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TROTWOOD'S TALK.

Interesting to Farmers, Breeders and Dairy-men.

Facts, Figures and Information of General Interest to the Country Gentleman.

A Man of Note.

Hon. J. J. Richardson, who will, with others of the committee, be in Columbia to-morrow to select Jersey cows for the World's Fair, is Chairman of the American Jersey Cattle Club's Columbian Committee and enjoys the reputation of being one of the hardest fighting Democrats of the Northwest. He is the Iowa member of the Democratic National Committee, and the Breeder's Gazette would not undertake a campaign without him. He is an enthusiastic friend of the Jersey cow, an editor of a large and influential paper, and yet has found time to travel 7,550 miles, visiting herds in Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, New York, Michigan, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and, in fact, nearly every State east of the Rockies. The Jersey breeders are thoroughly alive and organized, and, as a paper that has not been noted for its love of Jerseys, well says:

"Our only object in calling attention to the mobilization now well advanced under the direction of their most resourceful generals by the American Jersey Cattle Club, is to point out that it constitutes altogether the most complete line of battle as yet in process of formation in any one direction in the entire field covered by our live-stock industries. It is not enough when such gigantic stakes are to be played for that the admirers of any given breed rest easily upon the assumed superiority of their stock and rely upon 'the powers above' to pull out the plum. The ammunition must be kept dry as well. There will be no blank cartridges nor second-hand muskets found in the front of the campaign for the cattle of this breed are clearly out for blood."

Our Needs.

Trotwood desires his friends over the State to send in any items of stock or farm news they may have, with the assurance on his part that they will be added to his column, which was conceived by him in the hope that it might be of interest and profit to the farmers and breeders of Middle Tennessee. Live stock breeding and farming must ever be our chief business in this section, and for that purpose this section needs badly a live, unprejudiced and unbiased newspaper. One that will help the small breeder as well as the largest, will speak out against fraud and profit in what it may lodge, that has no axe to grind, that wants no public office and that knows no politics but the Democracy of the white man of the South. Such are our principles and in such a manner do we intend to use the space of our columns. It costs you nothing to send in such items and take a little interest in this department; whereas you would be astonished to see how widely even so small an item as the birth of your colt is copied by our largest stock journals. Work together and build up our stock and farm interests, is our motto. Help yourself and your neighbor too; don't give up because old Father Time has one of his periodic spells of unmerciful colic; this is common with the old fellow, and is nothing more than wind colic, or if we may coin a term, boom-blast. All he needs is a good crop and less imagination; and all we need is old Grover Cleveland; and we'll have them both by fall. So come on with your news and your help.

Jerseys at the World's Fair.

At the annual meeting of the American Jersey Cattle Club, held in New York May 4th, J. J. Richardson, Chairman of the World's Columbian Exposition Committee, made the following report:

"The good results of the decided policy of this Club, in the matter of dairy exhibits at the Columbian Exposition, are already felt and are daily increasing in weight.

"When the club met last year, the Holstein-Friesian breeders, our chief rivals, had what appeared to be the clear start of us. They had announced that they would give largely to the Exposition, and that they would be there day they are hating, divided and discouraged, while Jersey breeders everywhere are confident and hopeful and the prospects are that the exhibit of Jerseys at Chicago will attract more public interest than that of any other breed.

"To the work of the Columbian Committee of the Club—to the correspondence, personal visits and persistent efforts of the members of that committee, stirring breeders into activity, and producing harmony in this direction, these gratifying results are mainly due.

"A year ago many of the best members of the Club doubted the wisdom of an aggressive policy and favored inaction. To-day the Club and Jersey breeders all over the country are earnest and unanimous in favor of pressing the work on the line already laid out. This is an issue on which there should be no division; no discord; no hesitation. The foundation is laid strong and wide. Let the work be pressed to a successful end."

An additional \$5,000—\$10,000 having already been appropriated—was placed at the disposal of the Columbian Committee with instructions to make the Jersey very prominent in the dairy department at Chicago next year.

A Dog That Beat Them All.

