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A New Fuel.

A gentleman in our sister city, Toledo, being dissatisfied with the prices charged for natural gas, began experimenting with crude petroleum as a fuel. After working with it some time, he writes this account of his experience, to the editor of the Scientific American:

"I became an explorer in this territory. I have visited various places where crude petroleum was used as a substitute for coal, and found that, with sufficient air pressure or injected with and by steam, it worked satisfactorily in farming, for mills, machine shops, even in the largest (Oakland and San Francisco) ferry boats. I saw it burn on water, from San Francisco, and drive the return trip with a steam engine. In Todd County, Tennessee, I met a farmer who used crude petroleum for cooking, furnaces, etc. He lived in a plain, substantial device, that did not leak, and saucers saw my eyebrows fall, but only smoke, white, dense smoke, issued. I let on more oil and lit a match, opened the door a crack, and there was a surprise party. I have not much hair to lose, but may save one half of the barber's fees. I looked much younger. My gray whiskers had their former younger color, and what my eyebrows lost in hair they gained in compactness and color. The stove lid failed to hit me, when it came down from the ceiling, but the accompanying soot hit everything. My wife calls it of a gummy, sticking character. It gives her much trouble. The hinges of the stove door are well constructed. They became badly worn in a few days, and my wife managed by close attention to get along a few days with an occasional surprise party, assembled in various dishes as seen, cups, and pans, a fine by-product, a heavy lubricating oil, that seems to get everywhere and always sticks, used up a cake of soap and half dozen towels to clean my hands, and a peck of sawdust and untold quantities of rags a day, to gather up the remains of incomplete combustion from the door, tin plate under the stove, and the cup in the stove. Finally disturbed the inverted cup—once improvement; then unsworned circular plate and throw it out—a further improvement; and then I thought I got on top the hill; but the cold weather came, and the oil would not run, the fire went out a dozen times an hour. I overhauled the apparatus, cleaned it out, used two cents up, and Fahh! I think the stuff is the best indestructible marking ink yet. Well, my wife, she had to help me this time. Now you hold your finger over this pipe and raise your hand as a signal, when the oil comes, and then quickly close the valve." I hastened to apply a well working air pump to the tank in the outhouse, watching through the open door and window my wife's anticipated signal. I pumped hastily, the chinks and bulges of the tank came out with a report, but I only saw my wife run. I stopped pumping, made haste down stairs, across the lawn, up stairs to my office. Well, the surprise party was on my wife, the treacherous pipe failed to work. First she let her finger to look, then it worked with a will (my air pump is a daisy). She—my wife—was excusable. She could not see the stop cock, and under the pressure of the condensed air my petroleum fountain worked nicely, until I turned the stop cock. My office door is patched now. I made peace with my wife. Three days after she had natural gas all over the house. But I am writing to the history of my crude oil stove yet. Never give up."

Nothing Small About This.

Don't forget the poor editor when you have a news item, says an eastern exchange. If your wife looks at us, let us know it, and we will set it right before the public. If you have company, tell us, if you are not ashamed of your visitor. If a younger arrives at your house begging for raiment, be not necessarily to eat, but as a guarantee of good faith. You need not bother about inviting us, for it is a little too cold for our wardrobe. We mention these little things for we want the news, and must have it. —Safest place to buy a PIANO or ORGAN is at...

A stock-broker, returning to his office after a substantial luncheon with a client, said complacently to his head clerk, "Mr. Putkin, the world looks different to a man when he has a bottle of champagne in him." "Yes, Sir," replied the clerk, significantly, "and he looks different to the world."
The committee on streets and alleys should make arrangements for the re-opening of those alleys which have been so stopped up with boxes and rubbish that it is impossible for wagons to pass.

Every one reads the News. A gentleman whose name appeared in the paper last week assures us that every one in Miami City has spoken to him about it. Another gentleman, who is building a house on Fourth street, has warned us not to mention it, because he does not want the streets to be thrown open to his house, upon which carpenters, stone and brick masons, tinners, and other men looking after a job.

We have begun a thorough canvass of Miami City. So far as we have gone, we have succeeded well. If we do as well in the parts yet to be canvassed, we will have a circulation more than sufficient to assure the success of the paper. Every one wants to know what is happening on the West Side, and we have placed the subscription price so low that every one can afford to take the paper and know what his neighbors are doing. The News will be delivered three months for twenty cents.

The Religious Telescope, the largest and most widely circulated paper in this city, gives the News the following kind notice:

"West Side News is the name of a paper issued every Saturday from the office on West Third street, Dayton, Ohio. It is edited by Wilbur Wright, and managed by Orville Wright, sons of Bishop M. Wright. These young men look to the printer's case and themselves learned the printer's art; and though the paper is not large, for neatness, taste, and pleasing mechanical construction it is seldom excelled, even in offices of large size. They made their own press, as well as type, and have a capacity of 1,200 impressions an hour. The paper is devoted to the news of the western part of Dayton, and is edited with taste, prudence, and gentleness, which highly commend it. We wish these young men and their paper success.

