

NITRO-GLYCERINE'S MYSTERY.

Remarkable Exhibitions of its Terrible Force—An Explanation.

It is a common practice all through the oil regions to "torpedo" oil wells, when the production begins to fall off, and like all other operators I resorted to the same method by my own well. There is with the great majority of men employed in working about oil wells a reasonable fear of accident from premature explosions from nitro-glycerine. I never could induce men in my employ to assist the agent that came to do the work, and I always had to assist him myself. The fear that is first felt soon wears off after a few trials.

It is perfectly safe to handle it if kept at a temperature below 32 degrees, but above that temperature it becomes dangerous; the higher the temperature the more sensitive to concussion, and it explodes at 300 degrees; but the point I wish to make is the solution of the following:

"That any satisfactory explanation can not be given of the singular feature of the almost complete annihilation of matter." Some savants have attempted to explain the mystery of this characteristic of nitro-glycerine by the theory of instant evaporation of matter. This might be true as to fresh, but could the great masses of bones in the human body be vaporized in an instant, in the twinkling of an eye? Could iron be reduced to vapor in an instant? Others offer the theory of atomization of matter. This theory was disproved by a most melancholy occurrence in Allegheny county, New York, two or three years ago. Charles Berridge, a well-known oil man, was blown up by nitro-glycerine. The ground around was covered with spotless, new fallen snow; on either side was a high and abrupt hill only a few rods apart. Berridge was a very large man, of perhaps 180 pounds weight. The remains were searched for carefully, and long for he was a good man and popular. The coffin in which he was borne to the grave, contents and all, weighed but fifteen pounds. The spotless snow remained as spotless as before.

The statement that the greatest force of a nitro-glycerine explosion is always upward in the recesses of the feet is the greatest force is always downward for the two following reasons, as it is always proved by the destruction of all material substances within its influence. The pressure of the atmosphere of fifteen pounds to the square inch is less than the solid earth, and the greatest force is always exerted in the direction of the greatest resistance. As an illustration of this downward resistance, I call to mind one of those disasters, by premature explosion of nitro-glycerine, that occurred to a gentleman, a friend of mine, by the name of Clark, who was an agent for the Roberts Torpedo company, of Titusville, Pa. The magazine and manufacturer of this company was located a short distance out of the city of Titusville, Pa., and the agents for the different districts drew all of their supplies from this magazine. Mr. Clark lived at Tidouite, about fifteen miles from Titusville. He went for a supply of nitro-glycerine for his district, at Titusville, and loaded 600 pounds upon his wagon, covered it with canvas to hide it from view and protect it from the sun, and drove into the city. He hitched his horse in the busiest portion, and allowed it to stand for several hours in the hot sun of an August day. By the time he was ready to start the nitro-glycerine was as warm as the atmosphere, which made it very sensitive to any concussion. When about half way home, as he was approaching a small hamlet called Enterprise, for some reason that will never be known this 600 pounds exploded. A gentleman who started from Titusville on horseback overtook Mr. Clark with his load, and knowing the kind of cargo Mr. Clark was carrying, fell back to a safe distance, and kept it up to the time of the explosion, and was the only eyewitness to this disaster. All he knew about it was that he saw simply a cloud of dust, and heard a deafening sound; his horse was thrown to his knees, and himself to the ground, badly stunned by the concussion.

All that was ever found of that horse, wagon, and contents of the explosion, and Mr. Clark, was the face of Mr. Clark, all in front of the ears upon both sides, cut as smoothly as the sharpest knife could do it. The face was uninjured, except one eye was gone. A few shreds of flesh, whether of the man or horse none could tell, were found a short distance from the spot of the explosion. Not a fragment of anything else was in sight, or ever found in the vicinity or anywhere else. It was a complete annihilation of the entire outfit.