A Baltimore exchange giving a report of the spring meeting there says: "During the 2:45 class and 2:18 pace, 'Doc,' the great trotting dog and his little driver, Willie Ketchum, both hailing from Brighton, Ontario, were introduced. 'Doc' is a red setter, five years old, and weighs about fifty pounds. His driver is a bright little fellow of twelve years, and weighs about fifteen more pounds than his canine friend. 'Doc' draws a little circle with cushion-fire wheels, the whole affair weighing twenty-one pounds. A better-gaited trotter than this dog never lived. The harder the whip is used on him the faster he trots, and through all the big trotting circuits that he has passed he has defeated every pony, sprinter and bicycle rider for a quarter of a mile. The dog and his driver were received with showers of applause, and after quiet had been restored Willie Ketchum's father offered \$25 to anybody who could run and beat the dog. Three candidates jumped at the offer. Then the dog and the three sprinters went to the three-quarter post for the start. In just fifty-two seconds the dog pulled the skilful and bicycle rider under the wire, and the three sprinters were still trying to pass the last furlong pole. Then Tony, a colored chap with a racing bicycle, tried conclusions with the dog. 'Doc' had a walk-over, and beat the wheel by thirty yards. This wonderful dog will trot every day during the meeting of the Columbia Driving Park Association.

Tom Hal.

Mr. M. B. Kirtell, of Tennessee, says: "I owned several stallions then, including Climax and Boaster, all harness horses, and I saw an increasing demand for saddle horses, so I went to Kentucky to find a better one than anybody had in Wilson County, and found such a horse in Bourbon County, Kentucky, belonging to Simeon Kirtly. This was Tom Hal, four-years-old, sixteen hands high, beautiful bay in color, one white hind foot, big mane and tail, and paced very fast. I bought him, paying Mr. Kirtly \$400 for him. I brought him to my place on Spring Creek, in Wilson County, where I then lived, and which I bought of J. N. Cartwright a year or two before. This was in the year 1851 or 1852, and is the identical place which Cartwright claims to have owned and stood the horse in 1845. Perhaps you will do well to look at the record. The first season Tom Hal ever made in Tennessee was made at my stable in the year 1851 or 1852, and I offered premiums for the best of his get, and a great crowd attended the first colt show and the barbecue I gave. Billy Pfizer took the first premium then and there ever awarded to Tom Hal's colt. So he made his first and last season in Wilson County in my hands, beginning about 1851 or 1852 and continuing eight years, and I then sold him to Messrs. Bryant & Orr, of Mooreville, Marshall County, Tenn., for \$1,200.

Interviews Interesting to Farmers.

Jacob Barker: "I do not ever recollect seeing the potato crop as promising as it now is. Without a very large drop of rain we will make a very large crop. And do you know that that crop means at least \$150,000 to Maury County? There are in and around here fully 7,000 acres in Irish potatoes. They will open at about \$1 I think, though I learn that foreign buyers are not offering that much. Still I think our local buyers will offer that much."

D. W. Brown: "I notice you ask for light on the winter oat question. I have been raising them for seven years and I think they are a boon to the farmers. Come out to my place and I will show you a field that will make 50 to 60 bushels to the acre, planted on the 8th day of October. They ought to have been put in in August or September, but the drought prevented. They make a fine winter wheat and will stand any season that wheat will stand."

W. P. Woldridge: "Yes the patch of carrots which you saw in my lot recently, as I told you, was planted for winter feed for my horses. They make for colts and grown horses one of the best substitutes in the world. A few rows given daily with oats, keeps my horse in the best of condition. I have found them equally as good for miltch cows. They should be planted in rows like turnips—not too thick and pulled as they are needed. They will keep all winter. Every horse-man should plant a few, if no more."

"How about the fair?" we asked. "As fine prospect as I ever saw here. I think we will have the best fair we have ever had. So much interest is being manifested by every one in it. This means a great deal to Maury County as it brings people here who buy our stock, and, having seen our fine lands, many of them become citizens."

J. K. Farrell: "The crop prospects are fine and so are the prospects for our fall fair. I think we will have as good a fair as we have ever had, if not better. With a good crop our people will turn out in force. We are busy at work on our catalogue and will have many new features."

Important to Jersey Men.

Maj. J. J. Richardson, of Iowa, and Geo. V. Green, of Kentucky, two of the committee to select Jerseys for the World's Fair, will be in Columbia Monday next to make selections from the herds around here. The American Jersey Cattle Club has appropriated \$10,000 to conduct Jersey tests at the World's Fair, and are ready to give that much more if necessary. The Jersey cow is preeminently the dairy cow of the world; talk is cheap but records speak, and when the day comes the little Jersey

with her 300 pounds average per year of butter, and her eleven months straight run of good rich milk—not water and casein and chalk—will shut off all other competitors.

