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## WELSH OIL A RICH LUBRICANT.

### President Scott Talks Interestingly of the Local Product and Refinery.

Lake Charles American: S. M. Scott, of Beaumont, Tex., president of the refinery company of Welsh, La., was in this city Saturday and gave out a most interesting interview upon the subject of Louisiana products, and especially those of this section of the state and Calcasieu parish. He stated that he had a very high appreciation of the wonderful resources of Calcasieu parish.

"Lumber, rice and oil," said Mr. Scott, "are bound to make this a very rich parish. Few people realize the possibilities of this part of Louisiana. Everybody knows something of the wealth that can be obtained from lumber and rice, but perhaps less often has it entered the mind of the business man that Calcasieu has a veritable gold mine within her borders.

"A placer mine in Colorado or California is considered a most excellent proposition if the pay dirt or ore will yield a net return to the miner of from \$5 to \$7 per ton.

"While Calcasieu parish has no placer mines she has a raw material that is produced in vast quantities and at this time is being sold as raw material, yet which, at a cost of manufacture not exceeding \$3 per ton, will yield a net profit to the manufacturer of over \$20 per ton. I have reference to the most excellent quality of oil produced in this parish.

"The refinery at Welsh will have a capacity of about 100 tons or 600 barrels. We expect to be running by the first of July. The product of the Welsh fields is gradually increasing. While we may not be able to take care of the entire product at the present we expect to increase our capacity from time to time.

"With running only 600 barrels per day the returns will be very gratifying."

Mr. Scott had samples of oils made from the Welsh product, showing a very high grade of all kinds of oil.

"We have," he continued, "what we call a pony refinery that we use to test any oils sent to us. The Welsh oil is very rich with high grade engine and cylinder oils as well as water-white illuminating oil. Mr. R. H. Childs, our superintendent, has been engaged in refining work for twenty-five years and not only understands the practical work of refining, but also the science of marketing the product.

"Most people think that the illuminating oil is the most valuable while the fact is the by-products sell for the most money. Twenty-five per cent of all the oil used in the trade is refined by independent companies and hence the old idea of a monopoly interfering with the legitimate trade is an error.

"We have received inquiries from large distributing companies who desire to purchase our output for three years. The independent refineries are increasing every year.

"The oil here is purchased for what it is worth on a fuel market, and the goods are sold as finished products. Every barrel refined is worth from \$6 to \$20 per barrel, while the raw material costs less than \$1.

"It is not expected that home people would invest to a very large extent in a manufactory of this kind, although several parties of this parish invested with us. Being a home industry that will bring large returns, there will be no difficulty in my opinion in interesting others if we desire to do so for the purpose of increasing our plant."

### Reid-Perkins Case Before Governor.

A dispatch from Baton Rouge Saturday says: Governor Heard today received from Attorneys Sompayrac and Toomer of Lake Charles a written protest against the issuance of a commission to D. J. Reid as sheriff of Calcasieu parish. This case attracted considerable attention at the last meeting of the State committee. Perkins, the defeated candidate, made ground that Reid was ineligible for the reason that he had not received a quietus from the finance committee under a previous administration. In view of the fact that Reid received a large majority of votes over his opponent, he was declared the Democratic nominee. Gov. Heard has not signified what action he will take in the matter, but the fact remains that the sheriff-elect can not enter upon his duties until he has received his commission from Governor.

World's Fair, St. Louis.  
Tickets at low rates now on sale. For particulars apply to any Mobile and Ohio R. R. agent.

### The Parish Division Matter.

The state legislature now in session at Baton Rouge will in all probability take definite action upon the matter of dividing the parish and strong pressure will be brought to bear for the accomplishment of that end. Regarding the matter Monday's New Orleans States says: In Calcasieu, which is one of the largest parishes in the State, the people living at Jennings and Welsh and in the sections contiguous thereto, desire to form a new parish. Calcasieu is a district of magnificent distances, and Lake Charles, the parish seat, is not conveniently accessible to many of its people. The Jennings-Welsh section is making rapid strides in industrial development and its people believe it is large enough and prosperous enough to form a new parish by itself, and that, too, without serious detriment to the rest of Calcasieu. Former Representative C. E. Wooten, who is now a leading lawyer of Jennings; J. H. Hoffman, Alba Heywood, George Hathaway, A. D. McFarlain and other prominent citizens of the Jennings section are already here. They have started an active campaign and Mr. Wooten said last night that armed with feet and fingers, they believed they would be able to convince the members of the legislature that their appeal for self government is a reasonable and just one.

The Times-Democrat says: From Jennings, in Calcasieu parish, comes a delegation of which Mr. Wooten, a former member of the House, is a prominent member, to work with the delegation in the two Houses favoring a division of Calcasieu parish into East and West Calcasieu. From Lake Charles there will be registered a strenuous objection, for Lake Charles is now the parish seat, and will endeavor to retain that honor. Jennings is aspiring to a similar position in the new parish to be created if the measure passes.