The gavel road-bed was as hard and dry as constant travel and a long drought could make it. At the place of the explosion it was scooped out several feet deep and across the entire width. One bar, said to be eighty rods from the explosion, was twisted out of place, so violent was the force of the explosion. To better understand the position of Mr. Clark at the time, it is proper to state that the seat of his wagon was elevated two or more feet on the front end of the wagon-box, and the face of Mr. Clark, all in front of the ears upon both sides, cut as smoothly as the sharpest knife could do it. The face was uninjured, except one eye was gone. A few shreds of flesh, whether of the man or horse none could tell, were found a short distance from the spot of the explosion. Not a fragment of anything else was in sight, or ever found in the vicinity or anywhere else. It was a complete annihilation of the entire outfit.

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A VANISHING IDEAL.

Always in Sight, Yet Never Quite Within Our Grasp.

Man never attains his ideal. It comes nearest it the day he leaves school; all that year he hovers around it in pleasant proximity. Sometimes I think he quite attains it on commencement day. But a year away from school he and his ideal part company. He sees it drifting farther away from his eager hands. I have, in my own brilliant and aggressive career, pursued several fleeting and more or less perfect ideals. From where I now stand, at the distance-point, I can see the majority of them scooting under the wire, and I feel that I am shut out. None, I can see, is yet in nearer sight, and I am very loth to see it get entirely away from me.

I have my ideal of physical perfection in the aged. This is the manner of old man I want to be. I am not a tall man now. I do not really have to stand up to look over the back of a car seat. I stand up merely because I can see farther. But as I grow old I want to fall up. I want to develop a cautious, wary, window, so that when my summer vacation comes down "wing and wing." Then I can wear my watch in my fob, with a great big seal dangling from it like a bell clapper. I want to be short in the back and wheeze when I climb up-stairs, and puff and pant when I walk up-hill, and have to take two steps to cross the gutter.

And I would wear a claw-hammer and carry my hand-axe in my hat. I would like my hair to turn snow-white or else fall off, an not very particular which. I would like my mustache to bleach out until it looked like a streak of scar across my lip. I would like to be bald. I think that is a photograph of the kind of an old man I would like to be. This is my ideal old man. Came and wheezed laugh of course.

And I am just as confident as I am that I will die, that as I grow old I will shrivel up and dry out until I look like a shoe-string with clothes on. "I was ever thus, from childhood's hours I've seen my fondest hopes decay; I never tried to save an hour but what I wasted half a day. I never took a girl to church, the longest way back home to plan, but that she left me in the lurch, and walked back with another man. I never had a fond gaze to gaze me with its dark blue eyes, my life is marred with butts, and I. The two eye-Is which constitute the rhyme in this closing stanza, you will observe, are like Gen. Antler's, they are not marred by any other rhyme, and are enough to spoil the rhyme and diverse enough to mar their harmony.

How to Avoid Cholera. (St. James' Gazette.) A correspondent sends us the following hints as to "how to avoid the cholera," gathered, he tells us, from the advice given by the best medical authorities. Live well—do so, in fact, on outlets, turtle soup, poultry, game, or whatever you fancy, provided it is not unripe fruit. Drink the best claret, champagne, dry sherry and old cognac that can be procured—in fact, keep yourself up. Do not worry yourself or let others worry you. Point out to your wife and children the absolute necessity of protecting the "bread winner" from annoyance—unless the family is prepared to lose its head. Indulge yourself in amusements so long as they do not fatigue you. Allow yourself "horse exercise," but be careful not to overdo it. Walk in moderation, and always take a snuff when you feel anything approaching weariness. Early hours are desirable, so far as going to bed is concerned, but early rising is not to be recommended, inasmuch as it induces fatigue. Avoid, as far as possible, politics and all other discussions. Leave questions alone, and take no part in conversations of a controversial character. Read only light literature. Smoke according to inclination, so long as the epidemic lasts, but only cigarettes or cigars of the best quality. By regulating your habits according to these simple directions, you will find a great improvement in your health, and be, at all events, in a better condition to resist cholera if it attacks you.

