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Tent Meetings at Lake Arthur.

Elder S. B. Horton and Henry Johnson are conducting a series of tent meetings in our sister town of Lake Arthur. The result of the meetings held at Laurents Point, just opposite Lake Arthur has been the addition of a goodly number to the Seventh-day Adventist cause.

Death of Matthew Hackworth.

Our community has been called upon to part with a fellow-townsmen in the death of Elder Matthew Hackworth, who died November 21, at the ripe age of 73 years, 7 months and 15 days.

About two weeks ago Elder Hackworth left Welsh for Marthaville to engage in ministerial work for the Seventh-day Adventist church. Shortly after beginning his work there he was seized with stomach trouble which continued to get worse until death released him from untold suffering. His family, consisting of his wife, son, two daughters and their husbands, S. R. Winterton and C. B. Fowler, sent to his bedside, and he felt comforted, and resigned himself to whatever the Lord willed. Though suffering very much he made no complaint, patiently awaiting the end which was a triumphant one, the death of a christian.

Of his last words he said "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course; I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord the righteous judge shall give me in that day."

His body was sent to his home here arriving Sunday morning. The funeral took place in the afternoon from the Congregational church, whose doors were kindly thrown open to accommodate the family and friends. Elder S. B. Horton, of New Orleans, officiated at the services taking for his text Rev. 14:13, in harmony with the wishes of the deceased. A large concourse followed to the grave and after a few scriptural quotations and prayer the remains were consigned to mother earth.

Annual Conference.

The Louisiana Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists will be held in Welsh, La., December 19 to 28, and promises to be an important local event. Delegates from the different churches in the state will be in attendance. Beside the state laborers there will be connected with this annual meeting Elder Geo. I. Butler, of Nashville, Tenn., president of the Southern Union Conference, of which Louisiana is a part, also Elder John A. Brunson, who was at one time missionary to Japan. Prof. J. E. Tenney and A. F. Harrison are also expected.

The officers of the conference are: S. B. Horton, president; Anna M. Horton, secretary; Frank Peabody, treasurer; C. F. Dart, state agent; circulation of literature department; Ruby Roach, secretary Church and Sabbath School department; E. S. Abbott, J. R. Hudson, S. Broussard, members of executive committee. A program will be furnished later giving further information concerning the coming meeting.

Notice.

Taxes for 1902 are now past due and the tax roll is in the hands of the collector for collection.

SAMUEL BLACKFORD,
Collector.

WELSH OIL NEWS.

Big Well Gushes Steady Stream of Oil.

MANY NEW WELLS TO GO DOWN

Gas of Very Fine Quality and May be Utilized for Lighting Purposes—Refinery Talked of.

The conditions at the oil well are practically the same as reported last week, except perhaps, a trifling increase in the oil output and less water, while the gas pressure is quite as vigorous as ever, so much so, that it is considered still unsafe to entirely close the valve, and thus the well gushes unceasingly with the valve closed three-quarters, as it has since Sunday week. The well gushes through the pipe leading to the improvised reservoir made last week for the purpose of confining the oil.

E. M. Clark is at work with a large force of men erecting a mammoth earthen tank with a capacity of 60,000 barrels and it is expected to be completed within a few days.

There will be no difficulty regarding transportation of the oil to market, as the Southern Pacific is on one side and the Kansas City, Watkins and Gulf railroad on the other, with Bayou Lacasine as a water route, and all within a short distance of the Welsh oil field. The transportation question is settled in advance.

J. M. Lee, general agent of the Southern Pacific railroad for the State of Louisiana, was here Wednesday, but no definite arrangements were decided upon regarding side tracks and loading racks. It is thought, however, sufficient ground will be purchased at the railroad opposite the oil wells for the necessary sidings and at the same time a site for the erection of a big refinery now in contemplation. The deal will probably be consummated not later than Monday when work on the pipe line will begin. An oil refinery is almost a certainty as it is the opinion of experts who have examined into the quality of the Welsh fluid that it is too valuable for fuel, and if refined may be utilized for purposes that will reap a larger consideration for the promoters. Engineers have experimented with it and pronounce the Welsh product in its crude state a grade of lubricating oil than grades that are now on the market after having been refined.

The question of saving the gas is considered by President Robinson and the directors, and already steps have been taken to obtain experts' advice as to its utility as a fuel and for illuminating purposes, and if satisfactory it is in contemplation to pipe it to Welsh for use in lighting the streets, and public and private buildings. A 200-foot steam gauge was applied to the well Saturday, and the pressure was found to far exceed its capacity, and there being no gauge here to register a higher pressure the test was deferred until a 500-pound gauge could be procured. The cost of building storage tanks and piping the gas to Welsh has been estimated at \$15,000, but whether or not the gas is of sufficient quantity to justify this expenditure of money is a problem that its solution is hard to arrive at. The company is awaiting experts' advice regarding this question. Thus an additional source of wealth is found in the gas now being wasted, and the fact that it is not of a dangerous character will result in its being utilized, if experts decide it can be piped here without loss of force.

NOTES ABOUT THE FIELD.

Jos. Espalla, Jr., Chas. A. Cunningham, Geo. H. Leatherbury, of Mobile, Ala., and F. H. Lewis, of Seranton, Miss., members of the Alabama company whom we last week mentioned as having purchased two acres in the Welsh field, were here Friday and leased an additional tract of 240 acres immediately adjoining the Wood's farm. Mr. Espalla stated that he considered this deal one of the best propositions in the Welsh field and that he would at once organize a company to develop the holdings. A contract has been let to S. H. Keoughan, of Jennings, to put down two wells, the material for the derricks of which are already in the field. Mr. Espalla will open an office in Welsh.

A representative of the J. M. Guffey Oil and Petroleum Company, of Beaumont, was in this city Friday investigating the oil prospects here. The gentleman submitted a proposition to the effect that

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MARTIN BROS.

A Remarkable Showing.

E. Scharff, one of the largest and most successful rice farmers in this vicinity, while in Jennings Sunday gave out the following to the Times man, which is a remarkable showing considering the season: "I finished threshing the 27th day of October. One hundred and ten acres of my crop I did not cut, but after completing threshing I found that I had 4,628 sacks of good milling rice that would bring the highest price on any market; 2,322 sacks of Honduras and 2,308 sacks of Japan. I sold the lower grade, which had been dampened before I could get it under shelter, for \$3.05 to \$3.30 per barrel to the Welsh Rice Milling Company.

During the month of August just as my rice was needing water worst one of my wells gave out and on account of this I lost 110 acres of my best rice leaving but 390 acres which made an average of 11 sacks to the acre. I have been offered \$3.35 per barrel for the remainder but refused the offer.

Messrs. Hutchison and Scroggins, the deep well contractors, have just completed a well on my place which is about two miles west of Welsh and which throws a ten inch stream thirty six inches high."

"When the frost is on the window and the kitchen pail is froze, when the little icy needles come from every breath that blows, when chilblains make us sick and faint and cold feet give us pain, it's safe to bet that we all wish for summer days again. For while we sweat and fume around in gauzy summer clothes, it's easy enough to get cooled off, as everybody knows; but its different in the winter when the world is full of ice, and the weather is as hard to beat as a loaded pair of dice. We may talk about our climate, and about our spring and fall, but the balmy days of summer are the days that suit us all."

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