

OIL AND GAS THERE

Taking Water From Well Releases Gas at Pratum. Watson is Well Satisfied. Will Bore Immediately

(Special to the Statesman.)

PRATUM, Or., July 20.—The pump which was rigged up here to today and was put to work taking the water from the well in which the oil discovery has been made, and the developments were at least satisfying and almost surprising. When the water had been almost emptied from the well, evidently the removal of the weight of water permitted the re-escape of gas through the gas fissure in the well, or they uncovered it entirely, for the roaring sound spoken of in former articles commenced, and Mr. Rue, the engineer in charge of the investigations, said he could distinguish the odor of natural gas escaping from the well. This finally satisfied that gentleman as to the presence of oil and gas there.

The Statesman tries to be a perfectly reliable newspaper in every particular, and when a story appears in its columns it is the desire of the publishers that the readers thereof shall feel that the story is based on fact and is not filled and made up from hot air.

When the Statesman first discovered the story that crude petroleum had been discovered at the village of Pratum on Howell Prairie, a few days since, the writer of that story felt far more than foundation for it and that the fount thereof was absolutely reliable and trustworthy.

That the same person and others had known for a good while of the presence of oil in the well was one of the curious things in connection with the matter, but they all thought the oil appeared there as the result of the accidental spilling of oil near the well, or that somebody had thrown some old oil cans in it is why nothing was ever said about the discovery before.

Now that the oil discovery is a well recognized fact and that it is not there by reason of oil having been spilled from the surface, a number of things are reported that in oil countries would have led to an immediate investigation of the cause of all the phenomena. Among other things, is the story of Mr. White, who dug the well on which the wind mill was placed there.

This well began to get "gassy" after it had gone down a few feet, and every morning had to be burned out before the diggers could go down, and they encountered a great deal of difficulty in getting fresh air in the well, having frequently to come to the surface to breathe awhile. That this indicated the presence of natural gas no one imagined, nor that it might pour off of oil beds under the surface of mother earth.

The discovery, or rather the publication of the discovery, has led to a great deal of interest being taken in the matter and there have been a large number of persons there to examine the well and to secure samples of the oil.

A writer of this paper visited Pratum yesterday, and soon after his arrival, Mr. D. M. Watson, of Portland, a well

known expert in the discovery of oil wells, and a man well acquainted with the business of locating oil fields, arrived.

Mr. Watson, after conversing with those present for a few moments said: "It will take me but a few moments to tell you whether there is oil here or not."

With this he took a small galvanic apparatus from his pocket and a bent wire wrapped with copper wires, from a valve he carried, and making an attachment of all this to a hidden battery that he carried, proceeded to investigate in a manner absolutely unknown to all present, except perhaps, Mr. Rue of California, the gentleman mentioned in this paper yesterday morning, who had seen a similar device used in California, and in which he expressed much confidence.

The Statesman does not attempt to explain Mr. Watson's system for the lack of knowledge, but Mr. Watson in a very short time expressed his surprise at the evidence of his little instrument.

"There is oil here, and lots of it," said he. "I have never encountered a better prospect, nor a more hopeful one. This oil is not confined to the present locality, but is in what is called blanket sands and probably extends over a considerable part of the district."

On being asked how deep the oil would probably lay, Mr. Watson said he could not tell just at that time, but could probably do so before his return to Salem.

Mr. Watson was very enthusiastic over the prospect, and said from what he could determine from his instrument that there would probably be found a flowing well there if the water and mud could be kept out of the casing of the well. In some places this is impossible, as the weight of the walls of the casing, the tubing, and drillers have to keep the tube full of a rather thick muddy mixture. The oil will not gush even with 500 pounds pressure against a tube full of water.

Mr. Watson said in addition, at the train as he was leaving, yesterday evening, that he had followed the sand that carries the oil to a considerable distance west of Pratum, and that he was satisfied the oil was in the first sands, and that the well would have to go no deeper than 800 feet, and that oil in paying quantities might be obtained very much nearer the surface of the earth. He also said, however, that any one making a move towards development there should be prepared with the best of machinery and be prepared to go at least to the 2000 foot level if necessary to develop the location of the oil.