The Dear Little Brute. (Cambridge Tribune.) A fashionable young lady at the Grand Union, in Saratoga, gives the following account of her silver poodle: "He's a daisy, he is. So nice and clever. He has his teeth brush and keeps just as still when the maid uses it with the powder. He barks to have his hair oiled and combed, and takes a shampoo with perfect delight. Then he goes to bed he lays his head on the pillow and goes to sleep like a daisy boy. It's lot of work caring for the brute, though. There's one thing I'm thankful for, he's always dressed in the morning.

Air Brush Portraits. (Chicago Journal.) The air brush was one of the useful and interesting inventions exhibited at the photographers' convention in Philadelphia. A little holder is charged with India ink, and by a bellows operated with a foot pedal, after the manner of a sewing machine, the fluid is blown upon a faintly outlined portrait, the result giving a picture superior in many respects to the best crayon drawing. A life-size portrait may thus be made in a few hours, whereas formerly by the use of the stip and pencil as many weeks were required.

Cumbrons "Cash." (Foreign Letter.) One of the great curiosities in Japan to the stranger is the wonderful variety of coins that are used daily. In some instances they are as small as a pin's head. These are called "cash," and are seldom received by foreigners, who, as a general rule, refuse to take them in change. Imagine a trade of 2 cents and giving a man a 10-cent piece, then receiving in change 450 of these coppers.

Babies' Caps. (Eaches.) One branch of trade shows no effects of the panic. "I am a manufacturer of babies' caps," said a New York merchant, "and I regard it as the most stable business in the country. Babies are coming into the world all the time, and every mother will stint herself before she denies her infant a cap. No panics interfere with my business."

A Scientific Farm. (New Orleans Picayune.) Dr. Dio Lewis now has a scheme for a scientific farm. He will take pupils, and after they have worked for him three years they will be given a certificate that they are competent farm hands and worth \$15 a month and found.

Electric Headlight. By a new electric headlight for locomotives thirty-three telegraph poles can be counted along the engine on a dark night. Thirty-three poles cover about one mile.

Notice.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, ROSEBURG, OR., December 19, 1884. Notice is hereby given that John Herberger whose postoffice address is Jacksonville, Jackson county, Oregon has this day applied for patent for the following described placer mining ground, viz: The N 1/4 of S E 1/4 of N E 1/4 Sec. 21 T 27 S R 2 W West of the Willamette Meridian containing 20 acres. The location of this mine and the transfers by the locators to John Herberger are recorded in vol. 16 page 167 of mining records of Jackson county, Oregon, dated December 13, 1877. Any and all persons claiming adversely any portion of said mining ground are required to file their adverse claims with the Register of the United States Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon during the sixty days publication hereof or they will be barred by virtue of the provisions of the statutes. Wm. F. BENJAMIN, Register.

Notice of Final Settlement.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Jackson county.

In the matter of the estate of Mary A. Chambers, deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the administrator of the estate of Mary A. Chambers, deceased, has filed in the county court of Jackson county, Oregon, his final account as such administrator, and by order of said court, Tuesday, the 4th day of January, 1885, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., is set for hearing. All persons interested are hereby notified to appear and file his or her objections to said account on or before said day. Published by order of Hon. E. DePeatt, Judge of said court. GEO. M. LOVE, Administrator of the estate of Mary A. Chambers, deceased. Dated Dec. 6, 1884.

Notice.

LAND OFFICE AT ROSEBURG, OR., Dec. 9, 1884.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Judge or Clerk of Jackson county, Jacksonville, Oregon, on Saturday, Jan. 10, 1885, viz: Edward Hendricks. Homestead No. 3884 for the Lots 4, 5 and 6 Sec. 30 T 28 S R 3 W and E 1/4 of S E 1/4 Sec. 25 T 28 S R 4 W. He claims the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: Alex. Band, Wm. Hinkle, of Applegate, John Christopher, of Jacksonville, James D. Buckley, of Uniontown, all of Jackson county, Oregon. Wm. F. BENJAMIN, Register.

Notice.

