared a dividend of nine per cent on the par value of its stock, which is equal to thirteen per cent on the paid in value. Stockholders have so far received thirty-four and one-half per cent in dividends.

ELKINS: James Butler, negro porter on Henry G. Davis' private car "Gracland," was drowned in

three inches of water. He slipped on a board while crossing a small stream in the rear of his home and fell face forward in the water. At midnight his wife found him in the stream dead.

PARKERSBURG: T. H. Campbell and Fred Gibson, two painters on the new power plant of the Kanawha Electric and Electric Company, received fatal injuries here when they fell a distance of thirty feet to a concrete floor, when a scaffold broke on which they were working. Campbell died within a few hours after the accident and the death of Gibson is regarded as certain. Both are married and resided in Parkersburg.

WHEELING: A new health cult may be founded here, following the great success achieved by Joseph Bleifus, who hasn't worn a hat in two years and has not had even the semblance of a cold in that time. Bleifus has not only gone hatless for two years, but he has also gone coatless. In all kinds of weather he has gone about without hat, coat or overcoat, and he has not been sick during that time. The only time he dons a coat is for church or society functions.

CHARLESTON: Because of failure to pay the required premiums the West Virginia Water and Electric Company, which supplies the city of Charleston, with water and electricity, has been suspended from the workmen's compensation fund.

WHEELING: The annual Christmas pardons at the state penitentiary in Moundsville have been made public. Harrison Moore, Wood county negro, convicted of an attempt to poison a family, and Rena Moore, Mingo county negro, serving a life sentence for murder, were the recipients.

WILLIAMSON: The bear hunt, led by "Devil Anse" Hatfield, has ended with the bringing down of bruin, who had created a reign of terror, after a seventeen days' chase. The bear was shot by a neighbor of Hatfield's. It is estimated that during the chase the bear ran 1,000 miles through the mountains of Mingo and Logan counties. The chase created great excitement throughout a large portion of southern West Virginia.

HUNTINGTON: Tacking a note to a post in which he stated that he had gone forever, John Crawford, thirteen-year-old son of Elson Crawford, former county engineer, mysteriously disappeared and police are conducting a search for him.

BELINGTON: Orison Mitchell, of Union district, some time ago was troubled with an inkrowing toenail, inflammation set in and he was taken to a Buchanan hospital, where the toe was amputated. Later the foot was taken off and then the leg, and it is now believed his life can be saved.

HUNTINGTON: Dr. Henry W. Keatley, who recently came here from Washington, D. C., and took an important position in the Huntington State Hospital, has been elected president of the Cabell County Medical Society. Dr. James R. Bloss was elected secretary and Dr. Karl C. Fritchard treasurer.

ELKINS: Kenna A. Elliott was shot to death by Norman Wilfong, it is alleged, on the top of the Alleghenies near Durban, Pocahontas county, when they quarreled over a line fence. Wilfong gave up to county authorities.

GRAFTON: Notice is given that the beautiful and commodious Willard hotel here is to be sold at public auction January 8 in front of the court house, the result of a suit by J. J. Walsh, Jr., against the Grafton Hotel Company, Charles R. Durbin and John T. McGraw.

WHEELING: Divorces with strings tied to them are now being granted here and in other cities of West Virginia under the new and more radical divorce laws now in effect, which will put this state out of the running as a rival to Reno, which position it was assuming under the old lenient laws. The new laws which prohibit those to whom divorces are granted from re-marrying within a specified time has made divorces unpopular in this state and they are falling off rapidly.

CHARLESTON: A decree has been entered in the United States District Court here by Judge U. F. Keller foreclosing a mortgage on the property of the Paint Creek Collieries Company and ordering a sale of the holdings. The decree was entered at the instance of the Scranton Trust Company, Scranton, Pa., for the benefit of the bondholders of the collieries company.

WHEELING: Judge Lewis S. Jordan, aged 70 years, is dead at his home. He was admitted to the Virginia bar in 1860, was a member of the West Virginia legislature from 1874 to 1876; served as prosecuting attorney of Ohio county from 1876 to 1888, and then served sixteen years as a criminal court judge. He retired for a few years and two years ago became police court judge, which position he held till his death.

CHARLESTON: A special car for the accommodation of the West Virginia educators will start from Charleston for Detroit February 20, carrying delegates and others who will attend the annual meeting of the National Education Association, which will meet there February 21-25. M. P. Shawkey, state superintendent, of West Virginia free schools, is president of the department.

