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## OIL NEWS.

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It has been said that every possible necessity of a man's life, save the water he drinks, may be supplied either directly or indirectly, through the use of petroleum products, and even the water may be pumped by a gasoline engine.

Reliable information is at hand to the effect that certain parties are figuring on buying the property and production of the McMeed Oil Company, Creelsboro, and the indications are that should the Company decide to sell even a portion of their holdings it would yield a handsome return to the stockholders on their investment.

A number of oil men from different sections, some of them here for the first time, have been in this territory during the past few days making diligent inquiry into the local situation, and at the same time making a lot of personal investigation. Considerable interest is being manifested in the securing of leases, but not very many in this immediate locality are changing hands at present, owing to the fact that so many land owners are holding out for "bonuses," when they should be satisfied to turn their acreage over free to reputable concerns who will develop the territory. Wells of small capacity even would prove much more profitable to the land owners than anything they might receive in the way of a bonus or in rentals, and operators are more inclined to spend money in drilling for oil than in the payment of privileges.

Mr. Geo. H. Palmer, president of the Palmer Oil Company, is greatly worried at present over the non-arrival of his drilling rig which was shipped here from West Virginia several weeks ago, and he says that unless it arrives within the next day or two he will leave to trace the shipment in person.

Richardson & Goff, this city, drilling for the Southern Oil & Refining Company, Denver, Colo., of which Dr. Frank D. Hines, so well and favorably known here, is president, have just drilled in a real oil well on the Russ Gilbert farm, located on Brush Creek, Cumberland county, near Bakerton. The depth is 165 feet, the quality of oil is of a superior grade, and the quantity is so great that a strong stream of oil has been flowing from the well to Cumberland River, one half mile away. Parties from here have seen the well, and they report it to be a wonder. The new well is located only a short distance from the "Old English" well drilled in 1866, and which was credited with a daily production of twelve hundred barrels. This well was 190 feet depth.

Mr. Elmo Pearce, the "live wire" from Blackwell, Okla., who has been here for several days past, and who is well-known to the oil fraternity in Kentucky and Oklahoma, reports that he is daily expecting parties here from Texas and Oklahoma, who are turning longing eyes towards this territory. Mr. Pearce also gives out the information that he has secured living quarters here and will bring his family to Columbia at an early date.

The J. E. Carnahan Oil Company, drilling on the Henry Ingram farm, near town, have had a serious breakdown of their machinery, and operations are held up pending repairs. The work of repairing is being rushed as fast as possible and they hope to be able to resume drilling operations again within the next few days. Manager Whitis, who was here last week reports that they are shipping a rig from Monroe county to Creelsboro where they will again begin drilling on some of their extensive holdings in that section just as soon as the machinery can be gotten on the ground. The shipment is being made by river and no unusual delay is anticipated.

A certain Refining Company is so anxious to secure the output of oil in the Creelsboro territory that they are willing to construct a pipe line to that

field as soon as satisfactory contracts can be made with the producers in that section. With some six or seven good wells already completed, and others to be drilled as soon as the machinery arrives, refiners are beginning to sit up and take notice that a new field is being opened up very rapidly, and more than one concern is casting longing eyes in that direction. It will not be a great while until a pipe line is in operation in that field.

Mr. Frank Sweet, in charge of the drilling operations of the McMeed Oil Company at Creelsboro, was in town Saturday, and to him I am indebted for a complete and first hand statement of the situation as it applies to well No. 4, reported in this column last week. Both oil and gas were struck in such quantities that the flow became ignited from the boiler fire, and it was with difficulty that the drilling crew could either save the machinery or themselves from being seriously burned. The burning of the drill rope caused the tools to drop to bottom of hole, and the completion of the well is held up pending the result of a "fishing" job. Mr. Sweet is of the opinion that the new well will, when completed, be one of the very best brought in on that lease.

Several drilling rigs are reported to be headed for the Creelsboro section, and it begins to look as if some very active additional operations will be under way there in the very near future.

## Public Sale.

On Thursday, Aug. 26th, 1920, two miles east of Columbia, on the R. A. Wagener farm, I will offer to the highest bidder the following: All my household and kitchen furniture, 1 milk cow, 3 head hogs, will weigh 125 lbs each. 1 good buggy mare, 4 years old; 2 good two year old mare mules, 1 buggy and harness, good as new; 1 man's saddle good as new, a nice lot of garden truck, some hay and a lot of other things too numerous to mention. Sale will begin at 10 o'clock.

