



THE TRUTH

About the Recent Leasing of Oil Land.

(Cambridge City Tribune.)

The Newcastle Courier and other papers have recently stated that "all the land laying in the West river bottoms, between Hagerstown and Cambridge City has been leased by the Cambridge City Oil Co., and the first well has been contracted for. It will be drilled on the land owned by Allen W. Pierce, just east of the corporate limits of Hagerstown." All of which is not correct. No land so far as we know, has been leased between this city and Hagerstown, nor has the local company yet contracted to drill a well. Their leases are northeast of Hagerstown and they will put down a well in that direction this fall. The Standard Oil company have leases on Nettle creek, north of Hagerstown and are drilling near Franklin on the edge of the Delaware county line.

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THE ALARMIST CROP REPORTS.

It will be well for the country to go slow about accepting the crop reports which are being issued from the speculative centers. One of these stories is that the wheat yield will not be above 500,000,000 bushels, as compared with a yield of over 600,000,000 which, a month or two ago, was expected. Corn, too, according to this forecast, will be not more than 2,350,000,000 bushels, although the estimate, based on the latest government report, placed the probable yield at over 2,500,000,000 bushels.

Now it is possible that these stories of crop shortage may turn out to be true, but it is well to be cautious about accepting them. If the wheat yield should drop to 500,000,000 bushels it would be the lowest in eight years. In 1896 the product was 427,000,000 bushels, but the smallest crop since then was 522,000,000 bushels, in 1900, while the 600,000,000 mark was crossed in 1898, 1902 and 1903, and the 700,000,000 line was left behind in 1901. A drop to 500,000,000 in 1904, in the face of the steady and rapid increase in population, would be a rather serious thing for the country. While the wheat yield will undoubtedly be far below the line expected a few weeks ago, it is not safe yet to accept any guess which puts it down to the mark predicted just now from Chicago.

A drop in the corn output to 2,350,000,000 bushels would bring the yield to a lower point than was touched in the two latest years, the crop being 2,523,000,000 bushels in 1902 and 2,244,000,000 in 1903. In 1901, however, the yield was only 1,522,000,000 bushels, so that, notwithstanding the increased acreage in 1904 over 1901 and the two later years a decline to 2,350,000,000 bushels would not be calamitous, though it would be unfortunate. This year's expectation, based on the earlier reports sent out by the department of agriculture, was that the 2,500,000,000 mark would be passed in 1904, and that a record crop would be harvested. The critical period in the corn belt will not be passed until about the middle of September, so that this estimated decline of 150,000,000 bushels from the recently expected total may chance to prove true, but the figures given out by speculative syndicates at this time of the year should not always be taken literally.

The Republicans of Indiana completed their congressional tickets with the nomination of Sanderson Percifield of Nashville, Brown county. The convention was held at North Vernon. Percifield was a Democrat until 1900 and was twice prosecutor of Brown county. It is said that he is a good lawyer and campaigner, and that he is going to enter the campaign with much vigor. The Democrats have yet to name about half of their candidates.

Mexican Town Burning.
El Paso, Tex., Sept. 1.—The city of Juarez, Mex., across the river from El Paso, is threatened with destruction by fire. Already one block of the best business houses have been burned and all efforts of the fire department have thus far been futile. The loss will be heavy.

Women Circulate Remonstrance.
Fowler, Ind., Sept. 1.—Women are taking an active part in the temperance war in this city, and they have secured many signatures to a remonstrance against the granting of a liquor license to Nicholas Dupries.

Costly Incendiary Blaze.
Groveton, Tex., Sept. 1.—The new sawmill of the Trinity Lumber company at this place burned, entailing a loss of \$130,000. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin.

Winter Rates Now Prevail.
Philadelphia, Sept. 1.—In accordance with custom, the anthracite coal producing companies today put up the price of coal to the regular winter rates.

Notice to Contractors.

In pursuance of a resolution of the common council of the city of Richmond, Ind., the common council of the city of Richmond, Indiana, will receive sealed proposals, at the office of the City Clerk, until 4 o'clock, p. m.,

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1904.

for the improvement of West Main street, by the construction of cement sidewalks thereon, as follows: to wit: Along the north side of West Main street, from West 1st street to West 5th street, and along the south side of West Main street, from West 3d street to West 5th street.

All bids must be upon the printed forms prepared for the purpose, which may be obtained of the City Civil Engineer, and enclosed in a sealed envelope directed to the common council of the city of Richmond, Indiana.

The bond required of the successful bidder shall be in the sum of \$20,000, and must be given by residents of Wayne county, Indiana.

Each bid by contractors must be accompanied by a deposit of a certified check for \$200.00, to be left in the hands of the city clerk subject to the conditions specified in the proposal. Before bids will be received, bidders must satisfy the common council of the city of Richmond, Indiana, as to their competency to conduct the work, and as to their resources for its vigorous prosecution. Bids shall state the price per lineal foot for the improvement complete, also for all other items enumerated in the schedule, which price shall be in full for all labor and materials required for the complete execution of the work.

Said work to be completed on or before the 15th day of October, 1904, under the direction of the city civil engineer, and in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the office of said clerk.

The contract will be let to the lowest responsible bidder. The common council of the city of Richmond, Indiana, reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or waive defects in bids, in the interest of the city, made in accordance with this notice.

By order of the common council,
18-2-1 JOHN F. TAGGART, City Clerk.

