

MAY 30, 1902--SUPPLEMENT TO The Rice Belt Journal.

WILD GUSHER SUBDUED.

Work of Filling Storage Tanks Began Monday.

The Charles American people who were in Jennings Saturday and yesterday say that the Jenningsites are just beginning to realize that good fortune the Southern gusher presages. Previous disappointments in the gusher line had prepared them for the belief that they had only a pumping field, and it has been with difficulty that they realized what Wednesday's strike meant to them.

No. 3 well reverses all the ideas of oil strikes. There is no Spindletop or any other top about the well. It is, in fact, sunk in a marsh where, after a heavy rain, water stands from shoe-top to knee-deep. On that account, much of the waste oil was easily saved, and what has not been pumped into the tanks lies in a little lake near the well.

There are several remarkable features about the discovery. In the first place, the company's stock is practically all in the hands of the Jennings people. E. F. Rowson, J. P. Haber, H. K. Midkiff and John M. Gooper are the largest holders. Smaller blocks are scattered among Jennings people. Some out-of-town people have stock, O. S. Dolby of this city being one, but it may be said that the officers and board of directors hold the bulk of it.

The No. 3 well was put down by the Jones Development Company, for a stated sum of money. The southern officers entirely left it to the manager of the drilling company as to whether he would go after a pumper or a gusher. He chose the latter and events justified his judgment.

The No. 4 well of the company is nearing completion and is expected to be as large a producer as No. 3. The drillers are working with No. 2, which gave such a sensational exhibit a few weeks ago and then choked up, and have hopes of making a gusher of it. The company owns two acres of land right where No. 3 is, but a great deal of neighboring land is owned by the company and by its officers individually.

Another fact of great interest is the preparedness of the company to realize on its product. The pipe-line to Jennings is complete and the work of filling the immense storage tanks was begun to-day. Storage tanks have also been built at Roskoque and points along the Mermentau, oil barges have been contracted for and a number of cars ordered. The company is, in fact, prepared to sell oil as they wish, in Beaumont six months after the gusher was struck.

Whether the oil will be sold for fuel is an open question, depending upon the results of the analysis. It is an undoubted fact that the much better grade than the product, and it may prove a burn.

Texas papers are asserting that the Heywood brothers are the discoverers of this well. That is a mistake. The Heywood syndicate is still struggling with the sand in Jennings No. 1 and No. 2, and has no interest in the Southern Oil property, although its discoveries will doubtless stimulate them to fresh exertions. Several new wells in the field have already been projected. The Crowley people, however, have apparently abandoned the field to Jennings, not a Crowley rig being at work on the Mamou prairie.

Saturday's advices from Jennings stated that the gusher was gotten under control about 1 o'clock that afternoon, and the troublesome four-inch pipe had all been extricated.

At Old Town, near Lake Charles, Monday afternoon, Polite Doucette, a hermit, committed a very atrocious crime by splitting Alfred Stout's head open with an axe and attempting to drown Mrs. Stout. Deputy Sheriff Dave Lyons was notified of the awful occurrence and when he arrived at the Doucette watching by the well will know who the half wild hogs and dogs. Don't let his out- way down low.

W. C. T. U. Column.

One Factor in the Industrial Competition of Nations.

The following abstract of an article which has appeared in papers in Belgium, France, England and Russia, and lately in the Merchant and Manufacturer, of Nashville, Tenn., will be of interest to our readers:

"England and other countries are asking for the causes of the commercial leadership of the United States. In a recent symposium in Cassier's Magazine on this subject by leading American business men, most of the writers agreed in saying that the American workman is the chief agent. One writer says that they are much better time-keepers and far less given to dissipation than these in Great Britain. In the latter country in one establishment, conducted under otherwise favorable conditions, there is said to be a loss of time amounting to nearly 20 per cent., due largely to drunkenness, and if this indicates a somewhat general condition, there can be no surprise that foreign manufacturers have a hard time against American competition.

As to the cause of this greater sobriety of the American workman, the fact appears that twenty years ago, business interests in the United States paid little attention to the effect of the beverage use of alcohol or of tobacco on working ability. About that time, the now universal study of physiology and hygiene, including the study of nature and effects of alcoholic drinks and other narcotics, began to be a legal requirement for all pupils in the public schools of the entire country. (Louisiana passed a law requiring this study in 1888.)

During the past ten or fifteen years, the children have been carrying from the schools to the homes of the 75,000,000 people of the United States the story of the evil nature and bad effects of alcoholic drinks and other narcotics. As a result of the diffusion of this knowledge, the railroads of this country now almost universally refuse employment to men who drink whether on or off duty.

Hon. Carroll L. Wright's Labor Bureau investigations show that a large per cent of the employers of both skilled and unskilled labor require total abstinence of their employees. These requirements, the acquiescence of the employed, and the commercial leadership which this knowledge has helped to secure to the United States, have been promoted by the truth taught by the schools that alcoholic drinks injure working ability. Sir Hiram Maxim, in a late number of the World's Work, says: "The English workman spends a great part of his earnings in beer, tobacco and betting; he has no ambition." Of course not, for beer in dulling the brain dulls ambition." But England is beginning to see the difference in results between occasional temperance talks to school children and the systematic graded school study of this subject required by law in the United States.