Notes.

It is said that Onward 2:25½ has 132 standard sons.

Now is the time to put out the sweet potato-slips.

We are not yet washed away. "They can't put us down nor wash us out."

Horace Rainey shipped a fine mare to Dr. Grant, Water Valley, Miss., yesterday.

President Jones says the branch of the L. & N. will be laid to Kite track by the day of his July races.

James Alexander is very proud of a Tennessee Wilkes filly, dam a thoroughbred mare that came last Tuesday.

New York had an "open air horse show" Monday. It was not a great success, on account of the weather.

The sunshine is out in force to-day and is most acceptable after the gloom and rain of yesterday.

Polk & Brown's consignment to Ewell Farm sales went through Thursday. Among the number was Detroit by Strathmore.

Teach the foal to eat with the mare as soon as possible; fence off a small place for him to run in and out of, so the mare can not get his feed.—Ex.

Pacers are still in good demand, and at good prices. The cause of this is that they come to their speed quick and are most always ready to go some part of the distance at the top of their speed.—Exchange.

Belle Hamlin and Globe were driven a mile at Plimico last week in 2:15. This is sharp work for so early in the season. Globe is a much better horse than people once thought him to be.—Exchange.

W. P. Woldridge finds time from his regular business to take his early morning exercise in jogging at home two speedy Adfield colts. One is a pacer and the other trotter, and both move like old campaigners.

The great Tennessee filly Belle Archer, 2:15¼, that last year downed Eustis, Dr. Sparks and others, is as sound as a dollar and is working more kindly than last year.—She will be a dangerous foe for all.—Exchange.

B. S. Thomas, of Hurricane, owner of Pom Hal, Jr., and other good ones, reports a fine Adfield colt, dam by Harwood, son of Blackwood, Jr. He says: "We have had the finest seasons and the crop prospects in our neighborhood are the best I have ever seen."

At the July races at the Kite track, special trains to return at night will be run from Fayetteville, Birmingham, Tusculum and Nashville. Special rates will be given.

The Hermitage Stud stable will make Cincinnati their starting point this season. They have several entries at this place. Bow Bells by Electioneer, dam Beautiful Bells, will make his first start in the 2:30 class trot. He is moving well and looks good.

Why should men throw mud at each other? Does your horse's breeding improve by finding fault with the pedigree of your neighbor's horse? Does your horse become more speedy in proportion as you shout that your neighbor's is a "yaller dog?"—Exchange.

The days of purchasing animals upon the fictitious value of a standard equipment are fast passing away, says a prominent writer. The question will soon be, to what family of race horses does this horse belong? What has his family produced with turf honors? What can he do himself, not under how many rules of the standard can he be registered?

Farmer's Talk.

Says H. P. Fingers, Esq.: "I have never seen my own wheat crop more promising than it looked yesterday. It has improved wonderfully since I last saw it, and is now fully three feet high. Oats are the best I have had in four years. Corn is in good condition, though slightly beat up by the recent rains. Potatoes are very fine, from every quarter that I can hear. Yes, our crops are fully up to an average. But the plukes are fearful. The rain has washed them so that in many places the gravel is all gone. It will take a good deal of money to get the plukes of Maury County in proper fix.

Horsemen Remember.

That your own horse cannot possibly be benefited by your disparagement of your neighbors.

That you will keep your own self-respect, which will make you feel better than money, by letting others do the little things so unfortunately common in horse dealing.

That you cannot possibly keep all your colts entire nor can you train them all—so sell.

That a few good mares are more profitable than many poorer ones.

That it takes a very fast trotting horse to trot a mile in 2:30. Marvin is reported as saying "they plow 2:30 horses down in California," but that doesn't make it true.

SUBMARINE GUNNERY.

Commander Converse's Experiments at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

New York, May 23.—Experiments with the Destroyer's submarine gun, which have been in contemplation for several weeks, were begun at the navy yards, Brooklyn, Friday. The torpedo board having the tests in charge consists of Commander G. A. Converse and Lieutenants T. C. McLean and A. C. Bradbury. They obtained the use of the timber dry dock for the trials, and had the Destroyer hauled into the stream close in front of the dock gate. The dock was allowed to fill with water and the gate was removed to one side.