There is every indication that a well will be sunk and a thorough test of the property made at once. There have been a great many visitors there recently, and Pratum is assuming importance entirely unexpected a short time ago, and it is apt to assume very much more importance in a short time.

HOW RACES RUN

SPEED PROGRAM AT THE COMING STATE FAIR IS MADE PUBLIC.

Secretary of State Fair Board Publishes List of Running and Trotting Events For September Agricultural Fair Meet.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The Secretary of the Oregon State Board of Agriculture yesterday gave out the racing programs for the coming State Fair. It is of interest at this time, owing to a number of the stakes having been cut out, some not having been met to the satisfaction of the board.

The running races are as follows: The Woodman Stakes, \$500, of which \$100 to second and \$50 to third. For 3-year-olds and upwards; weight for age. The winner to be entered to be sold for \$1000; if for less, four pounds allowed for each \$100 less to \$300.

Starters and selling price to be named through the entry box the day before the race; \$5 to accompany the nomination August 25; \$20 additional to start; to be run Tuesday, September 13; distance, six furlongs.

The Salem Stakes, \$500. A handicap for all ages; \$5 to accompany the nomination August 25; \$20 additional to start. The Oregon State Board of Agriculture to add an amount sufficient to make the value of the stake \$500, of which \$100 to second and \$50 to third; weights announced Monday, September 12; acceptance to be made to the secretary Tuesday, September 13. To be run Wednesday, September 14; distance four furlongs.

The Oregon Derby, \$600. A handicap for 3-year-olds and upward; \$10 to accompany the nomination August 25; \$20 additional to start. The Oregon

State Board of Agriculture to add an amount sufficient to make the value of the stake \$600, of which \$100 to second and \$50 to third. Weights announced Tuesday, September 13; acceptance to be made to the secretary Wednesday, September 14. To be run Thursday, September 15; distance 1 1/4 miles.

The Consolation Stakes, \$300, of which \$60 to second and \$40 to third. A free handicap open to all horses entered in running stakes at the meeting. No entrance fee. Weights announced Thursday, September 15. Starters to be named to the secretary Friday, September 16. To be run Saturday, September 17; distance seven furlongs.

The harness events are as follows: Monday, September 12—Trotting, 2-year-old stake (closed); pacing, 2:20 class, 2 in 3, \$500; trotting, 2:19 class, 2 in 3, \$500.

Tuesday, September 13—Pacing, 2:25 class, 2 in 3, \$500; pacing, 3-year-old stake (closed), \$500; trotting, 2:15 class, 2 in 3, \$500.

Wednesday, September 14—Pacing, 2-year-old stake (closed); trotting, 2:23 class, \$500; pacing, 2:15 class, Greater Salem Stake (closed), \$2000.

Thursday, September 15—Trotting, 3-year-olds (owned in district January 1, 1904), \$400; pacing, 2:17 class, 2 in 3, \$500; trotting, 2:17 class, Lewis and Clark Stake (closed), \$2000.

Friday, September 16—Pacing, Consolation Greater Salem Stake, 2 in 3, \$500; trotting, 2:21 class, 2 in 3, \$500.

Saturday, September 17—Pacing, 2:11 class, Rural Spirit Stake (closed), \$1000; trotting, free for all, 2 in 3, \$500; trotting, consolation Lewis and Clark Stake, 2 in 3, \$500.

BERLIN, July 20.—According to the Tagblatt negotiations on the subject of the new Russo-German commercial treaty have been successfully completed, Russia accepting the German minimum duties on grains and the German government making some concessions to facilitate the importation of Russian cattle and meats.

Married Women

Every woman covets a shapely, pretty figure, and many of them deplore the loss of their girlish forms after marriage. D bearing of children is often destructive to the mother's shapeliness. All of this can be avoided, however, by the use of Mother's Friend before baby comes, as this great liniment always prepares the body for the strain upon it, and preserves the symmetry of her form. Mother's Friend overcomes all the danger of child-birth, and carries the expectant mother safely through this critical period without pain. It is woman's greatest blessing. Thousands gratefully tell of the benefit and relief derived from the use of this wonderful remedy. Sold by all druggists at \$1.00 per bottle. Our little book, telling all about this liniment, will be sent free.

