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The Dixie Minstrel Performance.

The entertainment given by the Dixie Minstrels in the school house hall last Friday evening was witnessed by the largest crowd that had ever assembled in the hall, every seat having been occupied and standing room all bargained for. Several from Lake Charles, Jennings and Roanoke were in attendance.

The show was a benefit entertainment given for the Welsh Cornet band, and the performers were all home talent.

Those composing the Dixie Minstrels were W. J. Eaves and sons, Will and Howard, Jessie Buckingham, Mert Morrill, Wm. Terry, and Ed Bower, S. E. Carroll acting as interlocutor.

Each member acquitted himself in a manner that would have done credit to a professional, and each member was heartily encoored.

David Breuer as a wand wielder deserves especial mention. In his specialty act of ten minutes he held the audience spell bound and was received with a round of applause.

Wm. Terry favored the audience with several toon songs. The boys performed splendidly and found favor with the audience from the time the curtain went up until the grand finale.

Splendid music was discoursed by an orchestra composed of Prof. C. E. Hooper, Hugh Craig, Chas. White, C. A. Austin, Geo. and Scott Carr and W. J. Eaves.

The band boys having lost their horns in the fire Saturday morning, have decided to give another entertainment to partially compensate the town for its loss, the instruments being the property of the town. Jennings has tendered the use of her opera house and brass band and a performance will be given in that city next Thursday evening. The program to be rendered there will be materially changed from that of last Friday.

Serious Cutting Affray at Roanoke.

A fight in a barber shop at Roanoke Saturday night resulted in three men being injured, two of them being cut and the third one, who did the cutting, being badly beaten up. The two cut were brothers, both of whom came from Missouri. They were E. A. Amos, who was cut quite painfully on the face, and Willard Amos. He was injured more severely than his brother, being cut in the throat. It is said that a standing collar was all that saved his life. The one who did the cutting was named William Jones, and he was badly beaten up. He is a native of Tennessee.

The exact cause of the trouble is not known here. It seems that all of the parties concerned had been drinking and were in the barber shop, when a row broke out among them.

After the fray, a call was sent to Lake Charles for officers. Deputy Sheriff Ben Hampton took the midnight train and went there. He arrested the two Amos boys and Will Jones. Jones was later released on bond. The two Amos boys were locked up in the parish jail at this place. It is not thought that the injuries of either will prove dangerous.—L. C.

Iowa News Notes.

A pleasing and rather unique social was given to the young people of Iowa by Mr. and Mrs. Milo Spaulding on last Friday evening. The social consisted of a good, jolly time and the refreshments were mulberry pie, mulberry desert, mulberries in the trees to the climbers, and cake, unanimously voted too good to keep, therefore eaten. Quite a number of the young people were present and all pronounced the mulberry social the best of all socials.

Tom Jones has purchased a new twenty-two horse-power engine and will be well equipped to draw water for his rice irrigation, and have full power for his threshing outfit. Good for Tom; his thinker is all right.

Dr. Calvert has returned from his northern trip. The doctor is looking much improved and expresses himself well pleased with his outing.

Rev. J. B. Fisher, of Lake Charles, filled the Congregational pulpit on last Sunday. A good congregation was present and deep interest was manifested by all.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Reese came in from their country home to attend divine service at the Congregational church on last Sunday.

The Iowa baseball team was victorious at Welsh Saturday. Both teams played good ball considering the young cyclone which was blowing during the game.

The Iowa cornet band has been presented with cap lamps by the business men here. Come, boys, let us have some music down town now. No excuse now of "can't see," for those lamps are good enough to see to read the music on the moon.

Rev. John B. Fisher, of Lake Charles, has received a call from the Congregational church here to the pastorate of this church. We are glad to know Rev. Fisher and hope he will accept the call and find the church here a most congenial one.

Joseph G. Cann, of the House of Representatives, will be permanent on Canal publican National, \$162.50; and of the House of Representatives, \$162.50.