U. S. LAND OFFICE AT ROSEBURG, OR., Oct. 6, 1884.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Act of Congress of March 3, 1878 for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Nevada, and in Washington Territory, that George H. Aiken has applied to purchase the N E 1/4 of N W 1/4 of N E 1/4 and S E 1/4 of N E 1/4 Sec. 32 T 32 S R 1 E East, Willamette Meridian. Any and all persons claiming adversely any of the above described lands must file their claims with the Register of the Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, during sixty days publication hereof, and failing to do so their rights will be barred by statute. Wm. F. BENJAMIN, Register.

Executrix's Notice.

In the matter of the estate of John Stought, deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of Jackson county, Oregon, sitting in Probate, executrix of the estate of John Stought, deceased.

All persons indebted to said estate are requested to settle the same immediately, and these having claims against the estate will present them with the proper vouchers to the undersigned, residing in Phoenix, Jackson county, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. SAMUEL STROUGHT, Executrix of said Estate. Dated Nov. 7, 1884.

Administrator's Notice.

In the matter of the estate of Silas P. Hanna, deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been appointed by the county court of Jackson county, Oregon, sitting in probate, administrator of the estate of Silas P. Hanna, deceased.

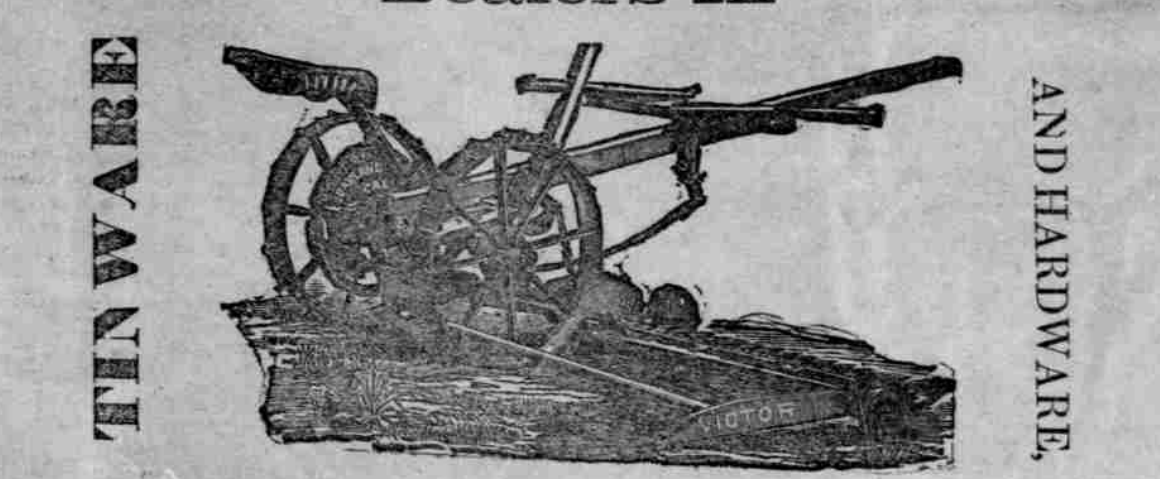
All persons indebted to said estate are requested to settle the same immediately, and those having claims against the estate will present them with the proper vouchers to the undersigned, residing in Jacksonville, Jackson county, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. H. K. HANNA, Administrator of said estate. Dated Nov. 28th 1884.

S. P. HANNA, WAGON-MAKER, Jacksonville, Oregon. In Cronmiller's building is in receipt of a full assortment of material and prepared to do all work in his line on short notice. In working with India ink, Vehicles of every description made to order. Terms reasonable and satisfaction guaranteed. July 14 1880. S. P. HANNA.

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Notice. This is to certify that I have placed my book accounts in the hands of James A. Wilson, Kerbyville, Oregon, for collection. All persons interested please settle and save costs. P. M. NICKERSON, Los Angeles, Cal. Sept. 18th, 1884.

Notice. I would most respectfully inform the citizens of Jacksonville and the world at large, that they can find, at a time, at my Brewery, the best Lager Beer, in any quantity the purchaser may desire. My house is conveniently situated and my rooms are always in order. A visit will please you.

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