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## The First Oil Well Derrick.

The first oil well derrick erected in Iberia parish, so far as our present information goes, is that of Mr. John Lane and a number of others. Mr. Lane is the owner of a fair size tract of land in the northern limits of this place, near the Protestant cemetery, and upon this tract active operations were commenced this week preparing to bore for oil. The site is attracting a great many visitors daily, and while the promoters are just yet without the benefit of much practical knowledge or experience in oil well boring, they will accumulate these and profit thereby. They have surrounded themselves with every caution, not knowing when the oil will begin to gush, and have strictly forbidden any smoking on the "oil field."—Iberian.

## Shudders At His Past.

"I recall now with horror," says Mail Carrier Burnett Mann, of Levanna, O., "my three years of suffering from Kidney trouble. I was hardly ever free from dull aches or acute pains in my back. To stoop or lift mail sacks made me groan. I felt tired, worn out, about ready to give up, when I began to use Electric Bitters, but six bottles completely cured me and made me feel like a new man." They're unrivaled to regulate Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels. Perfect satisfaction guaranteed by T. J. Labbe. Only 50 cents.

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—Dr. H. P. Guilbeau and a few other persons who refrained from giving any options on their lands have sold at very high figures, and are on the safe side, as they reserved, beside the cash they received, a handsome share in the mineral product of the land in case any is found.

We are informed this morning by Mr. Géo. M. Robertson, the popular insurance man and stock broker, that he to-day sold two shares of stock in the Anse La Butte Oil & Mineral Co., of Breauz Bridge, for \$1,000. cash. The skyward tendency of this stock is phenomenal—the original owner having paid only \$50 per share on a par value of \$100.—N. I. Enterprise.

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