Improvment Association.

The regular monthly meeting of the West Side Improvement Association was held last Thursday evening, in the West Side Republican Club rooms. In the absence of a regular programme, an informal discussion on the proper methods of work for the advancement of the business interests of the West Side, was held. Pertinent remarks were made by Messrs. Drury, Denson, D. A. Hoffman, Lewis, Wyszom, J. I. Hoffman, Mill, and others. It seemed to be the unanimous voice of the members of the Association that a strong effort should be made at once to thoroughly arouse the citizens of our part of the city to the great opportunities for good, which such an organization as this would afford. The committee on solicitation of members was increased from four to ten, and every member present was instructed to do all in his power to increase the membership of the Association.

The number present was entirely too small. A great many people forgot the time of the meeting, and a great many more failed to fully comprehend the nature and importance of the undertaking. The object of the Association stated in general terms, is the improvement of the general appearance, the sanitary condition, and the business interests of the West Side. It will encourage people to plant shade trees, to build all fences on one side of a uniform height, to make side walks of a uniform width, to build all houses on new street at the same distance from the side walk; in a word, to take into consideration what other people are doing when making their plans for any improvement of their own.

The Association will take steps to secure from Council the proper improvement of our streets and alleys, the laying of gutter plates, the building of a sewer to carry off our drainage, instead of allowing it to accumulate in the old creek bed to breed a pestilence. Measures will be taken to secure the location of new stores, new factories, new buildings, etc., in our part of the city, and also to encourage and build up the business we already have.

The progress which the West Side has made in the past few years is by no means small; but it is clear that by a very little effort our rate of progress might be greatly increased. To make this effort is the object of the Association. Every one will feel the benefit of the movement, some from the improvement of the sanitary condition of the city, some from an increase in business, and some from an increase in the value of their property. Since every body will be benefited, let everybody take hold and help the movement along. Let no one stand idly by, expecting to obtain all the benefits which the Association brings, but refusing to take their share in the labor of securing them. With every one helping, the work will be easy, but it will be an up hill job for only a few to accomplish. When asked to join the organization, do not hesitate a moment, but step right in and help make the West Side Improvement Association a great success.

LOCAL NEWS.

Two dinners will pay for the News for three months.

Several new houses are going up on Third street near Sprague.

Mr. Hiram Lewis, who has been very sick for several months, is slowly recovering.

Mr. W. H. George has recently added a nice bay window to his house on Mound street.

The repairs and improvements on the Miller-Drury block are about finished.

The little boy of Mr. Kilpatrick, the Third street barbers, has been very sick for several weeks.

If you wish to have a newspaper on the West Side, you should help support it.

It costs a man about fifty-six dollars to whip his wife in Dayton.

Little Pearl Urney, the child of Officer David Urney, of Fourth street, is very sick.

Mr. and Mrs. David Shoop were the recipients of a pleasant surprise from their friends last Tuesday night.

Mr. Graybill, of Cincinnati, brother of Rev. J. H. Graybill, of this city, will soon open a drug store on the corner of Third and Summit streets.

Rev. W. F. Brown went to Xenia to attend the funeral of Rev. J. H. Ellsworth, a superannuated minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, last Thursday.

The Ladies Aid and Society of Christian Endeavor of the Broad- way M. E. Church will give a supper and social in their new rooms on Fourth and Broadway, on next Thursday evening, May 9th, from 8:00 to 10:00 P. M. They very cordially invite all their friends to spend the evening with them.

On Friday April 17th, a six year old boy by the name of Anderson, living in West Milton, fell under the wheels of a loaded wagon and was killed. He has a number of relatives and friends residing on the West Side.

Chadbuck and Francisco have about finished moving their iron fence works to the old lumber yard building at the Third street railroad crossing. They expect to begin work soon.

Rev. J. F. Loefler, who has just graduated at Union Biblical Seminary in this city, started last Friday, for his new home at Letts, Iowa, to which charge he was appointed at the recent session of the Iowa conference.

The residents of North Broadway have succeeded in having Holly water introduced into their part of the city. There will be a use for a sprinkling cart on that street till the novelty of Holly water passes away.

Last Monday was the 50th anniversary of the marriage Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Boyd. In the evening Mrs. Boyd's Sunday-school class called on the newly married couple made the evening a very enjoyable one to their host and hostess and also to themselves.

An exciting game of ball was played by the members of the old potterry grounds. When our reporter arrived, the respective pitchers were trying to hold the total base hits of their opponents down below one hundred and fifty. There was some hope they would succeed.