L. B. Hurt, Auctioneer.

EDGAR ROYSE.

## Visit Mammoth Cave.

A jolly automobile party given in honor of Mr. W. L. Welch, of Jackson, Ky., was composed of the following: Dr. and Mrs. S. P. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Preston Miller, Dr. and Mrs. O. P. Miller, Misses Mary and Julia Miller, Margaret Patterson, Mr. O. B. Miller and Master Russell Miller. The crowd left Columbia, Wednesday, of last week, at 8 a. m., en route to Mammoth Cave. On their way they visited the Monastery at Getsemane and Lincoln Farm, reaching Cave City that night, where they were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Luther Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Smith. The following morning the party accompanied by Mr. Williams proceeded to Mammoth Cave. After taking a most entertaining route, heartily enjoyed a delightful lunch. After lunch they went to the Great Onyx Cave, which they declared to be more beautiful than Mammoth. On returning to Cave City that night, they heartily enjoyed a bountiful dinner at the Dixie Hotel. The following morning the party started on their homeward journey via Greensburg, where they visited the historical scenes and had lunch. From there they went to Campbellsville, and after having dinner at the Wilson House, the party started for home, reaching there about 9:30.

WANTED.—A boy about 17 or 18 years old, with a fair education, to accept a position in this office. He will be paid a small salary at the start, and his wages will be increased as he progresses.

## For Sale.

Five Ford touring cars. Price from \$200 to 500

Stanley Epperson

## CAMPBELLSVILLE LOSES

Mr. A. B. Gowdy, a Native of the Place, Dies in St. Joseph Hospital, Louisville.

### WAS WELL-KNOWN IN COLUMBIA.

Last Wednesday forenoon, about 11:30 o'clock, the subject of this writing breathed his last in St. Joseph Hospital, Louisville, where he submitted to an operation, the end coming about one week after going under the knife.

He was close to 73 years old, a son of A. F. Gowdy, who was prominent in the affairs of Campbellsville and Taylor county during his life time.

The deceased was educated in Campbellsville and in Columbia. While attending the Presbyterian High School here, he became acquainted with Miss Lora Triplett, daughter of Lewis and Frances Triplett, and they were subsequently married, and in a short time commenced housekeeping in the deceased home town. They lived happily together until about twenty years ago at which time the wife died. She left no children, and since her demise, Mr. Gowdy has made his home with his surviving brothers and at the hotel in Campbellsville.

For a number of years he was a consistent member of the Christian Church, and gave liberally of his means for its support.

In disposition he was very quiet, but determined in his purposes, a man who will be greatly missed in his home town. He was the oldest of a family of brothers and one sister, the sister being Mrs. Emma Collins, who spent her married life in Frankfort. The surviving brothers are D. W., J. E., J. T., George H., and Robert Gowdy. He also leaves one half sister, Mrs. Henry Hord, who lives in Campbellsville. They are all in business in Campbellsville. Mr. Geo. H. Gowdy, being the principal owner of the Taylor County National Bank.

The remains left Louisville on the 5 o'clock train Wednesday afternoon, and the burial took place in Campbellsville, after funeral services, Thursday afternoon, a large circle of relatives and friends following the remains to Brookside Cemetery where they were deposited by the side of his companion, his mound being covered with beautiful flowers.

The discourse was preached by Rev. Z. T. Williams, this place.

This town, where the deceased was well-known, sends its sympathy to those who have been most deeply affected by this death. God alone can bring succor to those who have aching hearts. Intercede with Him for comfort, and be prepared to meet the departed when called to leave this world of sin and sorrow.

Every Adair county farmer who can leave his home on Friday, the 27th of August, should be in Columbia and be ready to visit the Demonstration Field, and see the Fordson Tractor in action. This demonstration will be put on by Buchanan Lyon Co. A man will be with the Tractor to explain every feature of its action, and it will be one of the most interesting sights ever pulled off in this locality. Do not remain at home on this day, but come and see something that will be of lasting benefit to you. For further particulars read the back page of this paper.

## The Bible Institute.

Interesting meetings were held at the Baptist church, this city, last week beginning on Tuesday and closing Sunday of this week.

Four or five visiting ministers were here and a number of splendid addresses were made, talks that will prove very beneficial, bidding the members to closer duties to the church and its ordinances. Tithing was discussed, and members who do not tithe, were

convinced that it was their duty to do so.

