

WELSH FIELD BROADENED.

Southern Pacific Well Brought in a Good Oil Producer.

After a delay of several days on account of minor accidents, the Southern Pacific well No. 1, drilled by John W. Champion, was completed Tuesday afternoon and accepted by J. M. Lee, general agent, and M. Kennedy, special geologist, for the Southern Pacific railroad company, who were present when the first bailer of oil was brought up and remained in the field until the well was finished.

The completion of Southern Pacific No. 1 was in nowise a surprise, as it was generally known that, barring accidents, it would be made an oil producer before Tuesday night, and consequently a number of persons, especially oil men from a distance interested in the Welsh field, were on the scene to watch its coming.

While this well is not a gusher, yet it is a pumper of the very best kind, and with each ascent of the bailer great quantities of pure oil was brought up. Late Tuesday evening a stream of pure oil was thrown twenty-five feet high, but the gas pressure soon became exhausted and the strong flow of oil subsided. When the valve was turned the well spouts several feet high.

While the gas pressure in this well is considerably less than in No. 4 of the Welsh Oil and Land Development company, yet owing to the absence of salt water and sand it is considered the best well in the Welsh field so far. Driller Champion asserted that it was second to none in the State of Louisiana.

Like Welsh No. 4, the product of this well is of a rich, brown color and is of a very superior quality. The casing in this well was set at a depth of 1002 feet, which accounts for the absence of gas.

The completion of this well adds materially to the area of the proven territory in the Welsh field, and those who were heretofore skeptical regarding the oil producing qualities of the field, are now thoroughly convinced that it is among the best in the country.

The Southern Pacific company asked out locations for four more wells Tuesday afternoon and has awarded the contracts to John W. Champion, and work will begin as soon as rigs can be shipped from Beaumont.

Births.

Born, January 6, to the wife of Jake Bertrand, a son.

A son was born Sunday, January 11, to the wife of John Thomas.

A daughter put in an appearance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Stephens Sunday, January 11.

Born, Sunday, January 11, to the wife of Al. G. Litchfield, near town, a daughter.

A son was born to Mrs. Andrew Louvrier, southwest of town, Wednesday, January 14. Mrs. Louvrier is probably the youngest mother in Calcasieu parish, as she is only 14 years and 9 months old. Fourteen-year-old others are extremely rare.

Officers Moving In.

The new court house has been accepted and the different officials are busy this morning moving into their new quarters. The clerk's office has been reunited; and while all of the new furniture has not been placed, the force is occupying the new office and is busy at work. The sheriff's office force in the old court house building on the corner, is also busy with work, carrying over stuff and moving furniture to the new quarters. Great sighs of relief are going up from all of the parish officers, as they have been laboring under great disadvantages in the cramped and congested state of their offices, while the new building was in the course of construction.—Lake Charles Press.

Real Estate Transferman, lot 2,

N. C. Craig to A. H. New, \$55.
Block 16, Craig subdivision, block 16, Gideumb to J. G. She, \$325.
Phase, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.
W. Bower to Miss C. C. B. division, and 6, block 1, Bower's subdivision, town of Welsh, \$208.22.
Aly, 14 lots
N. Prentice to Mrs. R. K. \$250.
and 6 blk 35, town of Welsh, lot 6
H. Cooper to A. B. Ch
4, J. C. Sub., \$85.
E. Wesson to G. H. town of Welsh, \$137.50.
Hayes to W. P. L. Craig
interest in lot 8, blk, \$68.75.
division, town of Welsh.

Organize.

Woodmen of the World been here E. Thomas, who interest of the several days in the organized woodmen of the World, meeting with in Welsh Tuesday. The eight charter members elected officers were: J. H. Cooper, president; Dr. Jno. H. Coe, adjutant; W. A. Sax, banker; Anthony Hebe, Jacobs, clerk; Dan: J. M. H. Remer, waiter; Cooper, secretary; Drs. J. W. R. H. Four, physician; P. H. Buckingham, P. R. managers; W. R. secretary.

Wesson Implements of the Canton plows.

Established 1902.

Officers:

A. P. PUJO, President, O. FULTON, V. Prest., W. W. WELSH, Cashier.

Directors:

A. P. PUJO, Lake Charles; O. FULTON, R. R. ARCENEUX, A. E. BELL, F. L. LEWIS, C. P. MARTIN; FRANK ROBERTS, Lake Charles.

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WELSH, LA., January 16, 1903.

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You will have in your home a bank always open for deposits. You can drop in small amounts you would not take to any bank, thus preventing you from spending them. Money kept loosely near at hand affords a continual temptation to wastefulness. Many persons waste enough in a lifetime to make them independent. You cannot shake or get the money out, as we hold the key; you, therefore, do what you ought—bring and send the bank to us, have its contents counted and placed to your credit. If you desire a bank, call or send us your name and address and day desired for interview, and our representative will call.



One of our representatives will call on you Friday or Saturday.

Don't put it off, but start now while you have a chance, as the supply is limited. Drop us a postal card and our representative will call or call yourself. Being Born After The Fireworks. unconvictionality. Parents please make haste lest they spring.

NEWS FROM THE OIL FIELD.

Work on Southwestern Well Delayed On Account of Accident.