Frazier Rhodes had his ankle thrown out of joint, last Friday, while trying to move with his foot the belt of a sawing machine, at Stoddard's Shop. The belt caught his foot and threw him violently upon the floor. He was taken to his home on Mound street.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Paxton, of Harlan, Iowa, was made happy on the last Sunday month, by the addition of another member to the family. The little chap's grandmother, uncles, aunts, and cousins in this city, can hardly restrain themselves from organizing an excursion to go and see it.

The News office kept open house last Friday and was favored with quite a number of visitors among whom were Dr. L. Davis, Rev. H. Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Boyd, Mr. Ed. Sparks, Miss Kines of the Telegraph office, Mrs. G. L. Hoff- man, Miss Caldwell, Mr. Horne, and others.

Last Monday evening the News office was favored with a visit from the "Happy Quartette, Messrs. Eliis, Christeman, Funkhouse, and Light. Before their departure they sang several numbers, one being the celebrated oratorio, "Polly wolly-doodle-all the day." The selection received a hearty en- courage, but the boys failed to re-
Rev. W. L. Byers will soon start on a few weeks visit to his home in Pennsylvania. He is at present in charge of the church at Bowlingville, near this city.

The Ladies’ Missionary Society of the Fourth Presbyterian church gave a delightful “Missionary Tea” at the church, last Thursday night.

A game of ball will be played in the old pottery lot next Thursday afternoon, between the Hills and the Hollows. “Little Joe,” Hoffman is hunting for a big chunk of iron to hold down the score.

The Dayton Methodist Alliance held its second anniversary at the Broadway M. E. Church, last Tuesday evening. A number of ministers and laymen from the other side of the river were present.

Wm. M. Murray died last Friday at Pasadena, Calif. A wound received in the army for many years slowly undermined his health and at last compelled him to give up his business and seek a climate more favorable than the climate of Ohio. A few years ago he went to California, and for a while his health was greatly improved, but the change of climate could only retard, not entirely check the course of his disease, and he was compelled to succumb. He was for many years a leading citizen of Dayton and represented our ward on the School Board.

Seminary Commencement.

The closing exercises of the Union Biblical Seminary were held in the Summit Street U. B. Church, last Wednesday morning. A large audience was present to witness the services, of which the following is the programme:

The Earth is the Lord’s... - - - - Quartette
PRAYER
Messrs. - Cello Solo... - - Mr. A. A. Kember
Misses Bill and the Hattin... - W. L. Byers
The World’s Choir... - - Henry Dry
Das Klein’s Fiedermodehr... Son... - Min. Agnes Herr.
Osterheim... - - - - - - J. F. Lefler
Do Man Immortal?? - - - B. H. Stetson
Seven. My God, is loyal... - - - - Quartette
REASON OF GRADuates
AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS.
BENEDICTIONS.

After the close of the usual exercises, occurred a service which has not happened before on such occasions. Mr. Lefler, not being able to attend the recent session of his conference, it was thought best that his ordination should take place at this time. Accordingly this solemn service was performed by Bishops Weaver, Kephart and Wright.

GENERAL NEWS.

The liquor dealers of Pittsburgh and Allegheny City are in a state of terror. Judge Witz has granted only two hundred and fifty-four licences out of nearly a thousand granted two years ago. Some of the leading dealers have been refused licenses.

A Baltimore and Ohio train, which lost among its passengers, Vice-president Morgan, General Scheibbel and Goe, surprised last week. Several employees of the road were injured.

The Constitution legislature has submitted a prohibition amendment to the people.

A great Catholic congress met in Madrid, Spain, April 24th. The chief purpose of the congress was to work the restoration of the temporal power of the Pope.

The Pope has repaired an Italian priest for invoking a divine blessing on King Humbert and the Italian army.

The men who entered Oklahoma before this time, as United States marauders, and then resigned, are to be deprived of the claims they thus fraudulently obtained.

Sir. Edward Sullivan has suggested that an American girl be selected as the bride of Prince Albert Victor, the future king of England.

A railroad train on the Grand Trunk line jumped the track near Hamilton, Ontario. Two cars caught fire and were entirely consumed. Twenty persons, mostly emigrants, going to the New York Convention celebration, lost their lives, and twenty others were seriously injured.

Good Opportunities.

FOR SALE OF TRADE, 600 acres of prairie land in Butler Co., Kansas. Also a farm in Marion Co., Illinois, of 175 acres, for sale on the Fort. Two horses near one of the best markets in the state will sell for property in Dayton. Also horses and lots in Dayton to sell at a bargain. Also a few of the best lots for coal or lumber yard on West Third street in Dayton. Call on S. THOMAS, 26 N. Seventy-first St. Dayton.

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