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## ANNOUNCEMENT.

We are authorized to announce HON. A. F. BYRD, of Clark County, as a candidate for Congress from this, the 10th District of Kentucky, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FRIDAY MAY 25.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### TURKEY.

J. Terry is on the sick list. Mrs. Luther Little was here Saturday.

W. B. May, of North Fork, was here Saturday.

Miss Ruth C. Terry visited Mrs. Lizzie Terry last week.

Isaac Terry, Sr., is visiting Mrs. Belle Terry and family.

Boone Terry, of Cape Branch, was at Turkey Saturday.

Geo. Turner, of Canoe, was here on business last Saturday.

John Caudill made a business trip to Booneville last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlen Griffith visited the family of W. M. N. Terry Sunday.

Dr. A. M. Glass, of Booneville, was calling on the sick at this place Monday.

Mrs. Emily Terry, of Jett's Creek, visited Mrs. E. F. Terry last Saturday.

### NED.

Katie Combs is getting some better of her chronic illness.

Deputy Sheriff Flint Davis made a visit in this vicinity and executed several warrants.

John H. and S. H. Combs conducted religious services at the mouth of Cockrill's fork Sunday.

John Grigsby collected all his neighbors last Monday for the purpose of piling some logs in his clearing.

Dakota Francis, wife of John Francis, wife of John Francis, is very ill and is not expected to recover.

The locusts are very noisy in this vicinity. They have a "w" on their wings, which the people think indicates war.

### EVERSOLE.

Hard Bagley is quite sick with fever.

Madison Reynolds visited his sister, Mrs. Regina Jett, Sunday.

There are forty houses being erected in Boxtown, near L. C. Rose's.

In the case of William Osborn, charged with killing Walker Wilson, the jury disagreed, and he was allowed bond in the sum of \$3,000.

We learn that the Kentucky river will be obstructed at Flint after the 6th of June. All men who expect to run rafts will take due notice of same.

Some one has said when the whippoorwill is heard you may

listen for Rev. M. C. Taylor somewhere. He was seen and heard both at Meadow Creek Sunday.

John M. Rose, of Le Rose, was quietly married to Miss Mattie Shepherd, of Booneville, last Sunday afternoon at the home of Balingier Ledford. We wish them a long and happy life.

### BOONEVILLE.

Circuit court closed here Saturday and Judge Faulkner and Commonwealth's Attorney Lewis left for London, where the Laurel circuit court convenes next Monday. The grand jury was in session five days and returned over 100 indictments during the time.

Dudley Hocker was indicted, charged with breaking in the store house of John Gilbert, on Buffalo, and plead guilty and was sent up for one year.

The trial of William Osborn, charged with the murder of deputy sheriff Walker D. Wilson, last November, resulted in a hung jury. It will be remembered that at the time of the killing Osborn left this county and a reward of \$400 was offered for his return and he was captured by the Sheriff of Menifee county. Osborn will be placed in the Richmond jail for safekeeping.

The contested election case for the office of Sheriff of H. H. Rice vs. A. M. Neeley, was tried and decided in favor of Rice. The court recounted the ballots of Cow Creek precinct, which precinct was contested, and by his count he elected Rice by 17 votes, whereas, by the returns Neeley had been counted in by. Neeley will supercede the judgment and appeal the case. Rice, in addition to being adjudged Sheriff, fed a large number of people for dinner.

### YALLER BRITCHES.

No Change of Time on the L. & A. Railroad.

On account of the prevailing impression that a change of time would occur on the L. & A. R. R. about June 1st, I desire to announce there will be no change whatever in the present running of trains for the summer.

There will also be no regular scheduled Sunday service, as formerly, during the months of June, July, August and September.

It is the intention of the railroad to run a number of Sunday excursions during these months to different points on our line, as well as to Cincinnati and Louisville, due notice of which will be given in hand bills and through these columns. For any further information, call on or address any local agent, or

### R. A. WOOLUMS,

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### To Keep Bread Fresh.

In Swiss and German farmhouses, where the baking takes place once a fortnight or certainly at fairly long intervals, such a thing as unpleasantly stale bread is almost unknown. It is put away in a peculiar manner, which tends to preserve its freshness. Sprinkle flour freely into an empty flour sack, and into this pack the loaves, being careful to have the top crusts of two loaves touching. Where they have to lie bottom to bottom sprinkle flour between them. Tie up the sack and hang it up in an airy place—not against a wall, but so that it can swing. The day before the loaf is wanted take it out, brush off the flour and stand it in the cellar overnight. In this way bread remains edible for three or four weeks.

### A Modest Ambition.

The Hon. Mr. Sweet was making friends with Johnny, his host's son. "And how old are you?" he asked.

"I'm five," said Johnny.

"Ah! Quite a little man! And what are you going to be?" questioned Mr. Sweet, who has been a senator so many years that he now believes that he selected his own career in the cradle and that all infants do likewise.

"I'm going to be six," Johnny returned, with conviction.

### Just Escaped.

An English newspaper has an item about a little Scotch boy who, while playing on the docks, fell into the water and was with great difficulty rescued by a bystander.

"You ought to be very glad I was near by," said his rescuer.