The Southwestern well drilled by S. W. Clay, met with an accident yesterday morning while bailing similar to that of the Denver-Beaumont well. This well is at a depth of over 1200 feet and the strong pressure of gas forced sand up between the strainer and six-inch pipe within a few hundred feet of the surface of the ground, thus delaying work for several hours. It is thought, however, a four-inch liner can be inserted in the six-inch pipe, and in this manner Driller Clay expects to bring the well in today, it is reported. When the six-inch liner was set Wednesday evening, further work was postponed overnight on account of the high gas pressure, and the appearance of sand is attributed to this delay. This well, owing to the fact that it is considerably deeper than that of the Southern Pacific, gives evidence of a gusher, and at any rate promises to be a splendid well.

Joseph Espalla, Jr., and Phelan B. Dorian, of Mobile, Ala., and M. A. China, of Pensacola, Florida, arrived Monday night to remain until after the Southwestern well, in which they are interested, is completed. While here they changed the location of the well to be put down for the Metropolitan Oil Company to lot forty-two, near the Denver-Beaumont well, and the material for the derrick has accordingly been moved to that place. S. W. Clay has been awarded the drilling contract and expects to begin boring within the next week.

J. M. Lee, General Manager of the Southern Pacific for the State of Louisiana, accompanied by Mrs. Lee, spent Friday and Saturday in Welsh. Mr. Lee was here for the purpose of looking after his well in the oil field, now nearing completion, and other interests of the railroad in and near town. While here he purchased six acres of Sam'l Blackford, immediately north of the railroad, and southwest of the present wells, on which will be built racks for loading oil and the necessary sidings. The price paid was \$1025.

J. M. Bowen, driller of the Denver-Beaumont well which met with an accident last week on the eve of completion, has been busily engaged repairing the damages that progress may be resumed. The cause of the accident is attributed to the fact that the screen was not woven closely enough to exclude sand. Some difficulty has been experienced in operating the swedge nipple, a device used in cleaning screens already set. Until this is done and an inner screen put down no further progress can be made on the well.

Martin Van Hemel, of Mobile, Ala., was in this Friday and Saturday attending to matters in the oil field. Mr. Van Hemel is a member of the Mobile syndicate which owns considerable holdings in the oil territory at this place and the object of his visit was to confer with other Mobile parties who were here regarding the advisability of putting down more wells. It was decided to sink two more wells and the contracts were awarded to S. H. Keoughan, of Jennings.

John C. Lee and Jacob L. Keller, president and secretary respectively of the Merchants Oil Company, arrived here Friday to look after their interests in the Welsh oil field. They were pleasant callers at the JOURNAL office Friday afternoon and informed us that they were getting along splendidly and hoped to begin the development of their holdings within a short time. They left Saturday morning for their home in Decatur, Ill.

The Big Mound Oil Company of Des Moines, Iowa, shipped a fine rig to Boanoke Wednesday, to be used in boring some test wells on the farms of Chas. H. Zwick and Jno. Robinson. This rig is the finest well drilling outfit brought to this section and it is quite probable that oil will be found in paying quantities on the holdings of the Big Mound Company.

The lumber for a derrick belonging to a company of Beaumont oil men was hauled out Tuesday. The location of the new well to be drilled is a few feet northeast of the Southern Pacific well. S. W. Clay has the contract of boring and will begin operations as soon as he completes the well for the Southwestern Oil Company.

A rig arrived here Monday from Beaumont for W. P. Calloway, who has leased three acres near the Denver-Beaumont well, and will begin drilling as soon as preparations can be made. T. E. Wilson came over from Beaumont Monday to take charge of the machinery and will operate the drill when everything is in readiness for boring.

Virginia Oil Company. An oil company composed entirely of former Illinois people was formed in Jennings Friday to be known as the Virginia Oil Company and capitalized at \$500,000. The officers of the new company are George Conover, president; J. F. Miller, vice president; W. B. Conover, secretary and manager; F. E. Bliss, treasurer. The first board of directors is composed of George Conover, F. E. Bliss, R. W. Mills, W. B. Conover, Malt Yapple, C. M. Tinney, J. F. Miller.

This company has considerable holdings in the Conover subdivision in the Welsh oil field and expects to begin developing its property at an early date. Already one well has been started on this tract by S. H. Keoughan, and it is said the surface indications for oil are as good as at any point in the field. The majority of the officers are now residents of Louisiana, yet their principal operations are in the Welsh field, as considered a much more promising than that at Jennings.

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Very truly,

KIMBALL & BENOIT,

Welsh, Louisiana.

Armel Norris, a well-to-do farmer residing near Rice postoffice, five miles west of Welsh, happened to a very painful accident Saturday. He was riding on horse back when the animal suddenly stumbled throwing him violently to the ground and falling upon him. His right leg was broken below the thigh and the right arm broken between the wrist and elbow. Both bones were broken in each instance.

J. H. Rhodes, of Eureka Springs, Ark., and Chester W. Brown, of Jackson, Mich., arrived here Friday to look after their farming interests south of town. These gentlemen own what is known as the Arceneux farm and are having a deep well drilled on the place. A Brechner is doing the work and is already down more than 400 feet. Mr. Brown made this office a call Saturday morning.