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SUPT. POTTER QUILTS SCHOOL

SUPERINTENDENT AT CHEMAWA SENDS RESIGNATION.

RETURNS TO OKLAHOMA.

Serious Illness of Business Partner Given as Cause For Leaving School.

Mr. Potter Has Been at Chemawa as Superintendent Since 1895—Has Been Very Popular, and Will Leave Many Friends Behind.

The report was received at this office from what seems to be a perfectly reliable source that Mr. Thomas W. Potter, superintendent of the United States Indian Training School at Chemawa, had sent his resignation as superintendent of that institution to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and that he would return to Oklahoma, where he has large personal interests. It is said that Mr. Potter's resignation was offered because of the serious sickness of a man with whom he has business interests in Oklahoma, making it absolutely necessary that Mr. Potter go and give these interests his own personal attention.

A Statesman reporter called up the Indian School by phone last evening, but Mr. Potter was in Portland, and could not be reached. It was expected that he would return last night on the late train, however. Mr. Campbell, the assistant superintendent, at the school, would make no statement regarding the matter.

The Department of the Interior has been trying to get rid of Superintendent Potter for some reason or another for some time, but it is not known if this had anything to do with his resignation. There will be a great many friends of Mr. Potter regret the fact of his resignation. Mr. Potter has made a great many friends here and has proven very popular as a superintendent, and also as a citizen during his sojourn here.

Mr. Potter came here from North Carolina, where he was superintendent and agent of the Eastern Cherokee, and assumed charge of the school on November 20, 1895. Since that time the school has grown and expanded in a wonderful manner and Mr. Potter has had a great deal to do with the growth and expansion. Mr. Potter has had over twenty years experience in the Indian service, and has always been counted one of the most capable of all the Indian educators.

ARE UP IN ARMS

FEELING IN ENGLAND HOSTILE AGAINST RUSSIAN GOV. EMBROID.

Demands For Reprisals Made by Most Conservative and Influential Papers in Kingdom—Government at Wits End as to What to Do.

LONDON, July 20.—As a result of the seizure of British vessels by the Russians the feeling in Great Britain tonight is violently hostile. The most conservative frankly declare for a policy of reprisal against what is regarded as Russia's violations of treaty and her piratical attack on British commerce. The most conservative and influential papers in the kingdom are extremely warlike in tone and the storm of indignation among all classes is so great that the government itself cannot gauge its strength. Those few officials at the foreign office who are in full possession of all details, and who say Great Britain desires to arrive at an entente with Russia are in despair. They realize that the policy so carefully fostered by King Edward and Foreign Minister Lansdowne may now be indignantly repudiated by all parties in the House of Commons, and involve with the public the downfall of any ministry advocating it. Every nerve is to be strained, however, by the foreign office to secure from Russia an explanation that will pacify the aggrieved feelings of the British public and no steps will be taken officially that will tend to prejudice the subsequent diplomatic negotiations looking to the settlement of all important questions now outstanding between Russia and Great Britain.

Unlooked for developments in the Dardanelles and in the Red Sea embarras Lord Lansdowne more than the circumstances themselves would indicate. The government, weakened by internal dissensions, could scarcely stand for a day against a demand for reprisals against Russia, and this very danger is being assiduously fostered by the leading government newspapers.

Another Volunteer Steamer. London, July 20.—A correspondent at Odessa of the Standard says: "Another volunteer fleet steamer proceeded hence tonight to Sebastopol for coal and armament, preparatory to leaving the Black Sea. Two of the remaining five of the volunteer steamers here will follow shortly."