At a distance of one hundred feet net of seizing stuff—cord about the size of a clothes line—were stretched across the dock, each being supported in the center by two floats. The Destroyer's bow was one hundred feet from the first net and the exact direction up the middle of the dock was given by getting a range on two white flags at the further end. Abreast of the Destroyer's bow in the navy yard were other white flags in lines across the line of fire to determine how much the explosion of the gun made the vessel recoil.

Commander Converse, one of the leading authorities of the world on torpedoes, in charge of the experiments, decided to make the first shot with a charge of twenty-five pounds of cocoa brown powder in the gun. All things being ready an assistant made an electrical connection and the gun exploded. There was a sound like a combined mortar shot and grunt in the water under the Destroyer's nose and the water swirled about in great agitation. The craft kicked five feet backward and simultaneously there was a sort of prolonged hum-like whistle, similar to the closing notes of a steam siren. A peculiar tremor or furrow on the surface of the water marked the passage of the twenty-foot projectile until just before it reached the first net, when it rose and showed itself like a brick-red water snake as it shot clean over the net. Then it sank like lightning to the top and finally plunged into the bosom of the second net 200 feet from the gun. There it seemed to have a prolonged struggle as though it was trying to jump over the second obstacle also, but, apparently exhausted, it gave up the fight and went to the bottom.

The time from the discharge until the projectile reached the first net was one-half of a second, and from one net to the other one second more, making one and one-half seconds as the time required to traverse 200 feet. Further experiments will be made with the Destroyer's guns using increased charges of powder, both cocoa brown and spheroidal, to learn what range can be secured without danger of crushing the projectile. Also, of course, questions of accuracy as to direction and range will be settled and the general efficiency of the gun will be determined.

COLONEL SHEPARD'S CASTLE.

A Structure That May Not Be Surpassed Anywhere.

New York, May 23.—Plans have been drawn for the immense colonial mansion which is to be erected by Colonel Elliot F. Shepard, of The Mail and Express, upon the Heights of Scarborough, on the Hudson river, in West Chester county, where he has recently completed the purchase of 445 acres of ground from Archbishop Corrigan, William Rockefeller and several other estates. It will be nearly a year before the structure is completed, and if the proposed plans are carried out it will be the finest summer estate in the United States, if not the world. As something of a novelty, the first work to be done will be the erection of a building to be used as a library and reading room and club house for the men to be employed on the building operations and decoration of the grounds, and which is intended to serve also for social, literary and religious meetings. Colonel Shepard will have as near neighbors William Rockefeller, president of the Standard Oil company, whose million-dollar mansion is now in course of completion; O. B. Potter, and Sheriff Gorman.

THE PLUMED KNIGHT.

Indications That the Man from Maine is in the Race.

HOLYOKE, Mass., May 23.—The Democrat, newspaper, on the authority of Jesse M. Gove, of Boston, "the original Blaine man," says that if Harrison does not receive a renomination on the first ballot at Minneapolis, Mr. Blaine will accept the nomination. Mr. Gove has just returned from a visit to Washington, where, he says, he had a long conference with Mr. Blaine. He says that Blaine and Harrison are on the most friendly terms, and that if Harrison can get the nomination Blaine will not seek it. The anti-Harrison men are confident that Harrison cannot be nominated on either the first or second ballot. Even the president's friends admit that he will lack about seventy-five votes of enough to secure the prize, and if these are not forthcoming before the convention meets Blaine will declare himself a candidate.

Confessed His Crime on the Gibbet. COVINGTON, Ga., May 23.—Sabbath Smith was quietly hanged here Friday in the jail yard. The town was full of people, mostly negroes, but only a few people were admitted to the scene of the hanging. No disturbances occurred. Smith's neck was broken by the fall, and he died in a few moments. Smith's crime was the criminal assault of a thirteen-year-old girl. He had two trials being convicted and receiving the death sentence each time. On the scaffold he confessed the crime, saying he was drunk when it was committed.

Smallpox in the Steerage.

New York, May 23.—Steamer Columbia, from Hamburg, has arrived. She is detained, having one case of smallpox among the steerage passengers.

INCALCULABLE.

The Loss to the Cotton Crop by the Inundations.

Increased Destruction of Life and Property.

A Government Boat Ordered to Pine Bluff, Ark., to Aid the Suffering—In St. Louis and Vicinity the Loss Will Exceed \$11,000,000—Thousands Homeless and Out of Work—Flood News.

