

1897 OIL REVIEW.

West Virginia has been the scene of most activity

DURING THE YEAR JUST ENDED

AND WILL CONTINUE THE SCENE OF MOST EXTENSIVE OPERATIONS THIS YEAR, SAYS THE DERRICK'S YEARLY REVIEW OF OIL—A LARGE INCREASE IN AGGREGATE OUTPUT OVER 1896. SEPTEMBER WAS THE BANNER MONTH OF THE YEAR—REVIEW OF THE YEAR'S WORK.

The Oil City Derrick, the organ of oil, in its review of the year just closed, made public yesterday, says:

While no field of extraordinary magnitude was discovered during the year, just closed, and while prices continued steadily downward, yet the aggregate output of Pennsylvania oil was greater by over a million and a quarter barrels than the year preceding. This increase in production was accomplished with the drilling of 1,731 fewer wells than in 1896, and under circumstances that exercised a depressing influence upon field activity. A single pool, that of Elk Fork, in Tyler county, West Virginia, monopolized the attention of the trade, and thereby by far the most remarkable development of the year. There was likewise a considerable increase in the new production from various other sections of West Virginia. The Gordon and territory furnished most of the gusher strikes; but there was also a large yield from the shallow sand wells of the same state.

West Virginia seems destined to continue the scene of greatest activity and furnish the only territory that is attractive to operators on a low market. It is in that state that the wildcat finds the greatest number of attractions and the prospects of a big strike are great enough to banish all thoughts in regard to the expensive nature of the drilling. Kentucky and Tennessee have dropped entirely out of sight the past year, and prospectors seem content to wait for the future possibilities of those sections as productive oil territory rest for a while.

The production of Pennsylvania oil for 1897 was only a little over 3,000 barrels a day in excess of the consumption, as represented by the difference between the pipe line runs and the shipments. The increase in stocks was seventy per cent. less than in the preceding year. The average price for ninety cents a barrel below that of 1896. During 1894 and 1895, an entirely different condition of affairs was witnessed in the oil regions. The consumption was in excess of the production, and the pipe line stocks were reduced 1,174,872 barrels in 1894 and 774,411 barrels in 1895. The export demand the past year has been larger than the year preceding, but the price of the refined article has ruled lower.

The total runs for 1897 were 34,724,684 barrels, which is within 175,000 barrels of the run for 1891, when the great McDonald field exercised such a tremendous influence upon values. McDonald came in toward the close of 1891, and its effect was to shut down active operations in nearly every other part of the region. It made the year 1891 remarkable for the biggest yield on record. For 1892, 1893 and 1894, the production was maintained at nearly constant figures. For 1895, there was a decline as compared with the previous years, but in 1896 production again began to pick up and made a startling and unexpected advance, which was continued in the celebrated pace during the year just closed.

At the close of 1894 the production of Pennsylvania was over 80,000 barrels a day, and the average for 1895 was a few thousand barrels above that figure. To maintain production, 1,138 new wells were drilled during the year, of which 1,687, or a little over twenty per cent., were unproductive. A new stock in the custody of the various pipe lines at the close of 1894 were 6,336,771 barrels. At the close of December, 1895, these had declined to 5,161,965 barrels. The excess of consumption over production during 1895 was 1,174,872 barrels.

For 1896 the average daily production of Pennsylvania oil, as measured by the pipe line runs, was 91,469 barrels a day. The average runs for 1895 was 83,965 barrels a day, so that the increase during 1896 was 8,504 barrels a day. For the year just closed the runs averaged 95,135 barrels a day, an increase over 1895 of 3,272 barrels a day. Added to the yield of 95,135 barrels a day of Pennsylvania is a production of 53,392 barrels a day of Lima oil from the buckeye regions of northwestern Ohio and Indiana. The demand for Pennsylvania oil, as shown by the shipments, was 91,845 barrels for Buckeye 55,048 barrels a day in 1897.