CHARLESTON: A mine rescue car for the state department of mines is proposed. The need of this car has been pointed out by Earl Henry, state mining commissioner, who says

that there are 1,100 mines in the state, employing 80,000 men, and that the industry is of such importance that it demands the addition of such a car to the department's equipment.

WHEELING: Four men are awaiting trial on the charge of violating the prohibition law, as a result of a raid conducted upon a local restaurant by a squad of prohibition officers. Six kegs of beer were confiscated. Four other men were arrested, charged with distributing beer from a wagon near the restaurant.

OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT OF TRI-STATE

Latest Reports of Operations in West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Development work in the eastern fields furnishes very few completions. Few wells are better than light pumps and all located in territory that has been under development for many months. In the Berea grit development in Cabin Creek district, Kanawha county, the Columbus Producing Company's good luck continues on the William Coal Company tract. This company has completed No. 10 and it is estimated to be good for 150 barrels a day. No. 11 is due in the sand and Nos. 12, 13, 14 and 16 are drilling. The rig for No. 15 has been completed. The company claims it has a production of 1,000 barrels a day on the tract. Under more aggressive operations the production

can be increased and it is about the only development in West Virginia that can claim that distinction at this time.

Half Million Gasser.
In Union district, Clay county, the Public Oil and Gas Company has now drilled its test on the E. M. Maynor farm through the Big Injun sand and developed a gasser with an estimated capacity of 500,000 cubic feet a day. This location is three-fourths of a mile northwest of production. On Straight Creek, Burning Springs district, Wirt county, the South Penn Oil Company is building rigs for No. 3, Martha J. Wilson farm and No. 7 on the N. W. Haight farm.

Southeastern Ohio.
In the deep sand territory in the Union Furnace district, Starr township, Hocking county, O., the Preston Oil Company, after a very successful run of good producers has encountered a light pumper. It is this company's second test on the A. L. and V. A. Gray farm and will not be good for more than a couple of barrels a day. The same company is due in the Clinton sand at No. 3 on the Eliza Steirs farm. The Chartiers Oil Company is due to get the sand this week at No. 105 on the Hocking Valley Products Company's tract.

In the shallow sand territory near Stockport, Penn township, Morgan county, the Oil City Trust Company drilled its No. 13 on the A. L. Barkhurst farm through the Cow Run sand and has a five-barrel pumper. In the Mackeburg district, Jefferson township, Noble county, the Elba Oil Company completed a test on the John Denman and Sons' property and has a light pumper in the Berea grit. In the same district and township, O. E. Hammond and Company drilled No. 18 on the John Ritterbeck farm through the Buel Run sand and it is a three-barrel pumper.

In the eBrea grit territory, Brush Creek township, Muskingum county, the Clay Oil and Gas Company drilled No. 11 on the Moses Notestine farm through the Berea grit and gave it a shot. The well produced twenty barrels the ensuing twenty-four hours. In the Marietta district, Washington

county, J. W. Gray and Company are due in the sand at a test on the J. D. Lehmer farm.

Southwest Pennsylvania.
In the old Brush Creek field, Allegheny county, Pa., Mellon and Company have drilled their test on the Cole-Richards farm through the Fourth sand and it is a light gasser. In the same district, Lemburg and Company are drilling a test on the C. W. Morrow farm and Walley and Parks have the rig completed for a test on the Bricker lot. In the Dorseyville field, the National Oil and Gas Company is still fishing at its test on the Stevenson farm.

The Oil Market.

The prices paid for oil of various grades by the purchasing agencies are:

Pennsylvania	\$2.10
Mercer black	1.60
New Castle	1.60
Corning	1.60
Cabell	1.65
North Lima	1.28
South Lima	1.28
Princeton	1.28
Wooster	1.42
Henrietta	1.45
Indiana	1.13
Somerset	1.50
Ragland	.70
Illinois	1.42
Kansas and Oklahoma	1.00
Corsicana light	1.00
Corsicana heavy	.85
Electra	1.00
Henrietta	1.00
Haldilton	1.00
Caddo, 35 degrees	.55
Caddo, 35 degrees	1.00
Caddo, 32 degrees	.90
Caddo, 32 degrees	.85
Caddo, crude	1.75
Canada	1.68

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