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### Notes From the Oil Field.

Capt. Walsh furnished Wednesday's Times-Democrat with the following concerning the Welsh field: The oil wells recently reported as giving satisfactory results here are still being pumped, and it is stated that the output of oil is slightly improved.

J. C. Maul, manager of the Welsh company, who is now in charge of the repairs being made in No. 3 well of the Southern Pacific Company, states that today, owing to an accumulation of gas, this well spouted for several minutes, and he believes that when pumping is resumed, if the salt water can be reduced as he hopes, this well will again be a good oil producer.

Manager Preston Herndon of the Hill Top Company was at work all day at the company's No. 2 well, which met with an accident some months ago, since which time many experts have been employed to fish out the broken pipe and screen, but so far without success. Now that Mr. Herndon has personally taken charge of the derrick work, and has applied new methods and new tools, the opinion of oil men here is that success will crown his efforts. This well was, at the time of the accident, regarded as the best oil well in the Welsh field. This well showed much oil today while being washed, during the pulling of the broken pipe, which is more than nine hundred feet below the surface.

The drillers of the McFadden well have been for days in hard rock, and are yet drilling in that formation at a depth of about 500 feet, fully expecting in due time to bring in an oil well. This well is being drilled in the proven field.

### SNAKE EATER BITTEN BY MOCCASIN.

A dispatch from Lake Charles to Wednesday's dailies says: "Esau, the snake eater," while giving one of his exhibitions in this city today, was bitten on the tongue by a poisonous rust-head moccasin. The snake was caught on the bank of Calcasieu Lake and sold to "Esau," whose proper name is John Rufe, of Newark, N. J. In his exhibition "Esau" picked up the snake and put its head into his mouth and bit it off. The snake in the meantime had sunk its poisonous fangs into the tongue. The boy is now lying at the point of death. His tongue is swollen so badly that he is gradually choking to death, and the body is turning a dark brown as the poison spreads through his system. There is little hope for his recovery.

### Warehouse Collapsed.

The big rice warehouse on the Southwestern plantation south of Welsh collapsed Friday under a load of between 15,000 and 20,000 bags of rice. The joists and underpinning gave way under the heavy burden and the lower portion of the big storage room was completely demolished. T. J. Feibleman and S. J. Kahn, of New Orleans, president and vice-president respectively of the Southwestern Rice and Canal Co., Ltd., came out to Welsh Sunday morning and arranged to have the rice removed and the building raised and repaired. The damage will be slight.

### RIGGS GETS TWENTY YEARS.

#### Roanoke Murderer, Once Condemned, Will Serve Long Sentence.

John Riggs was again in district court Monday morning, plead guilty and was sentenced to a term of twenty years in the penitentiary.

This is another of those noted cases that have been tried in district court this year. The sensational circumstances connected with it are more or less familiar to all readers.

On the 9th day of November the residents of Roanoke learned that Thornton Collins received his death from a pistol shot wound at the hand of John Riggs. The case was tried at the last term of court and the jury brought in a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree and fixed his punishment at hanging. Judge Miller then read the death sentence to Riggs in which he stated that he should hang by the neck until dead.

In the meantime, his attorney, S. N. Young, was laboring faithfully in his behalf and finally secured a new trial by going to the supreme court. The sentence of death was, of course, not carried into effect.

Before the supreme court passed upon the case, the two chief witnesses against Riggs broke jail. It looked for awhile like Riggs would go scot free. Attorney Young made an ineffectual effort at the last term of court to force a trial. A few weeks ago, one of the missing witnesses was recaptured and his deposition secured. The last chapter came Monday morning when Riggs plead guilty and took his twenty years sentence.—L. C. American.