The greatest production for the past year was in September, when the runs averaged a little over a hundred thousand barrels a day. The smallest was in January, when the average was 56,151 barrels. There were 6,080 wells drilled in the Pennsylvania oil fields in 1897 and over twenty-five per cent. of them were unproductive. The new quantities of the dry holes recorded numbered 1,572 and involve an outlay that has to be charged up to the cost of production. Over 500 wells were drilled per month in 1897, as compared with 651 per month in 1896. The greatest production for the preceding year was in June, when the runs averaged 96,063 barrels a day. The smallest was in February, when they were 55,258 barrels a day. There were 7,811 wells drilled in the Pennsylvania oil fields in 1896, or an average of 651 per month. Of the total drilled, 1,591 were unproductive of oil. A total of 7,138 wells was drilled in 1895, and the greatest production, 85,463 barrels a day, was attained in October, and the smallest, 75,667 barrels, in February of that year. There were 3,576 wells completed in the Pennsylvania oil fields in 1894, 1,856 in 1893, and 1,364 in 1892.

IN WEST VIRGINIA.

The Mountain state moved to the front rank with operations and new production during the year. Active developments were confined to no one locality, but were very general in no fewer than nine counties. Old pools were extended and new ones discovered, giving the restless operators the opportunity to be busy, and he did not let the year pass without the first and most important discovery of the year made its appearance on the Wood farm, on Elk Fork, Tyler county, March 6. By the end of the month the well had produced 4,170 barrels and was dividing honors with the Finner gusher in Greene county. The remarkable productivity became epidemic; operators flocked to the new discovery like bees to the bumblebee of a molasses barrel. There was no time lost in starting new wells and by the end of April thirteen gushers had been added to the list, but they were all located near the initial well and furnished very little information as to the probable size of the pools. As the months passed operations increased and the producing line advanced in all directions.

The first dry holes were encountered to the east of the Lowrie and Wm. Price farms. A very rich extension was found to the south, but its advancement was cut short by dry holes. In the interim, however, operations from the Lowrie and Price farms, when they were pushed with much energy and the result was that the pool had been pretty well defined, when a well in advance to the south-west on the Hill farm was drilled in and opened up the now famous southwest extension, giving a new lease of life to the pool. The progress of the drill, and

its result is best shown by the number of producing wells the pool contained at the end of each month, with the actual production of the pool for the same time. As has been previously stated, at the end of April there were 13 producing wells and the production was 20,625 barrels. May showed 21 producing wells and 43,999 barrels; June, 37 wells and 47,573 barrels; July, 62 wells and 42,412 barrels; August, 108 wells and 44,453 barrels; September, 122 wells and 268,635 barrels; October, 154 wells and 280,038 barrels; November, 172 wells and 240,758 barrels; and December, 192 wells and 241,891 barrels production. Total number of producing wells, exclusive of dry holes, 192. Total production of the pool, 1,694,290 barrels.

In the Elk Fork and Conway developments, the latter forming part of the district, 237 wells were completed, thirty-five of which were gassers or dry holes. The Conway development has been defined. The Elk Fork territory has stood alone as the one pool that could be operated at a great profit during the depression. The size of the wells and their staying qualities have been such as to quickly pay back the money invested. The ownership of each; at the close of the year, and is still under dispute, giving rise to expensive litigation which the courts have not yet decided.

Next to the Elk Fork pool the deep, or Gordon, sand territory has been the leading factor in furnishing new production. In the review of the lower southwest a year ago this feature and probably its future was pointed out and all was claimed for it at that time has been verified. To that formation belongs the distinction of having furnished the largest producer of '97. It is the property of the South Penn Oil Company, located on the Moore farm, on Campbell's run, in Marion county. The well produced 1,500 barrels the first twenty-four hours after it was drilled in, and at the end of the first sixty days had placed 57,000 barrels on the market. At no time has there been a let-up, when more than three months old, it was producing almost 700 barrels a day. The Campbell's run territory has been developed for a distance of three miles, while Flat run extends north and south for a distance of nine miles. The last named district has had many gushers and the territory has not been defined. In West Virginia the Big Mils tract, operated by the Kanawha Oil Company, has supplied no small amount of new production. On that tract alone, and to the northeast on the Morgan, Hearne and other farms, are hundreds of acres undeveloped and almost certain to furnish a large amount of production. The Piney Fork deep sand territory has been developed for a distance of ten or twelve miles north and south, with its width still an unknown quantity.