The addresses made by Dr. Stephens, of Louisville, Revs. L. C. Kelley, Martin, Scruggs, Bush, and Layman Geo. E. Hayes, of Louisville, and others were of special interest and were highly appreciated.

Each day dinner was served in Mrs. Butler's yard, and the delightful good things the country affords were spread before the participants.

Taking it all together it was a very profitable meeting, and good results will follow.

This institute coming on the eve before a series of meetings, will be a reminder of the duties of the members, better preparing them for the enjoyment of a series of religious discourses.

## For Sale.

150 shares Capital Stock of McMeed Oil Company. If taken AT ONCE will sell for PAR,—\$1.00 per share. Issued in two blocks,—100 shares and 50 shares. Will sell separately or together.

Address "Owner", P. O. Box 233, Columbia, Ky.

## Mr. W. H. Shipp Goes to Bowling Green.

We have just learned that we are soon to lose Mr. W. H. Shipp, who has been the manager of the Gristead Poultry House, this city, for about two years, giving perfect satisfaction.

Davidson Bros., of Bowling Green, have secured his service at an advance of fifty dollars per month more than his present salary. There was no friction between him and the Gristead Co. The present high cost of living and a growing family was the inducement that caused Mr. Shipp to accept Davidson Bros. proposition.

He will leave with his family for Bowling Green from the 1st to the 15th of September, carrying the best wishes of this town.

Mr. Shipp will be succeeded by Mr. B. E. Wilson, of Greensburg, who has a family, and who will occupy the dwelling on Greensburg street, vacated by Mr. Shipp. He and his flock will be given a cordial welcome.

## Notice.

I have sold my interest in the Columbia Amusement Company, to G. C. Cheatham and I am not now and will not in the future in any way be interested in the Moving Picture Show in Columbia or Cane Valley or in any show exhibition or entertainment, given in the Halls of said Amusement Co. Mr. Cheatham has purchased the entire assets of said Co. and assumes all outstanding indebtedness, and liabilities of said Co.

This Aug. 11th, 1920.

G. H. Nell.

## Notice.

The Tax Books are now in my hands, and the taxes are due, come in and settle same at once, the sooner paid, the better for both you and the Sheriff.

Cortez Sanders, Sheriff,  
43-44 Adair County, Ky.

We hope Mr. Smith will be able to light the town in a very short time. Some parts to his engine are to arrive before he can again commence to furnish satisfactory lights, but we understand they are expected soon. In this day a town the size of Columbia without lights is like a fish out of the water. After supper business is killed, and in order to keep from being extremely lonesome, the citizens of the town must retire soon after sundown.

## Wanted.

A white woman to cook at Lindsey-Wilson Training School. Good Salary and board.

R. V. Bennett, Columbia, Ky.

## The Ball Game.

The engagement at this place last Thursday afternoon, between the News-Journal Club, Campbellsville, and the Columbia Club was a disappointment, as neither club seemed to be in proper trim for the contest. In the first inning the visitors run in five scores. Will Young was in the box for Columbia and Alvin Lewis was behind the bat. The visitors continued to gain until the seventh inning when the home boys showed evidence of playing, gained a few scores, and when the contest ended the visitors had twelve scores to their credit and the home team eight. After the second inning Will Young surrendered to Simon Finn, who did some splendid pitching, and it looked to the onlookers like the result might have been different had he been in the box at the start. Young is a good pitcher, but the best often have off days. When the game closed the players were in good humor, and another meet will be called soon.

Place your order now for your Spirella. The prices advance Sept. 1st.

Mrs. Geo. E. Wilson, Corsetiere.  
Phone 142. 43-2t

## Services At the Presbyterian Church

Last Sunday a large audience greeted Dr. J. R. Crawford, of Paducah, at the Presbyterian church. He preaches in the same forceful manner as in years past, when he was the pastor of the Church, this place. The appointment gave him an opportunity to meet many of his old friends and it is needless to say that he was warmly greeted. While here he was a guest of Dr. W. J. Flowers and wife. Dr. Crawford was here in the interest of the Centenary drive, and he was accompanied by Dr. Frank Cheek, of Danville, and Rev. Hart, of Greensburg. On Saturday night Dr. Cheek delivered a very entertaining discourse, a large audience being present. The two latter were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Walker.