Albert B. Bower, prop. of Engineer, L. Bower to Gov. Vardaman in Welsh the militia, was S. C. and the jury was making up a verdict will be hanged May

OIL FIELD NOTES

The Welsh Oil and Land Development Company last week contracted to supply 5000 barrels of fuel oil, 2000 to Walsh & Buck and 3000 to Paul W. Daniels.

The Mac Faddin continues to flow with no apparent decrease in its production of the greasy fluid. The big storage tank and two smaller ones have been filled with oil and it is expected that tank builders will be here the latter part of the week to erect another storage tank.

In connection with the gas blowout in the water well being drilled on the farm of C. F. Buck near the oil field last week, in which a considerable showing was made, it must be remembered that wells have been drilled outside of the proven field in several directions, only to find dry holes, and the finding of this show of oil on land not yet prospected for, may, and likely will, be the means of extending the oil field in that direction, and perhaps result in locating a big pool of oil, which oil experts believe must be near.

"Welsh oil, after having gone through the refining process, makes the best lubricant of any I have ever seen in all my long experience as a refiner," says Tobe Slaughter, of the Central Oil and Refining Company, in speaking of the merits of the local product. Mr. Slaughter claims that none so far discovered will equal the Welsh fluid for lubricating purposes. The refinery will shortly be in operation now, as the side track has been completed and the cooling tanks and other machinery are rapidly being installed.

The Texas Oil Company have abandoned their well on the Wood tract a half mile southwest of the proven field, after reaching a depth of about 1200 feet. At no time were the indications favorable for a good oil well and when the required depth was reached the showing of oil was not sufficient to justify further development and the hole was abandoned. For a time the matter of drilling an additional thousand feet was considered, but the rig has since been moved away and it is presumed that the Texas company will cease operations here, for the present, at least.

"In my opinion the Welsh oil field is going to be one of the best in the whole of the southwest with possibly one exception and that is Jennings," said J. C. Maul, manager of the Welsh Oil & Development company, who was in the city over night looking after the business affairs of the company and purchasing machinery for the drilling of another well as soon as all arrangements can be made. "The coming in of the Metropolitan well yesterday, a gusher, is going to revive operations in every portion of the field and if rumors can be believed there will be operating in this field inside of sixty days at least twenty companies."—Jennings Times-Record.

"The Hill Top company's well (No. 4) was Friday accepted for that company by Vice-President and General Manager Frank N. Butler. This well and strainer are made on a plan of G. B. Speed, its driller, by which he drilled a six-inch well and set a six-inch strainer with one string of pipe with watertight joint on cap rock, and therefore no water from above, so common in this field, can come into this well. Mr. Speed says that Friday morning some salt water was showing up, and he expects more, but still it is very little as compared with the quantity usually found in the wells of this field, but he is of the opinion that when there are four wells pumping that the salt water will be greatly reduced and finally exhausted. He further said that he did not think oil of the Welsh field could be handled without some salt water, as the oil was too thick and heavy; indeed, so much so that it looked to him as if the salt water belonged to it and was part of the oil itself and necessary to help the oil to get through the sand. Mr. Speed also said that this well, will have to be pumped many days before its value as an oil producer can be determined, but he was quite sure it would be equal to the best in the field.

The baseball season of 1904, as far as Welsh is concerned, was formally inaugurated Saturday afternoon, Iowa Station having come over to contest diamond honors with the local team. Although the game was played under adverse circumstances, there having been such a high wind, the hundred or more spectators were treated to an interesting game of clean baseball in which it required ten innings to decide. J. R. Jones did the slab work for the visitors and Welsh was the rubber artist for the locals. Welsh went to bat in the last half of the ninth with the score tied, but three pop flies retired the side without a run. The locals were also unable to connect with the sphere in the tenth, while Iowa swatted the horsehide for a total of four runs. A second game will be played tomorrow afternoon and it is

Jennings Oil News.