At no time has there been a let-up in Wood county. The Berea and Cow Run formations have kept the drill bouncing. The Hendershot Berea pool has been the most active. The Ogden pool has also furnished new operations and production. In the first named development about 130 wells have been completed, and in October the production was up to 2,500 barrels a day, while the last named reached 1,500 barrels a day. None of the wells were in the gusher class, but the general average was good, and very few dry holes have been encountered. At this time developments are most active on the western side of the Hendershot pool. The Big Run Cow Run sand development, which is properly an extension of the old Reed pool, has claimed a good deal of attention. Its highest production was about 1,000 barrels a day. There were many dry holes, but the Cow Run sand territory is the most inexpensive to operate of any of the oil producing formations in the lower southwest.

FOR THE FULTON SITE.

Hide and Tallow Association Appoints a Committee to Confer.

At a meeting of the Wheeling Hide & Tallow Association yesterday afternoon, a committee was appointed to confer with council and with B. F. Howland, relative to securing co-operation between Howland and the association in the cremating or reduction of the garbage of the city. The association desires to have Howland enter into an arrangement with it whereby its plant in Fulton shall be used in conjunction with Howland's proposed reduction plant. This involves a change of location on the part of Howland from the Sixth ward to Fulton.

"Bill Dave's" Trial.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 12.—Judge C. W. Hall, of the criminal court, to-day overruled the demurrer and the motion to quash the four felony indictments recently found against ex-County Clerk J. W. Goshorn. Gen. J. W. St. Clair, Gen. C. C. Watts and ex-Governor Wilson argued the motion on behalf of Goshorn, and S. C. Burdette for the state. The trial on the first indictment was set for January 28.

Miss Downton Will Resign.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 12.—After five years' service, Miss Lulu Downton will resign as librarian of the West Virginia Historical Society at the next stockholders' meeting, on the 18th instant. Dr. J. P. Hale is being urged to accept the position.

DURING the past two years, Mrs. J. W. Alexander, wife of the editor of the Waynesboro, (Miss) Times, has, in a great many instances, relieved her baby when in the first stages of croup, by giving it Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. She looks upon this remedy as a household necessity and believes that no better medicine has ever been put in bottles. There are many thousands of mothers in this broad land, who are of the same opinion. It is the only remedy that can always be depended upon as a preventive and cure for croup. The 25 and 50 cent bottles are for sale by druggists.

THE regular meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy will be held in the Rotary Block on Friday, January 14, at 3 p. m. All who wish to become members are cordially invited to meet with the chapter.

FRANCES J. JORDAN, Sec'y.

Stifel & Co.'s special Jacket ad.—3d page.

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SHE IS FAST.

The New Bay Line Boat Makes Her First Appearance Here.

THE URANIA VISITED BY MANY

PEOPLE LAST EVENING, BUT BEING LATE ON ACCOUNT OF THE FOG OF TUESDAY NIGHT SHE DID NOT REMAIN AT THIS PORT LONG—HOT TIMES ARE COMING IN THE PITTSBURGH, WHEELING AND CHARLESTON TRADE.

A new river packet made her initial appearance at the Wheeling wharf last night. She is the Urania, the latest addition to the fleet of the Day Brothers, a firm that is said to thrive on rate wars—certainly the only steamboat owners of which this has been said.

The new boat, which was built at the Marfetta shipyards, was due from Charleston on her first trip up the river on Wednesday morning, but was detained by Tuesday night's intense fog and did not reach this port until 7:45 o'clock last night. A number of people had gathered at the wharf and inspected the new craft, which has been touted as one of the fastest boats on the upper river. She remained only fifteen minutes. She is in command of Captain Howard Donnelly, of Charleston; her clerks are George Hunter, formerly of the Keystone State, and J. H. Hodges; pilots, Brookhart and McLaughlin; mates, Barton and Thompson.

