



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.

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.

Reduced Rates to all Points via C. & L.
On account of Labor Day the C. & L. has made reduced rates to all points of one first class fare plus 25 cents for the round trip, to points where regular one way rate is less than \$1.00, one fare rate will be used. Selling date September 5th, good returning September 6th.

Through Car Service via Hamilton to Cincinnati.
The C. & L. have arranged for through car service from Richmond via Cottage Grove and C. H. & D. to Cincinnati—this in addition to their own through service via C. & L. direct. Through car leaves Richmond 4:05 p. m. daily except Sunday running via College Corner, Oxford and Hamilton arriving Cincinnati 6:10 p. m. This service greatly reduces the present running time into Cincinnati, the run now being made in two hours and five minutes.

Ohio Second.
The report of Pension Commissioner Ware shows Ohio to be second among the States in the number of pensioners on the rolls of the government. Pennsylvania has 100,940 veterans drawing money from the United States treasury. Ohio has 100,700, while New York is third with 80,142.

Special Summer Tourist Fares via Pennsylvania Lines.
Will be in effect June 25th to September 30th, inclusive, to Colorado, Utah, Wisconsin, South Dakota and points in Southwest. For particulars consult ticket agents of Pennsylvania Lines.

ORATORY AND SONG ..

Candidate Hanly to Be Accompanied by Glee Club.

Indianapolis, Sept. 1.—J. Frank Hanly, Republican candidate for governor, expects to make a winning campaign, and while it is generally conceded that he is an excellent campaigner, he will not depend entirely on his own oratory to hold the crowds. He will have a glee club of male voices with him from start to finish. The club is an old-time Ninth district organization that has achieved pleasant notoriety in other campaigns. Mr. Hanly passed through here today en route to Brownstown to address a soldiers' reunion. He will make the Labor Day address at Fairmount, Monday afternoon and open his campaign at Muncie Monday night. Thereafter his tour will be directed by the state committee. Chairman Goodrich, J. B. Kealing and several other well-known Republican leaders went to Richmond this afternoon to attend the opening of the campaign by Speaker Joe Cannon. It is said that the greatest night meeting of the campaign is being arranged for him at Marion, where he speaks Friday.

Party leaders here are wondering if there will be so much campaigning from the rear end of a train this time.

The chances are that there will not, as Judge Parker and President Roosevelt intend to remain in the background so far as the speechmaking is concerned. There is a possibility of Senator Fairbanks making a tour on a special train in Indiana for four or five days before the election, but the campaign will be minus such spectacular figures as Bryan and Roosevelt, who stirred up the enthusiasm four years ago. Senator Fairbanks is expected to conduct a dignified and effective campaign, and he may get a touch of the special train business in several states, but it is not the understanding that he will be taken on a big swing around the circle. Henry G. Davis, the Democratic candidate for vice president, expects to take a prominent part in the campaign, but it is not likely that he will appear on the rear end of a train. So far as the spectacular is concerned, it is not probable that it will be worth mentioning.

The situation among the Populist leaders is beginning to create a great deal of amusement. The Republican and Democratic politicians who had begun to figure on the possibility of the Pops becoming the power they were in 1892 are no longer concerned, for they don't believe it will be possible for them to get together on anything. The fusionists say they intend to go right ahead with their convention regardless of the action of the mid-rollers. In fact they have a want now in the local papers stating that the convention will be held Sept. 15 and inviting sympathizers to attend. The mid-rollers named a number of fusionists for places on their ticket, expecting the fusionists to lie down like little lambs and not hold another convention, but it looks as if the fusionists intend to go it alone. Neither the fusionists nor mid-rollers can get on the ticket unless they present a petition signed by 500 voters, so it is not at all probable that they will be able to cut much figure.

A hard fight is developing among the Republicans for the position Judge Henly of Rushville holds on the appellate court bench. He has informed some of his friends that he may resign within the next ten days to accept a fine position in Chicago. Delegations have been here to see the governor and Chairman Goodrich in behalf of David Myers of Greensburg, and Gates Sexton of Rushville, and the Fourth district has endorsed ex-Judge Perry Baer of Madison for the place. Governor Durbin can only appoint a successor to serve till the first general election, so if Henly resigns now there will be a vacancy to fill at the November election.

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 Dupre.

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, Indiana, 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 1, 1904,
for the improvement of West Main street, by the construction of cement sidewalk 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 6th 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 \$2,000.00, 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.

18-251 JOHN F. TAGGART, City Clerk

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