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OIL NEWS.

Mr. Bee Whitts, field manager for the J. E. Carnahan Oil Co., and one of the busiest men to be found anywhere, made a flying visit to town last week. He reported their operations in different sections progressing favorably, and they are counting on some good additional production in the near future.

Representative oil men from different sections of the country have been flocking in here for the past few days, among them being operators from New York, Oklahoma, Cincinnati, Glasgow, Bowling Green, etc. Many of them have holdings in this section, and others were trying to secure desirable leases, particularly in large blocks.

Some local deals for acreage were closed at good figures during the past week, but they were of a strictly private nature, and no figures were given out for publication. We are reliably informed, however, that satisfactory prices were obtained by the sellers. Some very choice leases are now being offered for sale in this and surrounding counties at prices that are very attractive, but I predict that the time is not far distant when acreage in this section will be commanding fancy prices.

After unlooked for delays, caused by rains and bad roads, the Carnahan Oil Company has begun drilling operations on the Ernest Flowers farm, some four miles from town on the Jamestown road. This is the first "close in" development in Adair county for many years, and the progress and result of the work will be closely watched with a great deal of interest. It is confidently believed there is oil to be found in paying quantities in that locality, and I trust expectations in that direction may be fully realized.

A query from Roxbury, Mass., to the Texas Oil Gazette, Ft. Worth, Texas, asking for information regarding production of the largest oil well in the world, is answered as follows:

"The greatest well in the world from a standpoint of production was a well in the Tampico region of Mexico. This well produced 168,000 barrels of oil a day. The greatest well ever brought in the United States was the Spindletop No. 1, the discovery well in what is now the Spindletop field in southeast Texas. This well came to production twenty years ago last February at 120,000 barrels of oil a day."

At present when so much interest is being manifested in the production of oil and gas in this section, the readers of the News will no doubt be glad to learn something absolutely reliable regarding the Great American well located near Burksville, Cumberland county, Ky. Space forbids me going into details regarding this well, but a few facts, backed up by the last report, 1919, of the Oil and Gas Resources of Kentucky, issued by the State Department of Geology and Forestry, may not be out of place at this time. This well was drilled in the year 1828, not with any idea of getting oil, but rather salt. The party who was drilling, a Pennsylvanian, whose name has been lost, made the statement that he would either get salt water or drill into hell. Flowing production was encountered at a shallow depth and the oil and gas escaping caught fire, and the driller, thinking he had opened up the infernal regions beneath acknowledged that he had failed in getting salt, but had done what he promised and opened the door to higher thermal regions, and he was so thoroughly convinced of his failure that he did not stop to sell his belongings, but immediately left the country, returning in disgust to his native hills in Pa. The oil came forth in such quantities that it flowed down the little creek on which the well was located, into the Cumberland River, and at a point forty miles below Burksville the flow became ignited and resulted in the very unusual

phenomenon of a burning river, for the flames crept back little by little to the mouth of the well. A barrel of the oil was shipped down the Cumberland River and through New Orleans on to England with the avowed purpose of having it analyzed by a British chemist, but unfortunately it fell into the hands of parties who became alarmed and suspicious at the dark, oily, unfamiliar cargo, and it was dumped overboard into the Atlantic. Later on, however, when the fame of petroleum as a medicine began to spread, it began to be commercialized and it was put up in dark, half-pint bottles, with the name "American Oil" blown in them, and it was sold everywhere at fifty cents a bottle. This well still flows periodically although it has been for years covered to a considerable depth with mud and gravel, and it attracts a great deal of attention not only to outsiders but to the local people as well, they never having lost interest in it.

A gas well of great capacity was drilled in a few days since near Saloma, Taylor county, some ten miles out from Campbellsville, and while no official test has been made of the production still it is said to be one among the largest gassers ever found in the State of Kentucky. Both Campbellsville and Greensburg are already being supplied with gas from the Taylor county fields, and this additional strike naturally pleases the users of it in that section.

Mr. W. C. Leonard, of New York, President of the Leonard Oil Company, was here during the past week en route to Cumberland county, where the company is preparing to engage in development work on a large scale. They have three drillings rigs there at present. A large supply of casing and other materials have been received within the past few days, and operations will be pushed forward as fast as conditions will permit.

Dr. Roy Armstrong, formerly of Russell county, but now located at Augusta, Ga., passed through town Sunday on his way to visit friends near Creelsboro. The doctor takes a lively interest in oil development in this section, and he frankly admitted, while here, that all reports he had been able to secure, both government and otherwise, regarding Adair county, led him to believe this immediate section would prove to be one of the best oil fields to be found anywhere.

Messrs. I. C. Phillips, Tulsa, Oklahoma, representing large oil operators from that state, and T. P. Hindman, of the Trigg Lease Syndicate, Glasgow, have been spending several days in this and adjacent territory getting a line on general conditions and looking over acreage with a view to inaugurating a drilling campaign in this section at an early date. They expressed themselves as being very much impressed with the general outlook for production in Adair, Cumberland and Russell counties, and left here Monday to inspect the gas fields of Taylor county.