The new boat is built considerably on the lines of the Kanawha, whose sister packet she is in the Pittsburgh, Wheeling and Kanawha river trade. Her wood, which was successfully experimented with in the hull construction of the Kanawha, was used on the Urania. She has electric lights, is finely fitted and furnished, and has unusually heavy power for a boat of her size and tonnage.

With the Bays running the Kanawha and Urania in this trade, and Captain Gordon Green with his H. K. Bedford and another packet now building, thrown in, it is likely that there will be hot times on the river between Pittsburgh and Charleston. The Ben Hur, too, is brought into the scrap more or less. Though it appears that a rate war between the Bays and Captain Green is inevitable, it does not follow that the victory will come to the Bay standard—Green is something of a fighter himself.

THE RIVER.

YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES.

Charleston...KANAWHA, 5 p. m.
Pittsburgh...BEN HUR, 4 p. m.
Sistersville...RUTH, 3:30 p. m.
Clarlington...LEROY, 3:30 p. m.
Pittsburgh...QUEEN CITY, 11 a. m.
Pittsburgh...URANIA, 8 p. m.
Steubenville...T. M. BAYNE, 2:30 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY.

Pittsburgh...H. K. BEDFORD, 6:30 a. m.
Cincinnati...QUEEN CITY, 2 p. m.
Parkersburg...ARGAND, 11 a. m.
Matamoras...LEXINGTON, 11 a. m.
Sistersville...RUTH, 3:30 p. m.
Clarlington...LEROY, 3:30 p. m.
Steubenville...T. M. BAYNE, 2:30 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-MORROW.

Pittsburgh...VIRGINIA, 3 a. m.
Parkersburg...BEN HUR, 11 a. m.
Sistersville...RUTH, 3:30 p. m.
Clarlington...LEROY, 3:30 p. m.
Steubenville...T. M. BAYNE, 2:30 p. m.

FOG DELAYS PACKETS.

The packets were away behind time yesterday, on account of the heavy fog of Monday night and the heavier one of Tuesday night. The Queen City, due Tuesday at 8 a. m., passed up at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning. She will not be here for Cincinnati until two o'clock this afternoon, six hours late. The Kanawha, for Charleston, was eleven hours late, passing down at 5 p. m. The Ben Hur was the exception to the rule, passing up for Pittsburgh at 4 p. m., on time. The Urania, the new Bay boat, was fourteen hours late, departing for Pittsburgh at 3 p. m.

NOT A DANGEROUS STAGE.

Rumors generally start in a most inexplicable way, without foundation in point of fact. One of this kind was in local circulation yesterday afternoon in the Main street business district. It was to the effect that the river was rising rapidly and that a stage was expected which would put at least a foot of water in Main street cellars. Of course there was nothing in the story. As a matter of fact, the river became stationary at 19 feet 6 inches at 6 p. m. Wednesday, and even with the additional rise that is expected to materialize today, the stage of water here would be several feet less than would put water in cellars, even on Water street.

Along the Landing.

The marks at 6 p. m. showed 19 feet 6 inches and stationary. Weather, cloudy and warm—thermometer 65 degrees above at 6 p. m., remarkable weather for the middle of January.

These boats passed up with empties yesterday: Charles Brown, 8 a. m., and Mariner at 9 a. m.

Down with coal yesterday.

Coal City, 2 p. m.; Volunteer, 3 p. m.; Pacific, 4 p. m. All these tows were in good shape when passing the Bellaire bridge.

River Telegrams.

GREENSBORO—River 12 feet and falling. Cloudy and warm, rainfall .14 inches. Adam Jacobs due rain Thursday. James G. Blaine up.

OIL CITY—River 3 feet 2 inches and rising. Cloudy and warm.

WARREN—River 2 feet, light rain, mild.

BROWNSVILLE—River 15 feet 6 inches and falling.