ANOTHER APPOINTMENT. Prosecuting Attorney for the Canal Zone Is Former Attorney of Porto Rico.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—J. M. Keedy, of New York, has been appointed Prosecuting Attorney for the Panama Canal zone. Keedy served as Prosecuting Attorney in Porto Rico during the Davis administration and prepared the code laws now in force in that Province.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Atkinson*

PORTLAND: AN HOUR

Double Track Electric Line to Metropolis to be Built This Year. Will be Up to Date Standard Gauge

PORTLAND, Or., July 20.—(Special.)—A double track electric railway will be constructed from Portland to Salem within the next twelve months, which will entirely revolutionize the inter-urban traffic between this city and the capital of Oregon, together with the intervening towns. This is the statement of Mr. L. B. French, made here today to a reporter of the Evening Telegram.

In reference to the matter the Telegram has the following to say about the proposed improvement: "From Portland to Salem and return; the trip each way a little more than an hour; the fare low; the means an electric railroad, and all this within a year—this is the positive statement of L. B. French, of Grand Rapids, Mich., who has been in Oregon for some time, and who has quietly secured possession of right of way for a trolley line between this city and the capital."

"I have all rights already in my possession," said Mr. French, who is in Portland today, "and so do not care to keep my movements secret any longer. I now have nothing to fear in the way of competition." There is an opinion among some that the new line will connect with that of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company above Oregon City, so there will be no delay in obtaining ingress to Portland. Mr. French, when asked about this today, declined to answer.

"We have tried to steer clear of newspaper men as much as possible," he said, "as we did not wish our plans to become known until we had the right of way secured. I do not wish even now to give the name of my company to the public. That will appear when the right of way deeds are recorded in the counties through which our road is to pass. I will say this much, however:

"We get our power from the Sandy river, where we have acquired water rights with sufficient fall for our purpose. We expect to run passenger cars into Salem from Portland within one hour, as our through cars will not make any stops on the way. Our plans include a double track for the whole fifty miles between the metropolis and the Capital City."

Mr. French represents Detroit capitalists, who have recently extended the trolley system of that city and have found out what a paying enterprise suburban trolley systems can be made. Although still reticent in regard to plans, Mr. French admits that the proposed line parallels the Southern Pacific Railroad on the east side of the Willamette river from Canby to Salem. The right of way is fifty feet wide, and adjoins that of the Southern Pacific on the east. The new line is to run through New Era, Canby, Barlow, Aurora, Hubbard, Woodburn, Gervais, Brooks and Chemawa, to Salem. It will be of standard gauge, and will therefore be capable of accommo-

dating the freight cars of the steam railroads, when necessary. The cost of construction will be \$25,000 per mile.

Things seem to be coming Salem's way pretty much in large bunches now, and the above is one of the largest headed this way. This matter has been mentioned in the Statesman in the past, and now it is a pleasure to be able to say again to its readers that it was not hot air then, and that it does not seem like hot air now.

In talking with Mayor Frank W. Waters last evening and he said he had known that this project was being pushed through, but that he had not been at liberty at all to say anything about the matter. Now, however, that the gentleman interested had given the matter to the press, he was willing to be quoted as saying that he had no doubt at all that the matter was a sure and settled enterprise and that he had every reason to believe that there was every evidence to be given Mr. French's story.

Dr. J. Reynolds was called up and asked if it were a fact that all the rights of way had been secured and it was learned that Mr. French's statement was practically correct, although there were two or three persons this side of Chemawa who had not granted the right of way as yet. They had no doubt, though, that the matter could be arranged to the satisfaction of each party. Dr. Reynolds expressed himself as being well pleased at the report, and thought there was no doubt at all that the construction of this route would be of very great benefit to Salem, as well as to the surrounding community.

Business Men's Opinions. In an interview last night in reference to this proposed road Hon. B. Kay said he thought Salem was to be congratulated greatly on the prospects of this great improvement. Mr. Kay was very glad indeed to hear that there was a prospect of its being carried through at once. "It means advancement to Salem," said he.

Hon. John W. Albert said he thought it would prove of great benefit to Salem, and would especially help to bring more people here, "and," he added, "that is what we want. I really believe that it will bring more people from the lower part of the valley to Salem than will go from Salem to Portland to trade, for there is no doubt at all that in most things people can do as well in Salem as they can in the metropolis."