"I am," replied the boy. "And I'm so glad ye got me out. What a liekin' I was got from my mither if I'd been drowned!"

### A New Experience.

Harlemite—A friend of mine who's connected with the street railway company showed me through one of the car barns yesterday and entertained me like a prince.

Brooklynite—In what way?

Harlemite—Why, he allowed me to sit on the car seats to my heart's content!—Puck.

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## OIL AND GAS.

A Brief Sketch of the Formation, History and Production of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.)

### METHODS OF PRODUCTION:

While petroleum has been produced for an immemorial period in China, Persia and many of the other countries of Europe and Asia, the methods used in the production, while interesting in an historical way, would be scarcely possible to treat with here, as the mode of production now in use in the United States is the one familiar to all readers of this article and the one which will be given.

Most of the wells of early history were hand-dug and some of them ranged to 500 feet in depth. The drilling tools; jars, casing, etc., used at the present day in well-drilling in the United States, were probably first invented by the Ruffner Bros., in West Virginia, in their efforts to supply the market with salt. After several unsuccessful attempts in getting through the rock, and finally, after eighteen months' work on the tools which finally overcame all difficulties, they succeeded in drilling, tubing and working the first rock-bored salt well in the United States.

Afterward, in 1831, a man named Morris improved the jars, and that improvement is now used when deep boring is done.

The salt wells were all the while being drilled to greater depths and most of the deeper ones contained more or less petroleum and gas, and was permitted to escape, the oil especially, being considered a great nuisance. Afterwards, however, the gas was utilized for boiling the salt water and the petroleum began to be in demand in workshops and factories.

The use of petroleum created a demand, and in 1859 Col. E. L. Drake and his associates drilled a well especially in search of petroleum that was supposed to be stored in the sand rocks near Titusville, Pa., and upon the success of that well the development of the great oil industry hinged. Other wells had been drilled in search of salt brine and had shown the existence of petroleum, but most of these were abandoned on account of the oil, but afterwards some were pumped for oil alone.

Late in 1859 the Rathbone Bros. located on Burning Springs, run in West Virginia, and drilled a well solely for oil, which well was completed in 1860, and at the depth of 303 feet produced 100 barrels daily, and later another well was drilled, which was also a producer and brought the field in to great prominence, which brought in a rush of people, repeating the history of gold mining camps.

At the height of development in West Virginia in 1862 the Con-



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federate troops appeared on the scene and set to the oil accumulated in tanks, barrels and boats in the Burning Springs district; the field was abandoned and never recovered from the effects of the conflagration. There were, however, two or three wells drilled in the Burning Springs district in 1861 which are still producing from one to two barrels daily since that time.

TRANSPORTATION:—In Burma and other Eastern countries petroleum was stored and transported in flasks and jars. In the United States it was for many years transported in barrels made tight for oil by being coated on the inside with a stiff solution of glue. The first petroleum from the Titusville, Pa., region was barreled and conveyed by wagon to the creek and there loaded into boats and barges and delivered to points from Oil Creek to Pittsburg. Large quantities were hauled to railroads and there shipped to eastern and western destinations by rail and a good portion was carried to the Lakes by canal. When railroads reached the main valleys they provided tanks or cars, but this method was always accompanied by a large percentage of loss by leakage, the tanks having been first made of wood, but this was overcome by the construction of iron tanks and a great deal of oil is still transported in this way.

The transportation by river was also improved by the construction of creek boats which carried the oil in tight compartments. While these improved methods removed a part of the difficulties, there yet remained the obstacles that were encountered in conveying the petroleum produced a few miles away from the lines of transportation. This was accomplished for many years by teams and wagons, but the conditions of the roads made it a hardship and restricted the quantity of petroleum that could be carried to the main line of transportation. This condition of affairs caused the operators to seek a new source of relief, which was found by the construction of pipe-lines. This is the method by which most of the petroleum is transported at the present time in the United States. The first successful pipe line was built in 1865 near Titusville, Pa.,

and the insignificant loss by leakage and otherwise caused the operators thereafter to build pipe lines in all the paying fields, and has contributed largely to build up the petroleum industry as it exists today.

(CONTINUED NEXT WEEK.)

### At the Jungle Restaurant.



The Lion—All the waiters seem particularly attentive to that strange ostrich over yonder.

The Tigress—Yes. I believe they read in the Jungle News this morning that ostrich tips are unusually high this season. — Philadelphia Press.

## Town Ordinance.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the town of Jackson, Ky., that as the sale of distilled, malt and vinous liquors has been expressly prohibited in the town of Jackson and county of Breathitt, and that as "Peruna" and "Ox-o-la," two chemical or vegetable medicinal compounds have been officially analyzed and found to contain intoxicating ingredients, such as alcohol, etc., in sufficient quantities to produce intoxication when drunk, and as the sale of these two concoctions is prohibited by the laws of this State, any firm, corporation, company, individual or individuals who sell, trades or barter said "Peruna" or "Ox-o-la" within the limits of the town of Jackson, Ky., shall be fined not less than \$20 nor more than \$50 for the first offense and shall be imprisoned for not less than ten nor more than twenty days in the discretion of the court or jury trying the case. For each succeeding offense each person so offending shall be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$100.

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