Quite a delegation from Columbia and out in Adair attended the circus at Campbellsville last Friday.

## Cutting Affray.

Last Friday night an ice cream supper at Cane Valley drew quite a crowd. During the evening Elver East and Brack Grant got into a playful scuffle, which was turned into madness, and Grant was stabbed three times about the back. After the trouble East left, going to Campbellsville where he was arrested by Town Marshal Clyde Crenshaw, who turned him over to the authorities here Saturday morning. As we write, Saturday forenoon, Grant is said to be in a serious condition. All the facts will be brought out at the examining trial which will be called as soon as the wounded man is able to appear before court.

## Wanted.

Damson Plums. Call  
Mrs. Hamlett, Columbia, Ky.

## Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will, on the 6th day of September, 1920, it being the first day of the regular term of the Adair County Court present to the said court a petition asking said court to make all necessary orders to change and alter the Casey Creek and Clementsville road in Adair county in the following manner: So change and alter said road at the farm of George Wolford, leaving the old road at said point and run then in a southeasterly direction over the land of J. A. Williams, thence over the lands of Irvin Abel, thence an easterly direction over the lands of Ed Morgan, thence over the lands of A. J. Ward, thence over the land now occupied by Delphena Ward thence over the land of Claud Southerland, thence over the lands of J. I. Hendrickson, to a point in the same Casey Creek and Clementsville road. 43-t J. I. Hendrickson &c.

## Coal Strike.

Mr. S. E. Shively, who has been in Manchester, Ky., for two weeks, returned home last Saturday night. Mr. Shively and a number of other

Adair County citizens, recently purchased stock in a coal company, but after they entered the organization, it cropped out that the affairs of the company were not properly managed. The local men here put their heads together and Mr. Shively was sent to Chicago, Ill., at that time headquarters for the company. He did not find things to his liking and there was a re-organization and Mr. Shively was elected temporary President. Headquarters were then removed to Manchester, Ky. On this last trip Mr. Shively was elected permanent President, and a large amount of watered stock was set aside, and the company was put upon a firmer foundation, and there is no doubt but the investments here are in much better condition and may yet prove very valuable. It has an inexhaustible mine of the finest of coal, and it is now being gotten out and marketed.

Former Attorney General Jas. Garnett is the company's legal advisor, and he has already rendered valuable assistance.

## Public Sale.

I will sell to the highest and best bidder, the First Monday in September, the property known as the Ed Murray property, one and a half miles from Columbia, on Campbellsville pike. The residence contains 7 rooms, outbuildings and barn and good water. 71 acres of land.

43-2t Golan Butler, Admr.

## Paid List.

The following are new paid subscribers and renewals since our issue of last Tuesday.

S. E. Shively, Mrs. W. Keltner, E. Q. Walker, Mrs. Walter T. Fieson, W. G. Lsach, T. C. Taylor, W. G. Cundiff, J. C. Tarter, J. H. Grissom, M. M. Traylor, Mrs. M. E. Dahpney, Rev. S. P. Scapp, L. C. Reaco, W. E. Morgan.

## Public Sale.

I will on Monday, August 23rd, at my home, Amandaville, sell the following to the highest bidder:

Seven work mules in good condition, two wagons, farming tools of every description, many other articles too numerous to mention. Terms made known on day of sale.

W. E. Morgon,  
Amandaville, Ky.

## Bicycles.

We have two (more) second hand bicycles at a bargain. We also have a new 17 inch frame, girl's model bicycle that we will sacrifice at a bargain. If you intend to buy a new wheel this size and model, be sure to get our price.

T. G. Rasner & Son.

I kindly ask all the taxpayers in the three Columbia voting precincts to appear at my office and give their list before Sept. 1st.

L. H. Jones.

We learn from Mr. Collins Bridgewater, that his mother-in-law, Mrs. Sam Breeding, who is in a Louisville Hospital, is doing very well under the circumstances. He also stated that he thought in ten days she would be strong enough to be brought home.

## Strayed.

A young sow pig. Would have weighed about 35 pounds when left. She is a Hampshire. Will pay a reward

C. C. McKinley.

## For Sale.

A Folding bed, Davenport and Dresser at interesting prices.

T. G. Rasner & Son.

Mr. Lewis Young, the Jeweler, has installed an engine and is now making his own lights.

In two weeks Columbia will have a more lively appearance. The schools will open and the town will be full of students.