Mr. J. V. Brooks, Engineer of Mines, Louisville, representing the Greenbrook Oil Syndicate, New York, arrived here Monday to meet certain Eastern parties who are coming this week for the purpose of inspecting Russell county territory.

Political Speaking.

All three of the Democratic candidates for Congress will speak here next Saturday afternoon. It is Judge Gilbert's appointment and Col. Frank Bly and Mr. Davis are invited, and we understand that they have accepted. Come in, everybody.

The First National Bank has just received an improved Mosler safe, one that can not be entered by burglars, either by drilling or combustibles. This safe cost a pile of money, but the bank officials did not consider the cost, their anxiety being to protect the cash deposited in the bank.

Eld. J. B. Briney will preach at the Christian Church next Thursday night.



JUDGE RALPH GILBERT,

Democratic candidate for Congress in the Eighth District, will speak at Columbia, Saturday afternoon, May 29, which will be next Saturday, at 1 o'clock. His opponents are cordially invited to be present and will be given an equal division of time. The ladies are especially invited. The Judge hopes to be greeted with a large audience.

Columbia Baptist Church.

On Sunday night, May 30th, there will be a special service for the young people of the town. A special program of song is to be arranged. The sermon will be a challenge to young manhood and womanhood to consider the claims of Christ on their lives. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody.

Monday night, May 31st, there will be a special service for the women and girls of the town. Miss Louise Tucker, for many years teacher in a Girls' High School in China, will lecture. The Women's Societies in the various churches are invited to be present and get the benefit of this service. Miss Tucker is a capable speaker and has had considerable experience in China. This is a splendid opportunity for the women and girls of Columbia to become better acquainted with the religious, political and social conditions existing in that part of the Far East. A cordial welcome is extended to all those who are interested.

For Sale.

Two fine homes in Columbia.
6 R House, 2 acres, \$2,500.
7 R House, 3 acres, \$3,000.
7 R House, 2 acres, \$4,000.
Good business building, Cheap.
240 A. Choice. 4 miles out.
2 Farms, desirable, near town.
The Kemper Co.
Office: Jeffries Hotel.

Paid List.

The following are new paid subscribers and renewals since our issue of last Tuesday.
Alma Cravens, Peter H. Cheatham, W. H. Flowers, Maud C. Crawford, J. E. Rosson, O. T. Smith, Gilbert Roach, T. B. Conover, Velora Roysse, R. A. Myers, H. C. Hudson, Geo. Yates, J. H. Pelley, C. P. Duvall, L. B. Wilson, Charles Hammond, A. H. Leftwich, Mrs. Annie Thomas, Mrs. Orville Cheatham.

Missing.

A black cow shot: will weigh 70 to 80 pounds. I will pay for information.
P. P. Dunbar,
Columbia, Ky.

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Death of a Good Citizen.

Last Saturday morning Mr. Thomas Grant, who lived in the Mt. Carmel neighborhood, died after a long illness.

About three year ago the deceased met with a stroke of paralysis from which he never fully recovered. He was a man who had the respect of his entire neighborhood, and he will be greatly missed.

He was a member of the Methodist Church and lived his religion every day in the week. He was about 65 years old.

The funeral was conducted Sunday afternoon, a large circle of relatives and friends being present.

He was the father of Rev. W. A. Grant, a prominent Methodist minister.

A BIG FARM AND TIMBER SALE.

Stock And Farming Implements.

By reference to bills stuck up it will be seen that I will offer my farm and a number of acres of timbered land, stock and farming implements for sale on Saturday June 12th, the sale is to begin at 9 a. m. Prospective land and timber buyers will be shown over the land.
J. W. Burbridge, Gadberry, Ky.

A chain off my motorcycle dropped off last Sunday on Bomar Heights. I know who picked it up, and it had better be delivered.
Wyatt Canover.

For Sale.

I will sell household and kitchen furniture. At residence Saturday, May 29. Sale to commence at 9 a. m.
O. D. Arnold.

Mr. P. C. Jones, of East Fork, never had anything good in his life but he was willing to divide with a friend. He is a very successful tobacco grower and at stripping time he lays aside choice hands for himself and special friends. Last week he sent the editor of The News a nice selection and it is certainly being enjoyed. We hope his coming crop will bring him a snug sum of money.

Bunch of keys found. Call at this office.

Railroad Officials Visit Columbia.

