

SUSPENSE BRIEF

QUESTION OF EXISTENCE OF OIL AT PRATUM TO BE SETTLED SOON.

California Oil Expert Is Employed by Enterprising Salem Capitalist to Make a Thorough Investigation—Will Start to Work Today.

Whether or not oil exists in the neighborhood of Pratum is the question which is absorbing the interest of the most people of this section of the country, and work is now under way through which it will be determined, definitely and conclusively, whether the indications which have been found to exist there are genuine or a hoax. If they are found to be worth the effort steps will be taken at once to drill a well, if not in the exact spot where the water well now occupies some other place in the neighborhood where the expert who has the matter in hand may select. It is now only a question of a very few days until it will be known beyond the possibility of a doubt whether or not petroleum is to be found and in what quantities.

A steam pump was taken out to Pratum yesterday morning and set up at the site of the well for the purpose of pumping all of the water therefrom, but on account of the absence of the proper connections no work could be done in this direction, but everything is now in readiness and will start today. At the instance of a local business man, who desires his name to be kept out of print, at least for the time being, Mr. F. Rue, a California oil expert, arrived in the city on Sunday and was taken out to Pratum to conduct an investigation regarding the existence of oil in the well, and the work of pumping the well dry will be under his supervision. It depends altogether upon the conditions such as they are found to exist in the bottom of the well whether or not the search will be carried any further. This man is an old and experienced oil well driller, and as soon as he can see the conditions in the bottom of the well, that is as pertains to the character of the sand, etc., he will be able to tell whether they are upon the wrong scent or not.

Mr. Rue has had all or nearly all of his experience in oil well drilling in the Santa Barbara oil district, of California, and of sixteen wells drilled, he has not failed to find oil in a single one. Those who are backing him in the work have the utmost confidence in his judgment, and, if he finds that the conditions warrant and so advises, he will be employed to go ahead with the work of drilling until he is satisfied one way or the other.

Mr. Rue, it is understood, from one who is in close touch with him, is well pleased with the prospect so far and would not be in the least surprised to find much stronger indications of the presence of oil when he has had an opportunity to examine into the conditions at the bottom of the well. He says that it is very frequently the case that oil will put in an appearance in

this manner, and that the seepage, as in this instance, is of a very high grade of refinement. He also stated that, unless a man understood his business thoroughly, it would be impossible for him to "pull" the well with kerosene such as is procured from this well, for there is no question of the presence of petroleum, and that he would not be surprised if he should make a rich and valuable strike at Pratum.

DIDN'T LIKE IT

THE RURAL FREE DELIVERY CARRIERS DISAPPOINTED IN DEPARTMENT'S RULING.

As Forecasted Recently by the Statesman, One Hundred and Twenty Dollar Raise Disappears in Ether—Difficulty in Locating Residents.

The blow that has threatened the rural carriers for some weeks past fell yesterday, and the postoffice atmosphere seemed surcharged with an indigo haze. An official notice from "Old" Bristow, otherwise the Hon. H. L. Bristow, Fourth Assistant Postmaster and Superintendent of the Rural Free Delivery, was posted in a conspicuous place, telling the carriers that their long-anticipated one hundred and twenty dollar raise was from the first a "pipe dream," or words to that effect.

There has been a slight increase, but the carriers are unanimous in pronouncing it "measly."

The new clerks are having their troubles, too, over the carrier service, but it is because they find themselves unable to know purely by intuition just where letters belonging to 25,000 people should be delivered, as the general public is extremely neglectful of putting the rural free delivery number upon letters.

Mr. Jay Cox, the carrier on Route 9, has just returned from his vacation upon the mountains, and will take his route that has been in charge of Miss Rose Moisan for the past week.

Mrs. Percy Pugh, the wife of carrier No. 7, has been very ill, but is slightly improved at this time.

REVENUE CUTTER FLOATED.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 20.—The revenue cutter Daniel Manning ran ashore today at Montara Point, about twenty miles south of this port, but later floated at high tide aided by the steamer Maggie. The Manning was creeping very slowly in a dense fog when she struck on a smooth rock and did not sustain any damage.

DIED AT THE ASYLUM.

Sophia Dickelman died at the Hospital for the Insane last night. She was committed from Oregon City on July 6, 1903. The body will be sent there for interment on the early train this morning.

DID GREAT WORK

RECENT RAINS WILL PRODUCE GOOD EFFECTS UPON SUFFERING HOP YARDS.