### May Build New Church.

P. J. Unkel, P. M. Billon and J. R. Robichaux were in Jennings Monday afternoon in conference with Father Peeters, who has charge of the Catholic churches at this place and Jennings, and Rev. Father Cools, of New Orleans, relative to building a new church and securing a priest exclusively for this place. Nothing was definitely decided upon, but Father Cools accompanied them to Welsh, and through P. M. Billon the JOURNAL is informed that there is an excellent chance of securing his services here. Mr. Cools has the choice of Gueydan or Welsh, and has announced that the church that is built first he will accept. The Catholic denomination at this place owns three blocks and has about \$1500 already subscribed towards building a house of worship, and Mr. Billon stated that in all probability the contract for a new church would be let within a few days, in which event it would be ready for holding regular services by the first of January. It is understood that Gueydan has as yet purchased no lot and had only about \$500 with which to build a church.

### New Extension Nearing Completion.

The Lake Arthur extension of the Louisiana and Western is now rapidly nearing completion. The grading is practically completed and the road is now in operation as far as Hayes. The engineer, L. W. Stubbs, stated Monday morning that by January 1 the entire road would be completed and that by November 15 track laying would begin from Hayes.

The weather has been very favorable for railroad work and the company has been making the best of good conditions by working double crews. Mr. Stubbs also stated that he expected to have the road completed in plenty of time to get some of the big rice shipments from the Lake Arthur districts.—L. C. American.

### Public School Opens Monday.

The public school did not open Monday morning as was intended on account of the failure of the carpenters to have the building in readiness. An extra force of men was put on this week and work is being pushed as rapidly as possible. We have been requested by Principal Hooper to announce that school will begin next Monday, and to urge parents to send their children the first day. The teachers are C. E. Hooper, principal; Miss Cora Miller, first assistant; Miss Mary Buchanan, second assistant; Miss Lenore Anderson, third assistant, and Miss Nettie Shaw, primary department.

### Died of Hemorrhages.

R. H. Batton, aged 38 years, for the past month an employe of the Hill Top Oil Co., died Saturday night at the home of J. C. Maul in the oil field, after three days' suffering of hemorrhages. Rev. Harrison conducted funeral services Sunday afternoon and at 4 o'clock the interment took place in the city cemetery. Batton's home was in Forkland, Ala. Some time ago he came to Louisiana and secured employment in the Jennings oil field, later coming to Welsh. He leaves an aged mother.

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### Some Big Rice Crops.

This season has certainly proven an ideal one for the rice farmer of Southwest Louisiana, and Calcasieu parish, this year, is a veritable garden of Eden. To demonstrate the productiveness of soil around Welsh we cite two instances that have come to the knowledge of the writer. Geo. W. Gosner sowed 400 acres of rice this spring, one-third of which was of the Honduras variety and the remainder Japan. He finished threshing last week and off the 400 acres realized 4755 bags of rice, or an average of a fraction less than twelve bags per acre. At the present price rice is selling at, which is considerably lower than at the beginning of the season, Mr. Gosner will realize something in the neighborhood of \$15,000 for his crop.

Another is that of John T. Boling, who sowed 230 acres by actual drill measurement. The cereal was planted early, some fertilizer used and it was given all the water necessary. He threshed 2581 bags from the 230 acres and being among the first in the market received \$9,679.85 for his crop, an average of a fraction over \$42 per acre. His first lot of 1,019 bags was sold at \$4.12 per bag.

Many others throughout the entire rice belt have done equally as well and some probably better.

For the man who is seeking a desirable location, a healthy climate and a money-making country, come to Southwest Louisiana. When tillers of the soil recognize the importance of diversified farming and begin raising a variety of products, this section will doubtless prove the garden spot of the universe.

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### Departed Between Sons.

Pyle and Thomas, tenants on the Mayville plantation south of town for the past two years, gathered their personal belongings, consisting of several teams of mules, wagons and household effects, and Thursday of last week while the majority of us were sleeping the sleep of the just, left this section of Louisiana, besides some unpaid notes held by local implement men. Their maneuvers were discovered, however, and the Davidson-Wesson Implement Co. and the Calcasieu implement Co. each sent a man in pursuit. Messrs. Pyle and Thomas were intercepted at Mormentau and after a heated conversation with a representative of the former firm, compromised by paying a portion of the note and giving a bill of sale for some implements left on the plantation for the balance. When accosted by a collector for the latter company, they reluctantly parted with a fine span of mules and accounts were squared. The two notes amounted to almost \$400.

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