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for the improvement of the alley south of Main street, between 22d and 23d streets, by the construction of a sewer from a point 20 feet east of south 22d street to south 23d street.

All bids must be upon the printed forms prepared for the purpose, which may be obtained of the city civil engineer, and enclosed in a sealed envelope directed to the common council of the city of Richmond, Indiana.

The bond required of the successful bidder shall be in the sum of \$100,000, and must be given by residents of Wayne county, Indiana.

Each bid by contractors must be accompanied by a deposit of a certified check for \$1,000, to be left in the hands of the city clerk subject to the conditions specified in the proposal. Before bids will be received, bidders must satisfy the common council of the city of Richmond, Indiana, as to their competency to conduct the work, and as to their resources for its vigorous prosecution. Bids shall state the price per lineal foot for the improvement complete, also for all other items enumerated in the schedule, which price shall be in full for all labor and materials required for the complete execution of the work.

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SEASON NOW ON

WHEN UP-TO-DATE FARMERS WILL WANT A FINE



For WHEAT and FALL FERTILIZING IN GENERAL

REMEMBER THAT TOM MERTZ

Makes the best grade of Fertilizer in this part of the country. His wagons are called out every day to take care of dead animals and while so doing he will deliver Fertilizer to all parties desiring it.

DO NOT FAIL TO ORDER SOME OF MERTZ'S BONE FERTILIZER

HE ALSO HAS A GOOD SUPPLY OF CRACKED BONE FOR CHICKENS

It makes them LAY EGGS. Farmers having bones on hand can bring them to Mertz's mill and have them ground for the toll.

Write or phone your orders to TOM MERTZ Both phones 103. Rural Route No. 8

Send in your order early and avoid the coming rush of early fall.

Pensylvania Lines

TIME TABLE

In Effect 8 A. M. June 29, 1904.

CINCINNATI AND CHICAGO DIV.

| Arrive | WESTWARD | Depart |
|----------|-------------------------|----------|
| 11:10 am | Rich and Logan Ac Ex | 6:45 am |
| 8:10 pm | Chicago Special | 11:15 am |
| | Michigan Ex | |
| 7:15 pm | Cin and Logan Ex | 5:00 pm |
| 9:05 pm | Cin and Rich Ac Ex | |
| 11:00 pm | Norland Limited | |
| | Cin and Chi Mail and Ex | 11:15 pm |

COLUMBUS AND INDIANAPOLIS DIV.

| Arrive | WESTWARD | Depart |
|----------|---------------------------|----------|
| 4:35 am | St. Louis Limited | 4:45 am |
| 10:00 am | St. L Fast Mail and Ex | 10:15 am |
| 1:20 pm | Col and Ind Ac Ex | 10:20 am |
| 9:00 pm | N Y and St. L Mail and Ex | 1:25 pm |
| | Col and Rich Ac Ex | |
| | Worlds Fair Special | 5:03 pm |

DAYTON AND XENIA DIV.

| Arrive | WESTWARD | Depart |
|----------|-----------------------------|---------|
| 4:37 am | St. L Fast Mail and Ex | 4:45 am |
| 9:55 am | Springfield and Rich Ac | 5:45 am |
| 10:10 am | St. L Fast Mail and Ex | 5:50 am |
| 10:55 pm | Spring and Rich Mail and Ex | 5:55 pm |
| 9:55 pm | Worlds Fair Special daily | 5:55 pm |

GRAND RAPIDS AND INDIANA RV.

| Arrive | SOUTHWARD | Depart |
|----------|--------------------------|---------|
| 4:40 am | Mack and Cin Mail and Ex | 5:45 am |
| 9:42 am | Rich and Cin Mail and Ex | 5:45 am |
| 8:35 pm | Mack and Cin Mail and Ex | 5:45 pm |
| 11:15 pm | Sunday Ac | |

NORTH AND WEST

| Arrive | AM | PM | PM |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | No. 1 | No. 2 | No. 3 |
| Lv Richmond | 9:05 | 4:05 | 8:15 |
| Ar Cottage Grove | 9:45 | 4:45 | 8:55 |
| Ar Cincinnati | 11:35 | 6:45 | 11:00 |

AM

| Arrive | AM | PM | PM |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | No. 1 | No. 2 | No. 3 |
| Lv Cincinnati | 7:55 | 4:15 | 7:00 |
| Ar Cottage Grove | 9:45 | 6:05 | 8:55 |
| Ar Richmond | 10:45 | 6:45 | 9:40 |

PM

| Arrive | AM | PM | PM |
|-------------|----------|-------|-------|
| | No. 1 | No. 2 | No. 3 |
| Lv Richmond | 10:45 | 6:45 | 7:00 |
| Ar Manito | 12:15 pm | 8:15 | 8:35 |
| Ar Marion | 1:25 pm | 9:30 | 9:41 |
| Ar Peru | 2:30 pm | 10:30 | 10:41 |
| Ar N. Judan | 3:30 pm | | |
| Ar Griffith | 4:35 pm | | |

AM

| Arrive | AM | PM | PM |
|----------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | No. 1 | No. 2 | No. 3 |
| Lv North Judon | 8:35 | | |
| Lv Peru | 9:35 | 12:30 | 4:35 |
| Ar Richmond | 10:05 | 4:05 | 8:35 |

PM

No. 4 carries through coach via Cottage Grove and C. H. & D. for College Corner, Oxford, Hamilton and Cincinnati.