Difference of Opinion Exists Regarding the Increase in the Yield—Some Estimate It as High as 10,000 Bales—H. J. Ottenheimer Returns.

There is no questioning the fact that the recent generous downpour of rain did the growing hop crop a wonderful amount of good but whether it will make an appreciable difference in the yield remains to be seen. Opinions of hop men differ upon this point, some saying that the welcome moisture will have a tendency to revive the yards which are suffering so severely on account of the drought and that the yield would be increased by several thousand bales thereby. E. A. Lively, placing the acreage at 10,000 bales, while others are agreed that the rain came too late to do these yards any good, and that in many of the old yards, where the hop-producing arms had begun to sprout, these arms had been irreparably damaged and were dropping off by the thousands. The total yield for the state has been variously estimated at from 65,000 to 80,000 bales, but it is thought that the latter figure will come nearer the truth. Some dealers think the 1904 market will open at 25 cents for choice hops, while others say that, in their estimation, 20 cents will be a "pretty good opening figure."

"California will market an average yield of hops," said Mr. H. J. Ottenheimer, yesterday. He has just returned from a trip through the Golden State and while well pleased with the pleasures and observations incident to his journey, he was glad to get back among his friends in Salem.

"I visited the big hop yards at Sonoma in the northern part of California," said Mr. Ottenheimer, "and found the industry in a promising condition. The vines at Pleasanton, near the center of the state, are also looking well and will produce good hops in quantity as well as quality."

"Is the acreage in the California hop districts being increased?"

"I think so. Of late the business has been paying good returns there as well as here. New yards are set out from year to year. This, of course, will continue as long as growers are encouraged by present prices."

What, from the present outlook, will be the price of hops this fall?"

"I should say the price will range from twenty cents," was the reply. Mr. Ottenheimer said he had not been out to any of the Willamette hop yards since his return, but predicted that, in localities where sufficient rain had fallen recently, the yield would be greatly increased.

FORMER OREGON MAN DEAD.

SPOKANE, July 20.—Judge John R. McBride died suddenly at noon today of hemorrhage of the brain. Judge McBride was a brother of ex-Senator Geo. W. McBride, of Oregon.

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AN INTERESTING POINT.

Important Case Is Argued and Submitted Before Judge Geo. H. Burnett.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

A case at law to establish title to a certain piece of property in this county, and in which is involved an exceedingly interesting question, was argued before Judge Burnett of the first department of the circuit court yesterday afternoon, and submitted, by G. G. Bingham, for the plaintiff, and W. M. Kaiser, for the defendant. The case is that of M. E. Pogue, plaintiff, vs. N. Simon, defendant, and the important legal point involved is: Whether a purchaser at execution sale, before receiving a sheriff's deed, has an attachable interest in the property.

The facts in the case leading up to the question of law involved are in substance as follows: Snell, Heitsch and Woodward, of Portland, had a claim against L. S. Hawkins, a former druggist of this city, who killed one Harvey Ogle here several years ago. Later the firm of Snell, Heitsch and Woodward went into bankruptcy. The claim against Hawkins was sued upon a judgment procured against him and the property sold for his satisfaction to Heitsch at sheriff's sale. Later on the creditors of the firm of Snell, Heitsch and Woodward sued for an accounting and A. Goodnough, as trustee for the creditors, secured a judgment against Heitsch and levied upon the latter's interest in the Hawkins property.

The property was sold at sheriff's sale, on the judgment. Then, after the confirmation and the time for redemption had expired, Heitsch assigned his certificate to Emma D. Tutill and to her interest N. Simon, the defendant, of this city, succeeded. Goodnough, as trustee, assigned his interest in the judgment obtained against Heitsch to M. E. Pogue, the plaintiff, of this city, who obtained a sheriff's deed to the property upon execution sale. It is claimed, in order to sustain Pogue's title, that Goodnough's attachment being before Mrs. Tutill's assignment that Pogue obtained all of the interest that Heitsch obtained by his purchase and then comes the legal question of whether the purchaser at an execution sale, before receiving a sheriff's deed, has an attachable interest in the property.

MAKING GOOD ROADS.

New Steam Roller at Work at Mt Angel Finishing Up South of the Town.

There has been a very decided lull in good roads news lately, but that does not necessarily mean that there has been nothing doing in the way of road work all over the county.

Quite the contrary is the fact and a great deal of good work is being done every day. The work on the Liberty and Rosedale roads has been continuing as well as on the Jefferson road, where the steam roller is now about finishing up the packing of the ballast and surfacing there. The crusher was shut down there last week and it has not been decided yet where the machinery will be placed next, but it is thought that it will not be left idle for a very great length of time as there are a great many districts that need attention badly, and that have their money ready for the work.