PINE BLUFF, Ark., May 23.—The destruction of life and property in the Arkansas valley, north and south of this city, caused by the flood increases in magnitude with every new report. Sixteen negroes were drowned on Hensley's island, forty miles north of here, Thursday night, and a hundred more families were taken to a place of safety Friday by a government boat, which was ordered here. Several more persons lost their lives in the flood at Red Bluff, near this city. The loss to the cotton crop is incalculable. A government boat has been ordered here to aid the suffering.

DAMAGE BY THE FLOODS.

In the Vicinity of St. Louis Alone It is Placed at \$11,000,000.

St. Louis, May 23.—Friday's decline in the flood though but slight was sufficient to give the people a chance to prepare for the rise.

Losses in St. Louis and Vicinity.

Incidentally, too, an opportunity has been given to estimate the losses of the districts immediately tributary to St. Louis, and truly the figures are appalling. Here they are: St. Louis county, \$3,000,000; St. Louis city, \$1,000,000; St. Charles county, \$2,000,000; the American bottom, from Alton, Ill., to Cairo, \$5,000,000, this including East St. Louis and vicinity; total, \$11,000,000. These figures, astounding as they seem, are considered by competent judges extremely conservative. In looking at this loss it must be remembered that in all the flooded territory referred to, practically 1,500 square miles, the waters have rendered it in a majority of cases impossible for the farming population to raise a crop this year. All this comes in addition to the damage actually done to existing property.

Thousands Homeless and Out of Work.

As to the numbers of persons driven either from their homes or to their roofs in the flooded territory an estimate is impossible, figures ranging from 4,000 to 8,000 persons. Beyond this, in St. Louis, at least, 15,000 persons have been temporarily thrown out of work by the stopping of factories by the high water. The outlook is perhaps no brighter, but certainly no darker, and it is believed that what has been done by way of protection, supplemented by further work rendered possible by the breaking of the ice, will suffice to avert further serious damage.

In East St. Louis, North St. Louis and central St. Louis there is no change from the condition of the past few days.

In the country districts of St. Louis and St. Charles counties and the American bottom, the damage can not be increased, for it is now practically complete. All are now awaiting the rise coming from above. What it will do can only be told when it gets here.

OVERESTIMATED.

The Loss of Life and Destruction of Property at Sioux City.

SIoux CITY, Ia., May 23.—The flood has entirely subsided. All the railroads are running trains. The loss of cattle and hogs has been greatly overestimated. The actual loss was about 150 cattle and 570 hogs.

Two bodies were recovered Friday. The total number of bodies found is four; still missing, ten.

The relief association is actively at work relieving distress and providing food and clothing. The citizens have raised a fund of \$10,000 to provide for immediate necessities. Offers of aid from other cities have been received.

Notes of the Flood.

At Fort Dodge, Ia., the property loss was from \$20,000 to \$30,000.

In the vicinity of St. Louis alone the flood damage is placed at \$11,000,000.

At Burlington, Ia., it was raining, blowing and chilly all Friday. The river was still rising.

Camden, Ark., reports that the Ouachita is booming with the biggest rise ever known and a big rise is coming. All lowlands in the country are flooded.

At Omaha Friday the Missouri river fell six inches and fears of a flood coming down from Sioux City were allayed. It snowed at intervals throughout the city.

The Union Pacific bridge between Council Bluffs and Omaha is in first-class condition and trains are running over it at all hours of the day and night without the slightest delay.

COLLISION ON THE VANDALIA.

One Trainman Killed and Another Injured—The Others Jumped.

St. Louis, May 23.—Passenger train No. 17, known as the "Diamond Special," on the Vandalia line, collided with an engine of the Jacksonville South-eastern road, half a mile east of Greenville, Ill., at 7 o'clock Saturday morning. A special guard of the Adams Express company was instantly killed, and the express messenger was seriously injured.

None of the passengers were injured beyond the effects of a severe shaking up. The crews of both engines jumped from their locomotives before the collision occurred and were severely hurt. The injured were at once taken to Greenville and placed under the care of physicians. The accident was caused by the crew of the Jacksonville South-eastern engine occupying the track on the time of the Vandalia train.

WRECK ON THE COTTON BELT.

Eight People Killed and Twenty-Two Injured.

