

**THE OIL WELL SHOOTER.**

Sometimes Blown Into Eternity With His Own Ammunition.

In certain of the petroleum producing districts it becomes necessary sometimes in opening an oil well—sometimes when the well has become clogged or apparently exhausted—to begin or renew the flow by exploding nitroglycerin at the bottom of the well. This explosive is employed because it is exploded readily by the dropping of a weight upon it. A man who carries nitroglycerin from well to well for this purpose is known in the oil regions as a "shooter."

The shooter has a wagon in which to carry his explosive. A square box under the seat is carefully padded, and when it has been solidly filled with cans of nitroglycerin, which is a molasses-like fluid, he fastens down the cover and drives slowly away to the well that he is to shoot. Usually he makes the trip very early in the morning to avoid the customary travel and so diminish the chance of danger.

For the most part the roads are bad, and the wagon jolts along in a way to make any one but an old shooter decidedly nervous. If it is dark there is great danger that a wheel may drop into a hole with force enough to detonate the explosive. Several wagons bearing shooters and their loads have been blown up, but no one ever lived to tell what sort of jar caused the explosion.

In such a case little is ever found except the great hole in the ground which the explosion has dug, with possibly a wheel of the wagon a quarter of a mile away in one direction and another in the opposite direction.

The shooter generally takes from 80 to 240 quarts of nitroglycerin in his wagon. The smaller amount is quite enough if it should explode to leave no trace of the driver of the vehicle.

When the shooter reaches the well which is to be treated long torpedo tubes are placed within the casing of the well, and the nitroglycerin is poured carefully into them. The well may be 1,500 feet deep and is seldom less than a thousand. When one of the tubes is filled it is lowered with the utmost care to the bottom of the well. This operation is repeated until the shooter is satisfied that the load is heavy enough to accomplish the purpose. When all is ready a bar of iron, known as a "go-devil," is dropped into the well. The instant it leaves his hand the shooter takes to his heels, seeking a place of safety.

Suddenly the earth trembles; there is a crash, followed by a snap; a muffled sound arises and becomes louder and louder until a column of oil and water shoots from 75 to 100 feet into the air. The country for hundreds of feet around is filled with clouds of spray floating to leeward. When this subsides the well is in operation and the shooter recovers his fee and drives away.—Harper's Weekly.

**The Dead Man's Hand.**  
Charms as cures for sickness were common in England a century ago. Lady Wake, who was born in 1800, tells of a greswome cure adopted for the removal of some birthmarks which disfigured her face. Her mother was persuaded that "a dead man's hand laid upon my cheek and hands would effectually remove the marks," she writes. "As a man could not be killed for the occasion, it was necessary to wait till some one died. An old man at last did die in one of the nearest cottages, and I was taken there in my sleep. I remember afterward being constantly stopped by the widow, who always examined my cheek in order to ascertain the state of her husband's body, as the marks, she told my nurse, would certainly fade away as he turned into dust. Whatever the cause of the cure, the marks in time disappeared."

**"It's the Cut."**  
An aged country rector who had an old tailor as his clerk, returning from his church one Sunday with the latter, thus addressed him:  
"Thomas, I cannot think how it is that our church should be getting thinner, for I am sure I preach as well as ever I did and ought to have far more experience than I had when I first came among you."  
"Indeed," replied Thomas. "I'll tell you what; old persons nowadays are just like old tailors, for I'm sure I sew as well as ever I did in my life, and the cloth is the same, but it's the cut, sir. Ah, it's the new cut!"—Pearson's Weekly.

**Flower of the Air.**  
There is a plant in Chile and a similar one in Japan called the "flower of the air." It is so called because it appears to have no root and is never fixed to the earth. It twines round a dry tree or sterile rock. Each shoot produces two or three flowers like a lily—white, transparent and odoriferous. It is capable of being transported 600 to 700 miles and vegetates as it travels suspended on a twig.

**A Leading Citizen.**  
"Didn't you tell me Faro Joe was one of the leading citizens of Crimston Gulch?"  
"Well," answered Broncho Bob, "he was. When he left town he led the vigilance committee by a quarter of a mile clean to the next county."—Washington Star.

**Didn't Mean It That Way.**  
Willie—I say, ma. If dad was to die would he go to heaven? Ma—Eush. Willie! Who's been putting such ridiculous thoughts into your head!—London Opinion.