The work has been progressing on the Mount Angel and Scotts Mills road for some time and there are about seventy teams hauling rock and gravel there every day. The county bought a new steam roller last month from the Buffalo Pitts people and that is doing good work there. This means two steam rollers in use in the county, and they are certainly good road makers.

Cured of Chronic Diarrhoea After Ten Years of Suffering.

"I wish to say a few words in praise of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," says Mrs. Mattie Burge, of Martinsville, Va. "I suffered from chronic diarrhoea for ten years and during that time tried various medicines without obtaining any permanent relief. Last summer one of my children was taken with cholera and I procured a bottle of this remedy. Only two doses were required to give her entire relief. I then decided to try the medicine myself, and did not use all of one bottle before I was well and have never since been troubled with that complaint. One cannot say too much in favor of that wonderful medicine." This remedy is for sale by all druggists.

NARROW ESCAPE.

Two Young Men Attacked by Cramps While Swimming in the River.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Yesterday afternoon when the thermometer was sizzling along toward the one hundredth degree, two young men, whose homes are on the west side of the river, sought to reduce their temperature by a plunge in the cool waters of the Willamette. They entered the river at a point not far above the bridge, but had only been in a short time when they got beyond their depth, together with indescribable sensations of helplessness, they felt the sudden plunging from the heated atmosphere to the chilly water. Their cries and struggles attracted many persons to the scene, among them a man with a boat, who rescued the young men and landed them upon the west bank of the river, from where they left for their homes without disclosing their identity.

MERE "POT BOILER." Scientists are still telling what radium will do. But the Pennsylvania barons are still pinning their faith to coal.—Washington Star.

THE STRIKE NOW SETTLED

PACKING HOUSE EMPLOYEES AND PACKERS TO ARBITRATE.

THEY WILL ABIDE BY DECISION

All Old Employes Are to Be Returned to Work Within Forty-Five Days From Settlement.

Everything Expected to Be in Normal Shape at all the Plants by Next Friday Morning—Settlement Brought About by Allied Crafts.

CHICAGO, July 20.—The strike of the packing house employes which began nine days ago, and which has demoralized the packing industry through the country, was settled here tonight at a conference between the representatives of all the allied trades employed at the stock yards. The whole controversy is to be submitted to a board of arbitration, both sides agreeing to abide by whatever decision this board may reach. Pending the decision of the arbitration board the men will be taken back to work as rapidly as possible by the packers, and it is agreed by packers that all old employes are to be reinstated within forty-five days from the date work is resumed. The strikers will return to work as soon as they can be notified of the peaceable adjustment of the trouble, and it is expected that by Friday morning everything will be in its normal shape at all the plants in the different cities where the employes were on a strike. The settlement of the difficulty by arbitration was brought about by the allied craft at the stock yards who would have become involved in the controversy had it continued much longer.

TWO WEDDINGS.

Four Well Known Young People of Salem Are Joined by Gordian Knot.

Imman-Batchelor.

Rev. W. C. Kantner performed a wedding ceremony last evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Judge and Mrs. Jas. Batchelor, in this city, by which Miss Carrie Amelia Batchelor became the wife of Claire Imman, Esq., attorney at law, and member of the firm of Turner & Imman. There were present a few friends and relatives of the contracting parties, only, and the ceremony was very simple, owing to the fact that Mrs. Batchelor is an invalid. The home was very tastefully decorated with evergreens. Miss Prior, of Woodlands, Cal., sang a solo, accompanied by Mrs. J. W. Baker, who then played Mendelssohn's Wedding March. The happy couple left on the thirty train for the south last night for a brief tour.

Graber-Lynch.

The Graber-Lynch nuptials, of which a brief notice appeared in yesterday morning's paper, was one of the most brilliant weddings that has occurred in Salem for a good while, and one of the most generally attended. The wedding took place at the residence of the bride's parents, at 436 State street, at 8:15 on Wednesday evening, and Mr. John Graber, the well known plumber, and Mrs. May Lynch, man and wife.

The ceremony which was quite elaborate was performed by Rev. F. W. Cliffe, received a heightened effect by reason of the exquisite decorations of the parlors, which effect was carried out in white and green. The contracting parties stood under three bells of white flowers tied together with white ribbon.

