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NATURAL GAS.

A Smithfield Man is Putting It to Practical Use.

It seems strange that in a place like Cache valley, enjoying, as it does, a reputation for the energy and progressiveness of its inhabitants, one of its most important natural resources should have been so nearly overlooked as has been its supply of natural gas. It has been known for many years that it existed in some sections in large quantities, and parties striking it while boring for water, have in it many times just to see it burn and have then bored down below the gas bed in search of water. The only one being made of it by any one, is by Mr. William Tomsic, on his ranch about two miles west of Smithfield. While boring for a flowing well he struck gas at a depth of 125 feet, and thought he would utilize it. He conveyed it to his house, and during the fall and winter his house has been heated and lighted by it. While boring for the through many different strata, and when in the neighborhood of the gas, brought up wheat, pebbles, leaves and pieces of wood of a kind not now found in this part of the country. His discoveries in this direction might be of interest to botanists and geologists. As Mr Tomsic has demonstrated the value of this gas it should not be long before a company is formed to furnish it to the residents of Logan and other towns in the valley.

In Surgical Circles.

Dr. W. B. Parkinson, with the assistance of two other doctors, performed an operation on Mr. Charles Young of the Fifth ward. The gentleman had been a sufferer for some years from necrosis of the bones of the left foot, which caused very painful sores. At length, finding that there was no other relief, he consented to an amputation, which was performed; the foot being taken off at the ankle joint.

Peter Sorenson, eight-year-old son fell from a horse last Wednesday evening, breaking his arm between the elbow and wrist, and knocking his front teeth loose. Dr. Shaw attended him, and he is recovering rapidly.

Logan New City Officials.

The new city council is now thoroughly organized, with Jas. A. Leishman as president. All standing committees have been appointed. Councilman's per-diem was fixed at $2 per meeting, with an allowance of 50 cents per hour for committee work. The following appointments sent in by the mayor were ratified by the council: City attorney, D. A. Hewlett; policemen, Geo. W. Adams, Victor Cronquist; poundkeeper, O. W. Benson; quarantine physician, W. B. Parkinson; sexton, Andrew Nelson; sealer of weights and measures, William Evans. The name of Hyrum Hayball was sent in for the office of weighmaster, but was rejected by the council, so both this office and that of street supervisor are still vacant.

Notes and Personal.

The Stake presidency of the Y. L. and Y. M. M. I. A. have nearly completed arrangements for a conjoint session of the various mind organizations in Logan to be held in the Tabernacle on next Sunday evening. The program, as far as completed, is a good one.

Sleighing is fair in Logan, but much better in Paradise and Hyrum.

On Tuesday evening the members of the A. O. U. W. will give a grand ball in their hall on Main street.

So many students attend during the winter months, the Agricultural and B. Y. colleges, that their absence during the holidays was very noticeable, and their return equally welcome. Logan is proud of her reputation as an educational center, and is always ready to welcome the return of the college students after a vacation.

Mr. J. F. Priest, nervous associate editor of the *Nation*, has left Logan to spend the winter in Philadelphia.

OUTWITTED THE BANDITS.

McCoy Shepard's Adventure in a Mexican Pass Back of Acapulco.

"If you are going to travel alone in this country, you will carry two revolvers, but one of them may be worthless. In fact, it may be better to have one of them of somewhat old fashioned make," said Mr. J. V. Hawkins of Pueblo, Mexico. "Mexico has improved marvelously in the past 10 years, but bandits are still too numerous, and I can tell you how to protect yourself by relating the experience of a friend of mine. His name was McCoy Shepard, and he was on his way alone from Acapulco to the capital. It is an easily followed trail. He had been over it often, and he knew the language very well. He had little thought of danger, although holdups are common enough on that route, but he was prepared for business. He put in the holster of his saddle a 44 caliber revolver loaded with cartridges that fired just enough powder in them to blow the bullets out of the muzzle, and then in the small of his back he hung the heaviest 38 caliber he could find when in Prisco. He was making a trip, and it worked.

"It happened that as he was coming down out of the main range three bandit agents stepped from the cocks beside the road and had his consented before he could whinnie. They were armed with shotguns as well as revolvers, but for some reason did not shoot before they spoke, as one unfrequently happens. They invited Mac to get down, and he did perforce. Then one of them took the big revolver from the holster.

"'Good. It is big,' said he.

"'Yes,' said Mac, 'but it's a worthless thing after all. I have to carry it because I am a Yankee. I only carry it because I think it makes people think I am armed.'

"The bandit laughed at that. It was incredible that such a pistol should be worthless, and they said so.

"'But, gentlemen, I will put my hat in the road, and you can shoot at it with the pistol. The bullet will not go through the hat.'

"At that he took off his hat, a sombrero Mexican affair that cost $10 in Acapulco, and put it on a stone on the first away, and stepped back to the place about five feet and stood sideways. The bandits. They were interested at once. The chief was quite in them. The kids with the shotguns sidled nearer and stood at the hat. Then the three met to look at the effect of the shot. Here came to sin had come. Whipping out the unofficial revolver, he shot two of them down so few they could turn on him. The third did not move, this time could before he caught his foot as well.

"Leaving everything as it lay—bandits, guns, hat and all—Mac sat down on the plank of a rock and waited for some one to come along. He did not stop wind his revolver. He had to make out a good case before the government officials, and he knew just how to do it.

"After an hour or so a native glazier with his servant came riding along.

"'Here the gentleman is infinite to an adobe that an American gentleman has had trouble here with bandits,' said he to the servant, and the servant had to be content of course. There in four hours after came a detachment of the rural guard with half a dozen soldiers. Mac told his story briefly, and the officials seemed much pleased to hear the remembering evidence on the ground.

"'You have done well,' he said. 'I know the rascals well. You have saved outlaws for my soldiers by killing them.'

"They so stopped. He could not understand how the big revolver had failed to shoot through the hat. He thought little one night and a letter from a smuggler and learned that the usual cartridges were for the most part filled with a rock. The smuggler turned the work and is his hand and shot still.

"Then spoke Yankee! But they do not carry that we would do by rules? Then he gathered up his hat and revolver, mounted his mule and rode on over the double, leaving the soldiers to take care the dead bandits. Take my word for it, and carry a good gun out of sight when traveling in Mexico, and always use weapons all can see it."—New York Sun.

Hot Foot Local Taking Souvenir.

Many years ago, when the now venerable Captain Beard of the senate was a youth, he was detailed to place a sentinel in each of the small houses of the rear wall of the cemetery in the richest part left of the river midland and to stop those sifted for the Clara, Webster and other seniors of the old school who were habitual stuff takers. The sentinels relieve on a consider of the time and lately of interest was made to turn. But they are sadders filled, as Mr. Corson Chairman is the only senior [illegible] of Free Press.

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