At a recent meeting in Birmingham, England, addressed by Archbishop Canterbury, the presiding officer, Mr. Edwin Smith, said: "We are being beaten in skill by America. She has been lavish in spending money in educating the brains of her people, while we have been lavish in poisoning them. The great mass of working people in this country are totally ignorant of the effects of drink." He said that education on this subject "ought to be undertaken by the State. Surely if the State must encourage the traffic for revenue, it should in fairness educate every child in government schools as to the nature and danger of acohol and the benefits of total abstinence. If the State will only educate the children against strong drink, England commercially may yet be saved."

It has been wisely said that "industrial supremacy belongs to that country which enjoys the cheapest materials, the most improved machinery, and the most efficient labor." Clear brains and steady nerves are needed for the preparation of both material and machinery as well as for their use in protection. Hence, that nation whose brains are not dulled by alcohol or narcotics, other things being equal, will win in the world's competition.

WEEKLY CROP REPORT.

Weather Favorable for Louisiana Crops.

Generally fair weather prevailed throughout the week, although there were scattered showers in the sections where rain was needed, and drouthy conditions were generally overcome.

The temperature has been high throughout the State. There has been a daily excess in temperature ranging 4 degrees over the southern portion of the State to 8 degrees over the northern portion.

The week's weather has been, as a whole, favorable for the cotton crop. Showers occurred over the northeastern portion of the State, and relieved the threatened drouth in that section. Heavy rains in the extreme northwestern parishes overflowed lowlands and damaged some cotton. Liee have injured cotton in Rapides parish and necessitated some replanting. As a rule, however, cotton is making good growth and is promising for the season.

Dry weather prevails over the extreme eastern portion of the sugarcane growing region, but cane is not yet suffering, while elsewhere the weather has been favorable for the growth of the cane crop. Where moisture has been sufficient, the warm weather has promoted rapid growth. The plant generally looks healthy.

The weather has been generally favorable for the rice crop which is large. Planting is now nearly completed in all parts of the State. Early planted rice is up to good stands and looks well, and recent planting is coming up to good stands.

Corn has made excellent growth. The crop is in good state of cultivation. The week's weather has been favorable for corn, except over some northern parishes. Early corn was blown down by high winds. The bulk of the crop has been plowed the last time.

Gardens are excellent, except over the extreme southeast portion of the State where dry weather is cutting the yield. The cucumber crop is excellent. Oat harvest has commenced in the southern parishes and the crop is maturing over the northern portion of the State, with prospects for a good yield. Good progress is being made transplanting sweet potatoes. The fruit outlook is generally good.

The Calcasieu Oil Field.

The Jennings Times says: The long looked for and anxiously awaited air compressor for the Tank Line came this morning and was at once loaded on wagons and taken to the field. The need of it is not now as urgent as this time last week, yet it will be put in place at once and be used in Southern No. 2.

S. A. Spencer has disposed of his stock in the Jennings-Heywood oil syndicate to I. D. Williams, T. C. Mahaffey and F. R. Jaenke to-day for \$15,000, the amount changing hands being Mr. Spencer's entire interest in the syndicate.

The North American Rice Co. got the first bargeload of oil yesterday from Jennings No. 3. The Jennings Record says: The Pelican Oil Co. have their machinery all placed and expect to begin drilling tomorrow on their No. 3 well. The surface indications at the point where this derrick is located is very similar to that where the gushers are now being finished by the Jennings Oil Co. and the Southern Oil Co. Mr. Daggett in speaking of this well this morning said he confidently expected a gusher within sixty days.

Welsh was almost depopulated Wednesday, many of her citizens having gone to Jennings to view the big oil gusher of Southern well No. 3. The gusher performed magnificently, throwing a solid stream of oil over a half-hundred feet above the 75-foot derrick and the 1000 or more persons who were out to witness it were wild with enthusiasm. The Jennings people are justly proud of the growth their town has achieved within the past two years, and the fact that oil has been discovered in large paying quantities is an assurance that the day of progress is only in its infancy. Gordon's guard at that moment, of the very much in want of sold, by which it came about that the hounded and robbed, although the bless.

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New Orleans reports Tuesday as having been the hottest May-day in thirty-one years.
G. M. Knott left Tuesday for a three months' business trip to points in Natchitoches parish.
The postoffice will be closed to-day from 12:00 m. until 4:00 p. m. on account of decoration day.
If you know of a picnic party, church festival or society or church function of any kind tell us about it.
A. T. Jones, of the firm of Jones Bros., spent a few days the first of the week in the southern part of the parish.
Miss Nathalie Billon, who had been visiting her brothers, Paul and Jesse, left Wednesday for her home in St. James.
If you are not already a reader of the Rice Belt Journal, drop in and get a sample copy. If you are pleased with it, subscribe for it and tell your friends of its merits as a local newspaper.
J. G. Turner has disposed of his restaurant and confectionery store to Daniel Jacobs and will move to Jennings to engage in a similar business. Mr. Jacobs takes charge of the new business to-day.
City property in Welsh is enhancing in value daily and rents are flying skyward. What better evidence could there be of the town's prosperity? Private residences are in demand and in all portions of the city business houses are being erected as rapidly as possible.
The body of an unknown man was found dead Wednesday morning near the sugar refinery at Lake Charles. He had been dead apparently about two weeks and the buzzards had stripped the bones of their flesh. He wore working clothes and the pockets of his trousers were turned inside out and a freight car pin was found close by, indicating that the man had been hounded and robbed, although the cases of m

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