The correspondent could well have said that strenuous objection would also be raised in practically every portion of the parish except around a little favored spot about the center of ward ten. Some of the strongest opposition to the proposed division of Calcasieu will come from within the bounds of the parish-to-be perhaps.

### Dissolution of Partnership.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership formerly existing between C. Benoit & Son is hereby dissolved by mutual consent. C. Benoit retiring therefrom. C. Benoit will collect all the outstanding debts due by said firm of C. Benoit & Son.  
Welsh, La., May 6, '04. C. BENOIT.  
S. BENOIT.

H. A. Lux, Geo. E. George, A. R. McDonald and G. H. Rick, all prominent business men of the thriving city of Mattoon, Ill., were here a few days the latter part of last week and the first of this investigating the resources and looking over the prospects of this section of Southwest Louisiana. Mr. Lux has considerable interests in Calcasieu and makes yearly visits to this section. They left for their northern homes Tuesday.

**Notice to Milk Buyers.**  
I hereby notify my customers and friends that the price of milk has been reduced to 20c per gallon or 5c per quart.

W. M. BARTON.

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We have all sizes of remnant belting which we are offering very cheap. Pieces of fifty feet and up at prices less than at car load lots. We are determined to close these out.  
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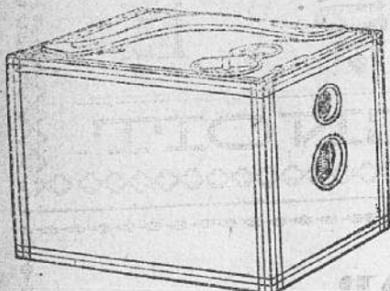
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In the selection of our stock of Dress Goods, Underwear, Hosiery and Hats for ladies Summer wear, we included the smartest of 1904's fashions. The beautiful Weaves and Designs found in our Dress Goods department can't be surpassed in the large cities and the prices are such as to make everyone a customer. Don't be contented by what others say, but come and see for yourself. "The Proof of the Pudding is the Eating of it."

## MARTIN BROS.,

WELSH, LA.

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### New Oil Company Organized.

The Standard Oil Company of Louisiana is the name of a new corporation chartered under the laws of the State of Louisiana and organized to operate in the Welsh territory.

The name sounds familiar to all our readers, but it has no connection with the octopus of which the lanky, bald-pated John D. Rockefeller is at the head. The company is composed of Illinois and local parties and is capitalized at half a million dollars and is divided into 500,000 shares of the par value of one dollar each, and is authorized to begin business at any time the majority of directors may decide after 50,000 shares have been subscribed. 300,000 shares of the stock shall be preferred stock.

The first board of directors consists of W. E. Sanders, J. C. Keller, J. W. Sanders, B. E. Zink and J. A. Costley, of whom John G. Keller is president; B. E. Zink, vice-president; W. E. Sanders, secretary; J. A. Costley, assistant secretary, and J. W. Sanders, treasurer.

The company is domiciled at Welsh and its purpose is to transact a general business pertaining to real estate, to work and mine for minerals, more especially salt, sulphur, natural gas, rock and oil and to smelt and refine same. The corporation acquires a section of land northwest of the proven oil field, formerly owned by some of the members, and according to Mr. Sanders, the secretary, will begin development about the middle of the summer.

Painting, papering and sign writing done on short notice by W. E. Byerly.

### Happily Wedded.

A nice, romantic wedding was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Gravel, two miles east of town on Monday, the 9th inst. The high contracting parties were Albert Gravel and Miss Julia Robedeau. There were between sixty and seventy guests present, largely relatives of the bride and groom, and near neighbors of the family. The words that changed the relationship of the contracting parties were spoken by Rev. P. P. Briol, the French Presbyterian pastor of the parish recently organized at Manchester, this parish.

The ceremony was conducted in the open air, under the wide spreading umbrella trees with which the yard is so beautifully shaded. After the ceremony dinner was served, to which all seemed to do justice.

Among the side ceremonies was a realistic revival of the "Dance in the Pig Trough," which the three elder brothers of the groom were urgently invited to perform, and which under the circumstances, and the character of the invitation, they did with becoming dignity.

The bride and groom were the recipients of numerous useful presents, and showered with well wishes of all. The young couple began housekeeping at once on the farm of S. D. Stocks, near Iowa, which in company with his cousin, the groom had already planted with rice.

May peace, prosperity, happiness and long life be their lot.

A GUEST.

The St. Louis Globe Democrat and the JOURNAL for \$1.75 for both papers

## Welsh Jewelry Co.,

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