PITTSBURGH—River 12.9 feet and falling at the dam. Cloudy and warm.

STEUBENVILLE—River 10 feet and falling. Cloudy and cool. Passed down—Volunteer, Pacific No. 2, Hornet No. 2 and Kanawha. Passed up—Crutser, Mariner, Winnett, Virginia, Ben Hur and Urania.

PARKERSBURG—Ohio river 20 feet 2 inches and rising. Cloudy, mercury 58. Passed up Urania, Valley Belle. Passed down up—Argand. Passed down—Keystone State, many hours overdue, being delayed by fog. Due down—Kanawha. The Little Kanawha is rising fast and out of lock. The tributaries are booming. A big timber flows on the way down.

SEAFORD, Del.—We sell more of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy than any other proprietary preparation for coughs and colds. One farmer recently bought half a dozen bottles of the same size, saying that it is the best medicine he could find for coughs and colds.—W. F. HAINES & CO. It is for sale by druggists.

MR. M. V. FISHER, of Liberty, Putnam county, W. Va., says that on several occasions he has saved the lives of his children when they were suffering from croup, by giving them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This remedy always cures and if used as soon as the first indications of the disease appear, it will prevent the attack. For sale by druggists.

CUBAN RELIEF.

Consul General Lee Telegraphs Committee What to Send.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—The following cablegram from Consul General Lee has been received by the Central Cuban Relief Company. It gives in detail articles that are urgently needed to alleviate the suffering in Cuba.

"HAVANA, Jan. 12.—"Central Cuban Relief Committee." "Summer clothing, second-hand or otherwise, principally for women and children; medicines for fevers, including a large proportion of quinine; hard bread, flour, cornmeal, bacon, rice, lard, potatoes, beans, peas, salt fish, principally codfish; any canned goods, large quantities of condensed milk, blankets and charcoal. Money will also be useful to secure nurses, medicines and for many other necessities."

The central committee made a large shipment to-day on the Ward line steamer, Vigilance, consigned to Consul General Lee, consisting of 30,293 separate packages, and in addition 500 grains of quinine.

The work is progressing finely, and relief committees are being formed in all parts of the country. Another large shipment will be made next Saturday and others semi-weekly thereafter.

A BRAZILIAN SENSATION.

Police Investigations Into the Plot to Assassinate President Moraes.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 12.—A great sensation has been caused here by the publication of the police report on the conspiracy to assassinate President Moraes on November last. The police allege that there were several plots against the life of the president prior to the one in November.

The report concludes with indicting twenty persons, including Vice President Victorina Pereira, Captain Lopez Cruz, of the Brazilian navy; seven majors and colonels, Senator Cordeiro, Deputies Glicerio, Guanabara, Barbosa, Lima, Ireo, Mashedo, Torquado and Moreira and the soldier Marcellino, who was executed for the crime. Glicerio continues to be absent and the vice president is still at large. It appears he was in close touch with Diocleciano, who directed the crime.

MURDER TRIALS IN FAYETTE.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

FAYETTEVILLE, W. Va., Jan. 12.—The criminal court of Fayette county is in session here. There are three murder cases on the docket for hearing at this term, J. W. Bragg for the murder of James Miller, on Loup creek, last June; James Basham for the murder of Harvey Hanna, on Kenney's creek, last October, and Page Kingston for the murder of his wife, on Laurel creek, last November. Irvin Riggs is also in jail awaiting a new trial for the murder of Luther Thomas, at Deepwater, last year.

IS WORTHLESS PROPERTY.

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CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 12.—A board of inspection and condemnation, consisting of Lieutenant Colonel Phil. A. Shaffer, of Moundsville; Captain C. N. Simms, of Roncoverte, and Captain J. E. Middleton, of Winfield, is in session here to condemn a lot of old property now charged up by the war department to Adjutant General Appleton, but which is worthless.