Dr. J. N. Smith was another one of Salem's business men that the Statesman reporter interviewed in regard to the effect of this new line on Salem, and he believed that Salem would feel that this line was of great importance, and that it would have the effect of booming the city greatly.

Hon. Geo. G. Bingham when informed of the proposed construction said: "That is good news. That means business to and for Salem, and let us be-

NO EXCITEMENT

PEOPLE OF LAKE COUNTY REGARD TROUBLE ON RANGES WITH COMPOSURE.

Grazing Question Is a Complicated One and Opinions Differ Widely in the Matter—Everything Prosperous in Lake and Klamath Counties.

"The idea that everything in Lake county is in a state of turmoil and excitement on account of the recent wholesale slaughter of sheep on the ranges in that vicinity," said State Land Agent Oswald West, yesterday, who has just returned from an extended trip into that region, "is an altogether erroneous one, for all is quiet and serene there and the people are inclined to view the situation calmly and philosophically in all of its phases."

There is a wide divergence of opinion in that county regarding the death of J. C. Conn and while some are of the belief that it was a case of murder, according to my observations about two thirds of the people think it was a case of suicide. While the latter seems to be the prevailing opinion the murder theory has not been abandoned by any means and the authorities are continually on the alert for some evidence or clue that will lead to the discovery of the responsible parties.

"The grazing question in that county is an exceedingly hard one to settle. The homesteader depends almost altogether upon his cattle for a livelihood and the feeding of hay is an unprofitable investment, so they rely upon the grazing for the fattening of their stock. When their cattle is rounded up in the fall and are driven in poor and unmarketable, and it has been found that the grazing of sheep has been responsible for their condition, the grazing lands having been cropped clean, and it seems nothing but reasonable that they should adopt some method, however stringent, for the protection of their own interests."

"On the other hand the sheep men think they have the right to allow their sheep upon the public domain, and as, in most cases, the meadows are not fenced against sheep, they feel that they should not be held responsible for the alleged trespass of their flocks. Hundreds of heads of sheep have been ruthlessly slaughtered in Lake county, and the sheep men have offered large rewards, and are leaving no stone unturned in their efforts to apprehend and convict the guilty parties. It seems that it will be a question of time until the marauders are run down and captured and that will put an end to the difficulty."

"The men who were upon the coroner's jury in the Conn case, were absolutely fearless and perfectly able to take care of themselves in any emer-

gency and the idea that they were afraid to render a verdict in accordance with their convictions is simply ridiculous. Everything is prosperous in Lake county."

"In Klamath county where I spent considerable time," concluded Mr. West, "the irrigation question is the one which is absorbing the most interest and thousands of acres of arid land which have heretofore regarded as worthless, are being reclaimed and made to yield munificent crops of all kinds."

LODGE NIGHT.

Every night is lodge night, and every day is lodge day with the Great Floto Shows, and at each performance new candidates are initiated into the many mysteries of the secret order composed of the animal actors, who take part in the many difficult acts presented at each performance.

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This magnificent herd of elephants, known as Herr Litzzen's funny Dutch elephants and conceded to be the funniest elephants in the world, will be seen for the first time in Salem on Wednesday, July 27.

MILL BURNED.

Pierce Blaze Yesterday Morning Destroyed Large Sawmill at Lake Labish.

Yesterday morning the Lake Labish sawmill, owned by Joseph Petzel, burned to the ground. No insurance was carried so that the loss, amounting to about \$2000 is complete. The mill was located in a heavily wooded district lying about one mile north of Chemawa, and had been in operation about a year. The fire was not discovered until it had made terrible headway, so it is thought that the fire had been smoldering all night in the sawdust, and burst into flames when the breeze sprang up yesterday morning. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Safeguard the Children. Notwithstanding all that is done by boards of health and charitably inclined persons, the death rate among small children is very high during the hot weather of the summer months in the large cities. There is not probably one case of bowel complaint in a hundred, however, that could not be cured by the timely use of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For sale by all druggists.

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