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### Oil News

Ritchie county is leading in new oil wells just at this time. Every well is not big like that on the John Keith farm, on the north fork of Hughes river near Harrisville, but new producers are not infrequent.

**Gillespie Pumpers.**  
On Gillespie Run, Grant district, Ritchie county, the Sycamore Oil Company has shot its second test on the Reitz-Martin farm and has a seven-barrel pumper in the salt sand. On the same stream and in the same district, about 4,000 feet south of the South Penn Oil Company's test on the E. W. Turner farm, the Hope Natural Gas Company has completed and shot its test on the J. E. Putman farm and has a five-barrel pumper in the Berea grit.

**Ten Barrel One.**  
In Murphy district, Ritchie county, the Carnegie Natural Gas Company has put its test on the Ro Grim farm to pumping and it is producing 10 barrels a day. While putting in the tubing the well made several open flows.

**Oil and Gas.**  
In Smithfield district, Reane county, the Wayland Oil and Gas Company has drilled No. on the G. W. T. Kelley farm through the Big Injun sand and has a show of oil and a fair gas pressure. The well is spraying oil at the rate of one barrel a day.

**Near West Union.**  
On Middle Island Creek, three miles below West Union, Doddridge county, the Carter Oil Company has drilled its test on the O. Coleman farm through the Big Injun sand and has a show for a pumper.

**Story of Gasser.**  
Owing to some erroneous reports having been sent out relative to the size of the South Penn Oil Company's gas well on the T. A. Newhouse farm, located on Poca River, Poca district, Kanawha county, the actual facts relative to its size may be of interest. The well is located about 11 miles northwest of the old Blue Creek field in the same county and the gas was developed at 90 feet in the Big Live formation and a test shows that the well has a capacity of about 10,000,000 cubic feet a day. The well is a good deal larger than the average size in the lower counties. At the present time Lincoln county is producing more gas than any of the lower counties.

**In Monongalia.**  
On Miracle Run, Battelle district, Monongalia county, the South Penn Oil Company has now drilled its test on the J. C. and A. Fox farm through the Big Injun sand and has a five-barrel pumper. On Miracle run, Battelle district, Monongalia county, the Hope Natural Gas Company has drilled its test on the Peter Gump farm through the fifth sand and to a depth of 3,340 feet, and has a fair gasser in the lower sand.

**Down in Wayne.**  
In the extreme southwest in Butler district, Wayne county, the South Penn Oil Company has drilled a wildcat on the Anthony Lycan farm through the Berea grit and to a total depth of 1,671 feet and has a show for a pumper, possibly four barrels after it has been shot. The location is remote from production and further development work may lead up to something better than the first week.

**Weir Sand Producer.**  
In the old Blue Creek field, in Elk district, Kanawha county, the Gardner Oil Company drilled No. 3 on the Fred Gardner farm to the Weir sand and has a 5-barrel pumper in that formation. In the Weir sand development on the same stream and in the same district, the Ohio Fuel Oil Company has drilled its test on the Slinnett Mullen farm into the Weir sand and the well produced 68 barrels the first 24 hours after it was drilled into the Weir sand pay.

**The Keith Well.**  
The Imperial Oil, Gas & Products Company's well on the John Keith farm in Clay district, Ritchie county, is showing good staying qualities. The well was drilled in two weeks ago, and is holding up steadily at 150 barrels a day. In the same district, Rinehart, Gore & Co. are due in the sand at a test on the H. Myers farm. The Smith Oil & Gas Company has the rig completed for a second test on the William Lock heirs' farm.

**Big For Pumper.**  
In the Weir sand development on Blue Creek Elk district, Kanawha county, the Ohio Fuel Oil Company has drilled its No. 4 on the Edward Gebhart farm through the Weir sand, and will have a 15-barrel pumper. No. 5 on the same sand is drilling and No. 8 starting. The same company is due in the sand at a test on the Eliza Anderson heirs' farm. The Ohio Fuel Oil Company is doing nearly all the work under way in the Blue Creek district.

**Work in Braxton.**  
Despite the bad showing made by the new development in Birch district, Braxton county, West Virginia, there is considerable work under way and

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starting. The last three completions in that district are failures, and make the prospects for extending the producing limits less promising. With the completion of McCloy & Frame's test on the Mary A. Movers' farm, the chances for an extension to the north-east are greatly reduced. The next two wells due to get the sand are the J. W. Scharizer farm and Howard & Co.'s test on the J. W. Twyman farm. Both are drilling at 800 feet. Enslow & Kinsely have started to drill a last on the W. C. & M. H. Pollyson farm. Turner & Co. have the rig completed for a test on the J. W. Frame farm, and the Ohio Fuel Oil Company has two rigs up on the J. & B. E. Rider farm.