Every day in the Jennings oil field find new contracts closed, new wells being drilled and derricks can be seen in course of construction in all parts of the territory. It was stated by reliable dealers today that there was a remarkably strong demand yesterday for all grades of goods, but the sales were not very numerous, as the operators do not seem to be in any great hurry to dispose of any amount that they may have on hand. Offers which one month ago would have seemed fabulous are to-day passed by unheeded.

During Monday and Tuesday there was transported through the Jennings pipe line from the oil field to the storage tanks, just on the outskirts of this city on the east, 10,000 barrels of crude oil, which sold at 70 cents per barrel.

Fred I. Getty and J. F. Hervey, both prominent oil operators and land owners in the Jennings field, have closed a contract for the drilling of a well in the southwestern portion of the proven territory. Mr. Getty is the inventor of the oil screen which is being used exclusively in all of the wells drilled in the Jennings, Welsh and Saratoga oil fields.

The Baynes Planters' Oil and Development Company has closed a contract with James Tierce for the drilling of its well No. 2 in the southeastern portion of the field.

The Morse Oil Company, one of the oldest and richest concerns now operating here, has closed a contract for the drilling of its well No. 6 in the very heart of the proven territory.

The Bienville Oil Corporation, composed almost entirely of Mobile capitalists and investors, will drill another well on its holdings as soon as the machinery can be placed.

The producers' Oil Company of Beaumont, which recently acquired extensive and valuable holdings south of where operations are now being carried on successfully, has closed a contract with J. W. Champion for the drilling of two wells near the Chicago-Jennings Oil Company's famous gushers.

After gushing a steady stream of pure oil for more than one month, during which time it made a remarkable record, the well No. 3, belonging to the Chicago-Jennings Oil Company, ceased gushing at an early hour Tuesday morning. It is thought that the well was choked by the packer, which was loose, and as soon as the damage is repaired the well will resume gushing.

Evangelist Laslette's talk on "The Drama of Life in Five Acts," to gentlemen only, in the Congregational church Sunday afternoon, was greeted by a large and appreciative audience. The sermon was full of good, sound logic and instructed as well as entertained those who were fortunate enough to hear it. The service was termed a men's mass meeting and proved such a decided success that Mr. Laslette has decided to have another next Sunday afternoon at 3:30. His theme will be "Man versus Fate," and a cordial invitation is extended all men, both young and old, to attend this service. There will also be cornet and vocal solos and congregational singing.

No. 6360.

Report of the Condition of

The First National Bank

at Welsh, in the State of Louisiana, at the close of business Mar. 28, 1904.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$39,787 53
Overdrafts secured and unsecured	1,368 39
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	6,250 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	492 19
Banking house, furniture, fixtures	8,000 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	1,099 14
Due from State Banks and Bankers	3,528 50
Due from approved reserve agents	3,343 74
Checks and other cash items	128 41
Notes of other National Banks	200 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	28 05
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz: Specie	\$ 817 75
Legal tender notes	1,325 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	312 50
Total	\$65,689 20

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$25 000 00
Undivided profits, less expense and taxes paid	1,555 93
National Bank notes outstanding	5,950 00
Individual deposits subject to check	29,808 05
Time certificates of deposit	3,219 42
Liabilities other than those above stated (collection account)	135 80
Total	\$65,689 20

RECAPITULATION.

Loans and discounts	\$39,787 53
Overdrafts	1,368 39
U. S. Bonds	6,250 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	492 19
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	8,000 00
Redemption fund	312 50
Cash and Sight Exchange	9,478 59
Total	\$65,689 20

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$25 000 00
Circulation	5,950 00
Undivided net profits	1,555 93
Deposits	33,163 27
Total	\$65,689 20

STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF CALCAHIEU, ss. I, Fred D. Calkins, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FRED D. CALKINS, Cashier

Correct—Attest: PAUL W. DANIELS, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of January, 1904.

Notary Public.

Cline, Cline & Lee, LAWYERS.

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