St. Louis, May 23.—Menger particulars of a collision between a passenger train and freight train near Crooked Bayou, Ark., on the Cotton Belt railway, reached this city Saturday morning.

The collision occurred at 7 o'clock Friday night, and was the result of the crew of the passenger train disobeying orders. All the cars of the passenger train were thrown from the track and upset.

Eight persons were killed and over twenty wounded. It is stated that the killed are three women and one man. The only body identified so far, is that of Mrs. Hensel, of Arkansas. Conductor Fields and Engineer Peterson, of the passenger train, are reported seriously injured. No details are given.

The killed.

Following is the list of killed: Mrs. Hensel, wife of the bridge foreman. Nichols, Bremen. Mrs. Anderson, of Amorita, Tex. Mrs. Hudgins and son, of Grape Vine, Texas. Mr. Crumpton, of Nashville. Unknown ranchman, of near Waco, Texas. One man unknown. Twenty-two persons were injured. Most of the injuries were of slight character and but two are regarded as serious.

SHE SUES UNCLE SAM,

Believing He Should Have Protected Her Family Against Redskins.

MUNCIE, Ind., May 23.—Mrs. Mary Baker, residing in this county, has filed a suit for \$75,000 damages against the government of the United States. During the late rebellion her family, named Morris, left this county and settled in Colorado, near Denver. The Cheyennes captured the family, killed the husband and two daughters, taking Mrs. Morris captive, after butchering all their cattle and burning their property. The woman finally escaped, returned here, was again married, and now brings the above suit for damages.

FIVE SHOTS EACH.

A Revolver Duet—One Dying, the Other Wounded.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., May 23.—George A. Sterling and Andrew Crump quarreled near the depot here Friday afternoon, and fought a duel with revolvers. Five shots each were exchanged. Sterling was shot in the abdomen, and will die. Crump received a bullet wound in the neck. His injury is not considered fatal.

Marshall Islands Revolt.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 23.—News has just been received of an uprising on the Marshall Islands, resulting in the death of the native ruler. The schooner Orion arrived Friday with the news. The native chiefs revolted and killed the King of Tarawa. When the vessel left the revolt was still in progress.

Ohio Old Fellows' Orphan Asylum.

CLEVELAND, May 23.—The Ohio grand lodge of Old Fellows decided to establish an orphan asylum for the order in this state, and a committee was appointed to take charge of the matter. The officers elected last November were installed and the lodge adjourned.

Attempted Train Robbery.

SANFORD, Fla., May 23.—Four masked men attempted to rob the express car on the Key West railway near here Saturday morning, but failed. Express Messenger Saunders was killed and Agent Cox badly wounded. The bandits escaped.

Destructive Storm in Indiana.

TASWELL, Ind., May 23.—A heavy and destructive hail and wind storm swept over the country immediately east of here Friday night, destroying a great amount of wheat, grass and other growing crops.

Still Another Revolution.

RIO JANEIRO, May 23.—News from the Rio Grande do Sul announces that another revolution has been initiated there by the old party Republicans, led by Carlos Barbosa and Colonel Avarez.

They Failed to Agree.

OWENSON, Ky., May 23.—The jury trying Dr. Massie for the murder of Judge Honaker, near Monterey, last October, disagreed. Feeling against the jury is high.

Separate Coaches.

FRANKFORT, Ky., May 23.—The separate coach bill passed Saturday by a vote of 65 to 25. McNamee and Hissman voted "no." Myers dodged the vote.

Five Workmen Injured.

PITTSBURG, May 23.—The roof of the First Methodist Protestant church, on Fifth avenue, fell in Friday morning, injuring five workmen, probably two of them fatally. The property had recently been leased by Knuffmann Brothers, and was being razed for the purpose of erecting an addition to their store.

Indiana Oil for a Syndicate.

RICHMOND, Ind., May 23.—A syndicate of eastern capitalists, supposed to be headed by Patchell, the Pennsylvania oil operator, has completed a contract by which they become the possessor of about 10,000 acres of oil land in Jay and Adams counties, this state, and in the center of the Indiana oil fields. They have already made arrangements for the drilling of one hundred wells.

Prominent Citizen Assassinated.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 23.—Friday night Richard D. McCodder, a wealthy merchant and noted politician, of Pimlico county, was shot and instantly killed, while riding on the road from his home to his store. The assassin thus far is unknown.