SUPREME COURT MATTERS.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 12.—Judge Brannon was to-day designated as president of the supreme court. D. C. Reay, who it is understood is to be one of Clerk Holly's assistants, arrived here to-day. He is a son of T. P. Reay, of Morgantown, and a friend of Judge Dent. Low English, son of Judge English, is said to be slated for another position under Holly in the spring.

Bryan Getting in His Work.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 12.—Fusion of all the silver elements in Minnesota was endorsed by the state central committee. Chairman Rosing made the announcement emphatically at the Jackson banquet early this morning. W. J. Bryan, in his speech, concluded at 2 a. m., devoted considerable time to endorsing the fusion idea and illustrating its efficiency by the results in Nebraska. This is regarded as a decisive blow to the adoption of the Ohio plan in Minnesota.

Eighty Lives Lost.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 12.—Latest advices from the Orient state that the Japanese transport steamer Lara, of 2,510 tons, bound to the Peccadores, was wrecked December 24 and about eighty lives lost. The only survivors were five seamen, who were picked up by the steamer Madsura Maru. Captain Yasuda, of the Japanese navy, and nine cadets were among the missing. The vessel struck an uncharted rock, shifted, and she went to the bottom.

Presidential Nominations.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12.—The President to-day sent the following nominations to the senate: Edwin H. Conger, of Iowa, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to China; Charles Page Bryan, of Illinois, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to Brazil; Henry W. Furness, of Indiana, to be consul at Bahia, Brazil.

Anti-Saloon Convention.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 12.—A joint meeting of the Ohio and national anti-saloon organizations met here to-day, with Hon. Hiram Price, of Iowa, in the chair. Twenty-two states were represented. Reports on the condition of the work in several states were made, all of an encouraging nature to the delegates. About 200 delegates are present.

Zanolli Not a Murderer.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—The charge of murder against Charles Zanolli, the barber, accused of poisoning his fourth wife, was dismissed to-day. Zanolli, however, was held in \$2,000 bail on the charge of grand larceny in having defrauded an insurance company by collecting the insurance on the life of William Schmidt by fraud.

Watch for Stifel's ad. in the morning.

I CARRY a full line of Dr. Earl S. Sloan's veterinary remedies. All stockmen use them. Come and give them a trial. Wm. Schwertfeger, 1146 Main street.

PROSPERITY comes quickest to the man whose liver is in good condition. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are famous little pills for constipation, biliousness, indigestion and all stomach and liver troubles. Charles R. Goetze, Market and Twelfth streets; Chatham Sinclair, Forty-sixth and Jacob streets; A. E. Scheele, No. 607 Main street; E. J. Gros, Penn and Zane streets; Bowle & Co., Bridgeport.

IN regard to the merits of Dr. Sloan's valuable Remedies, too much cannot be said. Dr. Earl S. Sloan, the sole proprietor and manufacturer of these remedies, has his laboratory and offices in Boston, Mass., and the large shipments sent out from there are, in themselves, a good testimonial of the growing demand of his medicine. Trade supplied by Wm. Schwertfeger, 1146 Main street, Wheeling, W. Va.

Weakness easily cured by SPINAL Dr. Miles' Nervo Plasters.

AMUSEMENTS.

"Miss Philadelphia" will be seen at the Opera House, to-night. The piece is now on its farewell tour of the country, under Mr. Julius Howe's management. The story is that young William Penn, who is in love with Ruth Springgarden, and who is of a convivial and rather rapid temperament and the possessor of much wealth, regrets the slowness of his demure sweetheart. He returns to his bachelor apartments after a long session at his club and falls asleep, first admonishing his valet to call him in time for the ball to be given in honor of William Penn. Young Penn dreams and it is in the dream that the incidents of the play are set forth. William Penn's spirit appears before him and at the suggestion of young Penn a sight-seeing expedition is entered upon. The changed conditions of life and the entirely new expressions used by the people he meets perplex and bewilder the old gentleman. Ruth Springgarden, instead of being the demure Quakeress known to Penn, Jr., is a very much up-to-date young lady, much to the delight of her lover and her friends and acquaintances are of the same type. The pace proves too rapid for the founder of Pennsylvania and he decides to once more return to oblivion. "Man is but sufficient to his time and the great can live only in the future as a memory," he exclaims, and with a sorrowful farewell he disappears. The last scene shows the guests assembled in the ball-room to celebrate his ancestor's birthday. But young Penn is late in arriving; when he enters he can scarcely realize that he has been dreaming only of the events just transpired, and greets Ruth with a familiarity which is resented by that lovely girl. Explanations follow and complete happiness is restored.