**One today is worth two tomorrows.**  
—Franklin.

**HELPED BY HUMIDITY.**

Many Materials and Products Which Require Moist Air.

There are many materials, operations and products which require special atmospheric conditions for advantageous or profitable maintenance. Principal among such operations is the manufacture of textiles, perhaps the largest single industry carried on in factories. In the favored climate of the Lancashire district of England the natural climate affords working conditions equalled in America only on occasional days in certain localities. Even in England, however, there are many days in which the atmosphere is too dry for the best work.

Since textile fibers are increased in strength and elasticity by high humidity and moderately high temperature, breakages are less frequent under proper conditions, and the output is increased. But even before the fiber reaches the manufacturing plant atmospheric humidity plays an important part. Cotton loses weight as it dries out, but, more than that, the fibers bristle and appear shorter and of lower grade than when slightly moistened. Leather, feathers and many other porous substances lose a considerable percentage of weight in drying out, so that the maintenance of average and uniform humidity in the storage rooms has a direct advantage to the owner in maintaining the value of his goods as they lie in the warehouse. Cigars and tobacco lose flavor in dry air and regain it to some extent, after loss, by storage in proper humidified rooms. Wooden furniture and musical instruments are sometimes cracked or the finish injured by the dry air of steam heated rooms. All these and other similar goods are advantageously worked or stored in rooms in which the atmospheric humidity is artificially controlled and kept at the most desirable point.—Engineering.

**A PIG'S SQUEAL.**  
It Played a Momentous Part in American History.

The war between this country and England in 1812 was caused by one vote, and, stranger still, the small margin came from a pig getting its head stuck in a rail fence. It was a Rhode Island fence at that, but built much like a Virginia worm fence.

They were having an election of members of the legislature in Rhode Island. One Federalist put off going to the election and left himself just time enough to get there before the polls closed. Just as he got on his horse and started for town he heard a pig squeal. He looked around and saw that the pig had its head jammed into that old rail fence, and anybody who knows anything about hogs knows that the hogs would have eaten that pig up if it hadn't been rescued. The farmer stopped long enough to liberate the pig, and when he got to the polls they were closed. He was too late.

The result was that a Democratic member of the legislature was elected from that district by one vote, and he would not have been elected if that Federalist had got there on time. In the legislature a Democratic United States senator was elected by one vote, and that Democratic legislator who had been elected by one vote voted for him.

In the United States senate they voted for the war of 1812 by one vote, and that Rhode Island Democratic senator who had been elected because that pig was caught in the fence voted for the war of 1812.—Popular Magazine.

**Not a Waxwork.**  
The opening of the courts in an assize town in England is always a great day for the residents. The procession to the church, where the judge says his prayers and listens to a homily, the march to the court, with the attendant javelin men and the braying of trumpets—the men in wigs and gowns—all the rustic mind with the sense of awe and the majesty of justice. It is related in Mr. Thomas Edward Crispe's book, "Reminiscences of a K. C.," that a farmer once took his son into the crown court.

On the bench was the Baron Cleasby, gorgeous in scarlet and ermine, stately and motionless. The yokel gazed with open mouth at the resplendent figure on the raised dais. Suddenly the baron moved his hand from right to left and left to right.  
"Why, feyther," said the boy, "it's a slave!"

**A Friend in Need.**  
Algie—I say, Fred, you're aw—a friend of mine, aren't you?  
Fred—Sure.  
Algie—Then he a good fellow and aw—help me out. I'd like to have that pretty cousin of yours learn all about my—aw—good points, doucher know.  
Fred—I am helping you, old chap. I argued with her for two hours yesterday trying to convince her that you weren't as big a fool as you look.—Chicago News.

**Laughter.**  
Without laughter the human race would have wept itself to death or exterminated itself long ago. Pathos is beautiful; tragedy is absorbing. But both pathos and tragedy are instantly routed by the laugh.

**A Memorable Date.**  
"What member of the class can mention one memorable date in Roman history?" the teacher asked.  
"Antony's with Cleopatra," ventured one of the boys.—Everybody's.

**What is civilization?** I answer, the power of good women.—Emerson.

**Took All His Money.**

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**Announcements**

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for sheriff of Morrow county, subject to the decision of the Republican Direct Primary. I am willing to abide by the choice of the people, and should I be elected I will fill the office to the best of my ability.