**PRODUCE MARKET**  
WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 22.—Potatoes, 2 1/2 bushel bag, \$1.40@1.50; Sweet, basket, \$1.40@1.50; Apples, new, barrel \$1.75@2.50; Home, 1/2 bushel 20c; Hubbard squash, barrel \$1.25; Cranberries, box \$1.50@1.75; Home lettuce, pound \$8@9c; Onions, yellow, bushel 80c; Onions, bag \$1.70; Celery, dozen, large 50@70c; Turnips, barrel \$1.50@1.75; Parsnips, barrel \$2.50; Cabbage, per barrel \$1.00.

**Poultry.**  
Dressed—Springs 17c; Hens, pound 15c; Turkeys 23c; Ducks 25c; Broilers, fresh 22c; Geese 16c. Alive—Hens, pound 12c; Turkeys 15c; Roosters, pound 10c; Ducks, pound 14@16c; Pigeons, pair 20@25c; Geese, pound 12@14c.

**GRAIN**  
CHICAGO, December 22.—Wheat—Dec. \$1.24 1/2; May \$1.27 1/2. Corn—Dec. 64 1/2c; May 70 1/2c. Oats—Dec. 48 1/2c; May 52 1/2c. Pork—Jan. \$13.47; May \$13.97. Cash quotations were: Rye—No. 2, \$1.00@1.10 1/2. Barley—62 1/2c. Timothy—\$4.75@4.85. Clover—\$12.50@14.50. Pork—\$16.50. Lard—\$10.35. Ribs—\$9.62@10.25.

**PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 22.**—Dull; supply 85 cars; choice \$8.50@8.75; prime \$8.00@8.40. Sheep, lower; supply 25 doubledecks; prime weathers \$5.50@5.75; culls and commons \$2.00@3.00; lambs \$5.50@5.80. Veal calves, \$8.50@9.00. Hogs, slow; receipts 90 doubledecks; prime heavies \$7.00; mediums and heavy yorkers \$7.10; light yorkers \$7.15@7.25; pigs

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Good, 150 to 175 ..... \$7.50@7.75  
Fair to good, 100 to 150 ..... \$7.25@7.50  
Stags and sows ..... \$5.50@7.00

**CHILE PROTESTS.**  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—After a searching investigation of the activities of the German fleet in the Southern Pacific recently, the Government of Chile has made formal protest to Germany against alleged violations of neutrality by the German navy in Chilean waters. At the same time, the Chilean Government has protested to Great Britain, charging that the British cruiser Glasgow recently took mail from vessels in Chilean waters.

**SAVED BY HUMAN FIRE ESCAPE.**  
EAST ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 22.—Stephen Lepage, State Senator-elect, rescued the three members of his family by making himself a human fire escape, when his store and the living apartment over it were destroyed by fire early today. Viola, 12, and a maid, Amelia Schwartz. Opening a window 14 feet above the ground, on a stairway, he braced himself and hanging head downward, lowered his wife, his daughter and the maid, in turn. Then he dropped safely. All escaped in their night clothes.

**SELL PAPERS FOR CHARITY.**  
DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 22.—Business and professional men—all of whom once were newsboys—sold papers on the city streets today. Nearly \$2,200 was collected and the fund will be devoted to Christmas charity. More than 70 well-known citizens energetically piled their trade, "fought" for choice corners and for choice customers. Papers brought sums ranging from a widow's mite to checks for \$50 and \$100.



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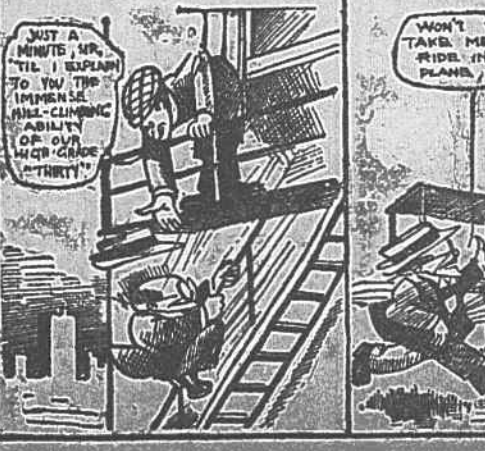
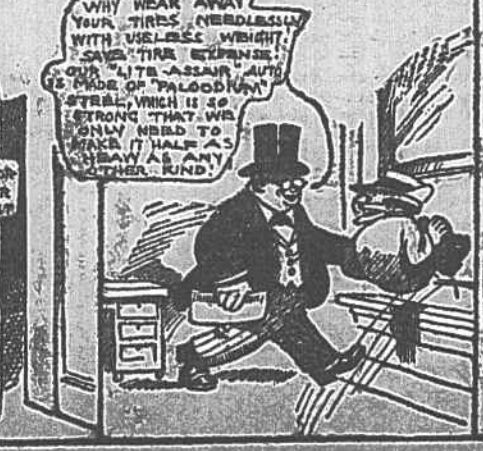
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