FIELD'S MINSTRELS.

The Al. G. Field minstrels appeared before two large and enthusiastic audiences here yesterday afternoon and last night. It is the best aggregation of black-face talent Field has ever brought to Wheeling, as well as the largest numerically. Billy Van and Field were as funny as of old, especially Van, whose eccentric humor catches on with the audience like wild-fire. The specialties were good throughout, especially by Willie Young's club swinging, Ladleur's somersaults and dives, and the Cornally family of acrobats.

MATINEE TO-DAY.

Agnes Herndon and her capable company presented two delightful comedies to large audiences, both matinee and evening, at the Grand Opera House. In the afternoon "The Jealous Mrs. Brown" was on the boards, and at night "A Night's Frolic." Both were extremely pleasing, and presented in an excellent manner. In the latter Miss Herndon appeared in masquerade in the uniform of a French officer, and the complications resulting from her sex and costume resulted in no end of merriment. A special matinee will be given this afternoon, when "La Belle Marie," the piece which Miss Herndon has played over 2,000 times at high prices, will be produced. She will wear some magnificent costumes, designed and made by Worth. The bill to-night will be "Saved from the Flames," a magnificent comedy drama, with a very realistic fire scene.

THE RAILROADS.

Two of the Ohio River railroad passenger engines, Nos. 17 and 18, now have electric head lights, self-ringing bells, and electric signals. There are five more electric headlights at the shop in Parkersburg, and the other passenger engines will be fitted, out shortly. This road is getting into the push at a great rate and its solid vestibuled train service from Pittsburgh to Louisville will be quite an improvement. The cars are now being made and are expected to have been completed about the first of the year.

ATTRACTS ATTENTION.

The remarkable increase in the earnings of the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling railroad is attracting attention in eastern financial circles. For the first week in this month the road shows an increase of \$10,509.90, the earnings for the week having been \$27,043.37.—Cleveland Leader.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

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New Facts About South Dakota.

To enable the farmers in the Eastern States to pass the long winter evenings in an entertaining and instructive manner, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company has recently published for free distribution, a new pamphlet, finely illustrated with pictures which will delight the eyes of Eastern farmers, and containing letters from their brethren in South Dakota descriptive of their experiences while tilling the soil and raising cattle, sheep and hogs in the "Sunshine State."

This pamphlet is well worth reading through from cover to cover. It will be sent free if you will send your address to either H. F. Hunter, Immigration Agent, 291 Dearborn street, Chicago, or to George H. Heafford, General Passenger Agent, Old Colony building, Chicago, Ill.

How to Look Good.

Good looks are really more than skin deep, depending entirely on a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the liver be inactive, you have a bilious look; if your stomach be disordered, you have a dyspeptic look; if your kidneys be affected, you have a pinched look. Secure good health, and you will surely have good looks. "Electric Bitters" is a good Alternative and Tonic. Acts directly on the stomach, liver and kidneys. Purifies the blood, cures pimples, blotches and boils, and gives a good complexion. Every bottle guaranteed. Sold at Logan Drug Co.'s Drug Store, 60 cents per bottle.

THE MIDLAND ROUTE TOURIST CARS are upholstered sleeping cars and are supplied with all the accessories necessary to make the journey comfortable and pleasant, and the sleeping berth rate is but \$6.00 (for two persons) from Chicago to California.

Ask the nearest ticket agent for a tourist car "folder," giving complete information about the Midland Route, or address "Eastern Manager Midland Route," No. 95 Adams street, Chicago, Ill., or John R. Pott, District Passenger Agent, Williamsport, Pa.

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