J. F. LUCAS.

In my former announcement I stated that I would go before the assembly and abide by the choice of the Republicans in the assembly. Now that I have been endorsed by the assembly I feel justified in asking the Republicans of Morrow county for the nomination of assessor at the primary election on September 24.

D. O. JUSTUS.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for assessor of Morrow county subject to the decision of the Republican Primaries. If nominated and elected I will give every man a square deal without exception, and make a just and equitable assessment of all property in the county.

Respectfully,  
O. P. HENDRICKSON.

Candidate for Joint Senator for Umatilla, Union and Morrow Counties, subject to the decision of Republican Primaries.

S. F. WILSON, of Athens, of the law firm of Peterson & Wilson.

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C. A. BARRETT  
Athens, Umatilla County, Oregon.

To the voters of Morrow county: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Joint Senator for the 19th Senatorial District comprising the counties of Morrow, Union and Umatilla, subject to the will of the Republican party voters, at the Primary Nominating Election to be held September 24th, 1910.

If nominated and elected I will work for the interest of all the people of my district to the best of my ability.

I favor the maintenance of the Direct Primary Law, Statement No. 1, people's choice for Senator, a better system of improving our roads, economy and efficiency in public officials.

Respectfully, C. A. BARRETT.

I will be a candidate before the Democratic primaries for Sheriff of Morrow county. If nominated and elected to the office of sheriff, I promise to perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability.

J. C. HAYES.

To the Democratic voters of Morrow county: I am a candidate for sheriff before the primary election on September 24.

My platform will be a square deal to everybody.

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Notice for Publication—Isolated Tract.

Public Land Sale.  
No. 05836-05853.

United States Land Office, The Dalles Oregon, July 16th, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Act of Congress approved June 27, 1906, Public—No. 308, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, at 9:45 o'clock a. m., on the 15th day of September, 1910, at this office, the following tract of land, to wit:

W $\frac{1}{2}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 33 and W $\frac{1}{2}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 28 T. 4 S. R. 26 E. W.

Any persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the day above designated for sale.

C. W. MOORE, Register.

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Isolated Tract—Public Land Sale. 05905.

U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, August 17th, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Act of Congress approved June 27, 1906, Public—No. 308, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the 4th day of October, 1910, next, at this office, the following tract of land, to wit:

SW $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , sec. 24 and SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 14 T. 2 S. R. 24 E. W. M.

Any persons claiming adversely the above described lands are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the day above designated for sale.

C. W. MOORE, Register.  
Aug 25-Sept 29

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE.**

By virtue of an execution and order of sale duly issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Morrow, State of Oregon, dated, the 6th day of September, 1910, in a certain action in the Circuit Court for said County and State, wherein Kenneth A. J. Mackenzie, Plaintiff, recovered judgment against C. B. Sperry and Dona Sperry, his wife, Defendants, for the sum of two hundred seventy-seven and 50/100 (\$277.50) dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum from the 20th day of September, 1906, and the further sum of five and no 100 (\$5.00) dollars Attorney's fee, and costs and disbursements, taxed at eight and 00/100 (\$8.00) dollars, on the 20th day of September, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that I will on Saturday, the 8th day of October, 1910, at 2 o'clock p. m., of said day, at the front door of the Court House, in Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the following described property, to wit: All of lots one (1) and two (2) and the East 20 feet of lot (3) in block seven (7) in Sperry's second addition to the town of Ione, Morrow County, Oregon.

Taken and levied upon as the property of the said C. B. Sperry and Dona Sperry, his wife, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the said judgment in favor of Kenneth A. J. Mackenzie, and against said C. B. Sperry and Dona Sperry, together with all costs and disbursements that have or may accrue.

E. M. SHUTT, Sheriff.  
By GUS MALLORY, Deputy.  
Dated at Heppner, Oregon, September 6, 1910.

Sept 8-Oct 6

**Notice for Publication.**  
Isolated Tract—Public Land Sale. Department of the Interior U. S. Land Office at LaGrande Oregon August 31, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Act of Congress approved June 27, 1906, (34 Stat. 517) we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, at 10 o'clock a. m. on the 20th day of October, 1910, at this office, the following described land: The S $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and S $\frac{1}{2}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 21, T. 3 S., R. 27 E. W. M. Serial No. 07446.

Any persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the day above designated for sale.

F. O. BRAMWELL, Register.  
COLON R. EBERHARD, Receiver.  
Sept 8-Oct 13

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