The bride looked charming in a robe of cream "Cape du Paris." She was accompanied by Miss L. Frances Liston as bridesmaid, who wore blue Silk du Chien over white. The groom and his best man, Mr. Chas. Roth, were dressed in black. The bride carried a cluster of white roses and the bridesmaid carried a bouquet of white carnations.

As the bridal party descended the stairway Miss Ida Stege played the wedding march from Lohengrin, and the wedding ceremony played "Oh, Promise Me," with soft pedal.

After the ceremony a delicious luncheon was served to the invited guests, they being served by Misses Celeste Liston, Hattie Olekirk, Bessie Cooper and Helen McCoy. Miss Olekirk and Miss McCoy received the guests at the door also. The former wore cream Henrietta, and Miss McCoy was dressed in green Challie.

The bride and groom received a great many very handsome and valuable presents, consisting of plate, glass, furniture and works of art. They went to the home of Mrs. Earl H. Anderson and tomorrow will leave for the sea shore for a brief "luna de miel."

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. Graber, John Lynch, Eliza Lynch, Abel Graber, Peter Graber, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Haas, Alice M. Haas, Ethel Clark, Gladys Lynch, Juanita Lynch, Nina Lynch, Louisa Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. Ashman, Bessie Clark, Anna Graber, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Campbell, Chas. Stephens, Mrs. T. S. Burrows, Samuel Rich, Gussie Fleischman, Silas Rich, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. West, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Welch, Miss Helen McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Roth, Olive L. Howe, Mabel Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Roth, Melane Binge, Carrie Goodie, Chester Baker, Arthur J. Lennon, L. Frances Liston, Elmo S. White, Bertha C. Eoff, Berton E. Edwards, Chester B. Fraser, Celeste M. Liston, Mrs. E. J. Holden, Connie Bason, Alice A. Miles, Bessie Cooper, M. A. Cooper, Mrs. J. Bason, A. G. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse G. Holden, Hattie Olekirk, Floy H. Bess, Maud Magnus, Mr. and Mrs. Earl H. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Graber, Miss Ida Stege, Paul H. Stege and Martha Graber.

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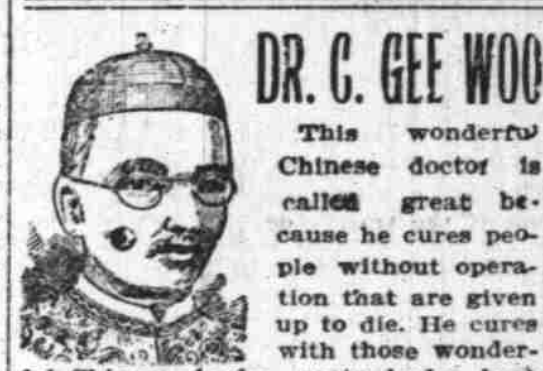
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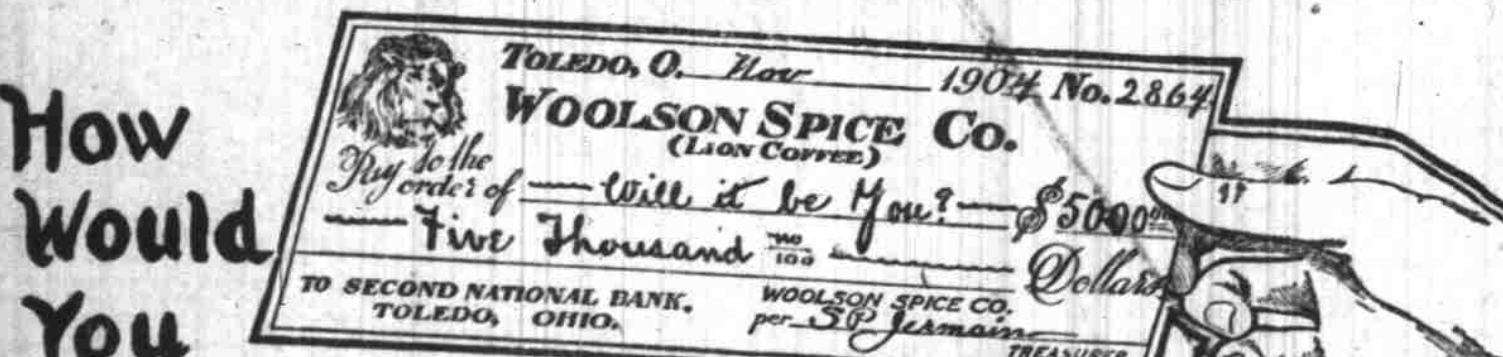
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