Among last week's visitors here were Messrs. Hall Hagemeyer and C. P. Hagemeyer, of Cincinnati, O., the former Vice President of the Oneida and Western Railroad Co., now building from Oneida, Tenn., in a Northwesterly direction to a connection with the L. & N. system at or near Greensburg or Campbellville. This was the first visit of these gentlemen to this section, and their coming at this time was for the purpose of getting a general idea of the topography of the territory in advance of surveys to be started in the early future. The line has already been completed to a point near the headwaters of Wolf River, Pickett county, Tenn., and is to be extended via Albany, Ky., and along the most feasible route through the counties of Clinton, Russell and Adair, and it would seem that the logical conclusion to be drawn is that such a route would pass through Columbia. The Hagemeyers have extensive coal and lumber interests in the territory through which the road passes, and they are vitally interested in getting an outlet for their products, and at the same time reach a stock and agricultural section such as is found in the counties in Kentucky through which the line is to be built. After consulting with Mr. J. N. Coffey and others here relative to the best routes through Adair, and imparting the information that their engineers would be in this section at no distant date, the gentlemen left for Albany via Creelsboro.

Family Reunion.

Mr. T. B. Conover and wife, of Big Springs, Texas, after a lapse of thirty years, arrived some weeks ago to spend happy days in the neighborhood of their childhood. The idea was conceived to have a reunion of the Conover brothers and sisters, there being twelve in number. The day was fixed for Sunday, the 19th, at the old homestead, where Peter Monroe Bryant now lives. All the family were present, save the parents, who died some years ago. Besides the twelve brothers and sisters, the neighbors came in droves, and it is estimated that over two hundred persons were present.

A magnificent dinner was spread and the day was spent in talking of the events of "Old Lang Syne." It was an occasion that will long be remembered, and Mr. T. B. Conover and wife will return to their Texas home happier than when they left. They may not all meet again in this sinful world, but by correct living and obedience to the Lord, they have assurances that there will be another meeting around the great white throne.

For Sale.

A Ford touring car, in good condition.
C. E. Claycomb, Bliss, Ky.

Mr. Geo. Blanford Miller, son of Mr. R. W. Miller, and a nephew of Mr. Henry N. Miller, this place, will be married on Tuesday, June 1st, to Miss Virginia Rachel Holmes, Birmingham, Ala. The couple will reside at Decatur, Ill. The groom was born in Columbia, but reared at Lebanon. Mrs. Lou F. Miller, of this place, is his grandmother.

The Chautauqua will be here before you know it. The dates for this high-class entertainment are July 9 to the 14th inclusive. The forerunner stated that it was one of the best Chautauquas now appearing before the public.

Sad Death at Cane Valley.

Last Tuesday morning Miss Nona Smith, daughter of Mr. W. C. Smith, about eighteen years old, died at the home of her father, a victim of pulmonary trouble. She contracted flu more than a year ago, that affliction leaving her with a cough,

and pulmonary trouble set up, terminating in her demise. Before she was attacked with flu she was very rosy and healthy a very attractive young lady, and was a favorite throughout Cane Valley neighborhood; consequently her death brought the greatest sorrow to the home and a large circle of friends.

The funeral was held Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock and a large number of relatives and friends were present.

A Joke Well Played.

There was a ripple of "oil excitement" last week over the public well which is being put down on the square near the court-house, and for a little while it was believed by some sanguine persons that the bit was rapidly approaching a rich oil find. The driller when down about 40 feet in a limestone rock mischievously concluded that he would perpetrate a little joke on the public. He procured a cup of oil which he poured into the well, and after a little while drew up the deposit. This was submitted to two of the oil experts of the town. One declared the sand indicated a prospect for a rich strike; the other pronounced it "Beaver Sand," the technical meaning of which we do not know, but in any event it indicated untold riches further down.

Sale.

J. T. Lloyd who lives near the Fair Ground Columbia, Ky., will sell all of his household and kitchen furniture with farming tools, horse and cow on May 29th 1920. Sale commences at one o'clock.

Well-known Colored Man Dead.

Ned Murray, who was seventy years old, well-known to many citizens of Adair county, died at his home, on Campbellsville pike, this side of the Cheatham Bridge, last Wednesday night. He had been on the decline for several months, and his death was not unexpected. He was buried near his late home Thursday afternoon, a fraternal lodge of which he was a member, officiating.

Next Sunday, the 30th, will be decoration day, and we take it that in the afternoon the people of Columbia will meet in the cemetery and strew flowers over the graves of departed loved ones. Some person should be selected to deliver a memorial address. The ladies, of course, will look after the song service.

"You can fool a part of the people some of the time, some people most of the time, but you can not fool all the people all the time." People who live in weatherboarded houses, eat cooked food and wear store clothes, can tell when they see it growing. The last sentence is the judgment of Neighbor Hatcher, and he knows a thing or two.

Mr. George Montgomery, who recently returned from Texas, has rented Mrs. Minnie Johnson's residence, on Burksville street in which he and his wife will go housekeeping. Mrs. Johnson will remove to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Todd.

Bargains.

O. K. Giant Battery and other unlisted stocks.
Clarence Bretsch,
Stock Specialist,
714 Broadway, Gary, Ind.

The District Conference for the Columbia District, will convene at Greensburg at 9 o'clock this Wednesday morning. It embraces a number of counties and a large delegation will evidently be present. Revs. B. V. Bennett, and Jesse L. Murrell will attend from this place. Rev. T. J. Wade will preside over the conference.